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## RINGING ON A VICTORY

By the Rev. J. G. M. SCOTT

**I**N the year 1799, the churchwardens of our parish, casting up their account, made the entry—

Item, Pd the Ringers on Nelson's victory . . . 5s. 0d.

The Battle of the Nile took place a long, long way from our village in the valley and our church on the hill; by the time the slow communications of those days had brought the news to the Dolphin Inn at the cross-roads, and the wardens had the ringers spread the news to the scattered farms and cottages of the parish, the smoke and wreckage of the battle were long cleared away, and the casualties either buried or recovering. Anyway, Bonaparte's army was in another continent, and marching away from our islands towards India. What made the wardens spend their hard-won shillings and the ringers put our three old bells going so gaily?

The measure of a victory lies in three things: the power of the enemy, the danger from which the victors are freed and the stature of the victorious leader. Our ringers rang for the Nile, and the wardens paid up gladly, because Napoleon had swallowed all Europe, and even the most ignorant Englishman knew that we were to be his next victims, though his devious plan might lead him to strike first eastwards; because conquest by him meant the loss of freedom, of our heritage and of our self-respect, and because in Nelson they saw a man who though a giant in spirit was small in body, and a man they could call one of themselves.

Our Easter ringing is 'ringing on a victory,' and although it was won as many miles away as the Nile and far further off in time it is, judged by the same standards, the greatest victory of all. The enemy is the greatest—the Last Enemy, with whom even the Napoleons and the Nelsons of the world must reckon, no less than the peasant and the coolie . . .

    Sceptre and Crown  
    Must tumble down  
    And in the dust be equal made  
    With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

Before the Easter victory was won, men feared Death with good reason: his power was absolute, and it extended over every man born of woman. While he held sway the

end for everyone was extinction; Heaven and eternal life were for God and the angels; for man there was nothing beyond the grave, no hope of glory. But now the last enemy is crushed and his power destroyed; he is still there, but those who belong to his conqueror's side have no fear of him, and can look him in the face with confidence. And his conqueror is the greatest of all, and yet one of us—the Son of Man, who in his victory has raised humanity again to the place from which it fell so far.

There are some who are still afraid of the last enemy; there are others—more, perhaps—who take his defeat for granted, not realising how grim he used to be, or how hard-fought the battle which ended his reign. We will pray as we 'take hold' on Easter Day that they may hear, and know that we are 'ringing on a victory,' and worship Christ, who won it.

## GOING UP AND COMING DOWN

**S**TANDING in the main street of Grimsby the other day, at my back was a supermarket, going up, and in front St. Andrew's Church, going down. The tower was about half-way down, and I thought of the many happy hours I had, over the years, spent there. It contained a ring of eight with a tenor of 15½ cwt.—a quiet and compact tower to ring in.

I recall the many famous ringers who have visited St. Andrew's. It was here that Ernest Morris rang his first peal—one of Grandsire Triples, and his father and younger brother often paid visits while on holiday at Cleethorpes. There were Tom Tebbutt and Phyllis Hare, and later with her that well-loved ringer Harold Poole. We knew well in Grimsby at that time Fred Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, and hosts of others. A few of the old band are with us; J. B. Budd is still going strong, and also the writer and Arthur Pashley, who are now at St. James'. Steven Bloomfield lives at Barton-on-Humber, and Ralph Long, of the Sheffield Cathedral band, is one of the Long family who had close associations with St. Andrew's.

The church is only about 100 years old, and the bells have been sent to London to be stored until required. The site, which includes the church hall, has been cleared. A smaller modern church with a brick tower is to replace the old St. Andrew's Church, and the bells are to be hung 'dead.' Perhaps in the future it will be 'one going up.'

H. MINGAY.



## BELLS RUNG FOR THE HUNTING SEASON

The 'Leicester Mercury' of March 21st, in its feature 'More news of 1862,' quotes from the 'Leicester Journal' of that year a case that came before the magistrates as to who had authority to ring the church bells at Thurnby—the vicar or the churchwardens.

The report, as summarised by David Williams, reads:—

After several cases of disobedience from his wardens the Vicar of Thurnby, the Rev. J. R. Redhead, had apparently finally forbidden the bells of the church to be rung on 'improper occasions' such as heralding the start of a new hunting season as had been the custom.

Accordingly he sent a letter to churchwarden, Mr. David Waite, on the eve of a meeting of the hounds, warning him that if the bells were rung on the morning of the meet, legal proceedings would result.

Mr. Waite reacted by going to the church on the morning in question with three of his fellow ringers, including the parish clerk, the very man who had borne the Vicar's letter of warning to Waite. On arriving at the church they found that the door had been secured by the Vicar, who had placed a piece of wood across the door.

### LOCAL CONSTABLE HELPED

This difficulty was overcome by the simple expedient of asking the local constable to remove the wood. In all innocence and acknowledging the supposed authority of the churchwardens the officer complied with Waite's request and prized off the fastening.

Soon afterwards the Rev. J. R. Redhead arrived at the church to find his way barred too, this time by the men he tried to prevent entering; they had locked the door from within. 'Let me in or take the consequences,' shouted the embarrassed clergyman. His answer came from inside: 'We are willing to take the consequences.'

So the Vicar hurried off to find the district superintendent of police, a search which took him two hours. In the meantime the bells had been ringing out and the hunt had gathered.

The matter was put into the hands of lawyers and, to judge by the length of the case as reported down two whole columns of the journal's densely packed broadsheet, the lawyers were glad of such an opportunity to gather fat fees by their verbosity.

### NOT TO SEEK PUNISHMENT

Defence and prosecution counsels were having an eloquent set-to when the Vicar suddenly stood up and explained that he had come to the court not to seek punishment, but to know for certain whether he had the right to ring the bells, whether the wardens had the right to ring the bells or whether they both had the right to ring the bells.

Clearly upset, the Rev. J. R. Redhead told the court: 'Up to the start of the present hunting season the churchwardens and myself have been on good terms and it was during a slight misunderstanding that I began to interfere with them as to bellringing.'

Mr. Haxby, the defending counsel, was delighted. He emphasised that the matter under discussion was one of ascertaining a right and not of passing judgment on a wrong.

There was no precedent for trial by a magistrates' court of a case like the present one, he said; it was neither a criminal matter nor a civil matter, but a matter for a higher ecclesiastical court. The accused men should be dismissed, he told the bench.

On the contrary, exclaimed the prosecution, and urged the bench to remember the 'St. George's in the East Act' concerning damage to sacred property. The defence retorted that the act did not apply to the case, only to 'diabolical nuisances.'

But this time both the magistrates and the 'intent listeners' were well out of their depths. The case was dismissed as beyond the competence of the court and the affair ended temporarily as a Mr. Miles stood up and shouted his objection to be arrested as an accessory when all he had done was organise a meeting of the hounds.

## A Ringing Romance



MISS Shirley M. Parsons and Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew cutting their wedding cake after their marriage at Havant on March 17th. Their romance started when they met at Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 11th, 1960, at the start of Joe Roast's ringing tour of Derbyshire. Two days later they rang their first peal together—Bristol Surprise Major at Tidworth, and so far they have rung together in 49 peals. Both are members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Geoffrey learnt to ring at Great Ryburgh, Norfolk, in 1953, and rang the first of his 146 peals at Sculthorpe on June 5th, 1955. Apprenticed as a dental mechanic, he served three years in the R.A.F. (two at Singapore away from ringing). He is now working as an aircraft instrument assembler at Cheltenham.

Although the daughter of a ringer, it was not until Shirley went to Cheltenham in 1953 to become a civil servant that she learned to ring. Her first peal, Stedman Triples, was rung on January 22nd, 1955, at Bishop's Cleeve, conducted by the late Mr. John Thomas, and to date she has 129 peals to her credit. She and Geoffrey are members of Cheltenham Parish Church band.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Association at Cawthorne on April 7th was most encouraging: 12 towers were represented. 30 members enjoyed the tea provided by the local company and there were learners of every class. Standard methods, Cambridge Surprise and some irregulars were rung under the able Ringing Master, Mr. Trevor Tarbatt, of Shelley.

The Vicar of Cawthorne kindly acted as chairman for the meeting, and a minute's silence was observed in respect of Mr. Ben Booth, who died suddenly. The meeting favoured New Mill as the venue for the annual meeting and prize contest. A circular letter asking for support for the Kilifi Church Bell Fund was referred, after discussion, to the annual meeting, subject to the proviso that the funds of the Association should not be touched.

## ST. ALBANS RINGERS VISIT THE CAMPANAMUTAPHONE

Instead of the usual Saturday meeting, on March 17th St. Albans District's members went to wonder at the Carter Campanamutaphone in the Science Museum in S. Kensington.

An early arrival proved fortunate as some of the party showed great enthusiasm for models of early locomotives and steam turbine engines! The party was split into two groups for demonstrations by Mr. Douglas Hughes, who had previously set the machine to ring Stedman Cinques, and listened in awe to the machine controlled handbells ringing a bob course called by Mr. Hughes.

An explanation of the workings of the machine would take far too long here, but mainly it consists of cranks, eccentrics, a squirrel cage mechanism and two sets (for handstroke and backstroke changes) of levers of thirteen rows each (eleven for the changes and two for bobs and singles). The electric motor to drive it and the operation of the bell hammers are the only electrical intrusions to this piece of mechanical genius.

During the afternoon touches of D.N.C.B. Major and London Surprise Major were also rung (the latter called by one of the party). The effect of the machine on our ringers was staggering. It was most amusing to watch heads, feet or fingers sympathising with the machine!

Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea (10), St. Mary Abbots' (10) and St. Mary's, Putney (8), followed and consisted of rounds, standard methods, Bristol and an amazingly good half-course of Cambridge Royal (probably due to the effect of the machine) at St. Mary Abbots'.

Thanks to the organiser (Mrs. Coburn), to Mr. Hughes and the Science Museum were deeply felt by all concerned. C. M. R.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch's meeting at Chudleigh on April 7th was most successful, with 70 sitting down to an excellent tea in the Conservative Club. This followed the service, conducted by the Vicar. He and the ladies responsible for the tea were thanked by Mrs. D. E. Hood, who presided.

A vote of sympathy was extended to Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, of Buckfast Abbey, regarding his serious accident in Rome, and apologies were received from Mrs. A. M. Allin and Mr. B. E. Bartlett, both of Torquay. Miss Mary Russell, of Newton Abbot, was elected to fill a vacancy on the General Committee in place of Mr. W. J. Harvey, of Torquay, who had removed to Topsham.

Certificates were presented by the Vicar to the Misses M. Rushby, P. Pell and J. Rudd, and also Dr. Ghent.

