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SURPRISE 'VARIATIONS'

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

MR. LEALE has commented adversely on the recent peal of Spliced rung at St. Neots without, unfortunately, remarking in similarly forceful terms on a regrettable trend in present Surprise Major ringing that has made that peal possible.

When Sir Arthur Heywood introduced the 'New' version of Cambridge and the famous Burton band first rang it to a peal in 1887, nobody did it in order to add a new method to their peal collection. The moving of the 1-2 places, by removing eight of Cambridge's 14 false lead-heads, meant that a vastly wider field of compositions was available to those wanting to ring the method.

For the next 60 years all the new Surprise Major methods rung were indeed new, and not simple variations of older ones. Then, early in 1949, came Wye and Biddenden, each a simple variation of Yorkshire, each adding nothing to the original method. Similar variations of 'standard' Surprise methods followed slowly: Braunstone in 1951, Southwell and Gainsborough in 1954, Fordcombe in 1956, Quedgeley in 1961. Gainsborough and Fordcombe do, however, have redeeming features in that they not only break up the rather tedious 1-2 work of Lincolnshire but also have only one F.C.H. against Lincolnshire's four.

The peal of Llanfair P.G. rung at the Loughborough Foundry last June marked the turning point. In the rush to correct Brian Warwick's spelling nobody bothered to point out that the method was simply Rutland with Kent places instead of a dodge in 5-6 at the half-lead. Once the seed was sown it soon brought forth fruit in the form of Putney, Havant, the four new Lincolnshire variations (only one of which is less false than Lincolnshire) in the St. Neots peal, and Stand. That nobody took the hint from the last-named is apparent, for now that Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have been 'worked out,' the disease has spread to lesser-known methods. Vermont, rung at Harrow Weald in May, is only a 'Kent' variation of Haselbech, first rung in December, 1957, and Christchurch, rung to Major at North Stoneham on April 25th and to Royal at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 25th, is the 'New Cambridge' variation of Winchester (first rung in 1954)—and it doesn't have the New Cambridge excuse that it removes any of the parent method's falseness either!

Now, I'm not claiming that Llanfair P.G., etc., are not methods (sorry, Mr. Amos), merely that they reflect no credit on their originators. And since I was myself responsible for Quedgeley in a misguided moment I must include myself amongst them. Seventy-five years ago Sir Arthur Heywood wrote: 'New methods may be had by the dozen

by any person conversant with method building, but my advice to such has always been to be sure, before they publish any new system, either that it is better than what already exists, or meets a definite want, or contains some distinct novelty.'

Is it too late to repeat and endorse his sentiments?

ST. MARY ABBOTTS, KENSINGTON

KENSINGTON TOWER is one which has long been famous in the history of ringing, from the 18th century onwards, and many notable ringers have belonged to the band there. Peal boards going back over 150 years tell of some of the performances in this tower, such as what is generally supposed to have been the second true peal of Stedman Triples ever rung: 'The Whole Peal of Triples on Steadman's Principle as composed by Mr. Thos. Edwards was completely Rung in this Steeple, Sunday, Decr. 4, 1803.' by a band of College Youths. This peal contained 722 calls, and at about the same time a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here which had a call at every lead-end, also composed by Thomas Edwards.

When Kensington Church was first built it was, of course, a village church, but the expansion of London engulfed the old village, so that in the last century the old church became too small for the fashionable congregation, and a fine new church was built to the design of Sir Gilbert Scott. In spite of the proximity of vast modern departmental stores, its tall spire is still a prominent landmark. When the church was rebuilt the opportunity was taken to renovate the bells and to augment them to ten. These bells form the present ring, with a tenor of 32 cwt.—a majestic ring, somewhat mournful in tone when heard from inside, but well worth listening to outside.

St. Mary Abbots is the parish church of Kensington Palace, and the connection with the Royal Family is emphasised by the name 'Royal Borough of Kensington.' Many of the peals rung here in the past were rung for royal occasions, the last pre-war peal being a coronation peal, in 1937. Unfortunately, since the war, the old band has dwindled away, and the Sunday ringing is now mostly carried out by members of the St. Luke's, Chelsea, band.

The 1937 peal was the last peal rung on these bells until December 1st, 1962; there was a variety of reasons for this long silence, but ringers in London were all pleased to see the name of St. Mary Abbots reappear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' This peal was rung by the College Youths to celebrate the engagement of Princess Alexandra of Kent (whose home was, of course, Kensington Palace and who was a frequent attendee at services at St. Mary Abbots) and the Hon. Angus James Bruce Ogilvy.

(Continued on page 469)

SPLICED LINCOLNSHIRE VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—I write with reference to the remarks made by Robin G. Leale about the peal at St. Neots on April 20th, 1963.

1. Firstly, let me state for the benefit of Mr. Leale and others that considering the experience and ability of the band, I was fully satisfied with the standard of ringing attained. I maintain that no more trips occurred than would have occurred in a normal peal of Lincolnshire.

2. The majority of the remarks in both Mr. Leale's letters are entirely without foundation, and I challenge Mr. Leale to produce his evidence for the peal being 'calculated to deceive.' What I think is most illogical is that a peal in just one of these variations is 'acceptable,' but if all seven variations are rung together in one peal, this is a 'decadent caper.' Anyone with an intelligent understanding can see that the words 'decadent' and 'caper' are not applicable.

3. I am going to waste neither time nor space in answering the other petty comments. I leave your readers to form their own opinions, but I ask Mr. Leale to remember that he too has rung 'abortions' (if we are to use his own abortive expressions): e.g. Saturn T.B. Doubles (2 'peals'). Moreover there have been recent peals of 'such rotten methods' as Gainsborough, Fordcombe and Nailstone S. Major. Mr. Leale called the first peals of Caithness and Cranford S. Minor, but did not add a footnote to say that they were 'abortions' of Bourne and Hull. Rung to deceive, Mr. Leale? On this point of footnotes, which he suggests, might be an idea for Mr. Leale to read the 'R.W.' each week and he might not then suggest something that has already been done. (Please refer to page 311.)

4. If Mr. Leale delights in criticising spliced, why doesn't he try the 12 (7) Spliced S. Maximus, rung at Walsall on February 3rd, including 12th place variations of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc.?

5. I am sure that Mr. Leale's friends in Amsterdam, Johannesburg, Vancouver and Zurich would be more insulted by his connotation of their homes as 'towns' rather than by our method naming. These are all cities, Mr. Leale, major cities!

If, unknowingly, I have deceived any of your readers, I apologise, and only hope that they have not been deceived by Mr. Leale's remarks into thinking that he is 'doing a grand job.'—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Fairfield, Derbys.

'BLINDED BY PLACE NOTATION'

Dear Sir,—Until the publication of Mr. Jobling's letter ('R.W.' June 28th), I had resisted the temptation to join the Spliced Lincolnshire controversy. How many others, I wonder, accepted this peal at its face value because they were blinded by the mysteries of place notation? If Mr. Jobling will sit down for a few minutes with pencil and paper and work out the grids of these methods, he will find that both he and Mr. Leale are wrong, there are 21 different leads, five common to all methods and two different (7th and 4th place bells) for each of the eight methods. He will also find that if one rang Lincolnshire throughout the peal, one would never be more than one blow out.

The claim that each bell did 'all the work' adds insult to injury: the simplicity of doing this is borne out by the fact that even I arranged this within the first eleven and a half courses of C. J. Sedgley's 5.056 Lincolnshire in about twenty minutes. With a bit of thought it should be possible to get all the work twice.

Which brings me to the point of the 19 changes of method in this peal. I was under the impression that the method should be changed at least once per course to be called Spliced. A comment from one of the legal experts would be welcome.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. FORDER.

Eastleigh, Hants.

ANOTHER VIEW

Dear Sir.—Those of us who wondered whether or not Mr. Robin Leale's attack on the St. Neots peal was quite justified must have had our doubts entirely dispelled by Mr. E. Jobling's letter on page 437!

Mr. Leale's contention is that although the peal came within the letter of the law, its description gave a very false impression of its true merit and was therefore likely to deceive a large number of ringers.

I do not know Mr. Jobling, but he is undoubtedly a typical Sunday service ringer and one of a grand majority who are a mainstay of the Exercise. These are the ringers who look to the so-called star performers to set new standards, they are indeed awe-inspired by some of the performances they see reported in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Jobling states that he and his friends in the Ealing area are happy to give credit to the 'brilliant youngsters' who rang a peal involving '56 different leads' (incidentally, most improbable in any peal of 8 spliced). Without a doubt—he is completely sincere in his admiration, and jolly good luck to him and the many ringers who share his views.

But they have all been hoodwinked! Analysis of the place notation shows that this unfortunate peal included not 56 different leads, but a mere 15 of relatively simple work, which, although he doesn't realise it, Mr. Jobling could probably achieve himself given the opportunity!

So, Mr. Jobling and many other ringers have been deceived and Mr. Leale is to be congratulated for enlightening them.

Whether or not Mr. Leale's scurrilous remarks are justified depends on the intention of the instigator of the stunt. If he calculated to deceive (e.g., 'It'll look good in "The Ringing World" and most people won't see through it'), then he has merited severe criticism. If, on the other hand, he genuinely thought this a worth while peal, then his taste is to be deplored and he should realise that a well-struck peal of London or Bristol would, in fact, be more creditable and exercise the intellect of his band just as thoroughly.

A sad aspect of this affair is that such an escapade should be perpetrated by a university society from which one has grown to expect high standards. The peal has been credited as the first of 8 spliced by the London University Society. This is a fine Society and many of its senior members are easily capable of ringing 10 or 12 spliced of an acceptable content. However, they have now officially recorded their first peal of 8 spliced. I wonder if they really want it?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. ROCK.

Teddington, Middlesex.

IN 'METHODS' EIGHT

A while ago, a band enticed Together rang a peal of spliced. They were told: 'In methods eight.' 'Good,' they said, 'for us that's great!' Four new methods—so names must pick; Vancouver for one, another Zurich. Amsterdam was one baptised; Johannesburg, for the last devised.

We suppose
The day they chose
Dawned bright and clear.
A perfect day
In every way.
For ringing 'Lincolnshire'!

