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DIGGING INTO THE PAST IN ESSEX VILLAGE

By F. H. ERITH

MANY ringers must have wondered who rang their bells in days gone by, but unless they belong to those few towers which have ancient peal-boards there would probably have been no evidence of any activity a hundred or more years ago.

In my own tower of Ardleigh, in Essex, we have had a ring of six since 1675, which was augmented to eight in 1892, but apart from entries in the churchwardens' accounts of such items as 'Beer for the Ringers' in Napoleonic times, which implied that there was a company, we had no clue as to who our bygone ringers were.

Last month, however, there was a great turn-out at the Vicarage, owing to structural alterations, and it was my duty to examine some old ledgers and notebooks. In one of them I came across the following entry:—

'Sunday, December the 14th, 1794.

'At a public Vestry meeting held this day WE the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners do approve the following persons to be the bell-ringers of the Parish of Ardleigh, viz.: Robert Munson, William Munson, James Sparrow, John Whitaker, John Southgate, William Webb.

(Signed) John Kelly, Vicar' (and six other names).

It is curious that the Vestry should have found it necessary to enumerate the ringers at all, and I can think of only two reasons why it did so. There may have been a dispute among the ringers over the allocation of beer or money, and they required a ruling. Or it may have been that the church bells were to be sounded as a warning if the French made a landing on our coast, and a reliable set of ringers would be needed.

That the latter is the more likely is borne out by the unusual entry in Ardleigh Parish Register No. 5. This reads as follows:—

'In consequence of the avowed intention of the French to make a descent upon this coast . . . I have thought it my duty to number my parishioners; which I have done by a Domiciliary Visitation, that in the event of an actual invasion, such a list may be useful either to assemble us in order to make a resistance, or in case of dispersion, to enable us, upon our return, to discover and ascertain our various claims and settlements.

John Kelly, Vicar.

Vicarage House, Octr 13th, 1796.'

Here follows, in the Vicar's copperplate handwriting, 'the names, qualities, and ages' of the 1,145 inhabitants, divided up by households. At the end is a list of statistics leading to the final, vital one: 'No. of males from the age of 15 to 60; and capable of bearing arms — 352.'

This document takes up twelve pages of the Parish Register and must surely be of immense interest to anyone studying the Social History of England in the Napoleonic period. But the interest to us lies in the fact that it tells us a little more of the six ringers who were appointed less than two years previously.

The Webb family, for instance, is classified thus: William Webb, Shoemaker, 55; Jane Webb, Wife, 49; William Webb, Son and Sailor, 21; James Webb, Son, 8.

The other ringers were:—

Robert Munson, Constable, 40, with a wife, sailor son aged 14, and five younger children;

John Southgate, Parish Clerk, 43, with a wife, and Abraham Whinney, lodger, 76;

John Whitaker, wheelwright, 26, with a wife, infant son, and lodger;

William Munson, Shoemaker, 30, living all alone;

James Sparrow, servant, 26, living in the house of Lucy Fenn, widow, 21, and her mother, Elizabeth Went, 50.

The ringers at that time were evidently not a band of irresponsible drunkards, as Ellacombe said of a later generation in another county. The Constable was one of two who were appointed annually by the Vestry. The Parish Clerk would have been superior to most of the other villagers.

One likes to imagine that the company held together for many years after the great survey, but the records tell otherwise. Robert Munson was buried on Christmas Day, 1798, and William Munson followed him three months later.

FLOURISHING SALISBURY

A SHORT time ago, in a review of Theological College ringing Salisbury was mentioned as 'flourishing.' It might interest readers to know how true this is. The college is small by most standards as there are only about 45 students. Nevertheless, during the past two years a quarter of the college has been actively engaged in ringing. Many have been taught to handle a bell, but it is generally difficult to get learners beyond plain hunting in the time available. There is a regular practice afternoon for learners and on Tuesdays the more experienced fire the bells, generally at Coombe Bissett!

During the course of the past two years we have, however, visited almost every five and six bell tower in the area. On Saturday afternoons outings have been held to more distant towers. On one occasion a joint meeting was held between college ringers, those of the Teachers' Training College in Salisbury, King Alfred's Teachers' Training College in Winchester and Southampton University. We had a service in the College Chapel, followed by tea in the Library. This was a great success. Some members have joined the local Guild as ringing members.

The college is affiliated as a tower to the Salisbury Guild and is thus the only tower in the Guild with one bell (Gillett and Bland

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First Peal on Carter's Ringing Machine

The first peal on Carter's ringing machine was called on September 7th by Mr. John Chilcott. It was a peal of 5,019 Stedman Cinques, appropriately a composition of John Carter (C.C.C. No. 15), and was umpired by Mr. Frank Haynes.