Arising out of a discussion on the Guild's Bells Restoration, a proposal was put forward and carried that all Branches with balances of over £10 should send all moneys above that amount to this fund.

Next meeting: Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Saturday, July 28th (subject to permission).

Further ringing followed in the tower, while others visited Ideford. A. L. B.

## 50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' April 19th, 1912—

At the Easter Vestry, at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., the Rector (the Rev. R. Meddings) was asked why the bells had not been rung on the last two Sundays. He replied that he had desired that they should be rung for evening service as well as morning, but his request had been refused. He had therefore no course open but to terminate all existing arrangements. It was his intention to seek for a team of ringers who would ring both morning and evening on Sundays, and who, after ringing the congregation to church, would themselves attend the services.

The Rector has since appointed Mr. Edward E. Richards, of 8, Maidstone Hill, Greenwich, to the care of the tower and bells, and it is hoped that ringers attached to neighbouring bellries will assist him occasionally in his endeavours to form and educate a young band.



# Assize and Special Ringing at Stafford

THERE is in Stafford a very close link between Church and State that has existed for many years; not only are the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary rung for the Assizes on the instruction of the High Sheriff, but also on other occasions during the year by order of the Mayor and Corporation.

On each of the three occasions during the year that the Assize is held the bells are rung on Commission Day, this being the day on which the judge or judges arrive in the town, preceding the opening of the court. The bells are rung from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. on this day and again in the evening for one hour.

Before the Assize Court is opened the judges attend the State service held in St. Mary's Church, walking bewigged and in their scarlet robes from their lodgings, accompanied by the High Sheriff, his deputy and chaplain, the Mayor and Corporation, with the Town Clerk. This procession is preceded by mounted and foot police. For this service the bells are usually rung for 45 minutes.

## EXTRA RINGING FOR LATE ARRIVAL

Looking through past records, dating from the early part of the century, I find that it was customary to ring the bells from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. on Commission Day, as now, but the second ringing took place at the actual time of the arrival of the judge; this was also for an hour. On February 23rd, 1909, we read, 'That owing to the late arrival of the Lord Chief Justice an extra hour's ringing was ordered.' For the Assize held on June 24th, 1909, and again for the Assize held on November 11th, 1909, we read that the bells were rung on Commission Day, but for the Assize service on each occasion were chimed. It would probably be on the second occasion that exception to the chiming was taken by a barrister attending the court, who was a bell ringer and who later became the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Knowing that the bells should have been rung he made his complaint, which must have had the desired effect for no mention is again made of the bells being chimed.

During the time of the June Assize in 1951 an extensive scheme for cleaning the stone in the interior of St. Mary's Church was in progress and it was not possible to hold the Assize service there. The service was therefore transferred to the beautiful Norman Church of St. Chad. There are only two bells 'hung dead' in the tower of this church, so the bells of St. Mary's were rung for this service. This made history, for there is no other recorded incident of the bells of St. Mary's Church being rung for a service that was to be held in another church.

I mentioned before that the Mayor and Corporation also have an interest in the ringing of the bells and on their instructions the ringers attend to ring on the following occasions during the year: the birthday of the Sovereign, the birthday of the Prince of Wales, the 'making' of the Mayor, the ringing out of the Old Year and the ringing in of the New Year.

## 7 a.m. RINGING

Until 1939 the first ringing of the day for the Royal birthdays was at 6 a.m. and continued for one hour and ringing again in the evening for an hour. Now the morning ringing is from 7 a.m.

The ringing of the bells by order of the Corporation goes back many years. I quote extracts from Stafford Corporation Cash Book, 1807-1840, in connection with the ringing of the bells for victories by our Armies in the Napoleonic Wars.

June 23rd, 1815. Paid the Ringers on celebrating the Duke of Wellington's glorious

victory over Napoleon Bonaparte. £1 19s.

July 7th. Paid the Ringers on Victory at Waterloo. £2 7s.

July 7th. Paid the Ringers on the Surrender of Paris. £1 10s.

July 21st. Paid the Ringers on the Surrender of Napoleon Bonaparte. £1.

## PEAL ATTEMPT CANCELLED

In these more recent years it is recorded that by order of the Mayor and Corporation the bells were rung on:

November 20th, 1947. To honour the wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth to the Duke of Edinburgh.

June 2nd, 1953. The Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. To open the Official Programme the bells were rung from 8.45 a.m.-9.45 a.m.

October 27th, 1953. Visit of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The bells were rung from 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

November 2nd, 1955. Visit of Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke

of Edinburgh. On this occasion a peal attempt had been arranged, but was cancelled by the Town Clerk on the authority of the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant of the County. A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung instead.

February 19th, 1960. Birth of a Royal Prince (Prince Charles). In the evening of this day a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

## COUNCIL APPOINT WARDEN

Another interest with Church and State is the appointing by the Corporation of the People's Warden for St. Mary's Church. A special meeting of the Borough Council is called on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, for this purpose. It is the only business transacted at this meeting. Maybe in both the ringing of the bells and in the appointment of the People's Warden we have here in Stafford something that is unique, maintaining tradition over the years without a break, except for the ringing of the bells when the ban on bell ringing was imposed. A. E. G.

# IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

THE morning of March 3rd was absolutely glorious: the sun shone brightly and hinted at the coming spring as a group of ringers converged on the scattered Sussex village of Twineham, a few miles from Haywards Heath.

One of the oldest brick-built churches in Sussex, St. Peter's, Twineham, possesses a ring of five bells, the third and fourth of which were cast by John Tonne, at some time between 1522 and 1544. These, according to the church guide, are two of the oldest bells in Sussex, and the 4th bears a large medallion of Henry VIII. Mears and Stainbank restored things in 1912. The bells go well and we were pleased to learn that a very enthusiastic band of youngsters was in almost daily training for a special occasion—the visit of the Bishop. We were grateful to Mr. Piper, one of the churchwardens, and his wife, who entertained us to coffee and biscuits.

It was at Brighton that spring reverted back to winter and snow began to fall. Cheerfully we rang on the two rings of ten, but we were disappointed at both churches, especially at St. Peter's, where we would have welcomed more noise. The bells were good, but we felt we had been robbed of their music. Ringing at St. Nicholas' included a course of Superlative on the back eight for Mr. Harry Stalham. It is not only veteran cars which are attracted to Brighton; veteran ringers are there too, for at the age of about 90 years Mr. Stalham is still ringing the occasional peal. On the way to lunch, eaten at the Halfway House, we passed St. Paul's Church with its curious wooden-topped tower, which now contains only two bells. It is worthy of record that the ring of four bells in St. Mark's Church is ringable and has been rung for a wedding within the last two years.

After a ring at Aldrington, a drive through the snow took us to Upper Beeding. The sight of four cars processing ponderously around an oval-shaped housing estate must have caused merriment to those residents who watched wonderingly from their windows, but signs, like bobs, are sometimes missed. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corby and family had arrived before us and Mr. Corby was aloft viewing the two trebles, one of which was stayless and one of which was sliderless. Having pushed

the ropes through the ringing room again, we found ourselves unable to close the trap door between ringing room and bell chamber, and whilst ringing was in progress we felt we were able to sympathise with the victim of 'The Nine Tailors.' Two of the bells, the fifth and the seventh, go rather badly and hard work is needed to produce good ringing.

The glory of the Norman work at Steyning was a joy to behold. At one time there was a central tower here, but the present western structure replaced the former tower in about 1600. The eight bells are good for their weight (almost 12 cwt.) and a large circle helps to make for rather steady ringing. Methods rung here included Bristol.

The local cafe is unaccustomed to an influx of visitors in this season and we presume our trade was welcomed.

The Sussex countryside was very peaceful beneath a generous carpet of snow, and before ringing at Findon some people played snowballs. Until 1958, when Mears and Stainbank added two trebles, there was an unringable ring of four in this lonely church, one of them from the itinerant John Tonne in about 1530. There is now a really delightful six and the founders are to be congratulated on their achievement here. Calls at Goring-by-Sea (Mr. Dove; note that the wall notice gives the tenor weight as 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.) and Angmering brought us to Arundel, home of the Duke of Norfolk. We remarked at the extensive bell inscriptions which incorporate the Duke's titles and we were intrigued by the ascent to this central tower. The eastern end of the church belongs to the Duke's family (which is Roman Catholic) and this is divided from the rest of the church by a brick wall just east of the tower. The altar is thus underneath the central tower, and to ascend this one first passes behind the altar.

Our last call was at Pulborough, where Messrs. Taylor restored the bells in 1960. We enjoyed these bells and ended our day's ringing in good style by ringing Yorkshire.

The journey home was to be exciting and difficult despite the fact that it had stopped snowing. Travelling sideways up Edenbridge hill may be thrilling, but it is dangerous. Despite the weather, it proved to be an enjoyable day. We extend our grateful thanks to local ringers and incumbents and not least to Mr. Ian Oram, our organiser.

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# THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING

By A. W. T. CLEAVER  
(Continued from page 221)

## THE IN AND OUT OF COURSE

Before discussing how to obtain extents of Doubles and Minor one further topic must be introduced.

In mathematics two different sorts of numbers are encountered, viz. 'even' and 'odd.' Similarly we have two different sorts of rows in change ringing which are usually termed 'in course' and 'out of course.' If one, three, five, or any odd number of pairs of bells in an 'in course' row are reversed the resulting row is 'out of course' and if an even number of pairs are reversed the result remains 'in course.' Conventionally, rounds is an 'in course' row so that an 'in course' row is one which can be produced from rounds (or from which rounds can be produced) only by reversing an even number of pairs of bells.

The number 57, for instance, is an odd number and no matter how it is produced it is always an odd number. The same principle applies in change ringing; an 'in course' row is always an 'in course' row, wherever it occurs. The row 53214 is 'out of course'; we can convert it to rounds or produce it from rounds in many ways, but it will always be necessary to reverse an odd number of pairs.

53214	53214	53214
52314	52314	13254
25314	32514	12354
25134	12534	or 12345
21534	or 12354	
21354	12345	
12354		
12345		
1 2 3 4 5		
1 2 3 5 4		
1 2 5 3 4		
1 5 2 3 4		
5 1 2 3 4		
5 2 1 3 4		
5 2 3 1 4		
5 3 2 1 4		

(XXI)

We have transformed 53214 into rounds in 7, 5 and 3 operations, in each of which one pair was reversed. Similarly producing 53214 from rounds required seven operations. No matter how hard we tried, an odd number of operations, each involving the reversal of one pair, would always be necessary.

Let us now return to the methods we have described and analyse the nature of the rows they produce.