The peal was reported with due publicity.

Credited to a University;
But ringers of this seat of learning
Now have ears that bright are burning.
For someone cried, 'This peal stinks—
They were only ringing 'Lincs'!
Look at the figures, the place notation!
Which, being said, caused consternation.
Amongst several readers who, in great huff,
Wrote and supported B. Woodruffe.

However, B. J. W. to relieve his troubles
Will probably revert to calling Doubles,
O: Mr. Leale may just consent
To withdraw the 'decadent'? CLARENCE.
Nottingham.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

The pleasant weather and the excellent arrangements on June 15th made the 35th annual festival at Brecon Cathedral a memorable meeting. With both the bells of St. David's and St. Mary's, Brecon, available, ringing for everyone was made possible, before the service and afterwards.

The Rev. Roy Thomas, Rector of Llanbadarn, gave an appropriate address at the service, and the Lord Bishop the blessing. Tea was arranged by the Dean, whose timely aid in opening the tea rooms of the fete, which was being held in the grounds of the Cathedral, to all the ringers and friends, proved very satisfactory.

The business part of the meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Bishop in the chair. He extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and thanked the Rev. Roy Thomas for his sermon, and the Dean, Dr. Edwards Jones, for arranging the tea.

A short silence was observed for two losses by death—Mr. E. Stüch and Mr. W. Buttress.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary stated that the money had been invested in Defence Bonds. The inaugural meeting of the new district was held at New Radnor, and Mr. A. J. Lewis was elected honorary District Secretary.

The general secretary reported a very satisfactory year. The ringing competition was held this year at Llanfihangel Rhydiethon; St. Mary's, Swansea, winning the shield. Notice should again be made to those concerned, of the bells of St. John's, Morriston, which are still lying on the floor of the church. All officers of the Guild were thanked for their help and co-operation.

The treasurer presented the statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory year's working. Mr. Saunders proposed the adoption and was seconded by Mr. Edwards.

The Bishop then presented the shield and certificates to the teams concerned, and added his congratulations.

Mr. Malcolm T. Johns was elected the new Master, and the re-elections of Mr. J. A. Hoare (honorary secretary) and Mr. D. Stokes (hon. treasurer) carried. Tower officials were asked to advise the secretary of the names of members elected to the committee.

A motion to rename the Northern District the Breconshire District was withdrawn in favour of an amendment that the Guild should be divided into the Northern, Central and Southern Districts. An annual report is to be published in future. Mr. Gwyn Lewis reported an increase of five peals rung on the previous year.

The 1964 ringing competition will be held at Neath on May 24th, and the 1964 festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, date to be decided later by the Bishop and secretary. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2, and the Bishop was thanked for presiding.
J. A. H.

HETHERSETT FAMILY'S GENEROSITY

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Hethersett on June 28th, as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Back, was also a 'Thank you' for all Mr. Back's family have done for the church and ringers over the past century.

In 1890, one of Mr. Back's forbears was largely responsible for the addition of a tenor bell to make a ring of six; again in 1904 members of the family were responsible for the addition of two trebles to make up the octave; in 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Back played a large part in having the whole ring recast, and as recently as January this year were instrumental in raising money for a complete set of new ropes.

The Parish Church ringers especially thank them for their support over these many years and trust they may continue to enjoy good health for many years to come.

Letters to the Editor

Truro Council Meeting

Dear Sir,—The acceptance by the Central Council of the Truro Diocesan Guild's invitation to visit Cornwall next year has given much pleasure here. There is sufficient accommodation in the city of Truro to cater for members of the Council, providing bookings are made early, preferably within the next few weeks.

Arrangements are being made for the headquarters to be at the Red Lion Hotel, Boscawen Street, and other suitable hotels are as follows:

Royal Hotel, Lemon Street;
Brookdale Hotel, Tregolls Road;
Imperial Hotel, River Street;
Carlton Hotel, Falmouth Road;
Culroy Hotel, Chapel Hill;
St. George's Hotel, St. George's Road;
Fletchers Hotel, River Street.

All the above hotels have been informed that they may expect bookings from members of the Council for the Whitsun, 1964, period, and, when writing, it would be helpful if you would mention your membership.

All those interested in attempting peals in the county over the Whitsun, 1964, period, are invited to write to Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, who will be acting as organiser.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN CARVETH,

President.

Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

C.C.C. and Mr. Sharpe

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of this Council, add to those you have already published a most grateful appreciation of the work of your outgoing president. During the six years of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's presidency circumstances have brought us into closer contact with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, largely through the happy and fruitful discussion of a joint statement of policy which was subsequently published by both bodies. Over this, as over other questions relating to the use and preservation of bells, we have had many opportunities to be grateful for Mr. Sharpe's ready help and very extensive knowledge.

The writer of a tribute in the same issue for June 21st refers to this body as the Central Council for the Preservation of Ancient Churches. If this was indeed the official title given by the Church Assembly, the work this body has assigned to it would in some ways be simplified. But as the Church of England's Central Council for the Care of Churches it is concerned with doing all it can to promote the care—which must imply active use as well as preservation—of churches and their contents, both old and new. Consequently the problems of conserving what is old, and therefore having special historical and architectural values, must be balanced with the duty of helping the parishes fulfil the needs of a living place of worship. These two duties are sometimes in tension, but can generally be kept in balance and the knowledge that we share a common policy with you is a great source of strength.

The suggestion now put forward that the C.C.C.B.R. should produce a technical handbook on bell hanging and on the cause of damage to towers by architectural defects or neglect of maintenance is to be welcomed, and could be another very valuable extension of the work the organisation has already done during Mr. Sharpe's years of office and since the foundation of the Council.—Yours sincerely,

JUDITH G. SCOTT, Secretary.
The Council for the Care of Churches.

Church Tower Clock Gift

Dear Sir,—If any church would be interested in acquiring a tower clock, which is available in return for the reimbursement of the cost of removal and dismantling, they may like to apply to Mrs. J. Lambe, Berry House, Thorverton, Exeter, Devon. I am informed that this clock, which is complete with a bell dated 1783, was removed some years ago from buildings adjoining Welton Manor, Daventry.—Yours faithfully,

JUDITH G. SCOTT,

Secretary.

The Council for the Care of Churches,
83, London Wall, E.C.2.

Yorkshire Association Finances

Dear Sir,—I wish to qualify the statement at the foot of page 434, which will give the impression that we are much more affluent than is indeed the case.

The figure of £504 is merely the total of the balance sheet and includes the Bell Repair Fund of £109. There should also be deducted liabilities of £109 (a coincidence, this figure). The net accumulated fund is thus only £286.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Northowram, Halifax. Hon. Treasurer.

College Youths of 19th Century

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World', the death of Mr. E. Adams, of Warwick, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was reported. This gentleman joined the Society in 1890, while living at Fulham and it is thought that he must have been the senior and oldest member.

On behalf of the Society I would be pleased to receive information about any other members who joined in the 19th century—there cannot now be many left. We have names of some: i.e. Thomas H. Taffender (1893), George E. Symonds (1898), Albert Saunders (1898), George W. Faulkner (1899), Ernest G. Fenn (1899), Herbert Langdon (1900) and William Shepherd (1900), but there may well be others who are not known to the present officers and London members.—Yours sincerely,

21a, Fieldhouse Road, J. G. A. PRIOR,
London, S.W.12.

Composition False

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the composition of 5,504 Dover Surprise Major by C. I. Rowson, published in 'The Ringing World' on June 7th (page 382), is false. There is so much falseness that a few examples will suffice to prove the point. Although there are only six possible changes 1---5678, ten occur in the peal. Two changes after the wrong position in courses 3, 5, 16 and 18, four of these occur, and also all six occur at course ends 7, 8, 13, 20, 21 and 26. Thus the third lead of the third course is false with the twenty-first course end, the fifth with the twentieth, the sixteenth with the eighth, and the eighteenth with the seventh. This falseness is only considering one set of six changes: the same is certainly true for the changes 1---2678, and clearly there will be considerably more falseness.

The basic reason for this is that Surprise methods, being based on the Treble Bob plan, contain in and out of course changes with the treble and tenors in the same position, and therefore peals cannot be doubled with the use of singles as in plain methods.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Crouch End, N.8.

Leadership and Recruiting

Dear Sir.—One so often hears the excuse for silent or under-manned bells 'We cannot get recruits,' or 'The young people are not interested,' that I should like to draw your attention to the following extract from the Deddington Deanery magazine for July, 1963, written by the incumbent.

'Claydon and Mollington. Four boys and girls from Claydon are learning to ring at Mollington. Altogether at Mollington there are fourteen ringers and learners, whose ages vary from 22 years to 11. Learners practise rounds and plain hunting and those more experienced, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. We are very grateful for the help of an Adderbury ringer, Mr. Bob Reeves. The Claydon bells require some minor adjustments before they can be rung and it is hoped they will be made shortly.'

The Diocesan Year Book shows the population of Claydon as 190, and of Mollington 208: Claydon has three bells, and Mollington five.

The incumbent does not mention that the leader of this enthusiastic band is Miss Diana French, and that for a period of 18 months or so, when Mollington bells were not allowed, on the architect's advice, to be rung, she not only kept the young band together, but actually recruited to it. Since it is hardly to be supposed that the youngsters of Claydon and Mollington are different from those of other villages the reason for this happy state of affairs must lie in the leadership.

Adderbury, Oxon. H. L. ROPER.

Central Council and New Blood

Dear Sir.—Well done, Mr. Slight, and how right you are! Let us ring the changes more often with Guild officers.

Ringers might feel kinder disposed towards these 'get in and hold on' officers if they showed a little more encouragement to learners. Gentlemen, you could only ring rounds once so give a hand, pull with the learners and help in every way you can to keep all the bells of your respective districts ringing.—Yours faithfully, VAUGHAN P. EVANS,

Branston, Lincoln.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Somerton, on June 8th, and was very well attended with a larger percentage of ladies than usual. After the service, in which the Rector gave an interesting talk on change ringing and cricket, tea, which was arranged by Mrs. Crocker, was enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Two new members—Misses J. Crocker and Jane Parfrey (9)—were elected at the business meeting. Ringing continued until 8 o'clock and the methods varied from Grandsire to London.