Expressing pleasure at the performance, Mr. Douglas Hughes writes: 'I am very pleased that this has been done, although sorry in a way that Albert Walker, who had been promised the first peal by John Carter, did not live to call it himself. He always intended to come to London to do this, but somehow never made the journey.'

FLOURISHING SALISBURY

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1870 c. 3 cwt) hung for chiming only! A team was entered for the Striking Competition of the local district, and though the college was last, it was only just behind St. Thomas', Salisbury. On Sundays the college ringers ring at various churches besides keeping the three bells at Netherhampton going. This last often means missing breakfast!

The keen ringers in the college are doing everything in their power to bring ringing into a favourable light with their fellow students. In consequence we believe that you will find that anyone trained at Salisbury recently will be a friend of ringers. The college even formed an unofficial anti-bell society as non-ringers seemed to find all conversations turning to bells. Needless to say, the society was soon ousted when its secretary learnt to ring!

There have been occasional setbacks. On one occasion three-quarters of the college attended a harvest festival only to see all the local ringers walk out before the service and come back again afterwards to lower the bells! In case the Bishop of Dunwich should read this, I would add that the nearest house was half a mile away and the village contains no rectifying house (apologies to Worcester ringers for this name!).

Despite such setbacks we believe that it is essential to acquaint all ordinands with the correct place of bells and ringers in the life of the Church. So many look upon ringers as nuisances, as mere drunken non-churchgoers. That no Salisbury man can ever leave thinking this is our proud boast.—A.C.

Anyone wishing to contact the college ringers should write to:—The Master of the Bell-ringers, The Theological College, 19, The Close, Salisbury, Wilts.

Fairfield Surprise Major

x34x14x12x16. 34x34. 58. 34x34. 78.

L.H.=12-4263857. Bob 4th.

F.C.E. 24365. 32546. 46253.

Rung at Fairfield, Derbys, July 10th, 1963.

Gloucestershire Surprise Major

x34x14x12x16x34x58x34x78.

L.H.=12-4263857. Bob 4th.

F.C.E. 24365. 32546. 46253.

Rung at East Hagbourne, Berks, August 15th, 1958.

Composition for both peals:

5.088 by J. W. WASHBROOK.

23456 M B W H

35426 — 2

24653 — —

23564 — 3 — 3

Twice repeated.

SINE NOMINE TOUR OF

LINCOLN- SHIRE



ST. MARY ABBEY CHURCH, SEMPRINGHAM.

ON August 27th an assorted group of 12 ringers left by minibus for a ringing week centred on Lincoln. On the way we rang at Godmanchester (8), Wansford (a 2 cwt. minor five), Stamford (All Saints', 6) and the magnificent ten at Grantham. This splendid 15th century building set the pattern for many we were to see.

We attended Parish Communion at Saxilby (6) on Sunday morning. Here the local band have rung for over nine hundred services consecutively. Further ringing was at Nocton, Welton, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln (with its very ancient font) and the good bells of Dunholme—all sixes.

Gainsborough (8) was our first stop on Monday. We continued through Bawtry (6), Doncaster (8) and Conisbrough (8), to Rotherham (10). Here we were delighted by the cleanness of the belfry and the tone of the bells. Worksop Priory bells (8) were of good tone. The day ended at East Retford (10), save for an evening practice at St. Giles', Lincoln (8, a fine Rudhall ring).

Tuesday provided some splendid Marshland churches. We visited Sleaford (8), Ewerby (10), Heckington (8), Boston (10), Algarth very easy to handle despite the light weight, long draught and alarmingly leaning tower. In the evening we visited Waddington (6).

We started with two good rings on the Wednesday—Newark (10) and Southwell (12). We liked the latter despite the sagging and springy floor. After lunch, in the grounds of Nottingham Castle, we rang at St. Peter's (10) and Lenton (8), in that city. Hucknall Torkard (a good octave), Edwinstowe (6) and Dunham-on-Trent (5) followed. The congregation leaving Dunham Church is greeted by the inscription: 'Are your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation?'! Evening ringing was on the four at St. Mary-le-Wigford, in Lincoln, which are manned by a band of Baptists.

On Thursday we rang at Horncastle (6) and Halton Holgate (6), lost a peal at Mablethorpe (6) and had difficulty in the fine spire at Louth (8). In the evening we joined in the practice on the magnificent bells of Lincoln Cathedral (12).

Friday was the day for North Lincolnshire, and we visited Wragby (6), Walesby Old Church (8) and Caistor (6). We were

disappointed by the restored and augmented ring at Grimsby (10), but favourably impressed by the two octaves at Barton-on-Humber, particularly by St. Mary's. In the evening we grabbed two excellent sixes at Norton Disney and Bassingham.