Four bells.	1 2 3 4 +	1 2 3 4 +
2 1 4 3 +	2 1 4 3 +	2 1 4 3 +
2 4 1 3 -	2 4 1 3 -	2 4 1 3 -
4 2 3 1 -	4 2 3 1 -	4 2 3 1 -
4 3 2 1 +	4 3 2 1 +	2 4 3 1 +
3 4 1 2 +	3 4 1 2 +	4 2 1 3 +
3 1 4 2 -	3 1 4 2 -	4 1 2 3 -
1 3 2 4 -	1 3 2 4 -	1 4 3 2 -
1 2 3 4 +	1 3 4 2 +	1 3 4 2 +

(a)

(b)

(c)

(XXII)

(XXII) (a), (b) and (c) are diagrams (I), (III) and (IV) with the in course and out of course rows marked + and - respectively. Where two pairs of bells were reversed in a change the row produced is the same nature as its predecessor, but where only one pair was

reversed determines the pattern of the in makes no difference where the places are made, the number of pairs of bells which are reversed the nature is changed. Notice that it reversed determines the pattern of the in and out of course.

Six bells.

123456 +	123456 +	123456 +
214365 -	214365 -	214365 -
241635 -	241356 -	124356 -
426153 +	423165 +	213465 +
462513 +	243615 +	231645 +
645231 -	426351 -	326154 -
654321 -	243651 -	321645 -
563412 +	426315 +	236154 +
536142 +	246135 +	263514 +
351624 -	421653 -	625341 -
315264 -	412635 -	623514 -
132546 +	146253 +	265341 +
135264 +	164523 +	256431 +

Plain Bob

London Bob

Oxford T.B

(XXIII)

The pattern of the in and out of course in this selection of six bell methods is similar to that on four bells. In fact, on any even number of bells it is generally similar, pairs of rows of like nature occurring together. This follows from the fact that to produce changes on an even number of bells we have to make places in alternate changes. In describing Treble Bob methods we only consider Oxford Treble Bob in any detail. Kent Treble Bob, which is probably more popular than Oxford nowadays, differs from it only in the arrangement of the 3-4 places.

1 2 3 4 5 6 +

2 1 3 4 6 5 +
1 2 4 3 5 6 -
2 1 4 3 6 5 -
2 4 1 6 3 5 -
4 2 6 1 5 3 +
4 2 1 6 3 5 +
2 4 6 1 5 3 -
2 6 4 5 1 3 -

etc.

(XXIV)

In Kent (XXIV) there are two rows where places are made instead of the one in Oxford and these places are made 'wrong,' i.e. back and hand instead of handstroke and backstroke. This has upset the pattern of in and out of course rows so that where these places are made we do not have pairs of the same nature occurring together.

Wrong places (sometimes also called 'back-handers') are by no means uncommon particularly in Surprise methods and always cause the pattern of the nature of the rows to depart from the regular 'two in-two out' succession.

The pattern on 8, 10 and 12 bells is similar to that on 4 and 6.

Five bells.

1 2 3 4 5 +	1 2 3 4 5 +
2 1 3 5 4 +	2 1 4 3 5 +
2 3 1 4 5 +	2 4 1 5 3 +
3 2 4 1 5 +	4 2 5 1 3 +
3 4 2 5 1 +	4 5 2 3 1 +
4 3 5 2 1 +	5 4 3 2 1 +
4 5 3 1 2 +	5 3 4 1 2 +
5 4 1 3 2 +	3 5 1 4 2 +
5 1 4 2 3 +	3 1 5 2 4 +
1 5 2 4 3 +	1 3 2 5 4 +
1 2 5 3 4 +	1 3 5 2 4 -

Grandsire

Plain Bob

(XXV)

On odd numbers the pattern is quite different. On five bells the changes all involve reversing two pairs, they are 'double' changes and hence the name. In Grandsire this is so throughout, the plain course, but in Bob Doubles there is one very important exception; the lead end change is a single change so that the nature of the rows in a lead is the opposite of that in the preceding and succeeding leads. Grandsire is a 'pure' Doubles method whereas Plain Bob is not.

The pattern on larger odd numbers of bells does not always resemble that on five bells.

1234567 +	123456789 +	1234567890E +
2143657 -	214365879 -	2143658709E -
2416375 -	241638597 +	2416385079E +
4261735 -	426183957 +	4261830579E -
4627153 +	462819375 +	4628103E597 +
6472513 +	648291735 +	648201E3957 -
6745231 +	684927153 +	68402E19375 +
7654321 -	869472513 +	8604E291735 +
7563412 +	896745231 +	806E4927153 +
5736142 -	987654321 +	08E69472513 -

(XXVI)

On seven bells three pairs are reversed at each change (triple changes) so that alternate rows are similar in nature; on nine, the succession is the same as in Doubles since four pairs are reversed every time. Caters is a corruption of the French 'quatre' which explains the spelling 'quators' and 'cators,' which are sometimes to be seen on old peal boards. Eleven bell changes require five pairs to be reversed; the name Cinques again being derived from the French.

One more point must be made before leaving the subject of the in and out of course. In mathematics exactly half the numbers from 1 to 20, say, are even and half are odd. Similarly of the 24 possible different rows on four bells or the 120 different rows on five bells half are in course and half out of course. In Grandsire Doubles all the rows in the plain course were the same nature—in course. Clearly then some means has to be found of producing the out of course rows before the extent can be obtained. In Bob Minor rows of both natures occurred in the plain course, but this was still a long way from the whole extent of 720 rows. This leads to the next topic to be discussed.

To be continued.

## OBITUARY

MR. W. J. CLOUGH

The death of Mr. Walter J. Clough, aged 59, of Burbage, Leics. in Hinckley and District Hospital on Friday, March 30th, was a great shock to all who attended the District meeting at Croft the previous Saturday and rang with him at both services the following day. He was taken ill on the Tuesday.

He learned to ring on the old five at Burbage in 1920, and joined the Midland Counties Association in 1926. Regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and practices, he never got beyond plain methods. Of his 25 peals, three were Grandsire Triples on handbells.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Grimwood) conducted the funeral service at St. Catherine's Church, Burbage, on April 4th. At the conclusion a course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' by Michael E. Brown 1-2, Frank K. Measures 3-4, Alfred Ballard 5-6, Ralph Mayne 7-8. Wreaths included tributes from St. Catherine's ringers and Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Walter was a bachelor and lived with his unmarried sister, Alice, who wishes to express her thanks for the messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## STRIKING AT UNIVERSITIES

Dear Sir,—It was with some interest that I read, in the account of Liverpool University's first dinner, another of Mr. Alexander Martin's pronouncements on subjects about which he has little knowledge. He is reported as having warned the Society that the standard of striking at universities was usually poor; and if good striking was to be obtained learners should not be pushed.

Mr. Martin's first remark is, I feel, most damaging and entirely without foundation. Further, I would suggest that the best teaching of ringing in all its stages is to be found in the universities, where good striking is the only criterion of success, thanks to the lead offered us by such admirable teachers as Mr. Wilfrid Moreton.

Finally, I consider that the Wirral District is the supreme example of a place where too many youngsters get too much encouragement and, although everyone is happy, no good striking results.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.

Bristol.

## DOUBLE SHIPWAY

Dear Sir,—I am very glad to read in Mr. Baldwin's letter that Double Shipway is pealable, along with other similar even bell principles, although the condition that 6, 7 and 8 must be kept close together may make composition difficult. There is also a difficulty in some of these principles, where a quick eight or six follows a slow one, to find a bob to fit across the division without causing three blows in one place. This occurs with Double Shipway, when a sixth place bob is made. This disability disappears when it is extended to Royal by the addition of dodging places in 9-10 and an eighth place bob. (This extension causes it to lose its true 'double' character.)

Its best form appears to be in Maximus, with dodging in 12-, 3-4. Four-bell work in 5, 6, 7, 8, and dodging in 9-10, 11-12.

Mr. Baldwin suggests that there are quite a number of even-bell principles which are pealable, so I suggest that composers might investigate this new or neglected old field of methods. They may be able to bring in changes that are not possible in plain, Treble Bob and Surprise, with the fixed path of the treble and tenors together. Quite a number of these principles may splice.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to Mr. York-Bramble for any misstatement I made in my letter giving my version of Double Shipway. It was meant as a passing remark on the controversy and not as an attack on Mr. York-Bramble in person.—Yours sincerely,

Hawkhurst, Kent.

A. H. KEMP.

## ADDITIONS TO DOVE'S

Dear Sir,—I must add my congratulations to the many others, published and unpublished, which Mr. R. H. Dove so well deserves for the excellent third edition of the 'Ringers' Guide.' The following augmentations should, however, be included: Bildeston, Suffolk, now 6 bells; Brampton, Hunts, 6 bells; Filton, Glos, 6 bells; Manuden, Essex, 6, bells; Sully, Glam, 6 bells.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

Great Crosby, Liverpool.

## FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN CORNWALL—ST. BURYAN

Dear Sir,—I will gladly enlarge on Bob Southwood's reference to St. Buryan tower and bells. It would have been a pleasure to have given him the information to include in his details under the above heading by way of a little gratitude for his enthusiasm and contribution to Cornish ringing generally.

St. Buryan's fine 90 ft. tower originally had three bells cast, respectively, in 1681, 1638 and 1738, the second being cast by Roger Purdue. In 1901 a rather unusual augmentation was carried out, the treble being retuned, the second and third recast, and a tenor added, the respective weights being, approximately, 8 cwt., 12 cwt., 16 cwt. and 23½ cwt. The work was done by Messrs. Warner and Son, and the bells were hung for ringing in an iron frame with new fittings. In short, a completely new job. The work was paid for by the late Mr. J. H. Dennis, the inscription on the new tenor recording the fact as follows: 'This bell was given by James Hawke Dennis, a benefactor to St. Buryan Church, to commemorate the accession of King Edward VII, A.D. 1901. Richard James Martyn, MA., Rector.' Mr. Dennis was a Cornishman who had lived at Redruth, but was then living at Grenehurst Park, Surrey. At about the same time he commemorated the passing of Queen Victoria (January 22nd, 1901) by giving £15,000 to provide the great central tower and spire of Truro Cathedral which is called 'Victoria Tower.'

Although St. Buryan bells are hung for ringing no one can give any information as to whether they were ever rung or not. They are at present chimed, and the tradition connected with them is that they cry 'Who killed poor Joe.' No doubt their heavy metal is of great solemnity. When or whether these interesting bells will ever be ringable or augmented is doubtful at present. Recently the Rector (Rev. C. V. Lawson) undertook a fairly comprehensive restoration of the church, at one time a collegiate foundation, and some £2,000 has been spent on the tower. New beams have been placed under the bell frame, and the tower is at the moment being repointed. It is too much to hope for restoration of the bells or an augmentation.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS (Rev.).