Next quarterly meeting: Shepton Mallet and Mells (subject to confirmation). J. K.

South Wales District

Chepstow bells were energetically used to rounds and Caters when the South Wales District held a meeting there, which was attended by 45 ringers. Canon E. P. Evans conducted the choral service and welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Simms and helpers served tea, and were thanked by Mr. W. Scudamore.

Next meeting (joint with Western District): St. Woolos' Cathedral, November 2nd.

LATE NEWS

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. A. Hughes will have to enter hospital for a second operation to his leg.

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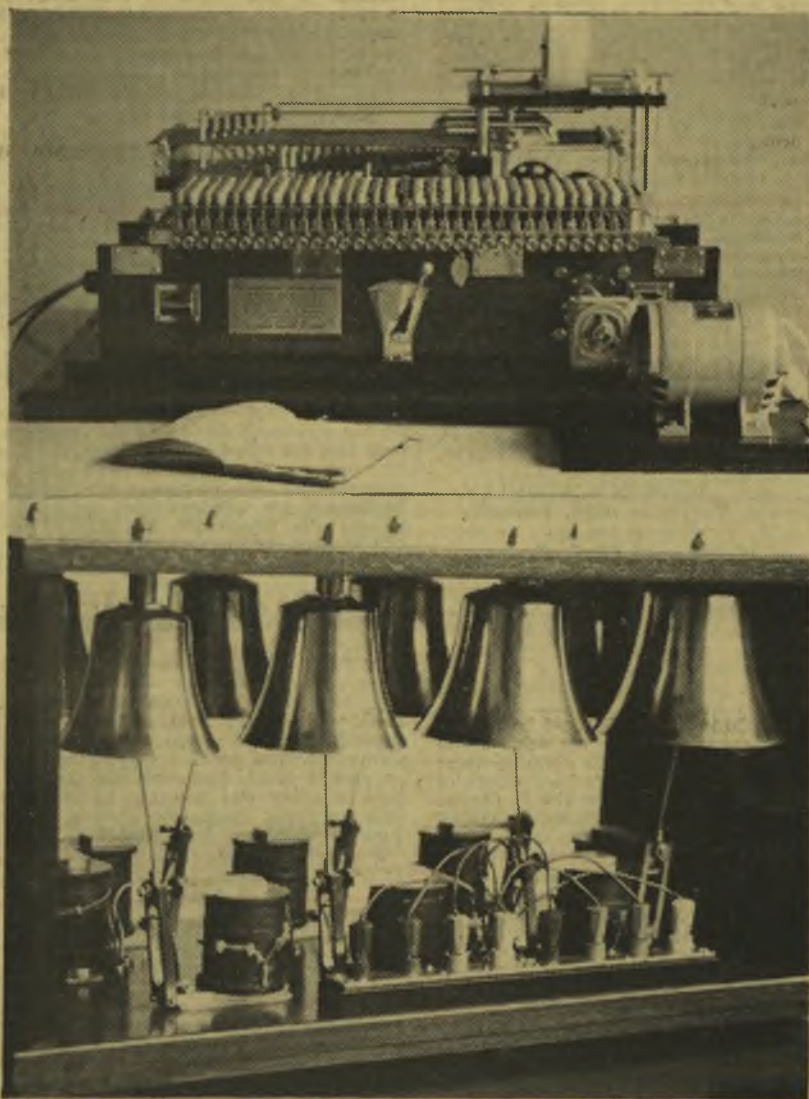
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An Improvement

During the late 1930's an interest was developing in 'spliced' ringing, and Mr. Woodhouse set himself to adapt the machine so that it would be capable of this type of ringing. This required rapid changing of pegs and possibly altering the length of lead whilst the machine was running. He therefore substituted a flat horizontal selector panel for the revolving drum.

The panel consisted of 33 rows of seven pegs each. The centre row was the lead end row, and there were 16 rows on either side of it with additional reversal pegs to produce lead lengths varying from eight for Little Major to 32 for Treble Bob Major. Each row of pegs had a push lever which wiped out the setting for the row, so changing a row could be effected rapidly.

In ringing a single method, only one side of the panel was used, and the reversal peg at the lead end would be in operation. When ringing a 'spliced' touch, one method would be set up the left hand side of the selector panel and the other method on the right hand side, and the machine would then change from ringing one method to the other whenever the reversal peg at the lead end was lifted.

A further improvement made at this time was that the pegs now caused places to be made instead of pairs to change. This simplified the setting thus:

DOUBLE NORWICH C.B.			
Row	Old setting	New setting	Result
			12345678
1	1. 3. 5. 7	—	21436587
2	2. 5. 7	1. 4	24135678
3	1. 3. 5. 7	—	42316587
4	1. 4. 7	3. 6	24361578
5	1. 3. 5. 7	—	42635187
6	1. 3. 6	5. 8	24365817
			etc.

Unfortunately, having perfected the principles on which a machine capable of ringing 'spliced' could be built, Mr. Woodhouse never lived to see its successful completion. True, he did complete and operate the machine before his death; but with the onset of old age, failing health and the increased complications of working required by these later improvements, the machine was more of a prototype than a finished model.

Shortly after his death, the machine which had been bequeathed to the Lancashire Association was collected from Sedbergh and brought to Preston by its trustees, C. Cross-thwaite and R. Leigh. It soon became apparent that a considerable amount of rebuilding and standardisation of parts would be needed before its operation would be reliable and free from snags.

Fortunately, Mr. Gordon Thwaites—a member of the Association and a skilled engineer—became interested and offered to carry out the necessary rebuilding. Since 1958 most of his spare time has been devoted to this work, and during these five years he has completely stripped the machine, remade more than 1,200 working parts and incorporated several important improvements.

The Machine Today

This consists of two separate units, the machine proper and the bells.

The Bells

Eight handbells are fixed in an open-sided wooden box and are struck by clappers operated by solenoids. The sound produced was found to be rather 'hard', and this has now been improved by inserting nylon plugs (kindly supplied by Mr. Douglas Hughes) in the clappers.

The Beginning

The late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, a science master at Sedbergh School, and a change ringer of considerable ability, had, for much of his life, been interested in developing a machine which would ring changes on six or eight bells.

He worked on the basic principle of change ringing that a bell can only move one place at a time, and must therefore change with a bell in an adjacent place. Thus for eight bells there are seven pairs which may be changed: 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67 and 78, and these pairs were numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Some thirty or forty years ago he had developed a machine using a revolving barrel as the change selector. For ringing Plain Major methods, he used a barrel which had 17 rows of seven holes, into which pegs could be inserted. Thus Double Norwich C.B. Major would be set up:

Row	Pegs	Pairs to Change	Result
1	1. 3. 5. 7	12, 34, 56, 78	21436587
2	2. 5. 7	23, 56, 78	24135678
3	1. 3. 5. 7	12, 34, 56, 78	42316587
4	1. 4. 7	12, 45, 78	24361587
5	1. 3. 5. 7	12, 34, 56, 78	42635187
6	1. 3. 6	12, 34, 67	24365817
		etc.	

He later improved this by arranging for the barrel to reverse its direction at the half lead so that only half a lead needed to be set up, and the barrel originally designed for Plain Major would now serve for a lead twice as long, i.e. Treble Bob methods. Bobs and singles were made by altering the pegs in the lead end row.

This machine was also arranged to work a typewriter, which would type out the rows being rung. On this model, Mr. Woodhouse rang at least three peals—5,024 Double

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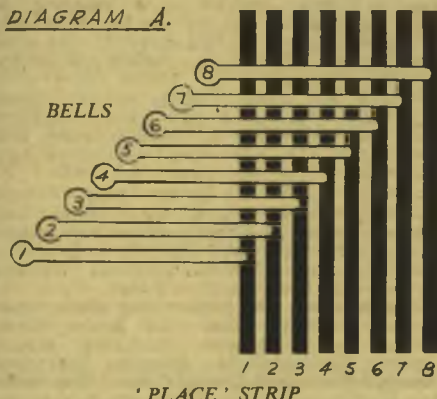
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An electric cable carrying eight differently coloured wires connects the bells to the machine proper.

The Machine

On top of the machine are eight movable brass bars or 'bells.' These make contact with eight metal 'place' strips which are connected electrically through a rotary contact to the eight handbells. The 'bells' are set up in rounds, thus:

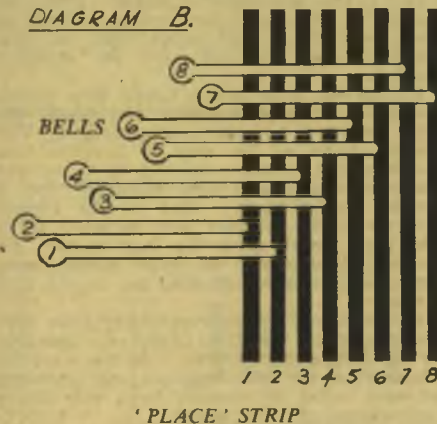
DIAGRAM A.



The rotary contact scans the connections from the metal 'place' strips from left to right, so that the handbells would ring in the order 12345678.

On each side of each of the 'bells' are two push-pull rods which move the 'bells' from one 'place' strip to an adjacent 'place' strip. For instance, in the first change of Bob Major the 'bells' would appear thus:

DIAGRAM B.



As the rotary contact is scanning the 'place' strips from left to right, the handbells would ring in the order 21436587.

Two of the bells (treble and another) are connected to pens, and a record of their movements is drawn on a roll of paper—thus producing the familiar 'blue line' diagram of the method being rung.

Two important improvements which Mr. Thwaites has incorporated in the machine are: Firstly, the use of solenoids instead of

mechanical linkage between the selector panel and the 'bells,' and secondly, the use of an electric motor in place of the original hand drive. The handbells now ring at a constant rate of 30 changes per minute, with a perfect handstroke lead of 1/17 of a whole pull.

It would be difficult to describe in words exactly how this complicated machine works, and it is impossible to convey the fascination which is experienced when watching the intricate mechanism at work.

