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RINGING TO THE GLORY OF GOD

A VALUABLE insight into the spiritual side of the art and craft of change-ringing was given by Dr. G. A. Ellison, Bishop of Chester, when he preached at a special service held in Chester Cathedral on November 17th to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Chester Diocesan Guild, of which he is president.

Calling attention to the familiarity of the Gloria, the Bishop contended that there was always within man that desire to be united with God and show in his acts and deeds something of the glory of God itself. That was why religion has always called forth from man the highest praise and the most beautiful he can offer. Every man has tried through his acts and creative ability to express something of the glory of God.

'The craft of which you are members is one way man seeks to express the glory of God. You are not in this generation unique in this; indeed, man has always used bells in worship to express something of the majesty of God; but I believe the use of bells has reached in this land its highest expression in the ringing of bells in peals, an art which is greatly cherished in our day as it has been during the centuries when it was first conceived by man.

'We know, of course, our first purpose is to call people to worship; but if that was all we sought to do it would be sufficient if we had one bell, which we rang at the right moment when people might be concerned. Of course, we seek to do a great deal more than calling men to worship when we ring in peal. We are bringing in our craftsmanship and all its elements in personal discipline, concentrating the sense of harmony and balance which are essential to every artistic effort and essential in the craft we exercise.

'There is something awful in the majesty of bells: they can be so kind when used in the right way and so angry and dangerous when used improperly. And so in that expressive movement that takes place when bells are being rung in peal, through the craftsmanship of those using them according to a method, we are expressing something very strongly to the glory of God, to whose glory these bells have been made and hung and in whose glory we seek to use them as good as we can.

'Of all the things man has made, nothing expresses the glory of God better than in man himself. Man is made in the image of God, and the best way he can express his thanks to God is in the holiness of his own life. He cannot find the source of that glory unless it is through wor-

ship in His church, through prayer and through the sacraments. These are the sources of the power of God; these are the ways which will enable them in their own lives to reflect the glory of God.

'And so the greatness of the craft which is exercised by the ringer is that he calls people to the source of their own holiness; he proclaims God in His majesty and also says: "Come to God, come to His house, come to receive what He will give you; come to Him to draw the strength you need if you are to show Him His glory." And so the splendour of the ringer's art is not so much in the perfection of what he is doing and the satisfactory completion of the complicated courses he is following, but the fact he is proclaiming the glory of God and the way man must show it in his life and service to Him. It follows that those who serve in this way should be ornaments of what they proclaim.

'Tonight we give thanks for the 75 years of the Guild—men have rung bells far longer than that, but it is during that period the ringers here have been organised and have learned the fellowship of the craft they exercise. We thank God for those who have gone before and led the Guild, and those who have been drawn to it through its great artistic endeavour and learned through the Guild to do it better.

'We dedicate ourselves afresh to the work we find so fascinating and the purpose for which it is designed. We may well take a text from Psalm 85, verse 9: "Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land".

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD'S 75th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. John Worth Honoured



THE MASTER, Mr. J. W. Clarke.

SATURDAY, November 17th, was a great day in the history of the Chester Diocesan Guild, with its 800 members, when its 75th birthday was celebrated. Apart from ringing in outlying churches, there was a well attended festival Evensong at the Cathedral, when the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison) preached, the Archdeacon officiated and Mr. C. Lawton read the lesson. This was followed by the commemoration dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester.

At the dinner the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, who was accompanied by Mrs. Clarke, presided, and supporting them on the top table were the Bishop and Mrs. Ellison, the Archdeacon of Chester and Mrs. Burne; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Wyndham Lewis, Mr. P. Laffin and Mr. T. W. White.

The loyal toast was followed by Mr. F. W. Perrens proposing the toast of 'Church and State.' From the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he is president, Mr. Perrens brought their most cordial greetings. He told the gathering that Coventry had been associated with Chester for over 900 years, and that Earl Leofric, who was the husband of Lady Godiva, gave valuable gifts to the Church at Chester.

From the records of the past, said Mr. Perrens, their Guild from its foundation had very loyal support from the clergy of the diocese. At the inaugural meeting the Archdeacon took the chair and there were four canons and 11 other clergy present. He could only trust that the clergy of the Chester Diocese were just as interested in the Guild as they obviously were when it was founded.

He noticed on the toast list that beneath the toast 'Church and State' was the quotation 'Let's get together.' The consecration took place this year of Coventry Cathedral, which he had the pleasure of attending with his wife, and at the Cathedral some of them no doubt had seen the Chapel of Unity and it was this unity that he wished to speak about.

COVENTRY'S CHAPEL OF UNITY

This Chapel cost about £65,000 and this had been contributed to by all the churches in Coventry, and many overseas. Sweden had provided a wonderful mosaic, Germany £5,000 for its windows; in addition many individuals, of all denominations including Roman Catholics, had contributed funds.

The complete administration of this Chapel was in the hands of a general council of Anglicans and Free Churchmen. They arranged the services and had a number of study groups meeting there. The chapel was also open to visiting parties for their services. It was not only a beautiful part of the Cathedral, but a real live Chapel of Unity.

He wished he could tell them of any unity in State affairs; alas, they were conspicuous by their absence. They could, however, say that the spirit of unity throughout the ringing fraternity was very plain to see. Occasionally they heard of differences between Societies and local towers and it was up to them to eradicate those troubles. It was up to them to do all they could to help unity in the Church and the State and in their ringing Societies and local towers.

The name of the Bishop was coupled with the toast and Dr. Ellison said, with a twinkle in his eye, that he made it a rule if he preached in church not to speak afterwards—as there was a suspicion that he had something to say that was not fit for him to say in church!

The terms of the toast was one of the most significant factors in the history of the country. From the earliest days the life of the secular authority and the life of the Church had been inextricably bound up together. Much of the life of the Church was under control of the State, many of its chief officers were approved by the Queen.

'No one can regard it as satisfactory,' said the Bishop, 'that when any one of us goes to church we break the law because it is totally impossible for any clergyman to conduct a service according to the Book of Common Prayer, and the Book of Common Prayer is part of the law of the land, and you break the law of the land if one jot or tittle of that book is changed.'

'No one really desires the disestablishment of the Church—that is, the complete parting of the Church from its formal relationship with the State; nevertheless there are many people who feel that the Church is entitled to a greater freedom in the way she may order her affairs and especially her worship.'

THE NEW MEASURE

'In a very short time a Measure will be presented before Parliament which will give to the Church greater freedom in the way she orders her affairs and worship. I speak of this because it is most important to individual members of the Church. I hope you will give your support for this reasonable request of the Church to order its affairs.'

'We hope that so far as creating any weakening of Church and State such a



THE HONORARY SECRETARY,
Mr. Henry O. Baker.

Measure will cement the relationship between the two because the Church will have a greater confidence in the State, and when the State is asked to legislate the thing she is asked to do has been proved by experiment by the Church.

'Let me congratulate your Guild on achieving this notable anniversary and achieving it in such a thriving state, because it is delightful to look around this company and see what a broad age group we cover, and to see so many young members who are prepared to accept the discipline of learning the craft and to pass on to those that come something that has given the members of the Guild a great satisfaction in life.'

Mr. S. E. Darmon proposed the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild,' and said that since he came into the area of the Guild about two months ago he had met the greatest friendliness both in and out of the belfry. They came with the Central Council to Chester in 1951 and had an opportunity of ringing in the town and neighbourhood. Later when they were living in Dublin they had the pleasure of welcoming members of the Chester Guild.

It was no mean achievement for the Guild to celebrate its 75th anniversary and to be in as good shape as they were that night. Ringing as they knew it was well over 300 years old. They all knew of the low ebb ringing found itself in the middle of the last century, and it was due to the far-sightedness of very few members that the territorial associations as they knew Guilds like theirs, were founded, and also the Central Council. The aim of the founders was to regulate and create a high standard, and receive recognition as worthy servants of the Church. What they knew of the Exercise today indicated that those early efforts had been justified. They could not conceive what ringing would have been like if Guilds had not come into being.

OUTSTANDING OFFICERS

The Chester Guild had been fortunate in its officers. The Bishop of the Diocese, their president, was an ardent champion of ringing, their Master, Mr. Clarke, was a distinguished antiquarian. The secretary/treasurer of any organisation was the life blood and in Mr. Baker they had one of the best. He knew Mr. Baker was seriously ill at their dinner last year and they were doubly glad to have him with them. Their Deputy Master (Mr. John Worth) had joined the rarified atmosphere of those who had rung 1,000 peals; he congratulated him.

Their report secretary (Mr. C. K. Lewis) was an honorary member of the Central Council, convener of the Methods Committee and an intelligent heavy ender. But it was the rank and file that made the Guild and they were fortunate in having a membership of 750, and in ringing 150 peals last year, being placed fifth Guild in the country. They also rang a peal of 13,000 Spliced six, which would stand as a milestone for a long time.

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Mrs. Ellison, wife of the Bishop of Chester, presenting Mr. John Worth with a Parker 52 writing set as a memento of his 1,000 peals.

CHESTER GUILD—Cont.

'Your 75th anniversary is not a homing course, not even a turning course, but is going nicely with a good steady beat, with no trips. May your ringing be always good and true.'