Carbis Bay.

## SOME DEVON UNRINGABLES

Dear Sir,—As far as my own knowledge goes some unringables in this part of Devon are Ashprington, near Totnes, North Huish, near South Brent, Blackawton, near Dartmouth, and Ermington, near Ivybridge. In the two last cases I think that the question of restoration is in the air. Littlehempston, near Totnes, also has a ring of five in an iron frame, on ball bearings, and room for a new treble, but apart from this the tower itself is in a very filthy condition inside, and these bells could probably be rung again after some cleaning up and the provision of a set of ropes. I quite remember greasing the bearings there in 1952.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

## 10 and 12 BELL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Frith's letter (page 175) I agree that most compositions of Caters and Cinques are based on a conventional plan, and I would very much like to see published more compositions which move the back bells to produce course ends such as 579680, 479680, 974680, 975680 in Caters and 79E80T and E9780T in Cinques. One such composition of Grandsire Caters composed by Albert M. Tyler was published (see page 611, Vol. LVII of 'R.W.').

With regard to Mr. Frith's suggestion of a peal of Grandsire Caters in three parts introducing course ends 67890, I would like to point out the following: If the best courses of the handstroke home position are rung, i.e. all the 658790's, then surely it is impossible to ring the best courses of the backstroke home position, i.e. 567890's. The latter changes, i.e. 567890's, will be rung at the handstroke leads of the treble, in the leads preceding the handstroke home course ends 658790's. Thus if all the 567890's and 658790 course ends are to be rung in a peal then it is obvious, for example, that either 234658790 or 423567890, but not both, must be brought up with a Bob. This is not always easy to produce and is often impossible. Re touches of Erin Caters, I have worked out the following:

101

123456789

324165879 1s 4s 5 8 9 10s 13s

181

123456789

413256978 1 5s 6  
3412 5s 6  
214365879 2s 3 4 7 10s 11

207

123456789

124365879 1s 4s 5 8 9 10s  
3421 5 6  
1342 5s 6

237

123456789

312456978 1 5  
421365879 2s 3 4 7 10s 11  
3421 5s 6  
1342 5s 6

301

123456789

541237968 3s 4 6s  
314257968 4 5  
2314 5s 6  
4231 5s 6  
214365879 2 3 4 5 6 7s 11s 12 13

411

123456789

537192468 1s 2 3 4 5 6 8s 9 10 11 12  
1735 5 6  
312465879 1 3s 4 5 10 12 13 14 16 17 18  
4213 5 6  
3421 5s 6  
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# THE SMITHS

## THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 222)

*The big spread, prepared by Annie Smith, wife of Joe Smith, had been consumed by a band who, with one exception, thought they had rung in Joe's 100th peal. It was the time for reminiscences: would those reminiscences contain a confession that Joe rang his 100th peal with a band of visiting ringers?*

They heard, too, how Norman Jackson, of Rosse-on-Ooze, had been ringing in a peal on a hot and sultry midsummer day, how he had been wearing a new white shirt and a pair of new red, blue and yellow braces, for he was going to a 'posh' dinner with his wife after the peal, and how the sweat had soaked his shirt, for he was ringing the tenor at Parkston, long before they were rehung; 'and you remember what a brute that was'; and how the dye from the braces had turned his shirt into a replica of the well known coat of a certain Joseph, of Biblical fame, and how he had had to do a 'double-shuffle' in order to obtain a new shirt before he met his wife at a prearranged time.

Also remembered was the peal attempt that had come to grief when the only light, a single gas jet, had grown dimmer and dimmer, until the ringers looked like shadowy wraiths merging into the background, how when one or two started to fumble another of them had called out, 'Keep going, you're not afraid of the dark, are you?' how they had ultimately to 'stand' owing to the practically total darkness, and how as the last man set his bell the gas had flared up with an uncanny brilliance.

The story was also recounted of a team that visited a tower to ring a peal and owing to some oversight or misunderstanding the head ringer, who should have met them, did not appear, and how, having waited for some little while they had gone to the Vicarage, which was near the church, and, having explained the situation to the Vicar's wife, had been loaned the belfry key; how, being now short of time, they had risen the bells, rung the peal and lowered them without resting in between, and on descending the steps they were met by the head ringer who had informed them that there was no stay on the second bell!

Then Old George told the story of 'John, an enthusiastic ringer, who was never known to knock.' Sunday morning, Sunday evening, practice night peals—the lot! But John began to have trouble with his arms; 'pins and needles' first, and then a curious numbness. As John couldn't allow this stupid ailment to interfere with his ringing he went to see his doctor, who poked him here and prodded him there, 'and, believe me, there was plenty of John to prod and poke!' He looked down his throat with his instrument and listened in with that, but after a lengthy examination confessed himself beaten and packed John off to the hospital. Here the process was repeated and a long white doctor with a short name, assisted by a short black doctor with a long one, diagnosed John's trouble as some kind of muscular affliction and sent him along to the physiotherapist for treatment. After reading through the sheaf of notes supplied by the two doctors, the physiotherapist nodded her head profoundly and said to John, 'Now, we'll soon have you better. I want you to carry out this exercise I am giving you, four times every morning and three times every night. Raise your arms straight above your head and then lower them!'

She was rather nonplussed, and changed the exercise when John gently explained that he performed such an exercise several hundred times, sometimes several thousand times, every week!

So anecdote followed anecdote, each one that was told reminding someone else of another, either because of some similarity, or some difference, in the story, so that each member of the party (the older ones that is; the younger end were quite content to sit and listen) waited his turn to add his quota to

the seemingly endless string, and time slipped past as it is apt to do when we are occupied or interested or happy, until the grandfather clock down the hall boomed out the three-quarter hour and William realised that midnight was approaching.

'Well, it's no use, I have to be up early in the morning. No lying in bed for me!' he said. And before anyone had the chance to reply to the implications of this remark, he added, 'I must have my beauty sleep.'

'Not that you require it,' said Phyllis, with an impish grim that belied the gallantry of her words.

'Now, lass, I never was no oil painting. My old gran'mother used to say, "'Ansome is as 'ansome does,"' an' she looked at me pityingly like. As soon as my whiskers started to sprout I grew a 'tash to cover part of my face. I even tried a beard once, but I looked so much like a picture of Bluebeard that I once saw in a book that I got rid of it. I hardly think that the 'tash is an improvement, but I've got so used to it now that I should feel half-naked without it, especially since the hair started disappearing from the top of my head.'

Old George, who was practically bald, said: 'Aye, ye'll soon be in my school, William. If it's any consolation to ye, allus remember that ye'll never see a bald-headed donkey!'

'And don't forget,' Joe reminded them as the grandfather clock reminded them that a new day had started and they prepared to depart, 'that it's Wednesday night tomorrow night. I would like to ring the 720 with eight spliced plain methods in it, if possible.'

'Can you hear him?' William asked Annie.

'A proper slave-driver, that's what he is.'

'It's a good job there's someone to make you toe the line,' replied Annie, 'otherwise you would get as slack as a yard of ditch-water.'

'I thought we should get some sympathy from you,' grinned William. 'That I did.'

'And so, with final adieux, William, George and Henry made their way down the yard. George carrying a large carpet bag that he certainly had not brought with him. In respect to the latter, I should not be at all surprised if it contained what Anne described as 'one or two scraps that will help on a meal or two,' and, judging from the 'clink' that issued from it when George nearly overturned the handcart in the semi-darkness, perhaps two or three of the otherwise unexplainable vacant spaces of the case in the corner could also be accounted for.

Although 'The Ringing World' usually arrived on Fridays, it quite frequently on that received only a cursory glance from the various members of the family, any serious discussion of the contents thereof being as a rule held over until Sunday afternoon. However, as soon as Arthur (the postman) popped the mail through the letter box on the Friday morning, Annie, who was in the house on her own, went and picked up the paper and immediately perused it. Yes, there was the peal with an asterisk against Joe's name and a footnote saying it was his hundredth peal.

She walked across to the workshop where Joe was busy and held out 'The Ringing World' to him, opened at the appropriate page. 'It's in,' she said.

Joe put down the jack-plane he was using and read the report of the peal through with Annie looking over his shoulder.

'I'll leave it here and then you can show it to Henry when he returns,' said Annie. 'He should be back any time now: there were only two window cords to fix and they were on the bottom sash.'

Joe placed 'The Ringing World' on the saw stool and took up his jack-plane again as Annie returned to the house. When she was out of sight he put down the plane and once more read through the report.

What peculiar pleasure we derive from seeing in print our own performances, he

thought to himself. Is this because we can visualise many other people reading about our prowess at the same time? It was not difficult to imagine someone saying, 'Look here, Joe Smith has rung his hundredth peal—Surprise Minor too!' People who ring peals every week, he told himself, cannot obtain nearly so much pleasure out of seeing their names in print as those who ring, say, four or five peals a year.

At this point in his cogitations Henry arrived and put his tool kit down, removed a knot of sashcord and hung it up on a nail.

'I had to put on a new window fastener and re-cord the whole window,' he said. 'I told the old skinkflint that the next time the window wants re-cording a new sash will be required or else I shall have nothing to nail to. It's about time she put a bit of putty and paint on the outside.'

Joe handed him 'The Ringing World' and he sat down on the saw stool to read it.

On the following Sunday afternoon when the dinner things had been cleared away and everyone was comfortably settled, 'The Ringing World' made its usual appearance and Annie quickly procured it once more.

She read again the report of 'Joe's peal' and then glanced through the remainder of the peals without, for her, a great deal of interest, her attention 'being constantly lured back to the one at Hexworth. She then scanned Belfry Gossip in order, chiefly, to make some show at looking elsewhere in the paper when suddenly her attention was attracted by an item she saw there. "Congratulations to three members of Con. Dewitt's Travellers,"' she read aloud, "'who on November 25th rang three peals in one day. Two of these peals were of Surprise Minor and the third was of Yorkshire Surprise Major." Why those are the people who rang in the peal here, aren't they? I wonder if the peals are in this week's edition.' And as she turned the pages to find out John walked across and looked over her shoulder.

'Ah, yes, here they are!' said Mrs. Smith. Joe studied 'The Sunday Times' with great concentration and Phyllis wondered why her father had suddenly taken such an absorbing interest in the section which was headed 'Properties: London and Suburban.'

'What a coincidence,' explained John, 'the methods they rang are exactly the same as those we rang in your hundredth peal, dad.'

'Yes,' thought Joe. 'That had shaken them a bit when I was prepared to ring the methods they had arranged to ring without even looking them up!'