All who have been privileged to witness recent demonstrations have agreed that the excellent workmanship of Mr. Thwaites is in keeping with the ingenuity of the original ideas of Mr. Woodhouse, and the combination of the two has resulted in a ringing machine which is fascinating to watch, satisfying to hear and unique in its operation.

Footnote.—As a trial run, a quarter peal of 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (comprising 704 Superlative and 576 Cambridge, with 30 changes of method) was rung on the machine on Sunday, May 5th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch Striking Competition

The practice meeting held on June 22nd at Compton Chamberlayne was made the occasion of a striking competition, which was generally agreed to be so successful that it is hoped to repeat the venture. St. Michael's Church stands next to the mansion of the Penruddocke family, overlooking beautifully kept gardens and a lake, half a mile from the A.30. Unfortunately there is no local band, and the bells are not kept in good condition. A team from Lord Weymouth's Grammar School, Warminster, under one of their masters, Mr. B. Price, were there early. Though they are not in this Branch the judges marked them for their own instruction and commended their even pace, and said what a pleasure it was to see these young boys so keen.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Blanchett) took the Guild office, and taking a phrase from the lesson, 'for His pleasure they are,' gave a glimpse of our destiny, the whole purpose of our existence to give pleasure and satisfaction to our Creator. By this time some ladies of the village, having tea'd two cricket teams and given our Warminster boys lemonade and sandwiches, were ready to feed another 30 ringers!

Then a return to the church for the draw and the competition, much interest being shown between-whiles in Leslie Page's tape recording of the ringing. The result was: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire), 0 faults; 2 Wilton (Siedman), 11 faults; 3 Enford (Grandsire), 13 faults; 4 Damerham (Grandsire), 17 faults; 5 St Thomas', Salisbury (Grandsire), 29 faults; 6 Salisbury Theological College (call changes), 31 faults. Lord Weymouth's Grammar School were adjudged 27 faults. We are most grateful to Messrs. H. Gummer and D. P. Bailey, of St. Mary's, Devizes, for their ready help and advice as judges.

Y. E.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 22nd, at St. Edburgh's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Evans 1, Jane Thurmott 2, H. Hatfield 3, C. East 4, C. H. Kinch 5, L. A. Busby 6, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8. For the Deanery service to mark the end of Christian Family Year.

22,080 BRISTOL SURPRISE ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—This is to give notice that an attempt is to be made to ring 22,080 Bristol Surprise Major at Birstwith, Yorks, on Saturday, July 20th, 1963, beginning at approximately 8 a.m. The composition is appended.

—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

22,080 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

234567

543726	M. In. H. H.
473526	W. W.
432765	M. In. 4.
567432	M. In. 4. 4.
234756	M. B. 4. B. 4.
745326	M. W.
765423	5.
647325	In.
643527	In. H.
24653	B. W.
36524	4. In. 4. In.
34625	M. M. H.
34256	B. H.
56342	B. W. W.

Four times repeated. An extension by John Seager of a peal by T. B. Worsley.

BANBURY VETERAN HONOURED

Taught to ring about 80 years ago, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at Tadmarton by St. Mary's, Banbury, ringers on June 25th, as a 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of Castle Street, Banbury. The ringers were: H. H. Alexander (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 2, C. T. Wightman 3, J. Kay 4, J. Bishop 5, H. Bishop 6.

Mr. Selwyn learned to ring at Bromesberrow, Glos, and it was there he rang for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. He moved to Banbury in 1914, and continued ringing until five years ago, when he felt it unwise to continue to negotiate the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber. His membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to March 27th, 1923, and he is the oldest member of the Banbury Branch.

St. Mary Abbots, Kensington

(Continued from page 1)

A card was sent to Kensington Palace recording this peal (5,067 Stedman Caters) and a gracious letter of acknowledgment was received. On April 27th, three days after Princess Alexandra's wedding at Westminster Abbey, it was the turn of the London County Association to ring a peal here. The method chosen, Kent Royal, could not have been more appropriate. The ringers were very pleased to have been able to record at Princess Alexandra's own parish church this official tribute from bellringers, especially as it was not possible to ring a peal for the occasion at Westminster Abbey.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN LEEDS AREA

It is said that a rainy day in Leeds is only surpassed by a rainy day in Halifax, and that the effect of a pint of Hey's ales by that of a pint of Stone Trough ales. All four of these were experienced by the Oxford University Society during its Easter tour.

Saturday, April 13th, saw the party assemble at Barrington Court Hotel, Leeds, and early in the evening sampling parties were dispatched to investigate the possibilities of the city of Leeds. The lack of success of this operation was reflected in the full attendance at breakfast, next morning.

On Sunday we were welcomed by the Leeds ringers at the Parish Church, and joined them in ringing for morning and evening service, whilst in the afternoon we took part in the ringing for Evensong at York Minster. Despite the attempts by the car drivers to emulate the antics observed at a go-kart meeting on the return from York, all arrived back safely.

HEAVIEST DAY'S RINGING

On Monday, at 9 a.m., the party was collected by what appeared to be the oldest coach in the West Yorkshire fleet. During the morning we progressed from the eight at St. Michael's, Headingley, to the 12 at Halifax, by way of the 10 at Bradford Cathedral, where, with the assistance of the Schofield family, the week's first course of London Royal was rung.

After the inevitable lunchtime we eventually found Birstall Church, where a number of people had their first experience of Yorkshire tail-ends and where the northern thrift was demonstrated by a time switch that extinguished the lights promptly at 3 p.m. (in the church). To round off what proved to be the heaviest day's ringing of the tour, we rang at Ossett and then at Wakefield Cathedral. In the evening, those members who felt they had not justified their existence during the day visited Chapel Allerton. After ringing we were entertained by Ruth and Donald Niblett, who had made the arrangements for the week and ably guided us round the towers.

The following morning disproved our assumption of the previous day, when an even older coach was waiting to take us to Tadcaster. Here we were joined by Iris Lemare, from York, with whose assistance a course of Glasgow was rung. Then, on to Selby, where an ex-Master proved that, with careful composition, even Stedman Caters can be unmusical! After lunch we went on to Hemingbrough, with its pleasant 'chancel step' ring of six, and Howden. The last call was Pontefract, where the coach driver operated a very slick shuttle service, enabling us to ring on both the 10 and eight.

The first tower on Wednesday was Birstwith, where, much to our surprise, we found there is some countryside within a day's journey on the west side of Leeds. At Ripon, we met Wilf Moreton, who, during the remainder of the tour was a welcome addition to our ringing strength, together with Jo and family.

FAMILY RINGING

At Sharow, the number of children under five present in a tower reached its maximum, with the arrival of Dermot Roaf, also with family. The resulting chaos would have driven an ex-Master to drink—had he not found the pub shut after walking half a mile through the rain to reach it.

Two light sixes followed, Kirby Hill and Aldborough; at the latter a broken rope caused a hold up which led to the discovery that the village tea shop, not knowing of our visit, had not yet opened for the summer season, much to the disgust of two of our lady members, well known for their leanings in this direction. At Wetherby, we had to wait for a key to be found—unfortunately other doors in the town were also locked. As we departed in the coach back to Leeds, 'Our man at King's Cross' was seen trudging in the direction of the railway station.

Later in the evening, an informal O.U.S. dinner was held in a Chinese restaurant in the centre of Leeds. This prevented the Master from giving his well known double curry act. Halfway through the meal a car was dispatched to collect our sadly-missed representative of

A BRIDE FROM BOYNE HILL



About 140 guests, including many ringing friends, attended the wedding on June 29th of Miss Kathleen North, a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, to Mr. Alan Horne, a Sea Scout Master at Waltham St. Lawrence. The bride has been on the P.C.C. for the last few years.

Previous to the wedding the bride's fellow ringers attempted a peal of Plain Bob Major, but unfortunately it came to grief after three hours, but a quarter peal was rung at Boyne Hill on July 3rd.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar and the bride wore a white brocade dress, with a train, and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. Sea Scouts formed a guard of honour, and the honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

[Photo: Raymond Thatcher, Maidenhead.]

British Railways from the station, worn out after his arduous journey back. Certain of the company then returned to the hotel for the Society's annual handbell practice, while the keener members adjourned for the fifth night running to the Queen's Hotel.

All six towers on Thursday, the last day of the tour, were eight to the north-west of Leeds. Because of a service, ringing was somewhat curtailed at Guiseley, with the result that we were able to get a little ahead of time and enjoy a leisurely ride through the pleasant countryside. The other towers in the morning were Ilkley, where a touch of nine spiced came round with only eight methods rung, the conductor being unable to decide whether to set up or call a change of method as fired past a lead end, and Skipton, where a touch of nine spiced was successful—with a different conductor.

SECRETARY'S ENTERPRISE

After a long lunch-time argument, over who put mustard into whose ham rolls, we went on to Kildwick. Here the ex-secretary in charge of the tower, living up his usual high standard of organisation, so arranged a short touch of Stedman Triples as to allow him ample time to visit the adjacent inn to quaff a quick quart and return in good time to hear rounds come up. On to Keighley and, finally, Calverley, where another course of Glasgow staggered round.

That evening, some members went to join the practice at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, afterwards becoming entangled with a fair (an O.U.S. tradition?), whilst the more sober of us spent a quiet evening in and around the hotel.

On Friday morning the proprietor of the hotel was at last able to close his doors firmly behind the residue of the Society, only to see two of them being photographed standing upside down in his forecourt. After a farewell visit to the Queen's, the party finally disintegrated, the Master, as is only right and proper, being the last to abandon ship.

D. T. D., A. N. S.

KINGSTON'S WEEK-END AT HEREFORD

The Kingston ringers opened their week-end reunion with time borrowed from Friday night, May 23rd. The handbell ringers presented Bob Major, while a shocked hotel employee switched off the T.V. set. The gathering is now an established reunion stemming from Kingston-upon-Thames tower. 'Brig.' Young, now in Somerset, and George Goodman, Herts, were gathered in plus two more from Herts—Ted Rochester and Reg Hayden—who came for the fun, and got it. Among old stagers present were our bell ringing newly-weds Elizabeth and David Wilkins, and our about-to-be-marrieds Susan Rawlings and Ken Newman, not to mention a very new stager, Bob Coles, aged 15, who rang and mixed very smoothly with a party much his senior.

