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GRANDFATHER WAS A RINGER

SORTING some personal belongings of their grandfather, the late Mr. Henry Oddy, Mrs. R. Cocker, of Church Street, and her brother, Mr. D. Oddy, of Ashwood Gardens, Gildersome, discovered his age-worn ringing book and with it old photographs. The book throws interesting sidelights on Yorkshire ringing, particularly the many ringing contests that were held in the latter half of the last century.

Henry Oddy was closely associated with St. Paul's, Drighlington, which was at one time the leading tower for peal ringing in Yorkshire and where the 150th peal on the bells was rung about four years ago. But it was at Tong Parish Church that Henry began his ringing career in 1877. In all he rang in 47 peals, the last one being at Drighlington in 1912. Many of his peals were of Minor, and these included a long length of 10,440 changes rung in 1896, which constituted a record length of Minor for the Yorkshire Association.

Although he did not take part in it, Henry Oddy had copied into his book details of the first peal rung at Drighlington on September 16th, 1880. It was Kent T.B. Major, by Henry Hubbard, of Leeds, and the peal came round in three hours and three minutes. The band was thought to have lived in and around Drighlington, and consisted of W. Sugden, B. Parkinson, E. Webster, J. A. Ross, J. Crabtree, G. Bolland, B. A. Dodson (conductor) and J. Haley.

The first ringing competition mentioned was that at Kirkheaton in April, 1866—a 6-bell tower, in which Batley and Mirfield were among the competitors. Later the same year another competition was held at Stainland, near Halifax. A special mention is made of the Batley team, who came fourth.

Teams from Dewsbury, Batley, Carr, Ossett, Mirfield and Birstall are mentioned as participating in these ringing contests, and each enjoyed some measure of success. The prizes presented to the winners were usually monetary, but often were copper kettles, silver pins, silver mounted pipes, carving knives and forks, and silver mounted drinking horns.

In the early part of the century Drighlington had an outstanding band under Mr. Francis Barker, but World War I broke it up. Mr. Barker, however, formed another Grandsire Triples band which held together until about 1930. The 100th peal on the bells—Parker's Six-Part—was rung in 1912, conducted by Mr. Barker, the band being Albert Gascoine 1, Harold Brown 2, Smith Collinson 3, George Barron 4, Sydney H. Barron 5, Firth Hopwood 6, Francis Barker 7, Walter Totham 8.

An outstanding servant of the tower was Sydney H. Barron. The 150th peal on the bells in 1956 not only commemorated the Queen's birthday but also his 70th birthday. He took part in this peal and also one the following year to commemorate his 50 years as ringer and tower-keeper at Drighlington. This 1957 peal enabled him to 'circle the tower' to peals—the only man to do so.

Mention should be made of the veterans' peal at Drighlington in 1959, when the average age of the ringers was 70. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on this occasion by Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 1, Thomas Hill 2, Wm. H. Senior 3, Fredk. Seager 4, Vernon Bairstow 5, John Hogg 6, Sydney H. Barron 7, John Pearson 8.

A GRANDMOTHER JOINS THE NOVICES

By LADY MALLET

MAY I add myself to the company of middle-aged novices? I have much in common with Mr. Brueton and Mr. Pearce, but there is one great difference. I am a woman. I started after my 56th birthday, when our tower was in great need of ringers.

Thanks to the patience of our captain and the other members of the band who taught me to control the bell. I neither went up to the ceiling nor broke a stay. But later, when we came to plain hunting, Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles the fun began. 'Rope sight! rope sight!' cries the captain, 'not by numbers'!

To me, everything seems to be going up and everything coming down at the same moment, as it did in the war. Grandsire Doubles goes as follows: Fourth place, fifth place, dodge. Bother, something has gone wrong. 'You have missed me out, three,' shouts the captain from the treble.

My ears picks out the familiar sequence 5. 4. 3. 2. 1. Got it; back again. Two minutes later—bother, I have pulled too hard: she has gone too far over. I will never get her back in time and they will think I am lost again. 'You have missed me out again, three. Why do you always miss me out? That is all: go rounds.'

The young ones who started well after I did seem to have no trouble at all. They will never make a change-ringer out of me, but I get the greatest pleasure from trying, and the admiration that I feel for all the band who put up with my incompetence knows no bounds.

My grandson is just beginning to learn to ring, and he confessed that half the fun of going up in the belfry was to watch Grandma's worried face as she heaved away!

METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS ON DURHAM SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—In accordance with the Decisions of the Central Council (Handbook, p. 26), I have to report the following unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee:

- (1) The methods rung as Durham Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus are not acceptable extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.
- (2) The Royal and Maximus are acceptable extensions of the Major.
- (3) One new name should be given to the Major, Royal and Maximus by the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS,
Convener,
Methods Committee.

MR. C. K. LEWIS CONFIRMS

Dear Sir.—May I confirm the findings of my fellow committee members on the subject of Durham Surprise and at the same time point out that they were not members of the committee at the time the Report on Extension was prepared, but have reached their obvious command of it by study and application. Verb. sap.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

LONG LENGTH ON HANDBELLS

The second attempt by the University of London Society for the Minor handbell record on February 20th was successful. The number of changes was increased by 720 to 15,840 to equal the Plain Bob Royal handbell record set up in 1953.

The peal now becomes the equal third longest on handbell. 64 changes short of the Plain Bob Major record of December 22nd, 1962, but well short of the 19,738 Stedman Caters, which has now stood as a handbell record for 51 years. (It is now quite likely that this will soon be broken!)

The peal commenced at 2.9 p.m. to a very steady beat, the first 720 taking 19 minutes, but gradually settled down to bring up 5,040 in 2 hours 2 minutes. Half way, 7,920 changes, was passed in 3 hours 8½ minutes, each extent now taking about 17 minutes, which was exactly the rate of ringing aimed for.

The second peal of 5,040 took 1 hour 57 minutes: the previous record, believed to be 10,800, was passed at 6.23 p.m., and by now the speed had increased further to 15½ minutes per 720. The third 5,040 took only 1 hour 55 minutes, but towards the end the ringing steadied up considerably: the final extent took 18 minutes.

The final rounds came up at 8.21 p.m., a time of 6 hours 12 minutes. The ringing was of a very high standard throughout, as is apparent on the tape recordings: 11 different callings were used—228 bobs and 144 singles.

The band would like to thank Mary Taylor for acting as a very efficient umpire for yet another 15,000, and also for operating the tape recorder and being of general assistance throughout.

EAST RIDING RINGERS

The annual dinner of the East Riding Ringers took place on December 29th at the Beverley Arms Hotel, Beverley. The evening's entertainment was preceded by ringing on Beverley's two fine rings of ten, at the Minster and St. Mary's. About 50 ringers and their friends were present from Beverley, Cottingham, Kirk Elku, Sutton and Wakington.

A splendid seasonal meal was served—there can be no doubt that Yorkshire cooking is England's best. After dinner the Sutton handbell ringers had a merry performance with their bells, and rendered a selection of carols and Christmas tunes. A film show followed, with one ringer bravely illustrating some of his honeymoon delights, with a film constructed by himself. Slides taken during last year's cycling tour in Somerset and Dorset were shown prior to a discussion of the next tour, which, it is hoped, will be in the Cambridge-shire area in August.

Hearty thanks were accorded to David Johnson, the organiser.

PUTNEY RINGERS SING THE CHANGES



Members of the Putney Choral Society (an alias for Putney ringers) entertaining at the Surrey Association's most successful social. Left to right: Mr. Christopher Mew, the Misses Christine Cobb, Margaret Fort and Margaret Lewis, and Mr. Brian Bull.

A recent leading article on the need for new blood on committees and for officers to consider seriously whether they ought to accept nomination year after year had striking confirmation at Putney on February 16th, when a most successful social evening was held there by the Northern District. It really started with a new and young committee member inquiring when the next get-together would be. The previous social function had been the 75th anniversary dinner in 1955, and the answer to her question was a centenary dinner in 1980. This not proving good enough she got busy and the result was an offer from the energetic ringers of Putney to organise a social evening for the District.

The evening proved conclusively their point, that such occasions were needed and would be welcomed. Some 80 ringers and friends attended at the belfry for a ring first (so many that 'one ring and get out of the belfry to make room for the others' was the order of the evening). Light refreshments had been promised at 7.30 p.m. The mind boggles at what Putney people would call a square meal if what provided was correctly described. When the quantity of food provided had finally defeated the company the film 'Ringing the Changes,' from 'Look at Life,' was shown and appreciated, especially when local ringers' faces were seen. More active events followed in quick succession.

Miss Sally Parrott won a prize for being the first to obtain the signatures of 21 members who had performed a whole variety of different ringing feats. They varied from breaking a stay to having rung more than 50 peals or been a member of the Association for over 40 years. The Putney Choral Society (an alias for Putney ringers) rendered some amusing ringing verses.

An indoor cricket match for the Kingston Cup was played for by a team of Putney ringers and a team from the Rest, and was won easily by the Rest. The cup was duly presented to the Association Master, Mr. Frank Darby, for custody at Beddington, until the next competition.

Between times jellies were served, and later coffee and biscuits. Four experts from Beddington gave an exhibition of ringing Bob Major on handbells, followed by three very young ladies from Wimbledon showing us how to ring Bob Minor.

All too soon the last waltz and Auld Lang Syne brought to an end an evening that can most aptly be described as Superlative.