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in his reply, said in 1886 Archdeacon Barber, a Yorkshireman, came to Chester. When he went to his church, St. Mary-on-the-Hill, he must have had something of a shock because it was in a dreadful state and in the belfry things were worse. Typical of him, he started to raise funds straight away and in a short time collected £5,000. Looking across the river he saw the Church of St. Mary, Hand-bridge, being built and that church was built in two years. He was present at the dedication in June, 1887, and the eight bells which had been placed in the tower by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were heard that day for the first time. It was the hearing of the bells which gave the Archdeacon an interest in bells.

CLERGY ORDERED TO GO

In 1887 he called a meeting at the refectory of the Cathedral on a Saturday afternoon. He did not invite his clergy to that meeting, but told them to go. The Guild was started and in the Minute Book was kept a record of attendances of clergy and ringers and he (Mr. Clarke) remembered seeing the attendance at those meetings of eight or 10 clergy and not many more ringers. He did not think the clergy were taught to ring, but he insisted that they should know something about it, and treat it as belonging to the Church. He had spoken to people who had attended that meeting—one walked eight miles to get there as there was no other way. The roads were ankle deep in mud and he remembered trying to get the mud from his boots before the meeting.

They must not imagine they were the first in the field. He came across an account of the opening of the bells of Ashton-under-Lyne, where the ringing lasted four days. There was a band of ringers called the Chester Youths. He thought the Chester ringers only went for 50 minutes, but two of them did ring a peal of Major later in the week.

In the 18th century there were the Chester Scholars, who rang at the Church of St. John, the tower of which had now collapsed.

Mr. Clarke said he was present at the 50th anniversary of the Guild and he wondered how many of those present were there. No fewer than eight people stood up.

Concluding he said he was sure the Guild's success was largely dependent on the support given to the officers by the whole Guild, and as long as that state of affairs remained they would continue to flourish. He hoped many of those present would be with them 25 years hence.

MR. JOHN WORTH HONOURED

Mr. H. O. Baker said it was with great pleasure that he rose to pay tribute to one of their members who had distinguished himself in the field of peal ringing. Mr. John Worth, their Deputy Master, had now joined the very select company who had rung over 1,000 peals. This fine achievement had been made in many towers all over the British Isles, and it was true to say that in almost every one he had stood either on the tenor box or near it.

Those who had seen him in action would have been impressed by the apparent ease with which he controlled the swinging bell, no matter what weight it happened to be. He was also an accomplished conductor, and to see his name in any peal record could be taken to indicate that it was well and truly rung.

Mr. Baker enumerated a few of Mr. Worth's achievements—the tenor to the peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major rung in 13 hours at

Over on November 4th, 1950; 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 15th, 1951, at Worsley, which was the longest peal of Royal ever rung at that time. He had also rung many long lengths of Spliced Major, including 13,440 with all the work for all the bells.

As one would expect from such a distinguished ringer, he was always present for Sunday service ringing at his own church at Macclesfield, where he had been captain for many years. He had, indeed, set an example and they wished him continued success in the future. Perhaps he might reach the 2,000 mark.

Then at Mr. Baker's request, Mrs. Ellison, the wife of the Bishop, handed Mr. Worth a Parker 51 set.

Mr. Worth: I can only say thank you, very much. I did not set out for 1,000; it just happened. My main aim is to foster ringing for the Chester Guild.

The concluding speech was a vote of thanks from the Master. He said they had several people to thank for that excellent evening, and the first must be their secretary, and also Mrs. Baker, who had been at least three months on the job. He also thanked the Chester Branch and its officers for their help, and Mr. Arrowsmith, the toastmaster.

Between toasts there was handbell ringing starting with Grandire Caters by F. Osbaldeston 1—2, J. E. Bibby 3—4, J. Worth 5—6, C. K. Lewis 7—8, P. Laflin 9—10. Later the same band with the exception of J. E. Bibby rang Bob Major, Grandire Triples and Treble Bob Major.

A PEAL OR QUARTER AT FRESSINGFIELD

The Rev. B. T. Pitts, Vicar of Fressingfield, Suffolk, celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination on December 21st when a service will be held in Fressingfield Church at 10 a.m. attended by the Bishop of the diocese.

Mr. Pitts would like the bells rung for the occasion, and also a full peal on the following Sunday afternoon to welcome home his son from abroad. If successful a peal board will be placed in the belfry.

Will ringers who are able to ring on one or both these occasions please communicate with Mr. L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield, Suffolk.

A SPORTING OFFER

We have received from Miss A. Henson, the honorary secretary of the Sherwood Youths, of Nottingham, the appended 5,040 Plain Bob Major, composed by Mr. Valentine Gosling, the old Daybrook ringer, in 1908. Mr. Gosling, who now lives in America, is 80 years of age, and still visits England.

The peal is true, but it cannot claim the merit of originality, for it reveals itself as a reverse variation of one of the many three-part and six-part peals which have one bell fixed in 6ths place throughout a part.

Mr. Gosling makes a sporting offer: he promises the sum of £5 to any band that will ring the peal!

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	3
52634		S	3
62435	—	—	3
24536	—	—	2
25436		S	
54236			2
52436			S

Twice repeated.

CHURCH BELL CRASHES FROM TOWER

An amazing incident took place at Clough-ton, near Scarborough, on November 17th when one of the three bells of St. Mary's Church crashed down as a wedding group was being posed for photographs. The bell, weighing about 1 cwt., fell 30 feet from the belfry on to the path outside the church. The wedding party were 20 feet away. Only minutes before Mr. Victor Hey, a Scarborough photographer, was standing on the spot where the bell fell.

Ringers for this wedding were two volunteer bell ringers—Mr. Michael Readman, a blacksmith, and Mr. Patrick Richardson.

Mr. Readman, according to 'The Yorkshire Post,' said: 'I was holding the middle rope—it has knots on the end and also a loop. The regular bell ringer used to use his foot in the loop and manipulate the other ropes by hand.'

'I had never done the job before and was warned not to let go of the rope. I didn't think the bell was ringing so I began to pull harder and had to jump and it burned my hands.'

'I slipped from my grasp, shot up into the belfry and then came down again, coiling itself round my neck, having broken loose from the swivel. Then I heard a crash and realised the bell had fallen.'

He said: 'Occasionally the ropes have been replaced, but nothing else has needed attention before. The church is about 100 years old.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Kemerton on November 3rd. Most of the towers in the Branch were represented and there were several visitors present. The six bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m., and rounds and methods were rung before the service. The Rector (the Rev. E. C. C. Price) conducted the service (and also played the organ) and afterwards joined the members at an excellent tea, provided in the Village Hall.

The chief business of the meeting was the election of officers for 1963. Mr. E. W. Penn was re-elected chairman and Ringing Master, and Mr. A. G. Pulley representative on the Management Committee. A new secretary was elected, Miss Anne Broxton, of Brooklands, Edward's Place, Tewkesbury. Five new members (including four juniors) were elected to the Branch, and Mr. T. Steward, of Tirley, a member for many years, was nominated for election to life membership of the Association. N. N. A. P.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual London meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers took place on November 17th, when ringing was enjoyed at three towers—St. John's, Deptford; St. Mary's, Lewisham; and St. Alfege's, Greenwich. In all some thirty members, guests and visitors attended, and touches in various standard methods were tunelessly achieved, on some fine bells. The annual Guild service took place at St. John's, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Edwards.

After dinner at 'The Mitre,' Chancery Lane, the annual general meeting, postponed from the summer, took place. In addition to routine business, five new associate members were elected, bringing the total membership to 58, the highest ever. The officers were re-elected for a further year, viz.: President, W. R. Winterton; Master, D. J. Neal Smith; and secretary/treasurer, D. L. Gullick.

It was decided that in future the Guild's two annual meetings should normally be held on the third Saturdays in May and November respectively. D. L. G.

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Letters to the Editor

RECORD LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I give notice that, by kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, an attempt will be made to ring 15,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, December 8th, starting at 9 a.m.

The composition, which is in five equal parts, has been very cleverly produced by Mr. John Segar, of Skegness, and Mr. A. J. Pitman has kindly checked the figures.—Yours truly,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

15,520 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR					
By John Segar					
23456	5ths	Out	M	W	4th H
352764					In 3
573624		X			
237465	2			X	
246537			In		
365247	—			X	
235647					
564237	—			X	2
236745		X	In		
372465		X			
562347				X	—

THE LADIES' GUILD

Dear Sir,—Three cheers for 'Anti-Belle,' whose opinions of the fair sex in the belfry must be shared by many males, especially fact (a). As ornaments, most of them pass the test, but as strikers they rarely do!—Yours sincerely,

SOUTHERN STRIKER.

'HACKLES FAIRLY ROSE'

Dear Sir,—May I invade the ringers' territory just for a little while? I am a non-ringing wife, but I read 'The Ringing World' and follow the activities of the ringing fraternity most earnestly, both male and female.

Having read the letter signed 'Anti-Belle' my hackles fairly rose, and having in mind the capabilities of certain lady ringers of my acquaintance, were the said gentleman to come in contact with them he would not only be 'going' but most certainly 'gone'.

My advice to him is simple: he can't beat 'em, because they are here to stay; so why not join 'em, and, ladies, if any sustenance behind the scenes is required to give more zest to your elbow, you can count on me.