Towers visited were Abbey Dore, Clodock, Michaelchurch Eskley, Clyro, Bronllys, Talgarth, Llangorse, Llanfagan, Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny, Hereford (All Saints'), Lugwardine, Ledbury, Much Marcle, Dymock, Newent, Ross-on-Wye and Charlton Kings.

Among tower bell touches and courses successfully brought round were Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, Yorkshire Major, Double Norwich Caters, London, York and Alnwick Minor and Double Court. The handbell touches were Plain Bob, Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

For those who enjoy not only ringing but also what the country has to offer, five things stand out in memory: Abbey Dore, with its gaunt abbey church, once part of a Cistercian monastery; the Goliath wall of the Black Mountains behind us as we left Llanfagan for Merthyr Tydfil; the sulphur smoke of Ebbw Vale steelworks, where we asked the way and the reply was 'Wur d'you come from?'; the unmistakable golden green of young oak trees; and the raucous serenade of what Margaret called frogs and we less educated types assumed were the common mallard.

Eating was good at the Castle Pool Hotel, where we stayed two nights, and where our lively behaviour was courteously accepted. The Radnor Arms, on the road to Bronllys, was primitive but friendly, allowing us to eat our own sandwiches and ring handbells for a certain fee in liquor. And at the Fleece, Whitney, coffee drinkers were surprised by a fine brew served from the bar counter, an excellent innovation. At each establishment the handbell ringers expressed our thanks with a touch.

Pay-off note. On the magnificent green outside the Fleece, the Silver Band was rounding up the Sunday performance. As we stood by our cars for the final departure and scattering we were called to attention by a very fitting performance of 'The Queen.'

L. G.

OUTING

MAULDEN, BEDS

Favoured with ideal weather, the annual outing of the Maulden ringers took place on June 22nd. Leaving Maulden at 7.30 a.m. the charming village of Trumpington was reached in good time, and the splendid light eight were soon set going to a variety of methods.

With many admiring glances the party got under way again, and an hour's run brought us to Hilgay, where further ringing was enjoyed. King's Lynn was the next stop, and lunch was taken before ringing on the fine ten.

A short run through beautiful country brought us to North Elmham, and it was here that the best ringing of the day took place; a course of Yorkshire Major being particularly well struck, though the standard of striking all day was of a high order. They like it that way on the Maulden outing!

Tea and further ringing were enjoyed at East Dereham, and the last tower of the day was Swaffham, where recent attention to bells and fittings has brought considerable improvement. The long journey home was broken at Mildenhall, where a little of the right kind of refreshment put everyone in great spirits.

Ringers and non-ringers appreciate the work of Ron Sharp in making the arrangements, and thanks also to incumbents and local ringers who met us.

A. E. R.

THE annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield, on June 22nd. The proceedings commenced with an experiment which failed; the opening of three towers for ringing during the morning—Yoxall, King's Bromley and Longdon. A handful of the more enthusiastic members of the Society enabled the more interested long-distance visitors to have a ring.

More ringers were in evidence at St. Mary's, Lichfield, by 2.30 p.m., but ringing was curtailed here by a broken rope. However, good use was made of St. Michael's (6) and the ten of the Cathedral, until the service, which was held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral. An excellent address was given by the Vicar of Little Aston, the Rev. H. H. Follis, and singing was accompanied by the Cathedral organist.

Tea followed at the W.I. Hall in Lombard Street, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Society's president, the Ven. Basil Stratton (Archdeacon of Stafford). Presenting the committee's report, the secretary announced that well over 30 new members had joined the Society during the past year. Over 60 members rang peals (totalling 40), and a similar number of quarter peals. Eleven members rang their first peal, and the leading peal ringers were Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, with 17 and 15 each respectively. One of the 'peals of the year' was the Little Aston Sunday service band peal of Beverley Surprise Minor, which was a first for the Society and containing a first pealer ringing 'inside' and a 'first of Surprise as conductor.'

Although no professional bell hanging work had been completed during the year, local ringers of Horninglow, near Burton-on-Trent, had made the front five of their ring of six steel bells ringable, and hoped to tackle the tenor shortly. The two bell founders had been asked to quote for putting the five bells at Bradeley, near Penkridge, in ringable order.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY Lichfield Annual Meeting

The Society had sustained the loss of a valuable member in the death of Mr. Ernest Stinch.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Allen) reported the Society's accounts to be in a healthy state, with a balance in hand of £79. One unusual feature on the income side was the revenue from no less than 47 new life members.

Mr. B. G. Key gave a report on an enjoyable Central Council meeting held at Great Yarmouth and outlined relevant details.

The following functions were planned for the coming year: September 7th, Lichfield Diocesan Festival at Newcastle-under-Lyme; October 19th, to be announced; November 9th, annual dinner, Cannock; January 18th, Kingswinford; March 21st, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; May 9th, Aldridge; June 20th, A.G.M., Lichfield. After discussion it was agreed to continue the series of Saturday evening practice meetings, but only on the last Saturday of a month in which there was not a full meeting. The Ringing Masters were asked to make a special effort to improve the general standard of ringing, especially the striking. An extra competition is to be introduced.

The following officers were then elected for the year 1963/4: Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Eastwood; honorary treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen (8, Oriel Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffs); honorary secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith ('Roiselts', Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs, Tel. Lich. 2124); annual dinner secretary, Mr. B. G. Key (2, Newport Road, Gnosall, Staffs); honorary auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake.

New members elected were: N. A. Bateman, J. Faulkner and D. K. Lane (of Great Barr), K. Swingwood (Sedgley), J. Shendon (West Bromwich, All Saints'), Miss C. Parsons (Willenhall), Miss A. E. Timmins and C. Williams (unattached). The elections of the following life members were confirmed: T. P. Edwards, N. Bennett, J. E. Camp, E. F. B. Bryant, J. D. Fernihough, D. Butterworth, F. Shalcross, J. H. Fielding, D. Mottershead, F. J. Nelson and M. Wilshaw.

The president presented Mr. F. Brotherston with an inscribed silver tankard, in recognition of his many years of service to the Society, the last ten years being as treasurer.

The meeting concluding with votes of thanks. Five towers were open for ringing in the evening. C. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. F. A. PRATT

Mr. Fred Pratt, of Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, passed peacefully away on May 26th, aged 89. He was the last surviving member of the band which was led by William Townsend and Jack Ballinger, and he had been ringing at Leckhampton for over 70 years, before his retirement three or four years ago.

Mr. Pratt was one of the most conscientious of men in his quiet way, and never missed ringing for service, even in the most difficult times. He also always stayed to service afterwards, and continued to walk the mile and a half to church up till last summer. All those who knew him held him in the very highest respect.

With his passing another link with the past has been broken; but he was never one for looking back: and one thing which always gave him pleasure was to learn of the steady progress of the new generation of young ringers at the church, where he had rung for service and worshipped for so many years, and so may he rest in peace. J. H.

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Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, informs us that the claim of the first peal on the bells at Shrewton, Wilts (page 444), is 34 years too late. The first peal on the bells was Bob Minor rung on November 17th, 1929, and conducted by Mr. C. F. Andrews.

Eight of the 10 ringers in a peal of Plain Bob Royal at Pontefract, Yorks, on June 26th, conducted by C. Barrie Dove, were ringing their first peal of Royal.

Handbell enthusiasts at Bushey have established a new Surprise record by a peal of Minor in 21 methods. This is the greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung to a handbell peal.

In a silver wedding quarter peal compliment to an All Saints', Huntingdon, ringer, Mr. A. T. Howes, and his wife, the former and his two sons participated. One rang his first quarter and the other his first quarter 'inside.'

Mr. J. J. Webb informs us that it was his brother, William, late of Heston, Middlesex, and not himself who assisted in obtaining £250 from the Barron Bell Trust for Broadwell bells (page 435). We are sorry, he adds, this his brother did not live to see the excellent restoration done by John Taylor and Co.

Darley Dale ringers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new Rector, Rev. R. St. John Smith, who is a ringer of no mean ability. He will be inducted on Tuesday, August 6th, at 7.30 p.m. So that all ringers in the district may join in the welcome, the bells will be available at 6 p.m., before the service.

Arrangements for this year's tour by the Universities Association of Change Ringers are now complete. An effort has been made, while maintaining the traditions, to introduce some other features of attraction. Based on Portsmouth, and including a coach tour in the Isle of Wight, the eight-day meeting 'covers' 39 towers—10 sixes, 22 eights, five tens and two twelves. The whole itinerary, including sea passages, extends to approximately 440 miles around base. Booking is now urgent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Wimbledon has lost two faithful ringers in Susan Rawlings and Ken Newman, whose marriage took place at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on July 6th. A farewell peal was rung on June 29th, and the band wish to associate Tony Bishop with the peal. He is in hospital recovering from a back injury.

Mr. George F. Roome rang the fourth bell at Walgrave, Northants, to a peal of St. Peter's Doubles without a stay.

On June 15th the Old Albanian Society of Change Ringers rang the Cathedral bells prior to the St. Albans School Founder's Day service in methods up to Grandsire Caters.

We are asked to state that the lecture Mr. F. Sharpe is giving at the festival of the Guild of Friends of Salisbury Cathedral tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30 is open to anyone. It will be in the Cathedral.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Derby Cathedral, which is recorded this week, was arranged in honour of Philip Whitaker, a former ringer at this tower, who has been living at Coleraine, Northern Ireland, for the last six years.

Malcolm Wade, of St. John's, Leicester, and David Moore, of Birstall, deserve congratulations on the way in which they rang in a peal of Yorkshire S. Major, at Ashby Folville on June 30th. Malcolm scored his first of T.B. Major, and David, who hadn't previously rung Surprise Major, scored his first of Yorkshire. Both rang extremely well.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, who, in 1960, had to retire from work, ringing and other activities, is now fit once more, and in September starts a new teaching job in Winchester. He made a ringing 'comeback' on July 5th by ringing in a quarter peal at St. Laurence-in-Thames, and although he had not touched a rope since 1958, found he hadn't lost the knack. 'I never felt more elated than I did when the conductor called, "This is all,"' he concludes.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 of London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

IAN R. PANTON Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
PETER J. EVES 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, as follows: (1) Westminster, (2) Norwich, (3) Netherseale, (4) 216 of Cambridge, 144 each of Ipswich and Norfolk and 72 each of Bourne, Hull and Primrose, with 26 changes of method; (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 15 in C.