W. P.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division Annual

Over 60 ringers from all parts of Sussex crowded into the spacious belfry of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 23rd, when the Eastern Division held their annual meeting. The Vicar (Canon W. W. S. March) was unable to take the service owing to an attack of influenza, and his place was taken by the curate, Rev. N. M. S. Waters. At tea, in the Old Parsonage (arranged by St. Mary's hand), the members learned that their secretary, Mr. F. Beene, was also a 'flu casualty, and his predecessor, Mr. H. Reynolds, deputised for him.

The Master, Mr. R. V. Johnston, took the chair, and Mr. R. W. Percy, general secretary, was also present. On hearing that Mr. Beene did not wish to seek re-election as Divisional secretary, the meeting voted Mr. I. Smith, of Battle, to this office. Other officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Baldock; auditor, Mr. T. A. Hunnisett; committee, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow; Central Council representative, Mr. R. Percy. The chairman thanked all retiring officers, especially Mr. L. Giles, who had filled the difficult and thankless task of Ringing Master for many years.

A most refreshing and healthy indication at this meeting was the youth and obvious future capabilities of the new officers.

H. R.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 7th, 1913.—

Few men, at the outside half-a-dozen, have rung 800 peals, yet we record this week the 800th peal which the brothers William and Ernest Pye have rung together!

Last Friday was the 112th anniversary of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal rung at Christ Church Spitalfields, by a mixed band of Cumberland and College Youths. Only one peal in the method is supposed to have been rung previously. This was at Norwich, but no record of it is in existence.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINNER

MOST of the city towers were available on February 9th, when the Nottingham University Society held their dinner. Appropriately, an excellent meal was served in the 'Tower Suite' of the Co-operative House to a company of about 50.

Mr. Paul Taylor, the genial president, gave the loyal toast, to be followed by the Master, Mr. Roy Tiffin, who welcomed the guests. These included Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. David Marshall and their wives, and representatives of other University Societies—Liverpool, Leicester and Bristol—and friends from Loughborough College, which would probably soon have university status. Lastly, came the city ringers and the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins, of All Saints', Nottingham, to whom the Society owe a great deal, as the bells of All Saints' Church have been available to the Society for the last three years.

The reply was by Mr. Norman Chaddock, who recalled previous visits to Nottingham—once to take an examination at the university and several times to attempt peals with the late Clement Glenn. He noticed during the day's ringing that Clement Glenn had left his mark on Nottingham ringing in the ingenious way the bells were quickly in a musical position in Grandsire Caters. Another thing that pleased him was that after a touch had failed there had been no arguments or harsh words.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. David Marshall, who said he was quite sure that everyone present knew what excellent fellows all its members were, and what good work the Society did, a point he did not propose to elaborate.

It was important, said the proposer, that all ringers and clergy should increasingly bear in mind the question of public relations. Peal ringing was something which helped very much to keep the Exercise alive, but it also often caused bad feeling with the listening public. He urged that towers where complaints were frequent should fit some form of sound control to the louvres, which could be adjusted to provide a maximum for service ringing and a minimum amount of sound for practices and peal ringing.

Mr. Edmund Shuttleworth responded for the Society, and said the Society had manned the bells of All Saints' Church every Sunday evening until Christmas. Then ringing had to be suspended because the 'go' of the bells had deteriorated. Next year was the centenary of All Saints' Church and the parish hoped to rehang the bells as part of the celebrations. When this was completed All Saints' parish could rely on the Society to give them every assistance in teaching a regular band. Another activity of the Society was in concentrating on getting ringing again at Beeston.

The formal part of the evening over, the company adjourned to talk over old times and to ring handbells in an atmosphere of goodwill and friendship. D. W. F.

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By T. B. WORSLEY

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No. 5 first rung at Radcliffe, Lanes, May 20th, 1933.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

A company of 50 attended the annual meeting of the North and East District at Hendon on February 9th. The bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, were available during the afternoon and, judging by the number of members inside the small ringing room at one time, were very popular.

The service was held at Hendon and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Welch, who based his address on a passage from the Association Collect, 'Help us to be worthy of our holy calling.'

Following tea, in the Church House, Mr. H. G. Hart took the chair at the business meeting and extended a special welcome to Mr. Fred Barker, of Finchley, who has been a member of the Association for over 50 years. The secretary's report gave members a resumé of the activities of the District during the past year and revealed that, of the quarter peals rung for Sunday and other services, the band at All Saints', Edmonton, recorded the most successes.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Master, A. Cutler; Deputy Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; District chairman, G. H. Hart; secretary, E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, D. T. C. Smith; auditor, J. R. Mayne. Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, C. F. Neal and S. G. Peck were re-elected as committee representatives.

Miss Dorothea Robotham (Finchley), P. T. A. Ollen (Harrow) and Miss Bridget A. Sanger were elected as ringing members, together with four members of the Pinner band, Messrs. P. Sanders, H. Paul, R. Rattenby and M. Took. Mr. John Voss, of Kingsbury, who is shortly leaving the county to reside in Buckinghamshire, was transferred to non-resident life membership.

A successful meeting terminated by the chairman expressing thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Gordon Clark (the organist), Mrs. Britton and the Hendon ringers for preparing tea, and to Mr. Maltby for making local arrangements. The Rev. W. R. Matthews, Rector of Finchley, was also thanked for the use of his bells, as was Mr. L. Tubb for having everything in readiness at that tower. E. H. K.

JOINT MEETING AT BEACONSFIELD

A very enjoyable joint meeting between the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) was held at Beaconsfield on February 23rd. Early in the afternoon there was ringing on the six bells at Penn. Various methods were rung on the eight at Beaconsfield before Sung Evensong, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. R. Warner, and Rev. L. G. Reeves.

The gathering, which numbered about 70, enjoyed an excellent tea in the Old Rectory.

Mr. A. D. Barker thanked the Rector for his joyful service, and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Lock replied, thanking the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for the invitation. Miss D. R. Fletcher and Miss G. Reeves and their helpers for preparing an excellent tea and Mr. W. Birmingham for the social evening.

The evening commenced with a picture game, followed by two films, which were shown by Mr. T. D. Mitchell. The first showed a youth club trip up the River Thames on a raft, and the second was when the Queen opened the new Town Hall, Maidenhead. The Hillingdon handbell ringers rang a course of London and Bristol, and Mrs. J. Muller entertained with a song and a monologue. After refreshments, Master David Boarder gave us a tune on the piano, and, with more games, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch Annual

The Eastern Branch again chose Loddon for its annual meeting on February 16th, and the handy eight were soon being rung to suit all tastes and talents.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham); the lesson was read by Miss Doris Lidbetter; the organist was Mr. D. Lloyd.

In the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, the business meeting, after the tea in the Church Hall, was presided over by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association.

Mr. Golden opened the meeting by proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Ninham. Mr. Lloyd the organist and Mr. Bailey (verger) for the use of the bells and the general arrangements; to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and their lady helpers for the splendid tea provided.

He then spoke of the loss the Branch had suffered by the death of Mr. Albert Coleman, of Lowestoft, a great churchman and well known ringer; the members stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Before the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, Mr. Golden said how grateful the Association was for the work of these folk and it was a well known fact that the Eastern Branch had always been well served, the retiring chairman and secretary having held office for 12 and 10 years respectively.

The elections resulted as follows: Chairman, Miss Doris Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. Norman Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Walpole; Standing Committee, Messrs. E. R. Goate and P. G. W. Newstead; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. W. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. Gorrod and T. Brock.

A striking competition will be held on May 18th, and the next Branch meeting will be at Kessingland on June 8th.

The president said there would be room for members to attend the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth. The members also heard from various speakers of the detailed arrangements which had so far been made by the Association's officers, and which ran contrary to certain 'long distance' allegations which had appeared from correspondents in 'The Ringing World.'

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Bingham District

The first hour of the Bingham District meeting on February 9th was at the four bell tower of Oxtun, where 18 members were welcomed by Mr. C. H. Ashmore (captain). Then to East Bridgford, where the chaplain took the service and tea was served in the Village Institute.

Eleven towers were represented at the business meeting when the following 10 members were elected: Messrs. G. H. Ashmore, L. Bramble, F. Cotton, O. Wilkins, J. Newbold (Oxtun), Mr. and Mrs. Stainby (Radcliffe-on-Trent), R. Miller, D. Cobb and R. Hibbett (Granby).

The meeting at Cropwell Bishop on March 9th was confirmed, and a joint meeting with the Leicester District in September at Hinckley and Hose proposed. East Bridgford bells were to be dedicated at a future date. Ringing continued in many methods, and, with visitors, the company numbered over 50. R. B.

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Letters to the Editor

Reconsideration of Extension Justified

Dear Sir,—I would like to state that, in the current controversy on method extension, I do think the Leicester protagonists have made a valid point, in that an extension can sometimes be made of a method which appears not to extend by the expedient of adapting from another method which allows a perfectly obvious extension.

Some of the results produced by this method do not conform to the recommendations of the C.C. Report, but I fail to see that they can be dismissed by the term 'arbitrary,' as Mr. Blagrove would have me believe—the C.C. Report is a classic piece of 'arbitrary' reasoning.

In one or two cases (and I include Durham) the methods produced by the 'adaptation' system seem to give a result which is not only satisfactory to the practical ringer, but also appeals to the theorist because the method concerned can be summed up in a comparatively simple and understandable way, which suggests the way in which the method can be produced on all numbers, in exactly the same way as the elements of the Cambridge construction can be contained in one basic precept—i.e. 'working bells hunt while the treble dodges, and vice versa.'

It is easy to formulate a rule to produce Durham, once the principle is grasped, on which the York extension is based, and I do feel that the Durham extensions are quite as sound as the accepted York family.

Finally, I may say that there is a large body of the Exercise who, after due consideration, feel that the existing rules of the C.C. Report are inadequate, and who would be glad to see the situation reopened, if the lengthy ramblings which precede the production of the Report could be avoided.