—Yours sincerely, FRANCES FEIRN.
Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey.

WE LOVE WOMEN IN THE BELFRY —OR ANYWHERE ELSE

Dear Sir,—We have deliberated on the letter by 'Anti-Belle,' and have the following observations to make:

(a) We do not agree that women are unable to strike a bell accurately for any length of time;

(b) We concede that they are fickle, but do not concede that they cannot be satisfied;

(c) We cannot agree that physical satisfaction has been reduced by the advent of women to the belfry; and

(d) Who minds being undermined by romantic attachments?

Furthermore, if 'Anti-Belle' would present himself at 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on any Tuesday evening at 6.30 p.m. sharp, we do assure him that Jill Stanforth would raise no objection to him ringing her pair to Cambridge Maximus while she sits and listens for a change.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

ROBERT B. SMITH.

TO ANTI-BELLE

Has 'Anti-Belle' his tongue in cheek?

I hope that is the case.

Or is he just a henpecked man

Who dare not show his face?

Let's take his 'facts' up, one by one.

'A'—Striking of a bell.

A large one needs a man's pure brawn.

But please let me now tell

That girls can strike a little one

To match up with the best

That men can do on lighter end.

Will he dare to take a test?

'B'—Methods new he now impugns

To women's fickle nature.

When methods new are rung to peals

It's male ringers that most feature.

'Tis progress, man, no more, no less.

You cannot just stand still.

And who discovers these new methods?

It's Richard, John or Bill.

'C'—Obvious now it is to me

He disdains a new invention.

Away with cars, 'planes, diesel trains,

To walk is my intention.

I must do things the hardest way

'Twere weakness otherwise.

Never mind those who're growing old,

Ball bearings I despise.

'D'—Team spirit—now—in bands of yore

The women have swept away.

Or could it be the travel-bug,

Tower-snatching, T.V. or play?

Dare I suggest that ringing bands

Are not how so hide-bound?

But that our ringing family

Travels more and more around?

No hard feelings, Anti-Belle,

My tongue is in my cheek.

At least while ringing in the tower

The women cannot speak.

MARG.

SPOTTED IN MANCHESTER!

Dear Sir,—With reference to the item in Belfry Gossip (November 16th), I would like to report that a pair of migrating Baldwins has recently appeared in Manchester, after a sojourn in southern parts.—Yours faithfully,

S. M. J. YOUNG.

Manchester.

NOT A FIRST PEAL

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal at Micheldever, Hants, rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild on October 20th, 'Believed to be the first peal on the bells,' is incorrect. A peal of Bob Minor was rung there on August 8th, 1938, conducted by the late Daniel Cooper, of Croydon.—Yours faithfully,

R. SMITH.

Sutton Scotney,

Winchester.

HIGHEST PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that the Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, band cannot claim this distinction for (aircraft apart) they are 920 feet too low and 32 years too late, viz. Johannesburg, South Africa, 5040 Plain Bob Minor, 'in hand' on 6/3/1930 and 7/5/1930, conducted by Canon Ridout.

It has been done at sea, in bed and, I believe, underground. Who will oblige us with the first (and highest) peal 'tour en l'air'? A fine start for the second Great Adventure.

—Sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

A HISTORY LESSON FROM BRISBANE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Hancock's inquiry into the bells of the Vintry Ward, City of London ('R.W.' September 28th). Mr. Hancock was in doubt as to whether St. Martin's or St. Mary's bells were used by the ringers of St. Paul's for their practices. There was no St. Mary's Church in this ward, but at a little distance in Candlewick or Cordwainers Ward is the Church of St. Mary, Aldermary.

Allen's 'History of London' (1835) given all details of the City churches, and the exact boundaries of the parishes, while Stow gives the boundaries of all the 26 wards. Vintry is one of the smaller wards, situated between Cannon Street and the Thames. Before the Great Fire of 1666 it had four churches—St. James' Garlick Lythe, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Martin and St. Michael Paternoster. The Churches of St. Thomas and St. Martin were not rebuilt after the fire, but their parishes were united to the other two, which two churches still stand today.

Though Allen's history gives the details of all bells in every ward and church, that is where there were bells, even giving the number, 8 bells, 6 bells, 4 bells and so on, yet no mention of any bells in the Vintry churches, so that none of them had any at all. The Church of St. Martin Vintry was built about 1399 by the executors of a Matthew Columbars, a French wine merchant, of Bordeaux. As this part of the City was mostly taken up by wine dealers the ward was named 'Vintry,' and the Worshipful Company of Vintners have their hall in the ward to this day.—Yours sincerely, THOMAS ROACHE.

Norman Park, Brisbane, Australia.

CHEAPSIDE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—Could anybody supply the notation of Cheapside Delight, or Cheapside Treble Bob Minor, and give the lead-end, and any other name which this method has been called.—Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Wratten wants to ring peals of Spliced Minor in more than 130 methods, why does he not change methods at the half lead-end as well as the normal position?

e.g.	48 changes
half lead-end	123456 Plain Bob
lead-end	654321 St. Clement's
half lead-end	156234
lead-end	523641 Double Oxford
lead-end	125634

Repeat.

I have not made any attempt to extend this to longer touches or to extents (possibly because of the length of the proof!), but leave this to the ingenuity of Mr. Wratten.

If there has been a Central Council 'edit' against this kind of thing I would like to apologise in advance. (I have no quick access to C.C. records.)—Yours sincerely,

Abingdon, Berks.

C. I. ROWSON.

P.S.—Could we not also have a half lead-end bob?—C. I. R.

ONE APPOINTMENT

Consider, visitor, this one appointment

And use time well

For there will be no second invitation

To ring this bell.

'Bring nothing more than spirit for this stay;

Come as you are

And covet nothing, for yourself will seek

Another star.

Be happy; laugh; distribute joy to others

For they, like you,

Are guests for their brief day before they too

Are elsewhere due.

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TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

On Friday, October 19th, a company of 14 assembled for a ringing tour in Devonshire. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. Taysom, Rita Webb, Jean Palmer, Myra Wilkins, Tony Gibbs, Bill Lampard, Brian Metcalfe (Warmley), Ivor Goulter, Peter Hurcombe (Cheltenham), Barbara Dench (Corston), David Barnett, Terry Milsom and Alan Lee (Twerton-on-Avon). As in previous years, Henry Taysom drove the mini-bus. Lustleigh, the headquarters, was reached at about 10.45 p.m.

Favoured with excellent weather, we were privileged to have Buckfast Abbey as our first tower. Here Mr. Aubrey Bennett joined us for the day. The bells gave some of the party their first chance to ring on 12, and ringing was limited to call-changes on 12, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major on the back eight.

Through the lanes to Rattery, where Miss Yvonne Porter, from Plymouth, met us and the Rev. H. J. Knight led the band in prayer. Nearly half of the church is roped off as unsafe, but the five bells rung from the ground floor, like most towers visited, go well and sounded pleasant to Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Diptford, a church with a crooked spire but a very good Taylor six, followed. Dodbrooke, a light six which go well, preceded lunch at Kingsbridge. The parish church, where the bells were rung upstairs, had the only octave of the day. A peal has never been rung here.

It was a long journey to the coast and to the church of East Portlemouth, dedicated to St. Winwaloe Onolaus. These bells are a very good six restored by Taylors. Ringing here finished with call-changes, in which a local ringer, Mr. Stone, joined in. At Loddisswell (6) a course of London was achieved as well as St. Clement's Minor. Again, there were call-changes for a local—Mr. Taylor. Ringing for the day concluded at Mr. Bennett's church, Dean Prior, where the bells are a joy to ring.

The day finished with a superb social evening at Buckfastleigh, where Mr. E. W. Penny, the organist, and Peter Hurcombe took it in turns to keep the party going with the piano, the music ranging from classical to good old English choruses.

Ringling on Sunday morning was at the parish church. On the way home in the evening we rang at Cullompton (10). The long list of thanks includes Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us, Henry Taysom for driving, and Aubrey Bennett. According to a report in a local paper, the tour was 'the best yet'—a sentiment with which all agree. One thing is certain, next year will see 'the Taysoms' again 'Down in Devon.' A. F. L.

A Family Affair

The quarter peal rung at Spaxton, Somerset, for the golden wedding of Mr. Harry Short (a former ringer) and his wife was noted for the inclusion in the band of a nephew, Mr. R. D. Short, and his wife, and also his son-in-law, Mr. H. A. Price. The father of H. J. Cavill, ringer, and the grandfather of the tenor ringer, H. I. Ford, rang for the wedding in 1912.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

The accent was certainly on youth at the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch held at Marlborough on November 17th. The bells of St. Mary's Church were rung to various methods in the afternoon until the Guild service, which is conducted by the Rev. Armand Smith (chairman of the St. Mary's ringers). Canon F. B. R. Browne (Rector) read the lesson and gave the address, his theme being that membership of a Guild brought both knowledge and fellowship.

Tea was enjoyed in the Toc H Room, a splendid repast having been prepared by Mesdames Brown, Armand Smith and Huxley. This was served by the Misses Noreen Bishop, Susan Eustace, Cherry Mabbutt, Pat Munday and Judith Warwick, all members, together with Mrs. Brown, of St. Mary's band of ringers. The business meeting followed, with Mr. George Newman in the chair. Supporting him were Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary), Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson (Branch representative), Canon Browne, Rev. Armand Smith, and the Rev. A. and Mrs. Phillips, of Manningford.