'How strange,' he commented to John's observations.

'I see an Arthur Smith rang the third,' continued John. 'Pinched your middle name, dad! Isn't it queer that there should be a Smith in both peals?'

Queer, indeed!

Joe gave a sickly smile and ran his finger round the inside of his collar which suddenly seemed to have become rather tight.

'Such an uncommon name,' he said, with a feeble attempt at a joke. Most people in the Guild knew that Joseph A. Smith was the head ringer at Hexworth, but very few knew what the A stood for.

'Push the damper in, John,' commanded Mrs. Smith. 'Your father's sweating. I realise that it requires too much effort for him to move!'

Phyllis looked hard at her father, but his attention was again apparently riveted on Suburban Properties. He knew that she was looking at him, could feel her eyes boring into him and must perforce glanced up at her. Their eyes met: quickly he looked back at his paper.

'Give me "The Ringing World,"' she said, quietly, 'and let me enter the peal in the folio.'

Ten minutes later it was done and Annie fondled the folio.

'One hundred peals,' she said. 'Fancy that!'

Phyllis has entered several peals since then and will, no doubt, enter many more, but gentle reader, and others not so gentle, if you should have at some time the privilege of looking through Joe Smith's peal folio, and you notice that the date of peal 101 is two days earlier than that of peal 100—keep your big mouth shut!

To be continued.



## **SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at North Bradley on April 7th, attracted an excellent attendance of over 50 members. The bells of St. Nicholas' Church were rung from 3 p.m. until the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. This was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Shaw, who also gave the address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Salisbury Guild, Rev. R. N. Longridge, and the singing was led by the ringing members of the choir. Afterwards the company sat down to an excellent tea, provided and served by the local band and friends.

The Branch chairman, Mr. N. Knee, presided at the business meeting and welcomed the Master and the visitors. He congratulated the young band from Holt on the very good progress they were making. Sixteen new members were elected, including 10 from Keovil, a tower which has not been affiliated for some years. Mr. A. Weeks, of Devizes, was thanked for his help in this matter.

Both the Master and the general secretary (Mr. W. West) spoke of the Guild festival, to be held in Salisbury on May 12th, asking everyone to make an effort to attend. This year is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Guild, and it is hoped to make it a memorable one. After the chairman had called for appropriate votes of thanks ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m. Many more visitors arrived during the evening and it is estimated that about 65 people must have rung on the bells during the day. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Double Norwich. A. T. K.

Over the Easter week-end, Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, is hoping to give a series of amateur carillon recitals on the four Scottish carillons. Any broadminded ringers would be welcome at Perth, April 21st, 3 p.m.; Aberdeen (St. Nich.) Easter Day, 10.30-11 a.m. and 6-6.30 p.m.; on Easter Monday at Dumbarton, early afternoon, and Kilmarnock, evening.

## **DENIS AND JEAN LEAVE DARTFORD**

**O**WING to his employers moving their place of business, Mr. Denis Hall, captain of the Dartford band since the untimely death of Mr. Harry Hoverd, five years ago, is leaving Dartford for Burgess Hill.

There was a ringers' farewell to Denis and his wife, Jean, on April 5th, as both have given very loyal service to the tower. In the presence of the whole company of ringers, they were presented with an electric petit point clock. Mr. Rayfield, before asking the Vicar (the Rev. Rutland B. Griffin) to make the presentation, mentioned Denis' and Jean's long connection with the church and tower, and paid a tribute to Denis' stewardship as captain.

In making the presentation the Vicar expressed on behalf of the band their best wishes for the recipients' future happiness in Sussex. The present, said the Vicar, was not so much a reward for services rendered as to remind them both of the many years spent in the company of their fellow ringers, who had thought quite rightly that this occasion should not pass unnoticed.

Denis, in thanking the Vicar and band, expressed his regret at having to leave the tower at a time when his help could be very useful as about eight new recruits had joined in as many months. He wished his successor every success in the colossal job he would have to undertake in the next year or two.

The Vicar was thanked for coming along and making the presentation, and the evening's programme ended with Denis presiding over his band for the last time to appoint his successor. Mr. S. Ball was unanimously chosen to succeed him, no change being made with regard to the other officers. R. G. R.

## **JOINT MEETING AT BOLSOVER**

Some good ringing on the fine eight at Bolsover, which are now rung from a new ringing chamber on the first floor, was a feature of the joint meeting of the Derbyshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society there on April 8th.

The ringing chamber is part of the reconstruction after the recent fire, and the Vicar later showed the visitors round the rebuilt interior. All were most impressed by the care, taste and craftsmanship exhibited.

Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon, and the last touch before tea was some well struck Stedman, called by 'missionary' 'Jafus,' whose work of converting the Derbyshire heathens to a proper appreciation of Fabian's masterpiece has now met with some success.

Thirty-two ringers sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Hall. It was agreed to hold the next meeting as another joint one at Dore on May 12th (not 5th), and plans were laid for a Sheffield and District outing in the Peak District on July 7th. A collection in aid of the reconstruction work realised £2 8s. Ringing was resumed after tea and included a course of Bristol. J. S.

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An order to rehang Swithland (Leics) bells and fit new clappers has been given to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. This work should be started in July and take about a month to complete. The local band have worked admirably to raise money to clean out the tower and redecorate the ringing chamber with the object of making Swithland's one of the best rings of six in the county. The band have two big events ahead, viz., a musical May fair with a 100-piece brass band is planned for May 19th and a barbecue and dance on June 23rd.

The Sunday service band at Great Crosby, Liverpool, have rung a quarter peal—the first on the bells for over 12 years. We hope to see more about this tower in our columns.

The Ladies' Guild is celebrating its 50th anniversary in October. A dinner will be held on Saturday, October 27th, in honour of the occasion at The Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road, London.

At Warfield, Berks, there are some promising beginners. With the exception of the conductor everybody was a first of something in a quarter of Minor rung there on April 3rd. Two of the band, Mrs. S. Sargeant and Miss R. Rich, had only been ringing just over a year.

As a compliment to the University crews a quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise was rung at St. Mary's Church, Putney, on April 7th. We cannot believe that this is the first time that there has been ringing at Putney in connection with the Boat Race. Perhaps some of our readers might set the band's minds at rest!

On Sunday, April 10th, 1932, Mr. Frank Absolom first rang for Sunday service at Warborough, Oxfordshire, and on Sunday, April 10th, 1932, to mark his 30 years' ringing in one tower, he was presented by the Vicar with a cheque. After that Frank conducted the service ringing of 800 odd changes of Stedman Triples rung by the local band. Such faithful Sunday service and its recognition makes pleasant reading. Our congratulations, Frank.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Four of the band who rang a peal of Wychwood Surprise at Quedgeley, Glos, had in the morning stood in an attempt to ring a peal of Oxford and Cambridge Minor at Great Witcombe, Glos, to mark the Boat Race. A broken rope at the end of the fifth extent brought it to an untimely end, and as only Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob had been rung up to that point it seemed a bad omen for Cambridge's chances of winning the race. This all goes to show that peal attempts aren't a good guide to the outcome of the Boat Race!

The number of changes in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on March 31st was 5,280 and not 5,040 as printed.

Spliced Minor has now reached 83 methods to a peal! Congratulations to Mr. Joe E. G. Roast and the other members of the band who rang at Stisted, Essex, on April 6th.

Peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, usually take 2 hours 40 minutes to 2 hours 50 minutes. In the peal rung on April 9th ringing sounded so nice at a slower pace that this was maintained throughout and the peal was completed in 3 hours 2 minutes.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are planning a course of instruction for the week-end September 7th-9th. It will be held at Redland College, Bristol, and be in charge of Mr. Pat Bird. There will be room for both resident and non-resident ringers. For residents the charge will be about £2 10s.

Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Gomshall, Surrey, a nephew of George Freebrey, Ringing Master of Derby Cathedral, who took over the young band at Albury, is meeting with success and two peals and about 12 quarter peals have since been rung on the bells. He learnt his ringing under the late Bill Lawrence at Little Munden, Herts, and in 1937 rang the second to a peal of Treble Bob in seven methods. Other towers with which he has been associated are St. Maurice's, Winchester, until demolition, Walberton, Sussex, with Ernie Treagus, and Dorking with the late Ted Coward.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

### A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	ELIZABETH BOWDEN .. .. 7
*MARIAN D. HANCOCK .. 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.. 8
DOREEN COX .. .. 3	ANTHONY COX .. .. 9
†ANTONY R. KENCH.. .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD.. .. 10
†DONALD C. EXELL .. .. 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. .. 11
*KENNETH J. RIDER .. .. 6	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD DEAL.

Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

\* First peal. † First of Cinques.

Rung to welcome home the Vicar (Canon R. F. Cartwright) from his recent visit to the U.S.A.

## TEN BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 6
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. .. 8
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung following the service of institution and installation of the Rev. Canon C. C. Wolters, M.A., A.L.C.D., as Provost of this Cathedral.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

SYDNEY M. BAILEY.. .. Treble	DEREK FRANCIS .. .. 6
GEOFFREY HARRISON .. .. 2	†JOHN SIMMONS.. .. 7
DAVID T. DARBY .. .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 8
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 4	†JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 9
*JOHN YOUNG .. .. 5	†ANTHONY TIMMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal.

To commemorate the visit of H.M. the Queen to High Wycombe on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Royal Grammar School.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 3	†EDWARD S. T. FARR.. .. 8
*†J. KEITH WARD .. .. 4	†FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 9
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

\* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise Royal.

Rung for the official visit of H.M. the Queen to the Borough of Slough, the peal being in progress throughout the whole of Her Majesty's stay.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY STONE .. .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW.. .. 6
*ROGER HARRIS .. .. 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 5
*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS.. .. 6
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., March 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 31, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ERNEST G. JONES .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH.. .. 2	JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 3	*E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 7
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon C. A. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler. Canon Wheeler, a good friend to ringers, has held this benefice since 1957, and is now retiring to Eastbourne.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., April 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 DORSET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

RUTH M. FOREMAN .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 101).

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.. Treble	*GORDON ARGUILE .. .. 5
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 2	*BARRY BROWN .. .. 6
*DAVID G. WILFORD .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY.. .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

\* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

DON C. EXELL .. .. Treble	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 5
*ROGER ALGATE .. .. 2	PETER BRIDLE .. .. 6
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT.. .. 7
†KENNETH J. RIDER .. .. 4	†DAVID C. J. PADFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

\* First peal of Grandsire and Triples. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Grandsire.

DORSET SURPRISE MAJOR

38 x 58.16 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 38.14 x 16.38

L.-e. 5738264. 4ths place bob.



### HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*KEITH H. GOULD .. .. Treble	†PERCY NEWTON .. .. 5
JOYCE BARTON .. .. 2	WALTER AVERY .. .. 6
†ROBERT H. NEWTON .. .. 3	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 4	ROGER G. HAZEL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal attempt. ‡ 100th peal in this tower.

Rung for the Queen's visit to High Wycombe.

### WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

NORAH M. RANGLES .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
*HUGH BISHOP .. .. 2	*LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 6
*DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Walter Clark (the local Ringing Master) and Mrs. Clark.

### HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
*LAURENCE WAY .. .. Treble	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. 2	MICHAEL G. BARTLETT .. 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 3	WILFRED G. WILSON .. 7
DAVID G. PICKETT .. .. 4	LIONEL GRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

\* First peal.

Rung for the dedication of the new organ in this church, in memory of Mrs. Jane Ellis—the gift of her husband, Major L. F. Ellis, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., and daughter, Dr. Mary Ellis.

### LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FRED MORTLOCK .. .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 6
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	PETER J. EVES .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal of Bristol.

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. Treble	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
†MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	†LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 6
†DELIA SMITH .. .. 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
†PETER A. SHARP .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First of Gainsborough Little Bob.

### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 7
GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. .. 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.	
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	†ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	*†FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together.

### GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 9, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RODNEY A. YEATES .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 6
†ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3	†FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 7
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal on eight bells. † 200th peal together. ‡ First in the method.

### SIX BELL PEALS

#### CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID HARRADINE .. Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 4
†CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First of Doubles. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice to peals.

### WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northwich Branch.)

On Thurs., March 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*P. JUNE WOODWARD .. Treble	*ALAN W. WALTERS .. .. 4
WILLIAM HORNBY .. .. 2	FRED SHAW .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	ERNEST BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

\* First peal.

### WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT .. .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4
FREDA P. WILLGESS .. 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 3	GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.

### ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN LAW .. .. Treble	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 4
*FRANK HILTON .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
MARYL CROSTHWAITE .. 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal.

### BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sat., March 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, York, London, Bourne and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Treble	BARRY BROWN .. .. 4
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.



BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Tues., April 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.  
MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. Treble | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4  
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 2 | \*DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5  
ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 3 | \*GEOFFREY PRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* 25th peal together.

Rung to mark the conductor's birthday.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.  
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4  
FRANCES THRELFALL .. 2 | HILARY MUIRHEAD .. 5  
\*PETER WOOLLVEN .. 3 | DENIS PEPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

\* First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., April 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR**

Being seven extents in 83 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Campanulla, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, Hemsworth and York Minster Treble Bob, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Rotherne, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Chepstow and Skipton Delight; (2) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden Bob; (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Rayne Delight; (5) Beighton, Redcar, Appleby, Hatfield, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES L. TOWLER .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4  
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5  
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3 | PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

\*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. Treble | †BRIAN B. HULLAH .. 4  
CECILIA J. BLAND .. 2 | KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5  
CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 3 | ROBERT E. HARDY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. HARDY.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal. First as conductor.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.  
\*DAVID H. SLADE .. Treble | †CHARLES ADAM .. 4  
BARBARA BUTLER .. 2 | GERALD MCILHONE .. 5  
ROGER A. HOWES .. 3 | ANDREW HOWES .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD MCILHONE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.  
Rung for the engagement of Michael Howes to June Harvey.

PEBMARSH DELIGHT MINOR  
—36—16—12—1236—34—56 2nd place 1.e.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.  
TONY OWEN .. .. Treble | JOHN CARTER .. 4  
\*CLIFFORD CARTER .. 2 | PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 5  
WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 3 | SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Francis Ellis, aged 90, who was interred this day.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.  
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble | PETER W. HORN .. 4  
RAYMOND J. BALLARD .. 2 | CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 5  
VICTOR NEAL .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's College Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

RAYMOND J. FULLER .. Treble | ALLAN S. SMITH .. 4  
\*MARTIN BEST .. 2 | MARTIN MAJOR .. 5  
ANTHONY SMITH .. 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge, one each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

\*RAYMOND BANNER .. Treble | ROBERT WAKE .. 4  
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2 | LEONARD STILWELL .. 5  
BASIL W. WHITE .. 3 | RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND  
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., March 30, 1962, in 1 Hour and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 24 extents of Plain Bob and 18 of April Day. Tenor size 14 in D.  
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE .. 3—4  
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., April 4, 1962, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Antelope, and 38 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.  
\*JOHN C. EISEL .. 1—2 | MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3—4  
†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5—6

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## HALF PEAL

**DORE, YORKS.**—On March 31st, 2,592 Plain Bob Major: G. Goodall 1, Miss A. Truelove 2, Miss E. Osborne 3, R. Shekelton 4, R. Farnsworth 5, L. Smith 6, J. Seager (cond.) 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. E. Guntrip 1, W. V. Webb (first of Plain Bob Triples) 2, Heather Johnstone 3, A. H. Webb 4, C. C. Clarke 5, E. E. Pearson 6, B. J. Davis (first as cond.) 7, C. E. Guntrip 8. Rung for Confirmation.

**ALBURY, SURREY.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Etherington 1, W. H. Harrison 2, M. Nurey 3, J. Reed (first quarter) 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, D. Williams (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Stoner 1, S. H. Wood 2, E. S. Laker 3, J. H. Gardner 4, E. H. Knapp 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laker.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Erntzen sen. 1, R. Law 2, C. Chambers 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, W. J. Smith 7, J. Erntzen jun. 8. For a sincere welcome to the ringer of the 3rd, who is on a visit to Cape Town from St. Paul's, Durban (900 miles away).

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): I. McMillan 1, Elizabeth Thomas 2, Alana Thomas 3, G. Jones (cond.) 4, P. Evans 5, M. Scott-Cook 6, I. Davies 7, D. Robinson 8. By the School's band, for Matins, and a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of second.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, Mrs. D. Hall 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, F. Walker 4, H. Audsley (cond.) 5, S. Ball 6, A. Hall 7, D. Hall 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Hall, who are leaving the district to take up residence at Burgess Hill, Sussex. Mr. Hall has been captain of the band for the last five years, and both he and his wife have been members for many years.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On March 31st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, G. S. G. Joyce 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. J. Joyce 6. For the wedding of Miss Angela Hutchinson, eldest daughter of the Rector of Farnborough, to Mr. Peter Presion. Also on April 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. A. Finch (first in method) 1, D. P. Treble 2, W. W. Wright 3, G. S. G. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. J. Joyce (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss M. A. Finch and Mr. S. J. Sillett.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Whitwood 1, Miss J. Morley 2, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 3, R. Heffer (first 'inside') 4, A. M. Barber 5, J. E. Goodwin 6. Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar and his wife.

**GREAT CROSBY, LIVERPOOL.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wilson (first quarter) 1, J. McKee jun. (first quarter) 2, J. McKee sen. 3, T. M. Fitzgerald 4, T. S. Horridge (first as cond.) 5, W. E. Court 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Liverpool. First quarter on the bells for over 12 years.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On March 29th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,208 Grandsire Triples: J. Woolford 1, F. Wills 2, B. H. Thompson 3, J. Carter 4, C. Yates 5, G. Skinner 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, R. Ingham 8. Rung in memoriam G. H. Williams, who died at Heavitree on March 23rd.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Carol Jarvis (first quarter) 1, Ann Bond 2, H. Gates 3, Susan Williams 4, G. A. Rees 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 7, 20. Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Jarvis 1, Ann Bond 2, Diana Kench 3, Susan Williams 4, G. A. Rees 5, A. R. Kench 6, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Dunkley (1st quarter) 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and first of Triples by the local band, For Evensong.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bywaters 1, K. Barnes 2, M. Press 3, R. Fuller 4, M. Major 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NUTTS.**—On April 1st, 1,320 Doubles (in 10 methods): R. Blackshaw 1, F. Bradley 2, M. W. Harrison 3, D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 8th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Mills 1, D. Bradley and C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Eileen Cutter (first quarter) 1, M. C. Woodridge 2, R. F. Allen (first 'inside') 3, A. M. Humphrey (first of Bob Doubles) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Gillian Dyer (first quarter) 6, N. J. Wright 7, J. R. Norris 8. Rung to welcome Mark Oliver, son of Guy and Dorothy Saunders, born on March 13th. The Rev. Guy Saunders was formerly assistant curate of this parish and a ringer at this church.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Peckham 1, C. Robinson 2, G. Harniss 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, A. J. Backshall 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday, and for the engagements of Mr. G. Harniss to Joyce Wellfare and Mr. R. Drower to Marjorie Lindfield.

**KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Foddy (first quarter) 1, Margaret Lewis 2, D. Wilkins 3, B. Coatsworth 4, D. Leach 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. To welcome John Henry, son of Denis and Adela Foddy, both members of the local band.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, All Saints' and Grandsire): Helen Sydes 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallcut 3, W. G. Wright 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday, before Matins.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM.**—On April 1st, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. First in the variation by all and on the bells.

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on April 8th, 1,263 tedman Caters: W. T. Grice 1, James Phillips 2, W. Theobald 3, R. Hinds 4, A. Rogers 5, T. Southam 6, J. Prior 7, B. Baker 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, D. Randall 10.

**LONGPARISH, HANTS.**—On March 31st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent, 600 Plain Bob): M. S. Holbrook 1, P. G. Holmes 2, B. B. Hullah 3, W. H. Raxter 4, P. N. Tubbs 5, A. R. Carter (first in two methods as cond.) 6.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—On April 1st, 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: Ann P. Smith 1, Dorothy M. Stafford 2, Margaret C. McKay 3, Christine Macnair 4, A. Osbaldiston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): R. Cannon 1, H. E. Turner 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, S. Turner 4, A. W. Robinson 5, K. E. Pinney 6. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. England, a ringer at this tower for over 30 years.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Mallett 1, Miss J. Wooders (first in method) 2, J. Woolford 3, J. Carter 4, S. Skinner 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Dyer 8. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Skinner, of Exeter.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Marks 1, J. Arbury 2, C. J. Turner 3, E. J. Manley 4, J. Ayres 5, C. C. Turner (50th quarter) 6, C. C. Deem (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. First in the method for all and on the bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Price.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Banner 1, E. Jane Langton 2, R. P. Wood 4, H. F. Wood 5, G. Rix 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, E. Heasman 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Chichester.