Mr. Mayne has given us a very lucid lesson on the Report, which, I think, many will find useful. Having understood the substance of the Report, however, we must examine the rules which, in many cases in an arbitrary way, draw the line between the acceptable and the unacceptable extension. To qualify my allegations, the following rule is obviously entirely without logical foundation, and so arbitrary (I cannot quote the reference, but it is part of the rule on pivot position at the half-lead):

The substance is that if a pivot place is made internally, e.g. in thirds place in Major, then in the extension to Royal it shall be made in fifths place, and in Maximus in sevenths place, unless the extension is static, when it shall remain in thirds place. Why, in an expanding extension, should the pivot place remain static from the back, when it is not allowed to remain static from the front?

I feel that the way is open to relaxing the rules, while still maintaining equal quality of extension.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

Loughborough Bell Foundry Peals

Dear Sir,—In connection with the Rev. Canon K. W. H. Felstead's article, '1,000 Peals at Loughborough Bell Foundry,' I should like to point out that I have also rung over 50 peals at the Bell Foundry. My total number is 70 peals, 39 of which have been rung since I was married and the remainder under my maiden name (Forster). Incidentally, 64 of these were rung on the 5th bell.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICIA A. M. HALLS (Mrs.)

Littleover, Derby.

Conductor Disagrees

Dear Sir,—We have now had official confirmation from the Methods Committee that they do not accept the extensions of Durham Surprise rung at Leicester. I read, and understood Mr. Mayne's letter, but I cannot agree with all the points he made. Should our extension (which appears perfectly logical to me) be rejected off hand when the other means of extension provides no answer at all? What about London Surprise?

Had the Birmingham band rung Londinium before the Cheshire band, they were going to call it London. And why not? Several of the Cheshire band wanted to call it London, and, in actual fact, claimed as a footnote to a peal of London Minor to have rung peals of London from Minor to Maximus! This was not disputed.

When we rang the peal of Durham Royal we were not aware that it did not conform to C.C. Rules. It can be rung by the same rule from Minor to Maximus, like Cambridge, York and Primrose; this, from the practical ringer's view, is the ideal. Primrose is Cambridge without 2nds at the lead end, and Durham is York without 3rds at the half-lead, and gives the back change at the first half-lead, for all numbers.

No doubt a great deal of hard work went into the report on Method Extension, but some modification is needed to cover logical extensions which are accepted by the majority of the Exercise.

[Many Government committees work very hard, but I think everybody would agree that their findings are not infallible, despite good intentions.]

I can call to mind four bands who have questioned method extension independently. We will not be the last unless some changes are made; perhaps to consider the few exceptions which arise on their own merits?

If we had called the method County Durham it would have been acceptable, or even Llanfair P.G., correctly spelt, of course!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

Handbell Tune Bands

Dear Sir,—With reference to the list of tune ringing handbell bands on page 108, I inadvertently omitted three bands of enthusiastic young ringers who deserve to be included. They are:

Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School handbell ringers, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. 17 bells, 6-7 ringers. Leader, Mr. John P. Partington. 23, York Street, Heywood, Lancs. Tel.: HEY 60170. Practices usually during school hours.

All Saints' C. of E. School handbell ringers, Hamer, Rochdale, Lancs. Leader, Mr. James Taylor. 96, Greenbank Road, Rochdale, Lancs. About 24 bells, 6-9 ringers. Practices usually during school hours.

Kettering High School ringers, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Secretary, Miss M. Rowles, 'Grindelwald,' Skeffington Close, Geddington, Kettering. About 36 bells, 8 ringers. Although the band are in the Midlands, I think they should be mentioned if only for the fact that I have heard some very good reports of them, from time to time.

Miss J. S. Armstrong, of Morpeth, has sent me brief details of a Northumbrian band, viz.:

The Cambois Church handbell ringers, Cambois, Blyth, Northumberland. Correspondent, Mr. J. R. Fenwick, 4, Sandfield Road, East Sleekburn, Bedlington, Northumberland. 16 bells, 7-8 ringers.—Yours sincerely, THOMAS OGDEN.

A Peal Ringer's Query

Dear Sir,—If the bells in a parish church need new fittings, etc., what is more important to that church—six separate half-hours of service ringing or three hours' ringing by a party from outside the parish for their own satisfaction?

The bells at Irthlingborough, for instance, were last rehung with new fittings, etc., in 1893. Before a peal attempt or a ringers' meeting, these bells need extra care. The old plain bearings do not retain the oil for long, rollers and pins are badly worn and, of course, ropes near the garter hole need care and attention.

On one or two occasions we have had to refuse permission for a peal because sufficient time, before and after the long ringing, for this attention was not possible. After all, service ringing and practice are more important for the local church and ringers.

Another point to remember is that, in most parishes there are the bell haters, who complain of three hours' continuous ringing. One couple, near this church, requested the Rector to stop the practice on Tuesday nights because it awakened their baby. However, we didn't, and they have moved farther away.—Yours, faithfully,

ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

Metal Strips For Stays

Dear Sir,—Mr. Halls, on page 124, wonders why some sort of unbreakable stay that only requires resetting when a bell 'goes over' has not been devised.

It seems to me that few people realise that such a stay has been tried, and is in use on several light rings that have been installed in recent years.

The principle utilises a metal strip for the stay, with a little finger at the end, extending two or three inches beyond the main part of the stay. There is no slider needed, merely a slide, shaped like a long old-fashioned English s.

When the bell reaches its highest point the finger is guided into one side of the slide and rests against a stop a few inches off centre. When the bell goes up the other way the finger goes into the other side of the slide and rests there. Thus the finger is moved to and fro with each stroke.

If the bell is pulled too hard the stay and finger simply bend, allowing the bell to 'go over.' All one does then is to haul up the rope and put it back on the right side of the wheel. There is not even any resetting required.

Such a system is fitted to the Taylor ring at Saxthorpe, Norfolk (tenor 3 cwt.), and I had a remarkably heavy handed (for the light bells) band of learners there from the nearby school. However, though a bell could go over ten times in an afternoon, ringing was never halted more than a couple of minutes while an enthusiastic learner dashed up the tower to 'retrieve' his rope. For those who are interested in records, four of these learners stood in (fairly) successful rounds less than ten minutes after first handling a bell rope! I am sure that this is at least in part due to the lack of fear (both mine and theirs) in breaking a stay.

I have no doubt that an elaboration of this method could be used on the heaviest of bells.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK H. KING.

Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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Dear Sir,—I have read the recent correspondence regarding accommodation in 'The Ringing World' for the forthcoming Central Council meeting in Great Yarmouth. I notice that Mr. B. G. Warwick, of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, approves of the fact that the first meeting of the Central Council in each session ought to be held in London. I, personally, do not agree with this motion at all, for the following reason. I feel, and I expect there are many ringers up and down the country will feel the same, that the Central Council should move its headquarters frequently and get out in the 'country lanes.' England has a north, which is not centred on London.

We in the north are 'fed up' with 'London.' Why must everything and everybody be in London, all at the same time? Another interesting fact is that there are better things than finding rooms for a few days for the Central Council members to argue about. The use of synthetic bells is one—I saw an advert for these tin cans in a leading Church paper. Never mind accommodation; plenty of that for everybody, am I sure.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW KING.

Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham.

Five Bell Towers & Meetings

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Hodgson, in my report on the peal at Meanwood, I did not suggest that the Yorkshire Association has ever refused to go to any tower to which it has been invited nor am I qualified to pass an opinion on this matter. I merely expressed my personal opinion based on the fact that the Association's meetings are usually held at towers with eight or more bells.

On the other hand my remarks concerning the Leeds and District Society and the rule whereby it automatically shuts the door in its own face were based upon experience. When I was instrumental in getting a new ring of six bells in Leeds, some eight years ago, I procured the Vicar's invitation to the Society to hold the first meeting there, but far from being received with gratitude the invitation was almost thrown back in his face, and only with much persuasion and the understanding that the new ringers would become members, did the Society ungraciously agree to go there. It is poetic justice that, for reasons which are beside the point at issue, this particular tower is now closed so far as meetings are concerned.

Mr. Hodgson would do well to reflect that Associations, whether they be large or small, do not hold meetings at any tower as a ringer, but as a privilege, and a privilege which is taken for granted or abused frequently becomes withheld.

I believe I know the case he has in mind and, if I am correct in my surmise, I would remind him that the Yorkshire Association was not invited to the tower in question, that the local ringers do not as a rule, attend Association meetings, so that if they chose to ring a peal on the day in question they were quite at liberty to do so.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Southgate Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter on the subject of Southgate Surprise Major in the issue of January 8th.

The first point I would make is that the peculiarities of the falseness have been appreciated for many years. This was pointed out to me by Mr. C. W. Roberts, about 1950, and peals of Superlative with bobs both back and front have taken advantage of this. Incidentally, any composition of Southgate in an odd number of leads will produce a peal of Superlative with calls both back and front!

My second point is simply this—since, by playing tricks, good material is available for composition in a method, use it! Don't spoil it by using rubbish. The three peals given below all make an attempt to exploit the method. I have no doubt better can be done.

Incidentally, I see we have two more half-composers.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Warwicks.

5,024 by R. F. B. SPEED

23456 5/4 M H

35426 X — —

64235 X — —

35264 X — —

42635 X — —

23645 X — —

46325 X — —

62345 X — —

43265 X — 3

52364 X — —

63254 X — 3

42356 X — —

53246 X — 3

34256 X — —

62534 X 3

23564 X — —

36524 X — —

52436 X 2

23456 X — —

First rung (to Zennor) November 4th, 1954.