The honorary secretary presented his annual report, which revealed a slight drop in membership, but was in many respects encouraging. Interest in ringing was increasing, especially among the younger generation, and he looked forward to the future with confidence.

The election of officers resulted in both the chairman and honorary secretary being re-elected with acclamation. For the office of vice-chairman Mr. A. Johnson was elected.

Monthly meetings for the first quarter of 1963 were agreed (subject to permission) at Ramsbury, Collingbourne Kingston and Mildenhall.

Capt. Mansfield-Robinson gave a short account of progress in the restoring of St. Peter's eight bells, of the work recently done at East Kennett and of the ideas afoot for encouraging the youth in the district to take up ringing. A meeting at Overton (Capt. Mansfield-Robinson's home tower) was envisaged for next February, when practical tuition would be given, as well as a course of lectures.

A resolution, proposed by Mr. W. A. Edwards and seconded by Mr. R. Ward, that in view of the recent increase of subscriptions, Branch secretaries should be allowed to retain a higher proportion for Branch expenses, was passed. Six new members were elected, all belonging to St. Mary's tower. W. A. E.

Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Preston on October 13th. Canon Smith (Vicar) conducted the service and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea was provided for 31 members by the ladies of the church.

At the business meeting Messrs. R. Gray, W. Chapman (Wool), D. Pitman (Charminster), T. Christie (Hilton/Melton Abbey) were elected members of the Guild. The chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Practice outings: December 1st, Frampton; December 15th, St. Peter's, Dorchester; December 29th, Wool; January 12th, Cattistock (all subject to permission). Next meeting (annual), St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 19th.

OBITUARY

REV. H. H. STAINSBY, M.A.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild and, in particular, the Southern Branch, of which he was vice-president, has lost an exceeding good friend by the death on November 9th of the Rev. H. H. Stainsby, Vicar of Edenham since 1943. He died falling from a ladder while working on the east window of his church.

Aged 77, Mr. Stainsby had been 50 years a priest, serving as a curate in three London parishes prior to becoming Vicar of Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs, in 1925. Later he was appointed Vicar of Edenham.

There was always a warm welcome for ringers at his church and, despite failing sight in recent years, he usually climbed the belfry stairs to spread a few minutes with the ringers from surrounding towers who practise at Edenham once a month. For many years, too, we have enjoyed his and Mrs. Stainsby's hospitality on New Year's Eve prior to ringing the old out year and the new in.

Many ringers were present at the funeral and the eight bells of his church were rung half-muffled afterwards. A half-muffled peal to his memory was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas on November 12th, and another at Edenham on November 17th. J. W. H.

MR. W. DICKINSON

William (Bill) Dickinson was born at Warsop, Notts, in 1911, and it was there on the old ring of four bells that he first learnt to ring at the very early age of 10. From there he went to Stapleford and after a period in the Forces returned to Warsop for a while, before finally moving to Staveley, Derbys, in 1951.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, Bill was a very good striker and a keen supporter of the Derbyshire Association, which he joined shortly after its formation in 1946. A very devout man he was also a member of the C.E.M.S., P.C.C. and a former sidesman, in addition to being a regular and reliable service ringer at Staveley for the last 11 years. Indeed it was whilst addressing a meeting of the Staveley ringers at the rectory on October 30th that he suddenly collapsed and died.

At the service in the Parish Church, which preceded cremation, many of his ringing friends were present, together with members of the C.E.M.S., who acted as bearers. A half-muffled quarter of Bob Major was rung to his memory on November 14th by members of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association, who extend their deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their great loss, which will be felt deeply by all who knew him. M. P. P.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting at North Muskham on November 17th attracted only an average number of ringers, including visitors from Nottingham and the North Notts District. However, in the afternoon, we were pleased to welcome, for a short stay, some of the band attempting a peal at Southwell Minster that evening.

The Rev. W. H. Snow conducted a service, and joined us for tea in the Newcastle Arms. If those who stayed away had seen the spread our hostess prepared for us, they would certainly have made the effort to come.

The business meeting was very short. Newark was confirmed as the place for the annual meeting in January, and for the March meeting the secretary invited the District to Balderton. B. N. R.

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THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS IN NORTH WALES

THIS year the courses of the Raving and Roving Ringers on their summer tours ran very close, in fact at one time the two parties were dodging with each other!

The Ravers gathered at their first tower on the afternoon of Saturday, July 28th, under dark thunder clouds. The church at Coalbrookdale was practically invisible against its hilly background as we drove up through Ironbridge. Having warmed up on the ten, we called at the local Association meeting at Pontesbury before proceeding to our camp site at Ruabon. On high ground at the east end of the Vale of Llangollen, the site offered easy access to all parts. It was also sufficiently far off the main road to prevent the party becoming a public nuisance because of its eccentric behaviour.

Morning service ringing on the first Sunday was at Llangollen, where we had ample time to view the 13th century bridge, the so-called 'sixth wonder of Wales.' Another 'wonder' was seen in the afternoon—the yew trees at Overton-on-Dee, which impress more from their number than their size. After a ring on the six at Hammer, where the Master left half his belongings behind, we were at Malpas for evening service. This musical octave is a joy to ring.

HIS 1,000TH TOWER

It was Monday, time to start in earnest and begin dodging with the Rovers. We had our first taste of scenery over the Horseshoe Pass to Ruthin. These bells are so seldom rung that the local photographer thought there was a wedding on, and was seen dashing down the High Street with his camera. The two trebles of the eight are disused, and having roped them we soon found a reason why. Set way above the other bells, their ropes appear to be fouled by the bells beneath. Grandshire Triples was an awful struggle. Rhuddlan came next—out of tune and another struggle to ring. After lunch we rang at Rhyl, Ron Russ's 1,000th tower. He was duly presented with a dead fish, picked up by those who had been paddling.

Heavy holiday traffic halved our ringing time on the good six at Abergele, but there was ample time to admire the famous marble church at Bodewyddan. We have no wish to resurrect the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about the bells, but they go and sound perfectly well apart from some curious rumbling noises.

After Mold's pretty little six had been exploited, we finished at Gresford practice. The 'seventh wonder of Wales' helped us to add Bristol to our repertoire.

Tuesday was spent mostly in Montgomeryshire. Llanfyllin has a handy six, and has a local band ringing Bob Minor. Mr. Williams made us welcome at Welshpool, and the grand six at Leighton were enjoyed before lunch. Reg. Darvill joined us here for the day, having motored up from St. Albans. He found his two sons Ken and Stephen already suffering from an overdose of Raving spirit!

First tower of the afternoon was the noisy six at Berriew, shortly to be augmented to eight. The last touch was rung by following the bells as directed on the local band's boards. The Ringing Master was lucky to get a ring here, as at one time he was squashed in a hollow yew tree beneath two of our more hefty members, and we wondered who was going to bury who.

Montgomery itself has a good six and some fine views off the tower, but Forden's bells, just across the valley, behaved as though they wanted some oil. Not so our illustrious co-organiser Chris. Clarke though; he went up the stairs like greased lightning to chalk up his 1,000. On our way into Shrewsbury we had a short ring at Worthen before spending an hour on the ten at St. Mary's, where a shaky half course of Cambridge Royal just struggled home. Fred Beddow then escorted us to St. Chad's practice.

A GOOD DEED

Wednesday morning was spent ringing the three sixes in the Upper Severn Valley, Newtown, Llandinam and Llandidloes. In the afternoon we set out to traverse some fearsome-looking roads over the top of the mountains to Machynlleth, and so the scene was set for the Ravers' good deed of the day. The driver



Members of the Society of Raving Ringers at Forden. Left to right: Ken Darvill, Stephen Darvill, Michael Ling, Olga Critchlow, Michael Coleman, Barry Davies, Tony Mann, Noel White, Ron Russ, Christine Bowen, Howard Oglesby, Dennis Bowen and Chris Clarke.

of an A40 had parked his car on the verge of a lonely mountain road and had somehow finished up with a wheel in the ditch, the chassis resting on the ground and the car tilted at a crazy angle. His only hope of getting out was to manhandle the vehicle. It was his lucky day though—a minibus loaded with ringers was the answer to his problem. We had the car back on the road within seconds! The roof was off the tower at Machynlleth, so we were rather fortunate to be allowed to ring this little octave. Mr. Dove, and the Exercise in general, will no doubt be pleased to hear that Dolgelley bells are no longer unringable. Local activity in the last 12 months has led to extensive repairs of the fittings, and it is now possible to ring all but the second, her wheel having more than half disintegrated.

We spent the evening in Barmouth, and having put our own ropes on several bells, enjoyed a full hour on this majestic ring, which is a little overpowering in the ringing chamber. Three visitors from Nottinghamshire, on holiday, joined us. We returned to Dolgelley for supper in a specially-opened café, and then retired to a guest house.