*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE 3—4
ANDREW S. HUDSON 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER 6
†JOHN R. MAYNE 2	*ALAN CARVETH 7
PETER J. EVES 3	§HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 8
*†ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 9
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5	*JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. † 700th peal. ‡ 100th peal. § 250th peal.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
ANDREW S. HUDSON 2	IAN R. PANTON 6
JAMES L. TOWLER 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., June 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

PETER J. EVES Treble	IAN R. PANTON 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
JAMES L. TOWLER 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

ALL THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

PAMELA M. TURNER .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
IAN C. MAYCOCK 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES 6
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 3	V. DAVID JENNER 7
JENNIFER M. COOK 4	PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER.

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

A compliment to Pamela Turner and Robin Rogers, of Hull University, on gaining the degree of B.Sc.

ALSO

In 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

JENNIFER M. COOK .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES 6
PETER S. BENNETT 3	V. DAVID JENNER 7
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 4	IAN C. MAYCOCK Tenor

Composed by A. CLEAVER.

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

First peal in the method by all the band.

ALSO

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

Being seven extents.	Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. Treble	IAN C. MAYCOCK 4
KENNETH J. HESKETH 2	V. DAVID JENNER 5
PETER S. BENNETT 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES Tenor

Witnessed by PAMELA M. TURNER and JENNIFER M. COOK.

Being one extent non-conducted and one extent conducted by each member of the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. Treble	ERNEST RAWSON 6
BERYL CAWSE 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 7
J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE 8
GORDON A. HALLS 4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 9
JOHN F. MURFIN 5	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	† MARTIN L. HOWE 7
IAN H. ORAM 3	† ANDREW M. MACVE 8
† CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
† JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 5	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 50th peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method. First of Royal in the method as conductor.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM H. BOSTOCK .. Treble	ARNOLD COLE 6
RONALD H. DOVE 2	*GAEL BROWN 7
*ANTHONY E. STAMP .. 3	† KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 8
† JOHN POTTS 4	† JOHN WEAVER 9
† ALAN SHEPPARD 5	† C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

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

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 lb.

BRIAN DOWNES .. Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 6
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 2	DAVID T. DARBY 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	ALAN J. FROST 8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	TREVOR N. BAILEY 9
JOHN C. EISEL 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Peter's (St. Albans) Society.)

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5072 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER FORSTER .. Treble	† WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM .. 6
*ANN C. CARDEN 2	† KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 7
† JOYCE DODDS 3	† CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 8
HAROLD V. FROST 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 9
† REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal. † First of Little Bob Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE .. Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
DAVID J. STAPLES .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
JOHN A. ACRES 3	*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal in the method.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOAN K. SMITH Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	ROBERT E. HARDY 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW 7
DAVID J. ALLEN 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 5
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS 6
ALEXANDER PAGE 3	HAROLD A. NOBES 7
†CHARLES W. PHILPOTT 4	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* 50th peal together. † First of Major.

Rung on the eve of the ordination of Peter N. Bond as priest at Rochester Cathedral, and of Paul Illingworth as deacon at Wakefield Cathedral.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*E. JANE SIBSON Treble	MARCUS P. BARTON 5
†MARILYN M. BARTON 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 7
MARY S. TAYLOR 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* 100th peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

RONALD C. NOON Treble	*CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
*MARGARET A. WILSON 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*STEPHEN WRIGHT Treble	BERT SUTTON 5
WILLIAM FAY 2	FRED HODGSON 6
EDWARD HUDSON 3	THOMAS M. COX 7
JOHN A. BROWN 4	EDWIN P. KING Tenor

Composed by J. BRUERTON.

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton on their silver wedding; also for the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, to their daughter, Madeline, and David Bradford, in Aden (January 29th, 1963).

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD L. PARFREY .. Treble	S. ARTHUR READ 5
*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 2	PHILLIP W. WEEKS 6
DAVID A. BURT 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* 25th peal. Harold L. Parfrey has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Alan F. Lee, tower master of Twerton and secretary of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, and Jean Palmer, married this day at Warmley, Glos.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

TREVOR A. CROSS Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
IAN H. ORAM 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*SUSAN E. SMITH Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
DAVID S. M. JONES 2	MORGAN MARSHALL 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
†JENNIFER TYACK 4	CHARLES PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples, and on an 'inside' bell.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE 6
JOHN W. BLYTHE 3	H. WILLIAM BARRATT 7
DIANA M. PIPE 4	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 100th peal.

A compliment to Jean Barnett and James Woolford on their engagement.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY Treble	*PHILIP CROSSTHWAITE .. 5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 2	*JOHN RYDER 6
MARYL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

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

A birthday compliment to Peter Crook, sen.

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At THE GUILD CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN CIRCUS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London and 320 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
*E. JANE SIBSON 2	JOHN C. EISEL 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	*DEREK E. SIBSON 7
MARY S. TAYLOR 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of 8-Spliced.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

PETER BRIDLE Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	†HENRY TAYSON 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 7
†ROGER S. ALGATE 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

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

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM J. DIXON Treble	PETER BEEDIE 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN 2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS 6
BRIAN W. HALL 3	D. KAY ADKINS 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4	THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.	
GEORGE ASTBURY .. Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 6
*YVONNE HUGHES .. 3	FRANK MORTON .. 7
†WILFRED KERR .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLLS .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. R. Butterworth, recently inducted Rector; also as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Allman.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE .. 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 2	LESLIE BAILEY .. 6
ROY WILES .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4	CHARLES H. MOORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. MOORE.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Back, of Hethersett Hall. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*MALCOLM WADE .. Treble	JOHN E. COOK .. 5
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
†DAVID F. MOORE .. 3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First 'blow' in Surprise Major

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.
LUCY ANN KEY .. Treble	PETER MORRIS .. 5
PAMELA E. KEY .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
ALBERT H. LAWTON .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. 4	RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT EMMANUEL CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb. in F.
*REV. DAVID H. SANSUM .. Treble	†MICHAEL H. GREGORY .. 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 2	REV. ROGER O. FRY .. 6
WILLIAM ABRAHAM .. 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
P. LESLIE PEARCE .. 4	†WILLIAM F. BONNER .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.
To commemorate the institution and induction of the Rev. R. M. Brettell as first Vicar of the united benefice of Christ Church with Emmanuel, Clifton.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.
BRIAN T. FORD .. Treble	CYRIL GRIFFITHS .. 5
JOHN A. RODEN .. 2	ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. 6
EDWARD G. BOWYER .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
ANNETTE FROST .. 4	CHARLES EYRE .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to mark 50 years' ringing service at this church by Mr. E. G. Bowyer, of which 46 years have been as tower captain; also to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society (June 30th, 1883).

SIX BELL PEALS

LAPWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (all 294 calls being singles).	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	RICHARD G. MORRIS .. 4
IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 2	DAVID J. ALLEN .. 5
ROBERT E. TALLIS .. 3	PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.

Rung for the wedding this day of Linda M. Hughes and John K. Foot.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)

On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Violet; (2) London Scholars', Kingston. Sandal and Chapel; (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley; (4) South Kirby, Barnsley, Felkirk and Havercroft; (5) Woodbine, (6) Oxford, (7) Duke of York.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
ROGER TARBATT .. Treble	RODNEY PAGDEN .. 4
ELIZABETH PEACE .. 2	PETER CARBUTT .. 5
SUSAN PEACE .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, (2) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (3) York, Durham, Berwick, Beverley, Hexham and Surfleet; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Bourne and Netherseale; (7) Norwich; with 82 changes of method.	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 4
DEREK E. SIBSON .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5
E. JANE SIBSON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 20 Surprise Minor methods by all the band, and for the Association.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Treble Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. 4
JOHN L. GIRT .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

150th peal as conductor.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Surfleet and Beverley, and three of Cambridge.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
JAMES LINNELL .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
MARGARET A. WILSON .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
*MRS. GEORGE SHELLARD .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in three methods 'inside'.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (no 6-5's at backstroke).	Tenor 9½ cwt.
JAMES J. GREEN .. Treble	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	DAVID J. ALLEN .. 5
*IAN R. STEVENS .. 3	PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 46 extents, viz.: 15 of Stedman, one of Stedman and Grandsire Spliced, ten of Grandsire, four each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

P. GERALD McILHONE .. Treble	†ANGELA M. AYRES .. 4
DAVID H. SLADE .. 2	†MARTIN S. HAMMERTON .. 5
*DAVID J. SLADE (11) .. 3	*LAURENCE E. WOODBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by P. GERALD McILHONE.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. Treble	MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 4
FRANK C. PRICE .. 2	DAVID P. HILLING .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(The Exeter University Society.)

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*JEFFREY A. GILSON .. Treble	†MARTIN F. LOCK .. 4
*JULIET WOODERS .. 2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
†GEORGE SKINNER .. 3	*JOHN D. WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal for the Exeter University Society.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	LEONARD GOODALL .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

First peal in the method by all.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*ROBERT J. COOLES .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 4
ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS .. 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 3	MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. A. Tidy, who this year celebrates his 50th year as captain of the tower.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN G. PAYNE .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 2	KEITH R. DAVEY .. 5
DEREK J. JONES .. 3	ROGER D. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

The conductor's 150th peal for the Guild.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

TERENCE J. MILSON .. Treble	DAVID J. BARNEIT .. 4
*MYRA J. GIBBS .. 2	HENRY TAYSON .. 5
J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 3	ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY W. GIBBS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jean Palmer, of Warmley, and Alan F. Lee, of Twerton, Bath; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Gloria M. Newton, of Warmley.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 35 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Melandra, Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe and Castleton Delight; (2) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (3) Rosherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bagedon and Ely Delight; (4) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; 46 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	*NEIL BENNETT .. 4
IVOR JENKINS .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in 35 methods.

Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Robert H. C. Lewis, M.A., as Vicar; also for the wedding of Barrie Hendry and Patricia A. Moreland, which took place earlier in the day at Kingstanding, Birmingham.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 50 methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull and Primrose Surprise; (2) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise; (3) Barham, Pembroke and Berkeley Delight; (4) Oswald, Kentish and Edinburgh Delight; (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford T.B.; Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract, Donottar and Alderbourne Delight; (6) Morning Star T.B., Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight; (7) Fryerning, Westminster and Allendale Surprise; with 118 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. Treble	*GORDON W. LAND .. 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Minor in 50 methods. The greatest number of Treble Bob methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 23, 1963, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents of Grandsire and 12 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor size 11 in F.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4
MICHAEL WHITE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT WHINGARTH, 17, RIDGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

NEIL BENNETT .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5-6
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 3-4	*DEREK A. ASHTON .. 7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First handbell peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5-6
*NEIL BENNETT .. 3-4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7-8

*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal on ten handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) Westminster and Allendale; (5) York and Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3-4

ROGER BALDWIN .. 5-6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

The greatest number of Surprise methods to be rung to a handbell peal.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1984 Wye Surprise Major: Judith M. Atkinson 1, Wendy Bird 2, Maria E. Kirby 3, Barbara Stephens 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, I. C. Maycock 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, B. J. Wyld 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Hardy 1, Rita Gould 2, Elizabeth Birmingham (first of Doubles) 3, D. Rundle 4, N. I. Davies (cond.) 5, A. Jones 6. Rung on the back six for morning service.

ASHWELL, HERTS.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick 1, Audrey Alexander (first as cond.) 2, Anne Sanderson 3, T. R. Haichett 4, D. R. Sanderson 5, C. Worboys 6. An engagement compliment to Anne Sanderson and Chris Worboys.

RATHWICK, BATH.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Minor (Plain Bob and Little Bob): P. R. Stubbs 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, Miss M. Viner 3, J. Tiley 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, K. Harrison 6. Rung to congratulate Jean Palmer and Alan Lee, on the occasion of their wedding.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Coppertwaite (first quarter) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, For Matins.

BITTERN PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 26th, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Russell (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Kay Hollingsworth 3, H. N. Evans 4, H. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Margaret Smith 6. For Ascensiontide.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1, A. B. Corden 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniels 4, A. Daniels 5, J. Marks 6, J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. H. Hedley as Rector.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss V. Mephram 1, Miss A. Harris 2, T. J. Barlow 3, A. R. Baldock 4, A. Jackson 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Redgers 1, Felicity Dicken (first 'inside') 2, C. Rees 3, Janet Somerville 4, M. Roff 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. On St. John the Baptist's Day.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): G. K. Cook (first quarter) 1, Angela M. Ayres (first in 11 methods) 2, R. M. Heyworth (first 'inside') 3, C. J. Adam 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, A. T. Keeble (first quarter) 6. Rung for midsummer.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods), Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 3, F. Gosling 4, P. Watts (16) 5, R. Vince 6. First in eleven methods by all except 4, and by Sunday service band. For Matins.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mills 1, H. Spencer 2, G. Gilling (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, I. Watts 5, H. H. Gilling 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On June 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Morris 1, A. Denovan 2, T. W. Heskeith 3, M. E. Dodd 4, K. J. Heskeith (cond.) 5, D. W. Fellows 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth Roberts 1, Pamela E. Key 2, H. H. Lawton 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, M. Wycherley 5, T. Turner 6. For the wedding of Patricia Ratcliffe, of Clive.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—1,296 Plain Bob Major: K. R. Goodall 1, Mrs. I. M. Holland 2, Eileen J. Osborne 3, R. Farnsworth 4, L. Goodall 5, D. Peers 6, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 7, I. M. Holland 8. For the visit of the Bishop of Derby for Confirmation service.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): R. Harding 1, J. A. Ellis 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. T. Johns 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Protheroe 6. At St. Peter's Church for St. Peter's Day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, P. Woolven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, M. J. Dyer 4, C. L. Beli 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nicholls, parents of the ringers of the 3rd.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Howes (first quarter) 1, J. A. Howes (first 'inside') 2, P. Woolven 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung by Sunday service band as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Howes.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): A. Grey (first quarter) 1, P. Friend 2, J. J. Waller (could.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. For Evensong.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. N. Stubbs 1, D. Bennett 2, Ruth How 3, L. Smith 4, D. Darby 5, D. Birkinshaw 6, R. B. Meadows 7, Christine Bradburn 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. N. Harris 1, D. Wilkins 2, Elizabeth Wilkins 3, M. J. Bangham 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, J. F. N. Maybrey 6, W. H. Jackson 7, A. D. Leach (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Yapp 1, J. Nelson 2, J. Sumner 3, J. Owens 4, L. Walmsley (cond.) 5, J. Iddon (first quarter) 6. Rung by six employees of Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland.

LISS, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Lesley Read 2, B. C. Kercher 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton 5, Patricia Smith 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. H. G. Hart 1, Miss R. M. Foreman 2, Miss M. E. Fort (first of Grandsire Caters) 3, A. R. Millidge (first of Grandsire Caters) 4, H. G. Hart 5, M. W. Coleman 6, M. F. Lock 7, A. Cutler 8, F. T. Elagrove (cond.) 9, T. J. Lock 10.

LYDIARD MILLCENT, WILTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss T. P. Johnson 1, Miss P. A. Lansley 2, R. E. G. Lutton 3, Mrs. R. Drewett 4, R. J. Drewett 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 April Day, Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creher 1, M. Ball 2, Miss R. Yeats (first of Triples 'inside') 3, I. J. Burrough 4, P. W. Ham 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, H. Yeats 7, R. Fisher 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Silvey 1, Dorothy Stopps 2, Joyce Barton 3, J. Young 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, R. Blackler 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, R. E. Dean 8. For Ascension Day. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jill Cook 1, R. Blackler 2, P. R. Dean 3, D. A. Cornwall (first in method) 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For evening service.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On June 25th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise: E. Wilcox 1, H. Young 2, M. Beech 3, D. Beech 4, J. Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (cond.) 6. First in method 3 and 4.

UTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clark 1, P. Davies 2, E. Marks 3, C. C. Turner 4, W. Webb 5, J. Arbury 6, C. J. Turner (cond.) 7, C. Glanville 8.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,345 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: Miss J. Cook 1, L. Woods 2, D. Hewitt 3, J. Boyack 4, M. Sinden 5, A. House (cond.) 6, M. Hallett 7, A. Salisbury 8, F. Gant 9, P. Chapman 10.

PINNER, MIDDx.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Took 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, R. Sanders (first 'inside') 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, M. Took 6, K. B. Sanders 7, J. Hutchinson 8. First quarter for all except 2 and 3. For the Patronal Festival.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brookes 1, A. Millidge 2, L. Allen 3, Margaret Fort 4, M. Uphill 5, B. Bull 6, M. Bangham 7, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hobbs 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. A. Reading (cond.) 3, Miss G. Martin 4, R. M. Flanagan (first 'inside') 5, M. J. Bew 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to William J. Berry, ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 29th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lydia Chamberlain 1, G. Foster 2, G. T. Ridgway 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, R. J. Bedford 5, F. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Harper, and to the conductor, on the birth of a granddaughter.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 in front): Pat Ward (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Coman (first quarter) 2, Gwen Fellows 3, E. Avery 4, A. Hoad 5, Angela Rudd (first 'inside') 6, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 7, G. Muggridge 8.

SEDESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On June 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss V. Mephram 1, Miss A. Harris 2, A. Jackson 3, T. J. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 2, 4 and 5. For the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jancane Ansell 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Shelagh C. Guthrie 3, Susan J. Devey 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, P. J. Barker 6. Rung for the wedding of Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler, to Raymond John Holt. Both Mr. Butler and Lillian are ringers in this village.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. K. Ward (cond.) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 3, D. P. Hilling 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, J. F. Bowler 6, D. H. Francis 7, G. R. Shedden 8, W. Birmingham 9, F. R. Scott 10. First of Plain Bob Royal 'inside' 3, 6 and 8.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, E. J. Ford (cond.) 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Webber 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew John), to Joan and Eric Ford.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—On March 24th, quarter peal, six Spliced Surprise Minor: P. Brand 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, R. Wiggins 4, L. Way 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on April 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Higgins 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, L. Way 4, P. Brand 5, D. Pickett 6. For Easter Sunday.

STOFFOLD, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood 1, G. Goodwin 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, Audrey Alexander 4, P. Mehew 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. Rung on Trinity Sunday, and for the ordination of Peter Bond and David Hoare. Also as a welcome to Amptihill, Beds, for David Hoare.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Susan Moxon (12, first quarter) 1, R. Beresford (14, first 'inside') 2, N. Moxon 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, H. Hawcroft 6, Katharine Burchall 7, D. Williamson (14, first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Susan Moxon 1, D. Parsons (15) 2, H. Hawcroft 3, A. Parsons (14) 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, Katharine Burchall 6, N. Moxon 7, D. Williamson 8. For Evensong.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On July 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. G. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, K. E. Pinney 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his appointment as Vicar of Long Sutton.

WARBUROUGH, OXON.—On June 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Welsh (first of Major) 1, R. Howes 2, A. Howes ('circled tower' to quarters) 3, G. McIlhone (first of Major as cond.) 4, F. Absalom 5, Helen Butler 6, R. Dyke 7, Susan Howes 8. Rung for the Duke of Edinburgh's birthday.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On June 18th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): G. Davis (first of Major) 1, Shirley Harris (first in the methods) 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, G. F. Cowlin (first in the methods) 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, R. W. Spencer (first in the methods) 6, J. M. Roffe 7, R. H. Daw 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Rosamund Rawlings (first as cond.) 1, G. Reynolds 2, D. Coke 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, A. Bagworth 5, R. Goodman 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Judith Geringer 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Monks 1, Mrs. C. M. Godfrey 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, M. I. Davey 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, M. Etherington 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Flynn (first quarter) 1, T. E. Trickett (first 'inside') 2, J. S. Baker (first 'inside') 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, A. R. Trickett 5. For Evensong.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Ingles (first quarter) 1, A. Faulkner (first of Major) 2, Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Major 'inside') 3, P. Gould (first quarter) 4, W. Birmingham jun. (first of Major) 5, A. Crowson (first of Major) 6, D. Baker 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: J. Collier 1, Miss S. Rawlings 2, F. Cherryman 3, W. Savill 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Knight 1, Mrs. J. Hohl 2, R. Hutson 3, A. E. Moore 4, R. Burton 5, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutson, on the birth of a son (Andrew Peter).