5,056 by S. J. IVIN

23456 W 5/4 M H

52436 — — 3

64523 — — —

35426 — — —

42356 — — —

32654 — — —

26354 — X —

54326 — X —

63254 — X —

52364 — X — 3

62345 A

23456 A omitting last course

5,056 by R. F. B. SPEED

23456 5/4 M H

42356 — — —

32654 — — —

56234 X — —

26435 — — —

54326 X 3*

63254 X — —

23564 X — 2

Repeat twice omitting 3H* after first part.
First rung June 20th, 1962.

Ernest Morris Memorial Fund

Dear Sir,—I would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following further contributions to the 'Ernest Morris Memorial Fund':

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We have received a design for the memorial window and hope to publish details in the near future.—Yours sincerely,

GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

Braunstone, Leicester.

A Verbal 'Bash'

Dear Sir,—I once read how one of your correspondents found delight and interest in parish names above peal reports, and am prompted to write of my own innocent amusement of a similar kind. It is in the names of the performers. For instance, in that incredible performance, which heads the list on February 22nd we surely have a comment on the present weather, Pipe, Frost, Thirst, and also, for gardeners, a Rock Border. Another consequential instance follows in Bird-Hunt, Hussey. In another peal stood a Goodfellow, two Kings and a Pryor. Then there is the Clover Rose Tooker for Spight or did she want it for the Faithful House Butler?

I hasten to say, however, that this game is not chief interest in the peal columns. Perhaps it stems from having a most inappropriate name for a ringer, though many of my friends might think it apt.—Yours faithfully,

Thirsk. A. BASHFORTH.

Tonne Family Bell Founders

Dear Sir,—Mr. Suckling's letter makes me wonder whether the bell at Bocking is the old sacring bell which hung in the turret, and had 'Sanctus' (three times) round the crown, also an effigy of a knight in armour. Underneath is the translated Latin inscription: 'If you want to know my name, my name is Richard.' This bell is said to have been given to the Priory in the first half of the 13th century, but history seems silent regarding the actual period of presentation to this ancient deanery church, founded in the year 995 by Royal Charter.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

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Society of Roving Ringers Tour North Wales

I LANDUDNO was basking in blazing sunshine as some of our party met for a peal attempt. Two of the proposed band did not arrive at the specified time, but two holiday-making ringers happened to be passing, and agreed to take their place. A start was made for Bob Major, but one of the ropes objected to the standard of ringing and parted. A quarter of Stedman was rung after splicing the rope and admitting the two latecomers.

A short train journeyed to Bangor and a bike ride brought us to Beaumaris, to join the rest of the party and the start of the tour proper. Bernard and Beryl joined us here, and we all completed Anglesey on an unusual but not unpleasant eight. Saturday night was spent at the Bangor Youth Hostel, at the water's edge, and we were heartened to discover that the most serious crime in the city, but one that warranted the patrolling of policemen in pairs, was... drinking under age.

On Sunday morning, bright and early, we cycled the short distance to Llandegai. With no one to meet us and no key in the door the obvious next move was to inquire at the cottage, right next to the church. Unfortunately the little white-haired old lady who came to the door brought a communication problem with her—she could speak very little English. The key was produced some time later and the delightful six (just back from Taylor's foundry) were rung for the Welsh service and again later for the English.

After lunch we tried the well-used octave at Glenadda, where John Freeman joined us and stayed us through a course of London. Back to Llandudno, then for another attempt—an attempt to swim. After trudging for miles over seemingly endless sand we reached the water's edge—only to be told by a little man in a white cap and binoculars that it was too dangerous to swim when the tide was coming in! At Holy Trinity we rang for Evensong before cycling on to the hostel at Colwyn Bay. Sunday evening proved very dry for all except those who had the slightest connections with the R.A.F.

On Monday morning we called at Abergele and tossed a coin with some workmen to decide who should occupy the ringing chamber first. At the marble church, Bodelwyddan, we were embarrassed by tourists and short ropes, and the ringing wasn't very good. Rhyddlan's were not an easy going six, and it was only with great difficulty that we managed to ring rounds. Rhyl's were a splendid eight, and the hour we spent here was very enjoyable. The only disappointments were our attempt to ring Double Norwich and the fact that the hovercraft was not working.

The water at Prestatyn was very cold, but did not deter several from swimming. The evening chorus was well supported by local vocal talent: it was a pity that they didn't know any of our songs.

TO HEAD OF QUEUE

At Flint, the following morning, we were overwhelmed by a vast reception committee—the Vicar, choristers, ringers, recording engineers and relatives of our Master—surely outnumbering us by at least three to one. We found the recently augmented eight by Taylor to be a delightful little ring, but the replayed recordings showed that our control was not good. The Master received excellent service at the butcher's shop next door, when dragged from the end of a very long queue to the front by the Vicar, who insisted that 'This gentleman should be served first as he's come all the way from Derby to ring our bells, and all he wants is a pork pie.'

We shinned Flint mountain to find an excellent six at Halkyn, where a lady's touch was well struck. Once more we almost lost our youngest member, but not to the police this time. No key could be found at Northrop, but we were admirably entertained by the antics of the inebriate village cobbler. Mold's were a pleasant six, and the local ringers joined us in some fairly good ringing. Some more mountaineering took us to the highest point of the tour and the mountain hut, where we bunked three deep at Maeshafn.

A long drop down to Hope, on Wednesday morning, improved the ringing slightly. Wrexham Parish Church had a splendid ten, but we didn't really do them justice. Lunch was taken at a house kept by a local ringer, and it was here that the president was called upon to exercise his unquestionable authority on Roman pottery.

OWN WARDEN TO RESCUE

At Llangollen was rang a course of Llangollen Imperial on an indifferent eight, and Double Norwich was defeated. The horde of hostellers at the large youth hostel was such as to leave the warden in a cold sweat. At this point our own portable warden sprang to the helm and organised the hostel, the hostellers and the warden. On the interpretation of the term 'good hostelry' the views of the warden and ourselves were not quite the same. Apparently the good hosteller does not apply for an extension to go to the pub, but spends a day or two repairing hostel beds, etc.

On Thursday we rang at six six-bell towers, including all those in the detached part of Flintshire. The best of the day were the heavy six at Hanmer, although the combined effects of a substantial lunch and blazing hot sun were to make a bed of long grass seem more attractive. At Bangor-on-Dee the river ran within a couple of yards of the porch, so it was hardly surprising that the president did not come away without getting wet.

Friday brought pouring rain, the week-enders, some better bells and better ringing. Gresford, perhaps, being the best of the day. On Saturday, the weather improved and two fine eights were found at Buckley and Eccleston, where we attempted almost everything. The Westminster Hotel provided us with a good dinner and a room to ourselves. The greater part of the evening was spent having fun with Frank's tape recorder.

On Sunday we rang at the three Chester towers, some members ringing on the front six of the Cathedral in the afternoon. On Monday the party dispersed after ringing at Christleton and Waverton, some members departing by car, some by train and our portable warden-cum-farming and cycle tyre expert... by bike for a cycling holiday!

REUNION AT WORCESTER

Snow, ice and cold weather restricted the number at this year's reunion to 26. Those who came to Worcester enjoyed a full programme of ringing arranged by George Evenden.

Ringling opened on Saturday morning on the musical six at Elmley Castle. At Cropthorne, an attempt to ring Evenden Surprise came to grief, but more orthodox methods were successful. The death of a local ringer at Great Hampton diverted us to Hinton-on-the-Green, where the bells knew Stedman Triples. At Pershore Abbey the 7th slipped wheel several times and we did not really have our ten shillings worth. The highlight of the day came in ringing the magnificent Cathedral bells. There weren't quite enough ringers to ring the twelve adequately, so most of the ringing was confined to ten. All Saints' were summarily dealt with before making our way to the hotel for a welcome dinner.

A very informal and spontaneous business meeting followed the meal. The secretary-cum-Master gave a combined secretary's and Master's report, in which he apologised for the fact that a report of the summer tour had not yet appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and for the absence of the record book. It was observed that the two gentlemen responsible for these items were absent from the meeting; one known to be in Italy. Later reports indicated that the record book was somewhere in the Bristol area.

In the elections that followed George Evenden retained the presidency. Donald Cobb was elected Ringing Master and Derek Astridge and Marilyn Gibbs re-elected secretaries. Bernard Ongley indicated that he wished to relinquish his post as treasurer, and so it was decided to combine the office with

that of secretary. Bernard is to be thanked for the work he has put in for so many years. The venue of the summer tour was voted to be Cornwall.

Sunday ringing commenced at the Cathedral, and continued at All Saints' and the fine eight at Hollow. Dodderhill witnessed some good ringing in the afternoon (Crowle will not be mentioned) and St. John's, Worcester, brought the week-end reluctantly to a close. D.G.A.

REV. ROGER KEELEY'S WEDDING

The former Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson) and the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Hanna) officiated at the wedding of the Rev. Roger Keeley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keeley, of Lyme Regis, to Miss Patricia Sharp, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sharp, of Saxon Road, Harnham, which took place at St. George's Church, West Harnham, on February 16th.

The bridegroom is serving his title as curate of the neighbouring parish of All Saints, Harnham. His bride is choirmistress of the church's unique all-girls choir and her younger sister, Annette, who was the only bridesmaid, is church organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length white nylon chiffon dress with a circular veil and pearl coronet. Her bridesmaid was in blue nylon chiffon, with a matching headdress. Mr. David Hoare, former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was best man.

A guard of honour, drawn from the Harnham Division of the Church Lads' Brigade, greeted the couple as they left the church. The reception, at the White Hart Hotel, was attended by more than 70 guests, and the honeymoon was spent in Torquay.