INTO ANGLESEY

We departed in high spirits on Thursday, August 2nd, leaving a poor landlady wondering why she had ever consented to have us, and rang first at Portmadoc. These bells are a nice free-wheeling eight, which we greatly enjoyed until someone noticed that our long-haired spare-time driver, Dennis Bowen, was missing. It transpired he had sloped off for a haircut, being unable to stand his wife Christine's nagging! Our route to Beaumaris took us through Snowdonia, where many had their first view of the mountain—the third 'wonder of Wales.'

Our ring at Beaumaris was unfortunately a short one, but included a course of Llanfair P.G. After the photographers had popped to Llanfair P.G. Station, we had lunch in Bangor. Don Marshall met us at St. David's, Glenadda, where our first touch of Spiced Surprise Major was rung, and then accompanied us to Llandegai. Llandudno bells we found difficult to strike. Following tea here, we set out for the long ride back to join Wrexham practice. Rhos-on-Sea was chosen for the annual paddle, a trifle unfortunately perhaps, since two of the troops were wounded by submerged rocks. Wrexham's well-known Rudhall ten were lowered all too soon. A half course of Cambridge Royal was going so well that the Ringing Master let it run over the half way, only to see the ringing fold up within half a lead!

On Friday we did not stray so far. Buckley bells, to quote Dennis Millward, 'know their Stedman,' but it seemed too early in the morn-

ing for us to make the best use of this little musical box. After ringing at Northrop, the newly-augmented light eight at Flint could not be pushed. Lunch at the Raven Hotel was undoubtedly the finest value of the week.

As we crossed the Dee into Cheshire, it began to rain, the first of any consequence all week, and it stayed with us till mid-evening. After a short ring on the six at Shotwick, the infamous ladder entrance of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, was negotiated, and at Handbridge we sustained our only broken rope of the week, during Double Oxford Triples, a touch of the same method being rung at Christleton on the merry, easy-going eight during the evening. A dash through the rain at Eccleston early in the evening was amply rewarded by a full hour on this majestic octave, considered by some to be the finest ring of bells they had ever encountered. We finished the day at Hoole.

THE BLIND VICAR

Saturday saw us in Shropshire. The main attraction of the morning's ringing was Clive, preceded by the good four at Baschurch, while the afternoon programme included the eight in Hodnet's octagonal tower, and also Market Drayton. After tea, the blind Vicar of Cheshardine welcomed us to his church. Our route had taken us right across the county, and the next tower was the isolated one at Broughton, just in Staffordshire. The feast of bell music we had here rather spoilt us for the 'dead' sounding octave at Norton-in-Hales.

The salient features of the view from Ruabon tower were pointed out next morning by Mr. Bowen when we rang for morning service. After the service some of the party met our host, the Archdeacon of Wrexham, Vicar of Ruabon. Cricket back at camp was followed by sick parade, a number of Ravers having fallen foul of some sort of stomach bug. A remarkable recovery was evident when time came to ring at Bangor-on-Dee, however! It was a local festival at Holt, called Rushbearing Sunday, and we were invited to provide a band for evening service. Permission was obtained to go for a quarter of Cambridge Minor. Members were so enthusiastic that we had to draw lots to see who should ring in it, the remainder ringing at Farndon. After the respective services we compared notes. It was ironical that the Cambridge at Holt was lost, while the Farndon band decided to also go for a quarter, scoring Plain Bob Minor—still, that's ringing!

Another tour was over. On the Monday we returned home through more rain, the worst Bank Holiday weather any of us could remember, but full of gratitude to everyone who helped to make our week so enjoyable.

R. K. R.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Painter 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, Miss D. Murfin 3, B. Dawson 4, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 5, W. J. Leach 6, G. Harrison 7, C. T. Haynes 8. A compliment to Doreen Murfin and Brian Dawson, upon their engagement.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pickett 1, A. Bull 2, A. Radley 3, E. Newnham 4, R. Durrant 5, M. Austin 6, B. McKie (cond.) 7, D. Billimore 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Newnham, laid to rest this day.

CRANFORD, MIDDXX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Felton 1, M. B. Tyers 2, P. A. Brand 3, A. G. Tyers 4, D. Leach 5, P. N. Felton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. F. Felton.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hazel A. Arrowsmith 1, R. J. Shea 2, R. S. Starkie 3, R. F. Mack 4, C. K. Cooper 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel A. Arrowsmith 1, P. Ann Freeman (first 'inside') 2, M. Pilgrim (first 'inside') 3, D. C. Oates 4, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. J. Shea 6. Both rung by members of the Liverpool University Society.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby (cond.) 1, Mrs. S. Curson 2, J. Collins 3, F. Whitby (cond.) 1, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, C. Curson 8. For Harvest Festival, and for the christening of Sally Anne Curson. Also for evening service, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, V. Tipton 3, F. Hoad 4, R. Hayden 5, G. Miller 6, W. Wheeler 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: M. Ponting 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, R. E. Manton 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, F. J. Stimson 6, F. Sheppard 7, R. H. Cook 8, H. Clayton (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Templeton, ringer, interred this day.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—At St. George's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Radcliffe 1, J. Barlow 2, J. B. Thorp 3, D. Ashton 4, M. Rigby 5, D. Gillespie 6, J. Brannan 7, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7. First quarter 1, 3, 4. First quarter of Major 5, 6, 7. A farewell to ringer of treble.

SALEHURST, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nicki Clarke (first quarter) 1, E. Goode 2, Brenda Goode 3, D. Miles (first of Triples) 4, P. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6, E. Brunger 7, F. Mount 8.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Oct. 28th, at the Church of Sacred Trinity, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Baldwin 1, Nancy Robins (first 'inside') 2, Beryl Baldwin 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, Jean Allen 5, Janet Warwick 6, D. J. Baker 7, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Soanes, of Gorleston.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: 1, S. Merry (first quarter) 1, K. P. Cilliver 2, L. Watkins 3, C. P. Rice 4, J. Watkins 5, B. L. Burrows 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. Rung by the scholars of Hinckley Grammar School.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,500 Doubles (five methods): C. Butler (14) 1, P. Watts (15) 2, D. G. Papworth 3, P. Myers (16) 4, G. D. Weston (16, cond.) 5, E. Cox (14) 6. First in five methods on the bells. For Evensong.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Watkin 1, L. Pickering (first Surprise) 2, P. Wright (first Surprise) 3, B. Burrows 4, J. Watkin 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. To welcome the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Pickering.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Nov. 4th, 1,320 April Day Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. J. Barnett 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Mavis Baker (first quarter) 6, J. W. Isaacs 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. First in variation by all and on the bells. A farewell to Rev. John and Mrs. Harper, former curate, and a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Kinsey. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples (by W. Shipway): A. F. Lee (cond.) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, D. A. Burt 3, D. J. Barnett 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, Jacqueline A. Reason 6, T. J. Milsom 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. Birthday compliment to David Burt, also 21st birthday compliments to Jim Jefferies and Desmond Harris, all local ringers.

WARWICK.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. P. Unsworth (first quarter) 1, R. H. M. Smallwood 2, A. J. Price 3, R. W. Randall 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, G. P. Hammond (first in method) 6, J. A. Underwood 7, D. J. Allen (first in method) 8. First quarter of Major on bells for 20 years. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Prof. Douglas Clarke, late organist.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Laud 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, Jennifer Bunyan 3, D. Laud (cond.) 4, R. Baldwin 5, R. Smith 6, R. Bell 7, D. Bell 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaman on the birth of a daughter (Jennifer Rachel).

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (10 methods): E. P. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Tyack (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, Susan Smith 3, D. Jones 4, H. Allberry 5, M. Marshall 6, F. Treagus (cond.) 7, G. Luckhurst 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral service of the Rector of Westbourne, the Rev. Arthur Blee.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Baldock (cond.) 1, Kathleen Fuller (first Plain Bob 'inside') 2, D. R. Fuller 3, J. M. Barlow 4, Jill Lenham 5, W. Binsted 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lenham 1, Kathleen Fuller (first of Minor) 2, D. R. Fuller (first of Minor) 3, Valerie Mephram 4, J. M. Barlow 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Fuller 1, R. Fuller (first in method) 2, Jill Lenham 3, Kathleen Fuller 4, J. M. Barlow (first as cond.) 5, W. Binsted 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. J. Bray, who rang in the first peal on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwendoline Bidgood (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Sandra Ford (first 'inside') 2, J. D. Evans 3, Meriel Narbett (first 'inside') 4, Christine Glastonbury (cond.) 5, W. H. Dare 6.

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Mr. Walter Judge rang at Kidlington on November 12th his 500th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung in the same tower and on the same bell. Congratulations on such a notable and beautifully timed event.

The quarter at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on Remembrance Sunday was the first on the 10 bells since the war by an all local band.

A peal of Stedman Doubles at Cranford completed the sequence in the method for William H. Coles, Frederick W. Goodfellow and Frank C. Price.

A peal of London Surprise Major at Fencham failed after 1½ hours. Four of the company from the Bradford area had left home at 5.30 that morning!

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Ilkeston on October 29th (see page 776) was conducted by David W. Friend and not by Gordon A. Halls. The sender proffers his apologies.

Mr. George Rockman, an Epsom ringer, left on November 13th for Nigeria to be a missionary for two years before entering a theological college to train as a priest. Two days before he left he rang in a farewell quarter.