NOTICES

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CALLING WINCHESTER.—School-master (ringer) taking up appointment at Winchester School in September next seeks unfurnished flat (two or more rooms and kitchen, ground floor or semi-basement) or accommodation of some kind, for self, elderly widowed but very active mother and two beautiful cats. Preferably in the city itself, or within easy reach. Willing to join any band of ringers locally and to help with learners. Would consider furnished. Details to Frank C. W. Knight, 16, Vale Square, Ramsgate, Kent. 2822

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MISCELLANEOUS

RINGING TOUR.—Members of all university ringing societies (and other young ringers interested) are invited to take remaining places on the U.L.S.C.R. tour of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire in the last week of August. Car transport is available. Details from John Seager, 12, Wadsworth Road, Sheffield 11. Immediate application essential for the final (Lincs.) week-end.—D. J. R. M. 2826

ROCHESTER. CATHEDRAL.—Practices: Saturday, July 13th, from 7-8.30 p.m., and Sunday, August 24th, from 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 2823

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS.—In view of the heavy cost of blocks today a charge of 35s. will be charged for the insertion of a wedding photograph where no block is supplied. The sender will also be responsible for any photographer's fee. No charge will be made if a block is supplied with the report.

Will A.I. Guild and Association secretaries please forward straight away their corrected lists of officials, together with dates of annual meetings, etc., for insertion in the 1964 Ringers' Diary. **PLEASE DO IT NOW.**—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2825

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbell's Mead, Kilmersdon, Bath. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2781

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 13th. Eve of Rushbearing Festival—decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please phone numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Chester 26537. 2843

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Bolsover on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail to Mr. D. Cooper, 84, New Bolsover, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 2812

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, at Fletching. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring picnic tea. Ringing in the evening 6-8.30 p.m. 2782

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Littleington on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2806

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on July 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Cottage, Church Lane, Bentley, Farnham.—D. P. Elsmore. 2804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Tring (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring, Herts. 2806

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 13th, Northaw, 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. J. Southam. 2839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Hawkshead, Saturday, July 13th. 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 2842

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Machen, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 2770

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Steeple Claydon (6), Saturday, July 13th, at 6 p.m. Rededication of Padbury (6) bells by Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, July 20th. 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, at latest, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bleckley. 2763

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's, Stamford, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2798

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Compline 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2801

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Bells, Sopley (6), 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Christchurch, 5.15 p.m. Priory bells (12) after tea.—L. F. Cobb, Dis. Sec. 2835

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice on Monday, July 15th, at Colerne, 7.30 p.m. start.—H. Kingcott. 2802

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Saham Toney on Wednesday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Tovell. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 2791

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Backwell (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, July 18th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune', Brockway, Nailsea. 2815

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2815

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—July 20th. Woodchurch (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Service at Moreton 5 p.m. Ringing at Moreton (4) after tea. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2847

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, July 20th. The five bells will be available from 2.30 p.m., and the eight after the business meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by 18th at the latest to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 2820

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea: please bring own food, cups of tea available.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2851

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting on July 20th at Frampton-on-Severn (6), 2.15 p.m. and Arlingham (6), 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by July 16th to Mr. A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Glos. 2813

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hasfield (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to Mr. J. Dean, Omrah Cottage, Hasfield, Gloucester. 2821

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, July 20th. Tetbury. Bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 and after 6 p.m. No service. Business meeting in tower at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to W. R. Locke, 54, Hampton Street, Tetbury, by Thursday, 18th.—H. Heath. 2844

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Otlands Park on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 2832

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 20th. Will old and new members please support. Names for tea to Mr. Walters, 'Meadow Bank', Hawkhurst, Kent. 2833

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Stokesay on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Ferguson, 4, The Hope, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow. 2841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—July 20th. Kimpton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London.—M. A. Coburn. 2814

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th. quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore.—C. T. H. 2818

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, July 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please bring picnic tea. Kingskerswell bells (8) available 6 p.m. Gentlemen invited.—Y. C. Porter, Dis. Sec. 2772

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** at Barthomley on July 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, before July 17th.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2803

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-annual meeting at Worsley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who inform Mr. J. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden, Manchester (Wal 5342), by previous Monday: most definitely no name no tea. Business meeting to follow tea. Nos. 9 or 26 buses from Victoria Bus Station.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 2838

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Soddington, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen. 2827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2808

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice on July 20th at Sunbury-on-Thames. Ringing from 6 p.m.—F. T. B. 2853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on July 20th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Stedman Triples.—B. C. Castle. 2850

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at East Carlton (6). July 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cottingham (5) available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Balshaw. 'Two Chimneys.' Middleton. All welcome.—M. A. C. 2811

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m., afternoon only. Ringing at Uppingham in evening only from 6.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 2846

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting on July 20th at Wenhamston (6). 3-5 p.m. Blythburgh (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Wenhamston at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhamston. 2846

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Little, 228, Coulsdon Road, Coulsdon, by July 17th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2792

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Erin Triples. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2834

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington, July 20th. Bells 3 till 8.30 (Hambledon 6.15 till 8.30). Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Vicarage. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Strode Avenue, Portsmouth, please. 2819

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nether Alderley (6), Saturday, July 27th. 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. 2687

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, July 27th. Recently rehung bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 2837

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Kilkhampton (8) in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon, by Monday, July 22nd. Visitors welcomed.—R. Pearce. 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—W. H. D. 2828

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 22nd, to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2824

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Lutton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2845

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Winfarthing, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 24th, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 2816

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, Damerham. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential by July 23rd to Miss Eloie, Branch Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2757

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Warbleton (6), July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (Rushlake Green) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 2836

ST. LAWRENCE'S SEAL CHART. KENT.—Dedication of memorial inscription to the late Arthur Wenban, in the form of a ringers' service, at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th. Bells available at 2.15 p.m., also after service. All ringers welcome.—G. T. Acott, Hon. Sec. 2832

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OUTINGS

ST. NICHOLAS', OLD MARSTON

Towers on the Berkshire-Hampshire border were selected by Mr. Alec Gammon, Ringing Master, for the outing of St. Nicholas' Society, Old Marsden, and their friends on May 18th.

A good start of ringing was made at Aldermaston (8), followed by the noisy six at Midsgham, where the long pull made handling tricky for learners. The best ringing of the day was on the pleasant-sounding eight at Thatcham. Lunch and tea were had at Highclere. In the afternoon Woolton Hill and East Woodhay were visited, and in the evening Burghclere, where the cup won by the local band in a striking competition was an inspiration to good ringing, and Kingsclere.

Ringing consisted of rounds, various Doubles methods. Minor (including Cambridge), Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Thanks are accorded incumbents and local captains. R. N. A. P.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

When the 30 ringers and friends who participated in Willingdon's third annual outing on May 18th arrived at the first tower, Godstone, they found a band of ringers preparing for a peal. Particulars of their visit were pinned on the notice board in the tower; they arrived just in time for an enjoyable ring!

Willingdon's young band handled Bletchingley's bells, with their fairly long draught, well, but Redhill's bells were a little difficult to handle owing to the sway of the tower. Local ringers, including Mr. A. Harman, met the company at Capel (an easy-going six), and here were rung Kent and Cambridge Minor.

The only disappointment occurred at the last tower, Crawley. During the first touch of Oxford Bob Triples the splice on the fourth rope parted, and ringing concluded on seven bells. After an evening meal at the Old Priors Lodge, we made our way homewards at 9.30 p.m. We thank clergy and tower secretaries who made the outing possible. R. W. R. P.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' June 27th. 1913.—

The dedication of the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will take place on July 22nd by the Bishop of London. The bells will be either at the entrance to, or in the church, and will not be hung in the tower until after the ceremony, thus following the example of Surfleet in reviving the old custom of blessing the bells before they go up into the steeple. The four trebles have been recast and the whole peal of twelve tuned upon the Simpson principle. The work, as is, of course, well known, is in the hands of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

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LATE NOTICE

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Ringers' Sunday, July 21st. Ringing 7.30-8.10.15-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. J. C. Hill, of Newport. Refreshments available. 2854

QUARTER PEALS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stewart 1, L. Sweatman (first of Minor) 2, J. Richards 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, G. Stewart 6. For Evensong.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On June 17th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. D. Belcham 1, Miss M. M. Moore 2, Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to Bridget A. Sanger and Michael V. White.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Dubarry (first of Minor) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, B. Edwards 4, M. Damerell 5, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service, and a compliment to Miss P. Moss, local ringer, one of the candidates.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Sutfall 1, C. Bennett 2, R. Goodliffe 3, V. James 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, B. Goodliffe 6. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the christening of Philip John, son of the Rev. J. Ramsay, Rector. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Goodliffe 1, V. James 2, G. Skelly 3, Miss J. Brake 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, A. Saye 6. First in seven methods for all the band.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): W. Dixon 1, B. Haigh 2, W. E. Cooper 3, J. J. Taylor 4, J. P. Cooper 5, A. Wear (cond.) 6.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Woolbridge 1, J. R. Niblett 2, J. A. Tandy 3, F. J. Vallender 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, P. L. Bill 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung by Stourbridge Grammar School Society to mark the 411th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school by King Edward VI.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. King 1, P. Avey 2, Miss R. Carr 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung after the wedding of Pamela Byford and Reginald Smith. Also on June 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Tomlin 1, G. Sandwell 2, Miss R. Carr (first of T.B.) 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROUS, E. YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Dinah M. Blow (first of Doubles) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, Janet I. Porter 3, J. G. Hobson 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Cammack, of Cottingham.

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