On the final day we returned to London, via Sempringham (6, the isolated church where St. Gilbert founded a monastic order), Croyland (6), March (6) and St. Neots (8), all good bells.

Our grateful thanks go to all who helped to make this second expedition a great success. A.C.

A PETERBOROUGH RETIREMENT

For over 52 years Mr. Sydney E. Wright has rung regularly at St. John's, Peterborough, and it is with much regret that the band have had to accept his resignation. The long climb to the belfry has become somewhat of a strain to Syd during the past few months, and he feels that he can no longer put in a weekly appearance. Fortunately we shall still see him at service, and he hopes to have an occasional visit to the belfry.

Syd remembers the time when the Sunday service band could ring three courses of Superlative like clockwork, and has taken part in several 5,000's in the tower, in a variety of methods.

To mark his retirement a quarter peal of 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation) was rung on Sunday, September 15th, by Wendy Hollowell 1. G. Cowlin 2, J. Bird 3, J. Rowe 4, G. S. Bush 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. We wish him many more years of happy retirement.

JOINT MEETING AT BOTTESFORD

A company of over 40 collected at Bottesford for the joint meeting of the Bingham District (Southwell Guild) with the Melton District (Leicester Guild), and the young, enthusiastic crowd from Bingham added to the enjoyment. A clergyman from Colgrave conducted the service and Mr. Box arranged tea. All present favoured the Melton District visiting a Bingham tower next year. M.S.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

'Going up Camborne Hill, Coming Down.'

(Trad.)

[For Peals see page 633.]

WHEN, at a business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild two years ago, I proposed that we should go to Cornwall for our 1963 tour, I wasn't expecting the reply: 'Good idea. You're organising it.' However, this is what happened, and eventually we got ourselves booked at the Vicarage, Stithians, which is a guest house.

The majority of the party arrived by the evening of Saturday, August 24th, some having rung at Liskeard and Cardynham. Here the organiser's first well-kept secret was sprung—many of the party would have to share beds. After a whispered consultation between organiser and president, rooms were allotted, and members went off grumbling. A good dinner, the precursor of many excellent meals, mollified them slightly, and after dinner many found their way to the Seven Stars, where the Cornish style of hymn singing was much appreciated.

The only 'official' ringing on Sunday was in the afternoon, at St. Erme and Veryan. At Veryan we rang 'The Cornish Sixties' at a tremendous pace. In the morning some rang at Stithians (where a rope was broken and afterwards very kindly mended by Roger Leigh), others at Kenwyn.

CHURCH IN AN AIRFIELD

St. Eval on Monday morning had some of the 'navigators' worried; they were not used to finding a church in the middle of an airfield. At Padstow there was some trouble in finding the key. Meanwhile the first peal of the week was being rung—London Major at St. Dennis', on top of a windy hill. In the afternoon we rang at St. Columb Major and St. Columb Minor before tackling Truro Cathedral. An interesting touch of Little Bob Royal was attempted here, composed by Brian Price, but its undoubted musical merits were obscured by the inability of the band to ring it. After dinner we walked over to Stithians Church, and later in the evening had our first experience of Martyn Jordan at the ivories, or, as the poet put it: 'Dey had biano-blayin'.

On Tuesday our first call was at Carbis Bay, where we were cordially welcomed by Rev. A. S. Roberts, and after some mainly indifferent ringing were royally entertained with coffee, sandwiches and cakes. This was most welcome, and we are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. The navigators had an interesting time after this, guiding us to the remote church of Towedack. The afternoon was much enjoyed by the 'Dove' fans. First they added a 'Z' (Zennor) to Sunday's 'V' for Veryan, then collected Sennen, the most westerly tower in England. Those who were not content with this rang handbells on the rocks at Land's End. Meanwhile, a good peal of Stedman Triples was being rung at Gulval. Some of us went to the practice at Truro in the evening, while others hunted for 4-bell towers.

PASTIES WITH MR. AND MRS. H. W. ROGERS

We started Wednesday with our Corporate Communion in Stithians Church, which was celebrated by the Vicar, Rev. J. R. Jose. The peal band went to St. Anthony-in-Meneage and rang a peal of Superlative, while the non-pealers went to Mawgan, Mullion and Cury for a 6-bell morning. J. B. Williamson inveigled some of the party into snatching Manaccan as well. For lunch we went to the Old Inn at Mullion, where we were treated to pasties and sandwiches by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, who were staying there and who had joined us in some of the ringing.