BRISTOL AND READING UNIVERSITIES IN SWINDON

February 23rd saw the invasion of Swindon by two University Societies, first stop being at the delightful eight of Stratton St. Margaret. Here some reasonable striking was attained, as the two Societies became better acquainted.

The highlight of the day was Christ Church, with a full-bodied ten, where between the ringing of anything from rounds to Cambridge Royal, the 'historians' perused the large library of 'Ringing Worlds.' After tea St. Mark's Church, originally built by the railway for its employees, was visited.

Much improved ringing was noted, and the day finished in the best of tradition with three leads of Bristol.

A masterpiece of disorganisation followed as Swindon was combed for the missing coach, and then, when some of the party found it, they set about looking for the rest, who had found surroundings more suitable to the time of evening!

Tower captains and clergy of the above churches are thanked for permission to ring their bells. D.M.S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The Langford-Beams memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 23rd, with a good attendance of members from seven towers, and one visitor from Yetminster. Rounds, Doubles, Triples and two courses of Yorkshire were rung during the afternoon. The service touch was rung by the young Bradpole band.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Gibb, conducted the service, and tea was served in the Forester Hall by the Bradpole ringers and friends. Mr. C. W. Powell, the Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. An apology was received from Canon C. C. Cox, as he only felt fit enough to stay to ring two touches. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Beaminster on May 11th were discussed, and the Rev. C. B. Marshall, of Crewkerne, was confirmed as a non-resident member.

The Branch chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, ringers and friends for a very pleasant afternoon.

Next meeting: Thorncombe, April 20th.
J.T.B.

OBITUARY

MR. DANIEL SMITH

When Daniel Smith came from the Forest of Dean to Yorkshire, in the 1920's to follow his trade as a collier, Gloucestershire's loss was Yorkshire's gain. He took up bellringing, joining the Felkirk band, who were then struggling to ring Plain Bob Minor, after which both he and the band made rapid strides.

Among Yorkshire ringers, and others, for the last 35 years he never required any appellation other than the first syllable of his Christian name; there was, and will ever be, only one 'Dan'!

No other ringer in the Barnsley and District Society, except perhaps C. D. Potter, has been held in such affection and esteem, though he was never afraid to speak his mind and was forthright and dogmatic almost to the point of obstinacy when he knew that the welfare of ringers or ringing was in jeopardy. Yet he was of a gentle and cheerful disposition and his earnestness and sincerity endeared him to all he met. The amount of work he did for bellringing is incalculable.

He was secretary of the Society for over 20 years and in the difficult war years almost carried it upon his broad shoulders, as undaunted he arranged meetings in spite of blackouts and transport difficulties. At one time he represented the Society on the Central Council. For many years he was vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association.

He rang almost 200 peals, most of them on the tenor, including Surprise Major and peals of Minor up to 45 spliced. He conducted over 100 and was included in the series of 'Great Conductors,' published in the 'R.W.' some years ago. Quite a few of his peals were Major, but the bulk were Minor, his first and greatest love. Dan was, emphatically and

uncompromisingly, a 'cartwheel,' and had no time for open-lead Minor ringing. He rang several peals on handbells, a skill he acquired when the bells were silent during the war.

Several times he headed the yearly list of peal scorers for the Yorkshire Association. We learnt to ring together, and together we rang our first peal. I am proud that I was privileged to ring in more peals with him than anyone else.

His last years were clouded by illness. He died on February 12th, and his funeral took place at Felkirk on February 16th. Many friends and relatives and ringers from a large area attended. The bells were rung half-muffled and a well-struck course of Felkirk Treble Bob was included. At the service Dan's favourite hymns, 'The Day Thou Gavest' and 'When I Survey,' were sung with Michael H. Chant at the organ. Around the open grave Dan's handbells were rung by Harold Chant 1-2, Herman Rusby 3-4, Trevor Tarbatt 5-6, Noel F. Moxon 7-8. Peter Coward also rang rounds on 3-4.

After the funeral a short touch of spliced was rung by a band which included the oldest member of the Society—84 years old W. Moxon, of Sandal. Dan was 66; he leaves two daughters. May he rest in peace.

H. C.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, G. F. Newton 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John T. Gaskin, 26 years' veteran at this church.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Porter 1, L. Porter 2, F. Smith 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. W. E. Brain.

FOUR BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Here is a little more information concerning four-bell towers which I am aware of:

OXFORDSHIRE

North Aston St. Mary, 7½ cwt., B flat. Tower unsafe, although two peals were rung early in 1961, and there was a local band here.

Fritwell St. Olave, 8 cwt., A flat. The bells are quite ringable and rung by a local band. They were rehung by Whites, of Appleton, in 1949. Visited 14-4-62.

Horly St. Etheldreda, 8 cwt., A flat. Fine church with a central tower. The bells are very rarely rung, but go fairly well, and have a good tone. Ringing takes place in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. The staircase is the smallest I have ever negotiated, and the bell chamber is full of dirt, and dead birds. Visited 26-8-62.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Dorney St. James. Were unringable for many years until last year, when two trebles were added, together with a new frame and fittings by Mears and Stainbank. Visited 24-11-62.

Radnage St. Mary, 8 cwt. Unringable and not rung for many years. Visited 10-5-58.

Towersey St. Catharine, 7 cwt. Presumably ringable as there is a local band here.

BERKSHIRE

Stanford Dingley St. Denys. Presumably ringable as there is a local band, and a peal was rung here in 1960.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Lichfield St. Chad. Ringable and go well, although there is a long draught, and the ropes fail in the curious order of 1, 3, 2, 4. Visited 23-6-62.

WARWICKSHIRE

Ettington, 9 cwt. Fine church, with nice upstairs belfry. The bells are very rarely rung, but go well: the frame and fittings are clean and in good condition. Visited 31-3-62.

—Yours sincerely,

Amersham, Bucks. TONY FORTIN.

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In honour of the visit of
H.M. the Queen to Adelaide
the first peal on the bells of St.
Peter's Cathedral was rung on February 20th
in 3 hours 32 minutes. The peal, Grandsire
Triples, was called by Miss Enid Lloyd
Roberts (her first tower bell peal for eight
years) and the band consisted of four South
Australians, three of whom were ringing their
first peal, and four English-born residents.
Adelaide tenor (41 cwt.) is second to Sherborne
in the list of heavy eights, and David Bleby,
the youngest member, made a good job of
his first peal on this heavy bell. Herbert
Greenhalgh was ringing his first peal for 30
years.

We must congratulate Mr. Thomas Briggs,
of Asfordby, Leics. At the age of 84 he has
rung his first quarter peal 'inside.'

Eight Masonic P.M.s recently attempted a
peal of Stedman Triples at Tarleton, Lancs,
but lost it after half way. Compensation
came later at the social board.

Mr. Colin Stevenson, after three months'
vacation at Cranford, flew back to Salisbury,
S. Rhodesia, on March 2nd. His farewell
quarter was duly rung. Cranford ringers wish
him well and hope for more peal reports from
Rhodesia soon.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Cagley Hall,
Loughborough, much appreciates the gesture
of the friend who sent him a spoon with
label attached: 'Hold in right hand and
rotate in clockwise direction.' He promises
to call on him at the end of term.

Work has started on the Chiswick-Langley
section of the M.4, which runs across Cran-
ford Park, just north of the church. The
road approach to the church over the bridge
in Cranford Park is unaffected, and during
alterations 'it is ringing as usual.'

P.C. Heppenstall, of Wath, was to have
stood in the memorial peal at Barnsley for
the late Mr. Daniel Smith, but as he was
called away on a case he sent his wife as
substitute. Margaret, by ringing the treble
to Kent Treble Bob Major, scored her first
peal on eight bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman
Cinques rung silent and non-
conducted at St. Michael's,
Cornhill, on February 23rd, coincides with
another anniversary. Sixty years ago, on
February 21st, 1903, the Midland Counties
Association rang the first ever peal of
Stedman Cinques on handbells at Leicester.
This was the first peal of Cinques for all but
one of the band. The Cornhill peal was for the
50th anniversary of the first silent peal of
Stedman Cinques on tower bells, which was
rung in this tower, also by the Ancient Society
of College Youths (February 22nd, 1913).

Appropriate names were noted at Notting-
ham University Society's dinner. The meal
was served in 'The Tower' Suite and the
visitors were welcomed by a Mr. 'Tiffin.'

A correspondent writes that he was greatly
amused on St. Valentine's Day, when he read
in the Bristol University dinner report a
mention of Cupid's activities in that Society.
At the same time a machine called the Snogo-
meter, built at Bristol University to measure
passion, was being shown on the T.V. pro-
gramme 'Tonight.' Our correspondent wonders
if any of the U.B.S.C.R. were watching?

Llanfair P.G. has again raised its 'ugly
head,' to the consternation of our comps and
readers. To sweeten the Editor, the band
sent a donation to our Gratefully Acknowledged
column to cover the extra cost involved in
printing the same. The conductor would
like to remind certain friends that Llanfair
P.G. has now been rung in the north of
England.

It was only natural that when Miss Rose-
mary Hazlewood was married at Asfordby
Parish church on February 23rd the bells
of the Parish Church should be rung in
happiness. Her father, grandfather and great-
grandfather were all ringers at this church,
indeed the Hazlewood family's connection
goes back 250 years. We wish her and her
husband every happiness and that this great
ringing and church tradition may be long
continued.