A correspondent writes: 'If the conductor of the peal of Yorkshire Maximus at Newport, Mon. on October 13th will consult any other or the "Encyclopædia Britannica" he will realise that, by no stretch of imagination, can it possibly be claimed as 'the first in Wales.'

The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's Church, Freshford, has decided to establish a memorial to Dr. C. N. Vaisey, who was a keen ringer there for over 30 years. This is to take the form of a set of handbells, for the ringers' use, as well as a plaque recording this, in the tower. Subscriptions should be sent to the church treasurer, Mr. C. Axford, Freshford, Bath.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A long length record has been created by the Society for the University of London by a peal of 15,000 Doubles in 25 methods, rung 'in hand' in the belfry of St. Vedast's, London. There were 509 changes of method. The peal took 5 hours and 58 minutes to complete. Congratulations to all concerned.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs did not take part in the first ladies' peal, but she was in the first peal of Stedman Caters. Correction to Ladies' Guild Jubilee report.

Thatcham, Berks, are proud of the peal the Sunday service band rang on November 6th as it was the first local peal. It included three first peals and two firsts of Triples. What is more, Mr. W. Butler informs us that there are several more youngsters coming along.

Philip Daniel, aged 14½, at Shebbear, Devon, conducted his first quarter at first attempt at St. Michael's Church. The performance is more noteworthy in view of the fact that there were two other firsts in the band. He is now anxious to conduct his first peal.

In honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. Herbert W. Liddbetter, of Acle, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung, conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden. Afterwards the band were entertained by his daughters May and Doris, and all were of opinion that Mr. Liddbetter looked remarkably well for his age.

In the peal of All Saints' Doubles rung at Whiston (see page 778), the copy stated, 'Being 42 six-scores, for ob's.' This was set as 'fourth observation.' Mr. Amos asks us to apologise for 'giving every reader the idea that a peal all one calling was rung.' He adds, 'Four ob's, which everyone of intelligence knows, means four observations.' The error has been pointed out to our staff in the hope that it will not be repeated. We ask those who annotate their copies to make or observe this correction and thus save our conscience.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	*LOUIS WILLIERS 7
NORAH M. RANGLES 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
JOHN FREEMAN 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	GEOFFREY PAUL 10
BASIL JONES 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 11
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Maximus. First of Lincolnshire Maximus by the Guild, and by all except ringers of fifth and tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5012 SPLICED PLAIN ROYAL

In three methods, consisting of 3,360 Plain Bob, 940 Little Bob and 712 Double Bob; with 286 changes of method.

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*JOHN A. ACRES 2	†EDWARD W. COLLEY 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 8
†MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
†RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 5	†A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Royal on tower bells. † First of Spliced Plain Royal. First of Spliced Plain Royal on tower bells for the Guild.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALAN G. KIRK Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 6
DEREK OGDEN 2	†DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
†MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE 3	IVOR R. NICHOLS 8
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 9
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

DAVID W. JAMES Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 6
NEIL BENNETT 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 7
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE 3	JOHN H. FIELDS 8
*KENNETH W. HESKETH .. 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 9
†BASIL JONES 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal on ten bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the dead of two World Wars.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN A. ACRES 2	RICHARD A. SHEKLETON .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 8
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
*RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 5	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 30).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble	†DAVID BISHOP 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	†NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS 3	ROGER G. HAVARD 8
DAVID J. KING 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 9
*PETER J. SHIPTON 5	M. JACK PRYOR Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman. ‡ 25th peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

JUDITH A. M. COX .. Treble	E. ALAN JACQUES 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 8
BERYL E. CAWSE 4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 9
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	W. DAVID WARD 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 8
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND 9
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Liversedge variation.

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

FRED HODGSON Treble	*JACK ROACH 6
ROHILLA M. COOKE 2	BERT SUTTON 7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	THOMAS M. COX 8
E. PETER ROCK 4	*PETER WISHART 9
JOHN A. BROWN 5	THOMAS COOKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
KEITH R. DAVEY 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHEILA STALEY .. Treble	*PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 5
*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 2	*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW 3	*ARTHUR GIBBS 7
*FRANK E. CROSIER 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

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

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 HASELBECK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

PETER BRIDLE .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 6
JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
ANTONY R. KENCH 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

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

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,600 of London, 1,440 of Rutland, 640 of Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALAN F. LEE Treble	ANTONY R. KENCH 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	PETER BRIDLE 6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
DON C. EXELL 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

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

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	FREDERICK C. WHITE 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 2	*CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 3	BRIAN R. WHITE 7
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* 250th peal. The conductor's 500th peal for the above Guild, and rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal—rung in the same tower and on the same bell.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUTTERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DENIS WOODS Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6
*STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* 50th different Surprise Major method for a peal. † 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method.

Rung in memory of the Rev. H. H. Stainsby, Vicar of Edenham.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*DAVID WALDRUM Treble	RICHARD CLIFTON 5
JAMES A. LORD 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 6
†COLIN LORD 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
†JOHN HAWTHIN 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

SUTTERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 1258 x 16 x 18

L.E.: B. F.C.E.'s: B.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*LUCY ANN KEY Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON 5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM H. TALBOT 6
HAROLD ROBERTS 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
†E. MARION KEY 4	†JOHN W. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. D. Shemilt and Mrs. Shemilt. Mr. Shemilt was inducted into the combined parishes of Croxton with Broughton by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield the previous evening.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES T. STEVENS Treble	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*TREVOR A. CROSS 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	*THOMAS W. BLEWITT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	*FREDERICK ROSS 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of 8-Spliced.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 6
E WINIFRED KEYS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	O. LESLIE WARNER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Hugh L. Johnston, on his retirement after 31 years as rector of the parish.

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EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 25 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Lincolnshire, London, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Acton, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley; with 154 changes of method.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. 7
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 25 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT SCOTT .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL .. 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	CECIL WADE .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. H. H. Stainsby, Vicar of this parish for the past 19 years, laid to rest on November 13th.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL J. BANGHAM .. Treble	PHILIP H. D. JONES .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
JOHN F. M. MAYBRY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
DAVID W. STRUCKETT .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	DENNIS ELLISDON .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7
JAMES E. BURLS .. 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Philip A. Wrigley) and Mrs. Wrigley.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 21 lb. in A.

T. FELICITY WEBBER .. Treble	JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 5
PATRICIA E. BUSS .. 2	PATRICIA DISERENS .. 6
M. JANE FOSTER .. 3	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 7
JANET K. SECKER .. 4	JOHN MANLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

Rung on the day of the Society's annual dinner.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb.

CYNTHIA WARRILOW .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	KINGSLEY R. MASON .. 6
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. BARTON. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1962, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: One each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

N. ROD ELLWAY .. Treble	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 4
DAVID F. MOORE .. 2	*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5
BRIAN C. LAW .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* 50th peal.

COUNTRESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt, 17 lb.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Treble	JOHN J. MORRIS .. 4
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 2	ROBERT E. HARDY .. 5
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

First peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

E. MARION KEY .. Treble	MICHAEL WYCHERLEY .. 4
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
PETER MORRIS .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST PIMLOTT .. Treble	*VICTOR NEAL .. 4
MICHAEL THOMSON .. 2	PETER THORNE .. 5
*HARRY W. HOWARD .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* 50th peal together.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 11 cwt, 17 lb.

E. MARION KEY .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
*PETER MORRIS .. 2	†RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
†EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 3	JOHN W. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles in the method. The ringer of the third has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. in A.

*E. JAMES MILES .. Treble	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	K. PETER JONES .. 5
DENNIS LATHAM .. 3	MICHAEL WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

* First peal attempt. First in seven methods as conductor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to M. Keith Swingewood.

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On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, being 14 extents of each.

ROBERT J. BAYLISS Treble	JOHN E. WHITTALL 4
HILARY KNIGHT 2	ROY H. JONES 5
FREDK. J. DAVIS 3	ALAN J. HERMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all except the conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4
JENNIFER SCEENY 2	HOWARD OGLESBY 5
GEOFFREY RIGLAR 3	DAVID P. HILLING Tenor

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 480 of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Grandsire, and 720 of Plain Bob.

EDWIN P. KING Treble	MICHAEL KING 4
ANDREW KING 2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 5
M. ALEC BEAUMONT 3	ALEC BEAUMONT Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*CHARLES PERKINS Treble	ROGER D. BAILEY 4
ALAN G. PAYNE 2	DEREK J. JONES 5
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	*FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. H. H. Stainsby, Vicar of Edenham; Vicar of Deeping St. Nicholas 1925-1943.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Kent T.B. and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT Treble	†RALPH DENGATE 4
*JUNE M. LAMBERT 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal.

Arranged and rung as a 55th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden, of Kilndown.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores.