**PUTNEY, S.W.**—At St. Mary's Church, 1,272 Minor (552 Oxford T.B., 720 Cambridge S.): M. I. Uphill 1, Caroline V. Carpenter 2, Cherry White 3, C. W. Otley 4, J. R. Perrett 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, 5th quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to the University crews.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Miles (first on eight) 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, J. Hartless 4, A. V. Davis 5, L. F. Cobb 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On April 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. Lindsey 1, J. Bruce 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Susan Chaddock 4, R. Woodward 5, N. Donovan 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lee 8. S. Armeson 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. W. E. Elmhirst, many years a churchwarden.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on April 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: M. D. Frost 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, Miss C. Chambers 3, J. W. McClinahan 4, W. Little 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6, J. E. Ewer 7, G. Penney 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

**SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.**—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain, St. Simon's, S. Martin's): L. Pike 1, P. Stearman 2, J. Smith (cond.) 3, D. Pardon 4, N. Wright 5. First quarter of Doubles by all.

**SEAL CHART, KENT.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, H. Woolley 2, G. T. Acott 3, S. King (first as cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, R. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung by the St. Lawrence's band. In memory of Mr. A. Wenban, beloved captain and ringer since 1904.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. G. J. Head 1, P. J. Daniel (first quarter) 2, J. L. Queen 3, D. J. Etchells (first quarter) 4, A. V. Queen 5, R. J. Gay (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): R. O'Connell 1, S. G. Peck 2, C. Aldridge 3, W. Wainwright 4, D. B. Belcham (cond.) 5, P. Woodford 6. Rung for the Parish Communion.

**STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Timms 1, Pamela Rooney 2, K. Darvill (cond.) 3, S. Darvill 4, R. Darvill 5, W. Belcher 6. First of Doubles 'inside' for 4 and 5. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery of the Vicar after an operation.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Rolph 1, Miss M. Mills (cond.) 2, W. Chapman 3, G. Harrington 4, F. Harrington 5, P. Wood 6. For Matins.

**SYDMONTON, HANTS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): P. Murdock 1, J. Parcs 2, P. Myers (15) 3, G. Weston (15) 4, D. Papworth (cond.) 5, E. Cox (14) 6. First quarter peal in more than one method on the bells. For morning service.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Reeve (first quarter) 1, M. Sheehan 2, P. Phillips 3, Jennifer Reeve 4, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 5, F. Bedford 6. For Matins on Mothering Sunday. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, Jennifer Reeve 3, F. H. Corke 4, D. G. Rowlands 5, E. R. Gotham 6, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. For Evensong.

**WARFIELD, BERKS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dyer (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. S. Sargeant (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. Murrell (first quarter) 3, Miss R. Rich (first 'inside') 4, G. C. J. Murrell (first quarter) 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Murrell and a 'first' wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sargeant.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): B. W. Metcalfe 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, I. G. Smith 3, H. Taysom 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Stanley Robert Kilmaster, a ringer at this church.

**WATERLOO, LONDON.**—At St. John's, on March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, W. D. Grainger 3, C. W. Otley 4, D. G. Hollis 5, C. W. Meyer 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, N. J. P. Hawksley 8. For Evensong.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On April 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. E. Pratt 1, Mary Bartholomew 2, G. Avent (first of Caters 'inside') 3, Jennifer Bunyan 4, R. G. Smith 5, W. G. Paul 6, B. B. Hullah 7, D. Laud 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, S. Laud (first on ten) 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans to inaugurate the Witness to Watford mission.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Darke 1, Miss B. Abbott 2, Mrs. L. James 3, J. Baldwin (cond.) 4, S. James 5, Miss H. Palmer 6. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone for the extension to the church.

**WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Philip Hawcock 1, R. Daft 2, P. Humphrey 3, R. Preston 4, M. Poppleston 5, Peter Hawcock (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the Ringing Master (M. Poppleston). Also on March 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Humphrey (first quarter) 1, J. Shonfield (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Humphrey 3, R. Benfield 4, M. Poppleston 5, R. Daft (first as cond.) 6.

**YEovil, SOMERSET.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wyatt (first away from tenor) 1, R. J. Fox 2, T. E. Marks 3, L. Parris 4, J. E. Looker 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8.

**ON TOUR.**—Rung on a coach travelling between Upton-on-Severn and Ombersley, Worcs, on April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. L. Bill 1—2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3—4, M. D. Fellows 5—6. Rung on Oldswinford bellringers' outing.



## A JOURNEY TO 'MECCA'

Ringers from Kingston, Wimbledon and Putney were joined by friends from Peterborough and Hertfordshire when they arrived at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 7th and were given an extremely warm welcome by Mr. Paul Taylor. Between ringing, the visitors toured the foundry and were impressed by the large carillon being prepared for Washington Cathedral and demoralised in attempts to tap out Grandsire Triples on the new bells for Bodmin.

The centre of activities then moved to the Parish Church, undoubtedly a magnificent ring. Here a lady from a Surrey 10-bell tower was to be seen enraptured in the church below. For her the sounds above were full of meaning as there is quite a possibility that such tones may soon be heard from her own tower. Later she ascended the tower and graciously lowered the tenor in all its majesty.

The next stop was at Bottesford, noted for its tall spire and the tombs of nine earls in the chancel. After long struggles with clock wires the melodious, heavy octave was put to good use. At Croxton Kerrial we found a central tower containing a good going old six. The ten bells of Melton Mowbray are hung in the central tower of a fine parish church which shows good examples of every period of architecture. Suffice to say that the bells are every bit as good as the architecture. The last tower was Whissendine—included to allow the party to ring in Rutland. A much-needed supper was awaiting us at Oakham, and so completed a perfect day. Margaret Lewis is to be congratulated on yet another success to add to many others. To incumbents, ringers and Paul Taylor, our grateful thanks. P.C.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Ringers from many towers, including Bury Norman Tower, Elveden, Eriswell, Euston, Horringer and Rougham met Lakenheath ringers at Lakenheath Church on April 7th. Visitors from Luton and Maulden, Bedfordshire, joined them. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, London and Stedman.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Beale and friends. The Rector, the Rev. T. B. Beale, welcomed the ringers, and was thanked by Mr. L. Wright.

Mr. L. Wright presided at the quarterly meeting. In view of the success of the dinner, held last winter, it was agreed that the N.W. District should again amalgamate with the Sudbury District and hold another in the autumn. The Bury District, N.W. Suffolk Committee was re-elected, viz.: Mrs. Ivings, Misses D. Reeve and J. Wright. Messrs. Alderton and L. Wright, and Miss E. G. Reeve was appointed secretary to the Joint Dinner Committee. Mr. L. Wright suggested that a Press secretary be appointed and Miss E. G. Reeve was elected.

Forthcoming fixtures: Evening practices, Feksham (6), May 12th; Elveden, June 9th; quarterly, Ingham (5), July 7th.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

No society of change ringers could wish for a better welcome than that given at Wednesbury Parish Church to the meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society held on March 24th. Ten bells ringing was enjoyed until Evensong.

The choral service over, the Vicar and churchwardens joined the Society for tea at the nearby school. This bounteous meal was kindly presented by the ladies of the parish, and to them, the Vicar, local ringers and all who contributed to this successful meeting our thanks are extended.

During the business it was agreed to make a presentation to Mr. Derek Tranter, in recognition of his services as secretary. In addition it was agreed to donate £5 5s. to Shenstone Bell Restoration Fund, and to hold the annual dinner on November 10th next, at Cannock.

During the evening methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal continued, whilst a large number of ringers tried the rather difficult ring of eight at nearby St. Paul's Church, Wood Green.

Next meeting: Penn near Wolverhampton, May 12th. C.M.S.

## EXPERIMENTING WITH FIGURES

### COMMENT

We print Mr. Hollis' letter and a lead of his method because it shows that there is wide scope in ringing for experiment. The idea of a path for the treble which is neither wholly a plain hunt or wholly a Treble Bob one has, of course, been used in Minor, in the Alliance methods. While these have been rung occasionally, they have never proved very popular, possibly because you cannot produce an extent of the method without splicing it with a Little method.

The method submitted suffers to an even greater extent from this difficulty. If the treble in each lead strikes more times in some places than in others, then, unless you give each bell in turn the chance of acting as treble, you limit the number of changes possible. It will be seen that the treble strikes first 6 times in each lead, second 4 times and only twice in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth positions. Then again 4 times in seventh's position and 6 times in eighth's. That means that, assuming that all else is simple, which it probably is not, you could only get a third of the full extent of the changes.

So the next step is for Mr. Hollis to devise a method, which will splice with this one, in which the treble is in each lead twice in first and eighth places, 4 times in second and seventh places and 6 times in the other four positions.

Seriously though, there are many unringed methods which have Bob Major leadends, which do not have the tenors striking 8-7 at backstroke as does this one, and which would prove more interesting to ring. This one has an interesting treble path at the expense of monotony in long stretches of plain hunting on the other bells.

The great advantage of Bob Major leadends, as Mr. Hollis probably knows—though ringers who are not conductors may not realise—is that at the calls the effect is the same on the corresponding bells, whatever the method. For example, in a seconds place method on any number of bells, a bob wrong affects the first three bells in the coursing order (after the first bells): a bob middle affects the last three and a bob home the middle three. Apart from any question of irregularity therefore, a method would have to have exceptional qualities to appeal to a band, especially to the composer or the conductor, if it had not the normal leadends.

We suggest that our readers do not, because of these observations, cease to experiment with methods and compositions. They will find endless pleasure and may one day solve one of the many problems which still exist to be solved. W.G.W.

Dear Sir,—Along with others I too have been experimenting—trying to find something different for the treble other than Plain or Treble Bob Hunt, or part of a principle.

I forward the result. Note the treble always hunts back and hand. When in the lead and at back it does the work of one bell at a single in Stedman Doubles, or two interlocked whole turns.

All the bells hunt backwards below the treble and always lead back hand.

Places are made before passing the treble, when going to lead and after passing treble when hunting up behind. Two bells make sixth places and two a Stedman whole turn in 8-7, and to become respectable the lead ends as Plain Bob.

The method is symmetrical reversing from the treble whole pull behind, but it does not retain a Plain Bob coursing order, therefore is irregular.

Why should it be, since it has no Principle, will not Surprise anyone, might not be a Pleasure to ring, and fails to Delight.

I wonder if it has been thought of before, published or rung. Could you find room for it in 'The Ringing World,' which, incidentally, I have taken almost consistently since the days of the old 'Bell News.'

Anyway, do not merely put it away on the mantelshelf where it might even light the pipe of a ringer who only rings regular methods.—Yours faithfully,

H. HOLLIS.

Market Bosworth, Nuneaton.