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*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 6	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by PETER BORDER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 9
NEIL BENNETT .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 10
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5	DEREK OGDEN .. 11
*ROGER G. HAVARD .. 6	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Tenor

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES .. Treble	†ARTHUR G. MASON .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 8
*DEREK J. TRANTER .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 9
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 10
ALFRED BALLARD .. 5	§WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Maximus. † 444th peal. ‡ First of Maximus in the method on tower bells, completing Major to Maximus both on tower and 'in hand.' § 100th of Surprise Maximus. 100th as conductor.

CITY OF LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 7
JOHN CHILCOTT .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	DENNIS RANDALL .. 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 4	JAMES PHILLIPS .. 10
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 11
WILLIAM T. COOK .. 6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung silent and non-conducted.

Umpires:

Mr. EDWIN A. BARNETT (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

Mr. DAVID E. PARSONS (Ancient Society of College Youths).

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, rung in this tower by the Society on February 22nd, 1913.

TEN BELL PEAL

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*D. PAUL SMITH .. Treble	†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 6
†SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 8
ANDREW J. CORBY .. 4	†WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 9
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Corby (February 24th) and

Judith M. Corby (February 25th).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 5
JOHN F. BARLOW .. 2	JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 6
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 7
DAVID W. JAMES .. 4	F. JOHN NELSON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Treble	DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 5
JOHN F. BARLOW .. 2	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 6
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 3	JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by D. JOHN HUNT.

Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*DAVID J. BAKER .. Treble	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 5
*MARGARET JAMES .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. 7
*HAROLD C. LONYON .. 4	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*DEREK A. ASHTON .. Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
*JOHN F. BARLOW .. 2	PETER WATSON .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Trevor Taylor and Miss Christine Fontaine, who were married on January 19th at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

KATHLEEN PILSBURY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 2	JOHN R. GILDEN .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CASTLEHALL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*DAVID J. BAKER .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 2	*PETER WATSON .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal in the method

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN F. BARLOW .. Treble	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
*DEREK A. ASHTON .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	ROGER G. HAVARD .. 7
PETER WATSON .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 75th peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

(Grappenhall Branch.)

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

HAROLD C. LONYON Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	ALAN J. BROWN 6
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JOHN WORTH 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*HAROLD DOWLER Treble	*DENNIS LATHAM 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	MICHAEL WILSHAW 6
*PAUL J. ATKINS 3	WALTER SHERRATT 7
*REGINALD CHALLINOR 4	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE (No. 1).

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

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

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	CYRIL F. LOW 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT 6
FRANCES LOW 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4	J. KEITH WARD Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 100th peal. First in the method by all.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb.

*GRAHAM HARROP Treble	DEREK A. ASHTON 5
NEIL BENNETT 2	*DEREK J. MARSHALL 6
JOHN F. BARLOW 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 7
*MARGARET WRIGHT 4	JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

NEIL BENNETT Treble	*DAVID W. JAMES 5
*JOHN C. BALDWIN 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 6
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
JOHN ROBINSON 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

MARGARET JAMES Treble	BASIL JONES 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
*JOHN H. SOANES 3	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 7
*JOHN C. BALDWIN 4	BARRIE HENDRY Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise in six methods. First of Spiced as conductor. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*JILL RICHARDSON Treble	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 5
ROBERT HARRISON 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
JACK BRAY 3	ARTHUR W. CROWDER 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal on eight bells.

In memoriam Arthur W. Hoodless.

BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt

*MRS. M. HEPPENSTALL .. Treble	PETER CARBATT 5
ERIC STAINROD 2	CYRIL RUSBY 6
*SUSAN PEACE 3	NOEL F. MOXON 7
HERMAN RUSBY 4	TREVOR TARBATT Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung fully-muffled in memory of Daniel Smith, past secretary of the Society.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALGY LORD Treble	COLIN LORD 5
*DAVID WALDRUM 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
RICHARD CLIFTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
*JOHN HAWTIN 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal 'inside.' The peal contains six 8765 courses.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Cathedral Society.)

On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5
*JAMES O. GOULIER 2	ENID L. ROBERTS 6
JEAN IRELAND 3	BRIAN R. COX 7
HERBERT GREENHALGH 4	*DAVID J. BLEBY Tenor

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band in honour of the visit to Adelaide of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 360 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOAN HARRISON Treble	BASIL JONES 5
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 7
NEIL BENNETT 4	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods. First of Spiced Surprise Major. 250th peal on the bells.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bertoline.

A PEAL OF 6144 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ERIC B. ALLMAN Treble	PAUL J. ATKINS 5
NORMAN SHERRATT 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY 6
MICHAEL WILSHAW 3	WALTER SHERRATT 7
DENNIS LATHAM 4	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Arranged by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

Longest length by all the band, and on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

FRANCIS A. WHITE Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS 5
PETER A. SHARP 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 6
PETER J. HERITAGE 3	EDWARD R. VENN 7
JOHN E. DREWITT 4	BRIAN R. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

LINGFIELD, SURREY

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	TONY TYERS 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	J. KEITH WARD 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.
* 550th different tenor 'turned-in' to a peal. First in the method by all, and for the Association. First on the bells since 1936.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT G. DADDS Treble	*PETER L. J. DADDS 5
MRS. N. BRIDGES 2	THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. 6
J. M. ELAINE DIXON 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 7
REV. STANLEY M. EVANS .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
* First peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Ten-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.
MICHAEL E. WHITE Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK 5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 2	DAVID F. MOORE 6
*RUPERT A. CLARKE 3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7
†MICHAEL W. BROWN 4	§RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First of Triples. § 25th peal on the bells. § First on eight.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL McEVILLY Treble	JOHN INSLEY 5
MARLENE JONES 2	ANTHONY AGER 6
LINDA M. HUGHES 3	†JOHN K. FOOT 7
*JENNIFER COOK 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
* First peal of Surprise, and on eight bells. † First in the method.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 IVINGHOE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	PETER J. EVES 6
ALAN M. BARBER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*BARBARA M. BUTLER .. Treble	*GERALD G. TINSON 5
P. GERALD McILHONE 2	ANGELA M. AYRES 6
*CHARLES J. ADAM 3	FRANK ABSOLOM 7
*STEPHEN J. FRANKLIN .. 4	*ROGER M. HEYWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by P. GERALD McILHONE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At THE CHAPEL OF EASE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ERNEST W. PENN 4
WALTER H. RAXTER 2	FRED C. PUGH 5
*ROBERT BAYLIS 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Anne Broxton, of Tewkesbury.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 4
COLIN B. LONGMORE 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Brenda Smith to Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, which took place at this church this day.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES LINNELL Treble	DAVID BURBIDGE 3
*JOHN LINFORD 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 4

William A. Yates Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to James and Graham Linnell; also to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Green.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of the following ten methods and four variations: St. Osmund, St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

JAYNE HARDING (15) .. Treble	*KINGSLEY JONES (17) .. 4
JONATHAN NIBBS (12) .. 2	RICHARD HUMPHRIES (17) 5
DAVID NIBBS (14) 3	†JOHN STILLMAN (14) .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HUMPHRIES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Most methods by all the band except second and fifth.

Rung as a compliment to Christine Lansley and Robert Purnell on their wedding day.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores and one each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement of 240.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	†VICTOR PARTON 4
*ANNETTE FROST 2	FRED BENNETT 5
*BRIAN FORD 3	†JACK COURTMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung at the request of Trysull Parochial Church Council as a tribute in memory of the following Trysull ringers: James Davies, William Davies, George Granger and Arthur Wharton, who died in 1961, 1953, 1948 and 1949 respectively.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*JULIET F. BLOCK Treble	†CHRISTINE SANDERS 4
†ROBERT E. HARDY 2	*DAVID R. McLEOD 5
*SUSAN MUIRHEAD 3	*MALCOLM GLANFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. HARDY.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Atkins (ex-Ringing Master of this Society) and Judith Kearton on their engagement.

WARNFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF WARNFORD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

KEITH SANSOM Treble	†KENNETH G. WALLER 4
*RAMON A. STONE 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
*MARY E. WHITE 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. C. A. Millen, Rector of Warnford, an associate member of the Guild, who died suddenly on January 31st.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH W. GATEHOUSE Treble	*ANDREW F. G. FISHER .. 3
*VICTOR JAMES 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 4

EDGAR T. SKIPSEY Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (3) London and Wells, (4) Beverley, (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR 4
LAWRENCE WATKINS 2	JOHN WATKINS 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

50th peal as conductor.

A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. John Davies and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Alldread and family, who have left the village recently.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

DAVID BURBIDGE .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
JAMES LINNELL 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Keeley.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Primrose Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) College Exercise, (5) Norbury, (6) Duke of Norfolk, (7) Ockley.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

PETER J. HERITAGE .. Treble	EDWARD R. VENN 4
D. KAY ADKINS 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT L. KNIGHT (12) .. Treble	*ROBERT W. MITCHELL 4
*ROGER KNIGHT (13½) 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD 5
ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT 3	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal attempt.

CORSLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ELAINE BATCHELOR .. Treble	*ANTHONY BULL 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	NORMAN G. N. KNEE 5
LESLIE E. J. HAWKINS .. 3	*RICHARD HOLLY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. N. KNEE.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. H. T. Solomon, to be inducted Rector of Corsley with Chapmanslade on March 1st.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Four callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	BERNARD MOSS 4
FRANK STEAD 2	ERIC J. F. WALL 5
PHILLIP J. CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	RICHARD J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

First peal as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

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On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 1, ROSSDALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARY S. TAYLOR .. 1-2	JOHN C. EISEL 5-6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

200th peal as conductor.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT IONA, SUDBROOKE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
*MARGARET A. PARKER .. 3-4	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First 8-bell peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 29, MANOR ROAD, WIGSTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3-4
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ROBERT B. SMITH 5-6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal of York Minor 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild. The ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 have now completed peals of York from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*GORDON W. LAND .. 1-2	BRIAN BLADON 3-4
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ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal on handbells.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT AMERICAN SCHOOL, BUSHEY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATH. M. BALDWIN .. 1-2	ANTHONY R. MANN 5-6
ROGER BALDWIN 3-4	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Sun., Feb. 17, 1963, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

AT THE TOWER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1, 2, 3) St. Simon's and Braywood Bob, (4, 5, 6) St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall, (7, 8, 9) St. Martin's and Welford, (10, 11, 12) Winchendon and Haddiscoe, (13, 14) St. Simon's, (15, 16) Eynsham, (17, 18) St. Giles', (19, 20) St. Andrew's, (21, 22) St. Martin's, (23, 24) St. Leonard's, (25, 26) St. Miles' (27, 28) St. John's, (29, 30, 31) Southrepps, (32, 33, 34) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (35, 36, 37) Clifford's Pleasure, (38, 39, 40) Plain Bob, (41, 42) April Day.

Tenor size 13 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1-2	DAVID F. MOORE 3-4
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MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 5-6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck (15, first in method) 1, G. Weston (16) 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, P. Murduck 4, P. G. Holmes 5, A. R. Carter 6, R. F. Crook 7, B. B. Hullah (first of Major as cond.) 8.

ASFOEDBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Pouting 1, T. Briggs (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Rosemary Hazlewood, of Asfordby, to Mr. David McRobert.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Godwin (first quarter) 1, R. Kendrick (first of Grandsire) 2, M. Godwin (first of Grandsire) 3, R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, B. S. Payne 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble in front): G. Procter 1, Angela Rudd (first attempt) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Susan Hutton 4, H. Ballard 5, I. Smith (cond.) 6, G. Masters 7. On the eve of Prince Andrew's third birthday.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Ring 1, Jennifer L. Young 2, D. S. C. Marshall (first as cond.) 3, P. J. Jarvis 4, W. C. Marshall 5, G. Stewart (first 'inside') 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Kercher 1, K. Waller 2, K. Sansom 3, W. Davison (first of Minor) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hughes (first as cond.) 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, F. Sweet 2, E. Ford 3, D. Miller 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Horseman on the birth of Christopher Paul.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (544 Yorkshire, 512 Cambridge and 224 Superlative, with 37 changes of method): A. Caines 1, R. G. Edwards 2, Jacqueline A. Reason 3, Gillian M. Hussey 4, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 5, M. J. Hobbs 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stopps (first of Stedman) 1, R. A. Vickers 2, W. A. Yates 3, D. Burbidge 4, J. Linnell 5, F. Vickers 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Keeley.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Branson (first away from tower) 1, W. T. Street (first on working bell) 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, F. W. Hutt 4, J. Spraggett 5, L. E. Russell 6. A wedding compliment to Victor A. Perry and Dorothy Williams, both members of this band and married this day.

BURNLEY, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gali Ryan (first quarter) 1, Sheila Smith 2, Mary Smith 3, N. Smith 4, R. J. Parker 5, E. J. F. Wall 6.

CARDINGAN, CARDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Evans 1, Mrs. G. Thomas 2, E. Portman (first quarter) 3, A. Walters 4, R. Pateman (cond.) 5, P. Griffiths (first quarter) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,430 Plain Bob Major: Dinah Blow 1, Barbara Cammack 2, G. Pybus 3, Shirley Guy 4, C. C. Brown 5, P. Stowton 6, M. C. Faulkes 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st compliment to R. D. Gibson.

CRANFORD, MIDDx.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: Catherine Tebbutt (first quarter) 1, D. Fowles 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgayer 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Woodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, C. Stevenson 3, J. Birchford (first in method) 4, P. Woodgayer 5, T. Baker (cond.) 6. A farewell to Colin Stevenson, on his return to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. I. Trevelyan (first quarter) 1, M. R. Platt 2, R. F. Acworth 3, D. J. Tuck (first quarter) 4, B. Grainger (cond.) 5, D. M. Low (first quarter) 6. Rung by members of Cuddesdon Theological College on the occasion of the marriage of the chaplain of the college, the Rev. Peter Cornwell, and Miss Hilary Lord, at Ightham, Kent.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wells (first quarter) 1, N. Smith 2, Rev. G. Moule (first 'inside') 3, J. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

EALING, MIDDx.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,200 Minor (Plain Bob, Little Bob): M. Sprackling 1, A. M. Stacey 2, S. Croft 3, C. Stevenson 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. Bishop (covering) tenor. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sptackling 1, G. Harvey 2, F. Bishop 3, S. Croft 4, C. Stevenson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Nichols 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, J. Papworth 4, G. Everett 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6, H. Nichols 7, C. W. Burton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Langstone, local ringer, interred this day.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Marlow 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, E. G. Mould 3, L. Cobb 4, A. A. Price 5, F. Southwood 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Price, on the eve of their fifth wedding anniversary.

GORING, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Berry 1, W. Irving 2, F. Godden 3, R. A. Partridge 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, M. Bishop 6, E. Davies (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. B. Blond 8.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. C. Pugh 1, Hilary Knight 2, R. Bayliss 3, P. Bullock 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For St. Matthias' Day.

HILLESDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Vickers 1, W. A. Yates 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. A. Vickers 4, J. Linnell 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4. For Evensong.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Murduck (15) 1, R. F. Crook 2, B. B. Hullah 3, P. Murduck 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, A. R. Carter 6, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 7, G. Weston (16) 8. First in method 1, 5 and 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Judith Geiringer 1, Cherry White (first on ten) 2, Margaret Lewis 3, Alison Mann (first on ten) 4, R. Harris (first on ten) 5, B. Coatsworth 6, R. Mayes (first on ten) 7, A. D. Leach 8, K. Newman 9, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 10. To celebrate the wedding at Surbiton this day of Elizabeth Barr to David Wilkins, both members of the Kingston band.

LEICESTER.—All Saints' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Juliet Block 1, R. E. Hardy 2, R. K. Mason 3, A. Cattell (cond.) 4, M. Wade (first of Doubles) 5, Joan Balchin (first quarter) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shan Williams 1, J. B. Plumb (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Welch 3, R. Simon 4, N. Simon 5, J. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Mike Bennett, tower captain.

MAIDEN BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Davison 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Waller 4, K. Tipper (first as cond.) 5, B. Kercher 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Young 1, Miss K. North 2, G. Lister 3, Miss D. Seal 4, J. Blackwood 5, E. Gosling 6, R. Gotham 7, L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Evensong on St. Matthias' Day.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Montgomery (first quarter) 1, T. Felicity Webber 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, Jane Foster 6. For Evensong.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Statham 1, D. Kingman 2, R. Stretton 3, K. W. Price (cond.) 4, A. Laughton 5, H. Kingman 6. For Evensong, and as a tenth birthday compliment to Anne Kingman.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Bellamy 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. G. Eveleigh 4, Elizabeth Smith 5, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lawncson (first quarter) 1, H. Lawncson 2, Miss J. Curtis 3, P. Murduck 4, R. B. Pike 5, F. E. Turner 6, J. Constant 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Matins.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. Holdaway 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, H. Smith 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 18th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,440 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. B. Collins 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, M. D. Atfield 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 21st, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. R. Venn 1, N. D. Deam 2, S. D. Edwards 3, J. Venn 4, P. A. Sharp 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Harris 1, A. H. Gearing 2, C. Coles 3, H. Badger 4, A. J. Adams 5, A. Gammon 6, J. R. Chaundy 7, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, at St. John's Church, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Chamberlain 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. Roffe 4, J. H. Bluff 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. First in the method for all except 1 and 8. A compliment to Gilbert Cowlin and Primrose Ridley, ringers at St. Mary's, on their engagement.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hill (first quarter) 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Davis 4, P. Bennett 5, C. Hadley 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Butcher 1, F. Hammond 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Miss J. Carter (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, D. Gaston 6, W. J. Sale 7, Mrs. S. Morris 8. To celebrate the Confirmation this day of six Rotherfield ringers.

ST. MELLONS, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. B. Plumb (first in four methods) 1, R. Simon 2, Mary Pryor 3, D. S. Bishop 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, D. Evans 6. A peal attempt called round. A farewell compliment to the tenor ringer and his brother.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Earney (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, M. Gilbert 6. For Evensong.

SANDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): T. Hatchett 1, D. Saunderson 2, J. S. Dear 3, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 4, P. Mehew 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Roden.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Webb 1, R. Marchbank (first 'inside') 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Horsman 1, Elizabeth A. Stevenson 2, Jill M. May 3, Pamela A. Hunter 4, L. C. W. Hunter 5, A. E. Hunter 6, D. A. R. May 7, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 2, 3 and 7.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Waller 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison (first in four methods) 5, B. Kercher 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung in 1960.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Hilary Knight 1, F. Davis 2, J. Ranford 3, F. C. Pugh 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For Evensong.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,824 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. F. Bryant 1, Miss L. Gott (first quarter Surprise) 2, P. Woodward 3, G. Hancock 4, T. Tarbutt 5, J. N. Parkin 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (in 10 methods): Myra J. Wilkins 1, H. Taysom 2, I. Smith 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, B. Metcalfe 6. Most methods by all except conductor. Rung after the wedding of Rita M. Webb and William Lampard.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Maureen White 1, D. J. White 2, R. A. Stone 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Burbidge 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, J. Linford 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Keeley.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. O. Haythorne 1, W. C. Young 2, Mary White 3, A. E. Clayton 4, B. B. Hullah 5, A. R. Carter 6, D. B. Brown (cond.) 7, M. J. Best 8, R. C. Kippin 9, T. C. Holland 10. First of Caters for 1, 6, 7, 10. For Evensong.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Wardhaugh (first quarter) 1, A. Allison 2, R. W. Leighton 3, T. Bullerwell 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, H. Jenkins 6. For Confirmation service.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Collier 1, Miss K. Avenall 2, F. Cherrymann 3, Susan Rawlings 4, R. Tickner 5, C. Slyfield 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, R. Jordan 8. For Matins.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Miss E. F. Basford 1, H. Sutton 2, R. A. Trickett 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. R. Morton 5, W. Smith 6.