*TREVOR J. FROLEY .. Treble	†HAROLD PREECE 4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY 3	DAVID L. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble	DEREK A. DAVIS 4
ROGER D. BAILEY 2	WILFRED E. YOUNG 5
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	ALAN G. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. VEDAST'S, FOSTER LANE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 55 methods: (1) New B., Itchingfield S.C. and Farnett B., (2) Huntspill B., Oakley S.C. and Ellingham B., (3) St. Vedast B., Chipstead S.C. and Bedingham B., (4) Rev. Shipway's Place B., (5) Rev. Plain B., (6) Canterbury Pleasure B., (7) St. Bartholomew B., (8) Rev. All Saints B., (9) St. Sebastian B., (10) Stedman S.C., (11) Coxwell Place B., (12) St. Botolph B., (13) Shipway's Place B. and Colnbrook S.C., (14) Shipway's Place B. and Tandridge B., (15) Westminster II B. and Knapton B., (16) Westminster II B. and Chesham S.C., (17) Blackburn Place B. and Lyng B., (18) Blackburn Place and Broughton S.C., (19) St. Hilary B. and Intwood B., (20) St. Hilary B. and Ockham S.C., (21) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure B. and Raveningham S.C., (22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure B. and Dorton B., (23) St. Nicholas B. and Fundenhall B., (24) St. Nicholas B. and Longford S.C., (25) Winchendon Place B. and Haddiscoe B., (26) Winchendon Place B. and Thornborough S.C., (27) St. Remigius B. and Harpley B., (28) St. Remigius B. and Hascombe S.C., (29) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (30) Plain Bob and Boxford B., (31) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood B., (32) St. Simon's B. and Rugby S.C., (33) St. Martin's B. and Welford B., (34) St. Martin's B. and Slapton S.C., (35) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B., (36) St. Osmund B. and Merton S.C., (37) Plain Bob, (38) Grandsire, (39) St. Simon's B., (40) St. Martin's B., (41) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure B., (42) Plain Bob; 194 changes of method. 73 Bobs, 2 Singles.

*PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. 1-2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4

*JOHN C. EISEL 5-6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 55 methods. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal for the Society.

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

(Syston District.)

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1962, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 28 extents of Grandsire, seven each of Plain Bob and April Day.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

IN WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Reverse Bob and Double Bob, (2 to 7) Plain Bob.

*S. CLARKE WALTERS (Pembroke) 1-2 | HADLEY HUNTER (Trinity) 3-4

†VIVIAN NUTTON (Selwyn) 5-6

Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal. First in three methods for all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

IN WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1 and 3) St. Clement's, College, Double Oxford, London Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob; (2, 4 to 7) Plain Bob.

S. CLARKE WALTERS (Pembroke) 1-2 | HADLEY HUNTER (Trinity) 3-4

VIVIAN NUTTON (Selwyn) 5-6

Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

First peal in seven methods for all the band.

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

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., Nov. 9, 1962, in 1 Hour and 6 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

DAVID F. MOORE .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT M7, WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. CLARKE WALTERS .. 1-2 | HADLEY HUNTER (Trinity) 5-6

(Pembroke) †JOHN W. MCCLENAHAN .. 7-8

*VIVIAN NUTTON (Selwyn) 3-4 | (Christ's)

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal of Major. † First 'in hand.' First of Major as conductor. First of Major 'in hand' by all the band.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Rung on November 11th for Remembrance Day services.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, J. J. Prentice 4, N. F. Whittell 5, E. Hotine 6. Half-muffled.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, J. Bagnall 2, J. E. Burles 3, F. H. Crawley 4, G. A. Metters 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Janet C. Sherlock 1, G. Charlton 2, R. Padbury 3, L. W. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, 1,344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Miss P. Dowse 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, F. Hodgson 4, E. Pannell 5, M. Bland 6, T. Cox 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pauline Kyme (first in method) 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, Rosemary Blyth 3, G. A. Cockman 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, D. J. Herschell (first of Triples as cond.) 7, G. F. Oakshott 8. Also rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who leaves for Nigeria.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, M. Bishop (cond.) 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, W. White 4, G. W. Bishop 5, C. J. Garlick 6, J. H. Napper 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. Half-muffled.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): Helen Sydes 1, P. Friend 2, J. J. Wallcutt 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. Half-muffled.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Starbuck 1, R. E. Hardy (first on ten as cond.) 2, M. Wade 3, P. W. Atkins 4, M. Swift 5, P. Chilton 6, S. Harrison 7, K. Townsend 8, I. Fraser 9, A. Cooke 10. Half-muffled. First on ten 1, 3, 4.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sage 1, T. J. Thorne 2, E. W. Broom (first as cond.) 3, Miss M. Sage 4, F. J. Sage 5, A. W. Sage 6.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, Jill Cook 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, E. G. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, R. Blackler 7, L. J. Young 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Simon D. Holdaway (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, H. Smith 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. S. Swatton 1, C. F. Mew 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, B. J. Bull 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, A. R. Millidge 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, M. J. Uphill (50th quarter, has 'circled the tower' to quarters) 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Whitworth 1, S. Adams 2, Harrison 3, D. Oliver 4, G. Fisher (cond.) 5, L. Butler 6. Half-muffled.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Harris (first quarter) 1, M. E. Brown (cond.) 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, L. Watkin 4, J. Watkins 5, B. L. Burrows 6. Half-muffled.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Coad (first quarter) 1, C. Head (first 'inside') 2, P. Plant 3, D. Eitchells 4, P. Daniel (first as cond.) 5, J. Queen 6. Half-muffled.

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QUARTER PEALS

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Hickie (first quarter) 1, D. Starkey (first 'inside') 2, Audrey Birch 3, Lucy Allen 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. R. May 1, A. R. Mildred (first 'inside') 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6, D. W. Stenson 7, Carol L. Norman 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. W. Stenson 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, K. H. Mildred 5, B. M. Smith 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, N. R. May (first in the method) 8. For Remembrance Day service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, K. H. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson 5, M. G. Wood 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. W. Grassby (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—1,248 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Britchford 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Half-muffled. **STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Woodbridge 1, P. L. Bill 2, Barbara Stephens 3, G. Westwood 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Brock 1, A. Watkinson 2, D. W. Struckett 3, S. Gamble 4, P. A. Brand 5, H. B. Tyers 6, A. Johnson 7, A. G. Tyers 8. Half-muffled.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Price 1, Miss M. Marshall 2, R. Rex 3, W. Butler 4—5, D. Mottram 6, R. Christopher (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. Half-muffled.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Maureen White 1, D. J. White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. A. Stone 6. Half-muffled.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, H. Wakelam 2, Mrs. J. E. Maple 3, F. Brooks 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, D. Hugel 6. Half-muffled.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): G. Fisher 1, P. Richardson 2, M. S. Lancelfield 3, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. Sharpe 6. Half-muffled.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: Dudley Cooke (first on eight) 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Susan Rawlings 4, R. Mayes 5, G. Reynolds 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Penrose 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Dina Payne 3, Mrs. E. G. Swift 4, Rosalind Hicks 5, H. Baldwin 6. A farewell compliment to Miss D. Payne.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Miss M. Cook 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. Y. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, Miss E. Todd 6. First in three methods 1, 3 and 6. Rung for the Ladies' Guild Jubilee. Also a birthday compliment for Mrs. Y. Watts.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jacqueline A. Reason 1, Elizabeth A. G. Bowden 2, D. C. Exell (cond.) 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, R. J. Bowden 5, P. Bridle 6, J. Brain 7, J. R. Taylor 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Purdom 1, H. Reynolds 2, F. Dallaway 3, J. Barlow 4, R. Parkhurst 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Bruce 1, N. Donovan 2, D. Nichols 3, D. G. French (cond.) 4, F. Fisher 5, S. R. Armeson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Hon. John Henry (Jack) Jones, M.P., after the memorial service held in this church.

ENFIELD, MIDDx.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Reeves (first quarter) 1, J. D. Duggan 2, H. Howson 3, R. Wood 4, D. E. Towers 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 coverings): E. Styler (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Cook 2, G. Stock 3, W. Daffin (first quarter) 4, R. Spray 5, Mrs. J. Newton (first quarter) 6, J. Perkins (cond.) 7, H. Crook 8. First quarter since restoration of bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Manage 1, G. W. Barrett (first quarter) 2, A. G. Bartholomew 3, Dr. R. J. Woodcock 4, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 5, J. Harris (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Payton (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss P. Popham 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, I. Weatherley 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. Burford 6. First quarter by the Wednesday band.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,290 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Martin 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Billa 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. To mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. S. Priestley, a brother for Bryan and David.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Elizabeth Jones 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallcutt 3, W. A. Wright 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil Wright, chorister and faithful servant of the church for many years.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Staley 1, Mary Garley 2, Joyce Clipstone (first 'inside') 3, A. Garley 4, M. Coleman 5, I. Hall (first in method as cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, C. Kortright 2, Jennifer Brake 3, P. Blake 4, T. Phillips 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Kortright.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Avery 1, C. H. Hagger 2, K. Seymour 3, J. M. Goodchild 4, S. J. Smith 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Faith A. Harris (member of the local band) and David Newell.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. R. Hayden 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, A. J. King 3, M. Powell (first of Minor) 4, A. P. Law 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, A. E. Chilton 3, F. G. Hooper 4, C. F. Briggs 5, H. Stevenson 6, J. W. Raithby (cond.) 7, J. A. Raithby 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 18th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Joyce Marks 1, A. W. Myers 2, A. J. Collings 3, J. W. Perkins 4, F. E. Day 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to Miss R. Joyce Marks.