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**SQUIRE—WEBB.**—The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Squire, of Brendon, Lynton, to Sandra, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, Oakwell, Honiton. 30

**TOY—TILBURY.**—The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr. Sidney Toy, of London, and the late Mrs. Toy, to Mollie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. 24

### DEATHS

**BAILEY.**—James, husband of Sophia Bailey, 22, Buller Road, Leiston, Suffolk, passed away on April 14th, 1962, aged 72 years. Bellringer at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, for over 50 years and Master of the Saxmundham District. 49

**BUTLER.**—Edith Mary, aged 82, widow of the late Thomas Butler, 22, Wharf Road, Ellesmere, Shropshire, and mother of Thomas R. Butler, Liverpool, passed peacefully away in Walton Hospital, Liverpool, on March 5th, 1962. 39

### PERSONAL

\* Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live ye shall live also. (St. John xiv, 19.)

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### CANCELLATION

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting on April 28th at West Hallam cancelled. Joint in May with the Leicester and Southwell, Notts.—A. Henson, Sec. 59

### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Wrington, Easter Monday, April 23rd. Service 12 noon. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope to General Secretary. Bells available: Chew Magna 9.45-11 a.m., Winford (6) 10.30-11.30, Nailsea (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 6-7 p.m., Wrington (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon and 6-8 p.m., Yatton (8) 5.30-7, Kingston Seymour (6) 7-8, Backwell (8) 6.30-8, Wraxall (8) 7.30-9, Burrington (6), Nempnett Thrubwell (6) and Congressbury (8) 5.30-8 p.m.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 9998

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 23rd, at Wisbech. Ringing arrangements.—1st route: Hilgay (8) 10 a.m.-12 noon, Denver (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Downham Market (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Watlington (6) 1.30-2.30, Tilney All Saints' (6) 2-3, Walpole St. Peter and Walpole St. Andrew 3-4 p.m.; Route 2: Tydd St. Giles (6) 10-11 a.m., Newton (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Wisbech St. Mary's (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., Leverington (6) 1-2, Upwell (6) 2-3, Emneth (5) 2.30-3.30, Elm (6) 3-4, Walsoken (6) 3-4, Wisbech St. Peter's (10) 3.30-4.30. Service, Wisbech St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Leverington, Walsoken, Wisbech St. Peter's 7-9 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Hall, Wisbech. Tickets 3s. 6d. each with stamped, addressed envelope from H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9965

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Ringing at Walton-on-Thames, Easter Monday, 10.30 a.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 25

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 23rd. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall 12.15 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6) and St. Swithun's (6) all provisionally 2.15-4.30 p.m. Tea arranged (if possible) at 5 p.m. for those who notify me.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 9977

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Necton on Wednesday evening, April 25th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Tovell, Sec. 13

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Practice meeting on Thursday, April 26th, at Weston-super-Mare, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. M. K. 28

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Burnham-on-Sea, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 23

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ash (6), Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 24th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 47

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Winford (6), Saturday April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday April 26th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Esiune', Brockway, Nailsea. 9632

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting at Woburn, Saturday, April 28th (note date). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in crypt 5. Short service 6. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to 8 London Road, Woburn, by 26th, please. 29

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following in Church Hall. Meeting after tea. Numbers for tea would be appreciated, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 58

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general, Derby, Saturday, April 28th. Committee meet, St. Peter's Parochial Hall 3.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available: Duffield (10) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Derby, St. Alkmund's (8) 2-3 p.m., St. Luke's (8) 2.30-4, Cathedral (10) 3-4, St. Peter's (8) 4-4.30 p.m. and after meeting, St. Andrew's (10) 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by April 24th.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 9953

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Thorne (8) on April 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Moorsends.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Saturday, April 28th, at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. to be paid in advance to N. K. Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney, Glos. Last date for booking, Monday, 23rd. Service 6 p.m. Towers open: 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service, Awre, Clearwell, Hewelsfield, Littledean, Lydney, Newland, Ruardean and Tidenham. No ringing during service. Nominations, Master, A. V. Bennett; Central Council, the present members only. Advance notice: A course will be held in Bristol, September 7th-9th. Resident and non-resident, cost about £2 10s for residents, details later. Reminder: Peal booking fees to me promptly with composition and addresses of new life members.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 07

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Easter Monday meeting postponed to Saturday, April 28th, Albury, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Shere 5.15 p.m., and bells afterwards. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Godalming. 09

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 26th to C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, or phone Ewell 4986. 20

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—Spring meeting, Bigbury, April 28th. Usual arrangements. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 24th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9987

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—Meeting, April 28th at Old Radnor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. Reg Preece, The Stones, Old Radnor.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, April 28th. Ringing arrangements: St. Paul's, Walden (6), 9.30-11 a.m., Codicote (6) 10-11.30, Knebworth (8) 10.30 a.m.-12 noon, Stevenage (8) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Graveley (6) 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m., Great Wymondley (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., Baldock (8) 1.30-3.30, Norton (8) 2-4, Hitchin (8) 3-4.30. St. Ippolyts (6) and Hitchin will be available in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Boys' Grammar School 5.15 p.m. Business includes resolutions to amend: (a) Rule 1—title of the Association, (b) Rule 2—certification of Life Membership, (c) Rule 2—subscription increase, (d) Rule 5—office of President. Names for tea essential to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (Tel. 3612). 9996



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Dartford, Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to Mr. R. G. Rayfield, 63, Mounts Road, Greenhithe. 9887

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting, Headingley, St. Chad's, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 10. 40

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, April 28th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. in Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral. Evensong, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in Tithe Barn, followed by meeting. Ringing: Waddington 11-11.45 a.m., Branston 12 noon-12.45 p.m., Washingborough 1-1.45 p.m., Lincoln Cathedral, St. Botolph's, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts before Evensong from 2 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 9999

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, April 28th. Ringing arrangements: Leicester St. Margaret's (12) 1.30-2.30 p.m., Leicester St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30-3.45, Whetstone (6) 2.45-3.30, Blaby (5) 3.15-4, Aylestone (8), 3.30-4.5 and 7-8.30 p.m. Service, St. Andrew's, Aylestone, 4.15. (Preacher: Rev. C. Casson, Vicar of Stanford-cum-Swinford.) Tea 5 p.m., in Aylestone Parish Church Hall, followed by meeting. Important business includes election of officers and Central Council representatives. Names for tea to undersigned by Wednesday, April 25th. General Committee meeting in St. John-the-Divine vestry on April 25th at 7.45 p.m. (Corporation bus 23 or 49 from Leicester Town Hall to Aylestone.)—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 9988

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 25th, to Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich, NOR 12X. Tel. East Harling 204.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 9997

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Rousham bells (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea by 24th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 14

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 24th, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompis Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 38

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on April 28th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Cambridge Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 35

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury, Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 24th, to G. Stocker, Harts Hill, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. 41

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at White Horse Cafe. Names, please, by Wednesday, April 25th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 44

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Brafield on Saturday, April 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. P. Jones, 2, Denton Road, Brafield, by April 24th.—F. Wingrove. 27

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Peterborough District) and **ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Hunts District).—Joint meeting at Whitlesey, Saturday, April 28th. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings. St. Mary's (8) after tea.—M. Roberts and M. J. Dyer, Dis. Secs. 46

**RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD**  
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Business meeting at St. Andrew's immediately afterwards.  
Ringing at St. Andrew's (10) 6.30-8 p.m.  
—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 9992

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—April 28th, quarterly meeting at Ludgershall. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, without fail please to Mrs. Penny, 1, Drove Road, Ludgershall, near Andover. 9993

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Evershot, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 03

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. High tea (moderate charge). Mrs. Jones, White Swan Inn, Tadcaster, 5 p.m.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 57

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at Cheswardine (8) on April 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9981

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—Roy D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 43

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting April 28th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., for those notifying Miss E. Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark, by April 25th. Business meeting follows tea. North Muskham bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. L. Exton, Gen. Sec. 9972

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday April 28th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.15-4.15 p.m., Fornham St. Martin (6) 2.15-3.30, Horringer 2.30-4, St. Mary's (8) 7-9, Rougham 7-9 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., St. Mary's House, Whiting Street, for those who notify Mr. L. G. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds (phone 1297), on or before Wednesday, April 25th. Early application is advised as numbers are limited.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 05

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, April 28th (not 21st). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., The Corner Restaurant. Numbers, please, by Tuesday, April 24th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 06

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division. Practice meeting at Willington on April 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willington, Eastbourne.—F. Beeny, Sec. 36

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Stockbridge, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 22

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting on April 28th. Lyndhurst (8) 3 p.m. and Brockenhurst (6) 6 p.m. Tea 5.30, 'The New Forest Cafe', Lyndhurst. Names for tea by Thursday, 26th, to Mr. L. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 32

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Buriton, April 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers, please, by 25th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook', 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 45

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Wrington, Sunday, April 29th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for those who notify by April 26th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 9633

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting, May 5th at Pilton at 5.30 p.m. Shillington also 5.30-7 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 52

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Northbourne, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., 2s. 6d. per person. Names, together with cash, please, by May 2nd to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 11

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, May 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to S. Rayfield, 48, Main Road, Queenborough, Sheerness. 33

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on Saturday, May 5th. Object, to form a Devon and Cornwall Branch. Bells (12) from 2.15 to 3.45 p.m. Buckfastleigh (8) and Dean Prior (6) from 6 p.m. Service at Buckfast Mission Church at 4. Tea at Car Park Cafe at 4.30. Meeting at St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Gentlemen invited. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 2nd, to Mr. A. L. Bennett, 'Cornerways', Buckfastleigh. 02

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Nettleham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Parker, 'Iona', Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, near Lincoln.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 37

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Stamford, Saturday, May 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, April 30th. Special methods: York and Single Oxford.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec., Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 50

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellborough Branch.—Meeting, Mears Ashby, May 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. G. Callis, The Farm, Mears Ashby. 26

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held in Southwark on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing at the Cathedral from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at St. George the Martyr (Borough) at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. George's in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. N. Bagworth, 37, Cliveden Road, S.W.19, by May 2nd.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec. 04

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival. St. Wilfred's, Grappenhall, Saturday, May 12th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Roberts. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 4s. each if purchased by first post Monday, May 7th. 4s. 6d. afterwards; obtainable from Mr. C. Raddon, 50, Warburton Street, Stockton Heath, Warrington, and Branch secretaries. Towers available: Grappenhall (8) 3-4 p.m. and after meeting, Frodsham (8) 1-2 p.m., Runcorn (8) 2-3, Daresbury (8) 2.30-3.30, Stretton (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 9938

#### **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** **Summer Festival** **PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

The 1962 Festival will take place in the Chertsey District on Saturday, June 2nd. Service and tea at Chobham. Ringing details will be announced later. Miss E. Loveland, Hon. Dis. Sec. 54

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