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PERSONAL

Ringers from the Spalding area wish to express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Jenkins, of Oldham, in her recent unfortunate experience. 1980

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Rule 1.—Alter the first 11 words to read 'The Society shall be called the "Ely Diocesan Association of Church Bell-ringers"'. 2035

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices on Saturday, March 16th, and Saturday, April 20th, both 6 to 7.30 p.m. Please come. All welcome. 2089

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MEETINGS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, March 9th. Ringing at: St. Benet's 2.3 p.m., St. Andrew's 2.45-3.45. Great St. Mary 3.30-4.30. R. Catholic 5-6. Chester-ton 5.30-6.30 p.m. 2064

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, please, at 'Lilac House,' Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1992

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Coleman's Hatch (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex. Ringing in the evening at Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield (6) 7.8.30 p.m.—Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 2027

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Melbourn. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2035

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbledon Cottage, School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, Mar. 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Central Café.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 2068

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 2051

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. Bird, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Nest, London Road, Spelbrook. 2088

'LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Winford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Ball, The Forge, Winford, Bristol.—H. Kingcott, Hon. Sec. 2024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at St. Helen's, St. Helens. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitfield Road, St. Helens, Lancs.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 2084

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, March 9th. Christ Church, Southgate (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Marlow on Saturday, March 9th.—M. R. Cross. 1959

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port (5), Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sage, Norfolk House, Stepmey Road, Burry Port. All welcome. 2082

SOUTHWILL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cropwell Bishop, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Queens,' Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2063

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoughton (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2049

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Eight-bell practice, Bridgwater, Saturday, March 16th, 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Prime. 2081

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Clutton (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2091

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2087

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2092

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Thornaby. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 2092

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 16th, Wolvey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2074

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 16th, Whickham St. Mary, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 2069

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual supper and social in Danbury Village Hall, Saturday, March 16th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (6s.) by Wednesday, 13th, at the latest, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1967

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th. Wrotham. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea to R. L. Silks, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. Special methods: Plain Bob Triples and London S. Major.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2079

'LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, Thetford (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Euston bells (5) available in evening. Names for tea to Secretary, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, March 13th. If interested in coach from Ipswich and district contact Sec.—A. E. J. L. 2031

'LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Chilvers Coton (10), Saturday, March 16th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwick. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 2043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Prestwold and Wymeswold, Saturday, March 16th. Prestwold (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Wymeswold (6), 3.45 p.m. Service, Wymeswold, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing at Wymeswold in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. Mackley, Brook Street, Wymeswold. NO NAME NO TEA.—Miss V. M. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 2077

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 16th. Kilworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the White Lion, 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2080

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Bardney (6), March 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Oxford. London Bob. Ockley. Capel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Simpson, 1, Harvey Kent Gardens, Bardney.—S. A. Chambers. 2060

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint practice, March 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing at Isleworth. All names for tea must be sent to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whitton. No names no tea.—M. E. P., F. T. B. 2076

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, March 16th. Service, All Saints', 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House, 5 p.m. Notify for tea by March 12th. to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. Ringing: All Saints', 3 p.m.; All Saints' and St. Paul's after meeting.—B. C. Castle. 2072

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2086

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Balderton (8), March 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to me.—Mrs. B. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark. 2078

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Limpsfield Chart. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to L. A. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, St. Andrew's and St. Peter's bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2016

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Bolney (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Andover, March 16th. Ringing: Abbot's Ann, 2 to 3 p.m.; Goodworth Clatford, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15 p.m., Church Room, Andover. Further ringing, Andover, after tea. Names to Mrs. T. Tarrant, 34, Corunna Main, Andover.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th at Giggleswick. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, by March 12th, followed by business meeting.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2055

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, March 23rd. Great Durnford (5). Bells from 2.30 p.m. It would help local ringers with ordering if names for tea could be sent by previous week, March 16th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Spring meeting, *Pattingham* (buses from Wolverhampton), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 20th, please, to C. M. Smith, Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel. STR 7793. 2004

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, S. Burges, Coventry. 2094

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Everton (Hunts), Saturday, March 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. N.B.—Everton is situated at the southern tip of Huntingdonshire, approx. 3 miles off the Great North Road, at Tempsford, Beds.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2100

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Mossley on Saturday, March 16th. Bells, Roughtown (6), 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Roughtown 5 p.m. Bells, St. George's (8), from 6 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Nield, 151, Stockport Road, Mossley, or phone Mossley 414, by previous Thursday.—Neil Bennett. 2097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 4 p.m. because of weddings. Bring own food.—J. Porter. 2096

MORE OF ALBERT

We've joost 'ad our annual meeting
As comes round this time every year,
With lots of most 'eated discussion,
Like who sells the best pint of beer.

With so many things to consider,
All highly important as well,
We didn't 'ave time for daft riddles
Like when should a belle ring a bell.

Our band are all creatures of habit.
So whether our clock's fast or slow,
Since we're all late at some or other,
We all lack in manner we know.

We didn't 'ave everyone present,
'Cos there'll always be someone can't get,
And they always 'ave excellent reasons.
But our Albert were with us, you bet.

There were keeper and captain to vote on,
And the gent as does make up the books,
There were secretary and 'is assistant.
But t'were captaincy caused all the looks.

Our Albert were slumbering gently,
But were woke by a tap on 'is knee.
'E struggled to get 'imself upright.
And in clear voice 'e said, 'I agree.'

'I take it that's settled,' said chairman,
Who would rather 'e 'adn't of come,
'I 'ereby declare that 'our Albert
The position of captain has won.'

Old Joe were the first to recover,
And in accents that sounded quite pained,
Said, 'Good Lord, we've elected our Albert.'
And the atmosphere got very strained.

Then Albert rose quickly and quietly,
And with feet both apart made 'is stand,
He said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, this year,
I propose that we raise a new band.

'Since it's obvious that with our numbers,
And the number of bells that ther 'art,
That we can't ring at all without learning,
That we each of us must play our part.'

The others all looked a bit sheepish,
Realising the truth of 'is speech,
'We reckon you're right there, our Albert,
You can't learn if there's no one to teach.'

'And you 'aven't done badly we reckon,
Though you did make a mess of our peal,
If you can call 'em, we'll ring 'em, our Albert,
And that's just about 'ow we feel.'

Our chairman looked really quite 'appy,
That things 'ad now turned out all right,
And 'e ended our annual meeting,
By wishing us all a good night.

M. H.

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LATE NEWS

LONG LENGTH UNSUCCESSFUL

The attempt for the long length of 20,160 Minor at Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on March 2nd was not successful. The ringing was stopped after 10,400 changes had been rung in 4 hours 23 minutes as the standard was not good enough, reports Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe. Another attempt is to be made as soon as it can be arranged.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Great Yeldham on March 2nd, when ringers gathered from all parts of the District on a very bright but cold afternoon. The church is one of those Essex jewels, in which pieces seem to have been added at random, and to no perceivable plan, but the end product is surprisingly pleasant. The village was for a long time the home of Mr. Augustine Courtauld, the Arctic explorer, and the interior of the church bears record of his excellent taste.

The bells are a very fine light ring which, despite a long draught, handle very easily; this was evidenced by the quality of the ringing throughout the day. During the afternoon the District striking contest was held. Three teams entered, the result being: 1 Bocking, 2 Sible Hedingham, 3 a mixed band from Feering and Kelvedon. Mr. H. Pratt was M.C., and Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. Alan Syder were judges.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector. During his short address he said how very pleased he was to welcome the Association to Great Yeldham. Tea was served by village ladies, who laid on an excellent repast.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crampion from Leytonstone; there were 52 ringers present. A letter was read from Mr. H. Turner, asking for a tower for the finals of the striking contest to be held on July 6th. It was agreed to recommend Stebbing. Two letters were read from two of our oldest members—one from Mr. Lewis Wiffen, of Braintree, and the other from Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earl's Colne. It was hoped we might be able to meet both these gentlemen in the not too distant future.

The District Master reported that the Surprise practices had been well supported, despite the appalling weather. In a report on the committee meeting at Chelmsford, he thought the officers should look into the position re nominations as it was obvious that the rules needed revising. Finances needed examining and the meetings agreed this should be done in time for the next meeting.

The Master gave notice of the opening of the new ring of bells at Gosfield on April 6th.

The Master thanked Mr. Pratt for acting as M.C., and Miss Snowden and Alan Syder for judging the striking competition, and also the Rector, the organist and the ladies.

Next meeting: Hempstead, May 25th, where the bells have been installed in a rebuilt tower by the doctors of Great Britain in honour of William Harvey, who discovered the circulation of blood. R. S.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held a quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Kingswinford, on March 2nd, which was attended by about 50 members and friends. The service and business meeting were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. F. Woolley, and the ringing was supervised by the Master, Mr. F. G. Handley.

The meeting considered the new rules of the Guild, also the revised form of service. The amendments which resulted from the discussions will be submitted to the annual meeting in September.

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M. D. F.

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