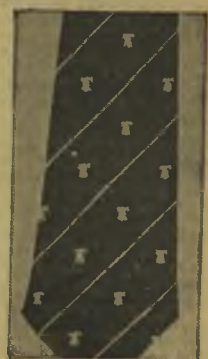
SANDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): P. Anne Edwards 1, E. W. Roast 2, J. West 3, M. Edwards 4, R. Harrison 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam B. Crowe, sexton and ringer at this church.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Faithfull (13, first attempt) 1, N. Curtis 2, S. Curtis (14, first attempt) 3, D. House 4, C. Dickens 5, K. Faithfull 6, J. R. Faithfull (cond.) 7, J. Pitfield 8. For Evensong.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Minor (six methods): E. Tyers 1, Miss W. Hollowell 2, P. Baldock 3, C. Matthews 4, R. Daw 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob, by same company. A birthday greeting to Miss W. Hollowell.

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BIRTH

BARTHOLOMEW—On Wednesday, November 21st, 1962, at their home, 14, Kelmescott Close, Watford, to Mary (nee Carnochan) and Donald, God's gift of a son, Andrew Neil, a brother for Linda Ann. 1523

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The address of Mr. John A. Anderson is now 50, Upton Road, Yardley, Birmingham 33. **POPE**—As from December 7th the address of Margaret and Lawrence will be 'Redlyn', 50, Goldsmid Road, Tonbridge. Telephone Tonbridge 2105. 1494

The address of N. M. Newby, late of 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, is now Low Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancashire. 1518

PERSONAL

'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.' (Malachi iii, 16.)

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS—There will be no ringing at the Parish Church until further notice owing to tower repairs.—W. C. Hughes, captain. 1476

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMERLAND YOUTHS—Practices resumed at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, December 5th, and thereafter first Wednesday in the month.—F. J. Matthews. 1503

SPALDING, Lincs—Practice on Tuesday, December 4th, 1962, cancelled. Normal practices preceding and following weeks.—E. Chapman. 1415

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STOTFOLD, BEDS—Practice will be held on Thursday for this week only.—P. Mehew.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bedford, December 1st. St. Peter's bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Service 6. St. Peter's. St. Paul's bells (10) 7 to 9 p.m. 1524

CHESTER GUILD—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge St. Paul's. December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 1499

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Hensingham, December 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—S. Richardson. 1516

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Meeting, joint with the Hunts District on Saturday, December 1st, at Over. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1449

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, December 1st, annual Branch meeting, St. Stephen's (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Common Room) 5. Business 6 p.m. (approx.). Please attend.—A. Bennett. 1497

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Norton, December 1st. 5 p.m. Evensong 6 to 6.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth (Tel. 6377)—Jennifer M. Bunyan. 1440

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. Colman, Ruckinge, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 1466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—By-meeting, St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Major S. Self, 51, St. Margaret's Street, Rochester.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1414

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hindley, Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1520

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Next meeting at Winhill, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1473

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, December 1st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1439

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bratton (6), December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley. 1268

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 1479

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, December 1st. South Wilford (5) 3 to 5 p.m. Clifton (6) 6 to 8 p.m. No teas.—S. Adams. 1469

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 1st, Horsham (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cott., Groombridge. 1505

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Amport, December 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Thruxton (6) after tea. Names to Mr. E. Samway, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, Andover. 1472

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, December 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Hall 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 1502

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 3rd, 7 p.m. 1484

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at Crofton, near Wakefield, Sat., Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m., ground floor ring. Tea, please notify Miss D. E. A. Jackson, 12, Thorntree Avenue, Hay Lane, Crofton, Wakefield. 1493

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. 1480

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Beauchamp (8), Saturday, December 8th. Notice for tea, please.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 1500

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Old Warden, Saturday, December 8th. College Exercise and Double Oxford are the special methods. Ringing from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1495

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 1485

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope, Saturday, December 8th, 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1506

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS—Exeter Branch.—Please note alteration of programme. Annual meeting, St. Mark's, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. (names by December 5th), followed by dedication of bells at St. Petrock's, 6.30 p.m. Ringing, St. Petrock's and St. David's, till 9 o'clock.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 1511

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1513

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting at Rotherfield (8) on Saturday December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by December 7th to Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. Members note: Annual dinner, Saturday, January 12th, tickets 15s. 6d. from Secretary. 1496

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—B. T. Cooper, Sec. 1509

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, December 8th. Ringing 2-4.45 p.m. Service and tea. Social evening. Names to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 1510

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Wonersh, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Wonersh Common. Bramley bells after. 1436

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea. 1505

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Ditcheat on Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Lintern, Alnampton, Ditcheat. Shepton Mallet, Somerset.—H. Kingcott. 1479

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Barking, Suffolk, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Red House Cafe, Needham Market, 5 approx. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at Offton (6) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, December 5th, please. Committee members please be at Barking Church by 3.15 p.m. for short meeting. 1446

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, December 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 1517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, December 8th. Light refreshments provided, names please by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. K. Stainton, 116, Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. A.6 road, frequent buses.—L. Walmsley. 1487

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs. Nominations for Branch Ringing Master required at this meeting.—J. P. Partington. 1489

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, December 8th, at 6 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 1508

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford on December 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in school 5 p.m. Names for tea by December 5th to Mrs. Dalton, White House Farm, Twyford, Melton Mowbray. 1525

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Kirtton-in-Holland, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, December 3rd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1462

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, December 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to G. H. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 1507

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Oxford, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 5th, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 1512

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Claydon (5), Saturday, December 8th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 5th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 1460

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke (8), December 8th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke. All visitors welcome. 1460

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin. 1486

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Langar, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1488

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Dunham-on-Trent (5), Saturday, December 8th. Names for tea by 7th to Mr. Sewart, Bridge Inn, Dunham-on-Trent, Newark. East Markham (8) available in evening.—H. Denman. 1514

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8), Saturday, December 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 1504

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Godstone, December 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 5th to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 1410

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—Next meeting will take place on Saturday, December 15th, at St. Thomas', Stourbridge. Bells (8, 18-3-26 in E) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by December 11th. Committee reports will be submitted at this meeting. Regret Kingswinford not available.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14. Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1492

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ambrose's (8), December 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. 1501

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. Boobier, 47, Oxford Road, St. James', Exeter. Gentlemen invited.—Y. C. Porter, D.S. Sec. 1483

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Bonvilston, December 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follows. 1499

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Sowerby, December 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by December 12th to G. A. Briggs, 'Farcroft', Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Sec. 1515

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LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. Alan Mason, 17, Loveland Road, Garston, Liverpool 19, by Wednesday, December 5th.—J. H. Wikon, Branch Sec. 1527

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

After some years' absence, the Watford District held a meeting at Oxhey on November 4th, and were encouraged to see some of the young local band present. The big attendance led to cramped conditions in the small ringing chamber, but methods up to Surprise were rung.

Ringling was curtailed at 4.30 p.m. owing to the changed time of a ringers' outing. This was unfortunate as the programme had been arranged to fit in with the visit.

At the short business meeting C. and L. Simpson, of Harrow, were elected non-resident life members. Mr. R. G. Bell proposed the vote of thanks, especially mentioning the helpfulness of the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Peverley). J. M. B.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' OFFICERS

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on November 13th, at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., the following officers were elected for the year 1962/1963:

Master Mr. M. V. Chilcott; secretary, Mr. J. E. Chilcott; treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. John Phillips; junior steward, Mr. R. B. Meadows; trustees, Messrs. E. G. Fenn and J. F. Smallwood.

The following were elected Central Council representatives: Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON.—At St. Nicholas', on Nov. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: L. Stilwell 1, W. A. Riddington 2, A. W. Bond 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, R. E. Lambert 5, H. W. Woolven 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. Howard 8, R. T. Lambert 9, H. C. Weaver 10. Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 9th, 1,344 Haselbeck Surprise Major: P. J. Bird 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, Miss J. A. Reason 3, A. R. Kench 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, D. C. Exell 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Marion R. Pantou 1, M. J. Cowling 2, Janet Groves 3, A. R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, L. R. Pantou (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. W. Holland (first of Caters as cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. A. Vickers 3, H. B. Whitney 4, T. E. Roberts 5, Miss V. Willard 6, B. Saunders 7, C. E. Truman 8, W. A. Yates 9, J. Linnell 10. A birthday compliment to Robin Rogers (21) and Mr. J. Chance (70).

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Storer 1, P. F. T. Smith 2, Miss G. Graney 3, Miss J. Williamson 4, P. K. Else 5, W. G. Thomas (cond.) 6, R. Hedges 7, G. Harris 8, For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. B. Plumb (first of Plain Bob) 1, Penny Welch 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, D. S. Bishop 4, B. Taylor 5, J. Goodfellow (cond.) 6. A compliment to Tim Yeomans, rung immediately after the wedding of his son.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Keyworth 1, M. L. Mann 2, J. Godfrey 3, H. A. Cox 4, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 5, D. G. Crosby 6. For Evensong. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pam Cox.

SLOUGH, Bucks.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Mrs. D. Livingston 2, J. F. Bowler 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, A. D. Rivers 5, G. R. Shedden 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, D. P. Hilling 8. For Remembrance Day civic service.

STOKE POGES, Bucks.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lister (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, W. Birmingham jun. 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, D. Wight 5, A. C. Tovey 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Price 1, Miss M. Marshall 2, R. Christopher 3, A. Stacey 4, D. Mottram 5, R. Rex 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8.

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