Feeling refreshed, we moved on to Helston. The phrase 'quaint old Cornish town' inevitably springs to mind here, but fortunately the bells are neither quaint nor old, having been recently recast and rehung. At Camborne, practically everyone was saying to the organiser: 'Why on earth aren't we going to Tuckingmill? There's a beautiful little eight there, much better than these bells.' Personally, I didn't see much wrong with Camborne, and I'd never heard of Tuckingmill, so I echoed Dr. Johnson: 'Ignorance, sheer ignorance.' Finding Redruth Church

was a navigator's nightmare. It was eventually located and the bells duly rung. The timing of this afternoon's programme being distinctly odd, there was plenty of time for those whose appetite for towers was insatiable to go back to Tuckingmill and ring there before dinner. After dinner we had our business meeting. It was agreed that next year if we did not go to Shrewsbury we would go somewhere else! Eventually the meeting adjourned to the Seven Stars, and later in the evening Martyn 'Kramer' Jordan was rivalled by Old King Cole.

Thursday was an 8-bell day. We had some enjoyable ringing during the morning at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, Roche (where the lights were left on and someone had to go back later to switch them off), and Bodmin, with its new eight. At Bodmin we were unfortunately restricted to half-an-hour's ringing. Here we said goodbye to Major Freeborn, and noticed that Brian Price had already 'silently slipped away.' After lunch a peal of Bristol Major was rung at Eglosayle, and the rest of the party went to Lanivet. Mr. Jose met us again at Perran-ar-Worthal, and showed E. M. Atkins some entries in the parish register made by his wife's grandfather. The tower-snatchers snatched Gwennap after dinner, while others went to the practice at Kenwyn.

PARTY'S RINGING ABILITY

Friday's peal was at Probus, where 8-Spliced was scored in the morning. Meanwhile ringing took place at Kea, where J. B. Williamson and Chris. Woolley left us. We then went on to St. Ewe, where one rings in a sort of chimney, and Gorran, where the bells don't sound quite right. In the afternoon we visited Lanlivery. It was an interesting indication of the capabilities of our party that the 8-spliced peal band arrived at Lanlivery to hear the bells being rung in 6-spliced! We then rang on the very pleasant six at Lostwithiel. Our last tower was Fowey (the 'Troy Town' of the excellent novels of 'Q').

Back at Stithians, Rev. J. R. Jose was our guest for dinner, and shortly after dinner the majority of members 'adjourned'—the best part of two miles—to the Golden Lion. In the lounge bar here, reminiscences from the older members were mingled with practical advice to the younger members.

I should like to draw a veil over what happened on Saturday, when we attempted a peal at Exeter Cathedral, but, as many people already know, the peal was lost in quite a short time. A quarter peal attempt was also unsuccessful.

*'Miser Gulielme, desinas ineptire.
Et quod vides perisse perditum ducas.'*

I suppose that everyone got home safely. It was a great week, and it seemed to me that all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. W. T. C.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT FESTIVAL

About a score of ringers assembled at All Saints' (8), Milford-on-Sea, on September 14th to start the Christchurch District's ringing festival; but after tea, when the proceedings concluded with two hours' ringing at Christchurch Priory, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Cheater, it was a case of 'standing room only.' Visitors came from Lancashire, Worcestershire, Essex and Oxfordshire.

Car owners who drove the ringers from tower to tower included Messrs. R. Marlow, W. T. Godfrey, C. Conway and H. A. Mitchell. After Milford, towers visited were Ringwood, Downton, Fordingbridge, St. John's, Surrey Road, and St. Peter's, Bournemouth. At Christchurch Priory the Vicar, the Rev. L. H. Yorke, conducted a short service, and presided at tea in the Priory Church Hall. Acknowledging a vote of thanks, the Vicar said the world of campanology was a mysterious world to him, with a language of its own quite mystifying to the uninitiated. The ringing of the bells was important, and he wished the ringers well in their valuable work for the Church.

The ladies who had prepared the tea were also thanked. They were Mesdames Godfrey, Witt, Alan Price and A. V. Davis. The dropping of the Priory bells at 9 p.m. concluded a very good day.

A. V. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, at Iwerne Minster on September 14th, was attended by some 28 ringers and friends, including ringers from Wellington, Som., and Aylesford, Kent.

Standard methods were rung on this deep-sounding six (18 cwt.) until the Guild Office. This was truly a ringers' affair, as the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Wells) is vice-chairman of the Branch and a ringer, and so is the organist (Geoffrey Spencer). During the office a course of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells by C. Longridge, J. Longridge and R. Longridge (hon. secretary).

Tea, provided by Mrs. Wells and helpers, laid a proper foundation for the business meeting which followed. Fourteen new members were elected and one extra-diocesan life ringing member. Proficiency certificates were awarded to Messrs. G. Spencer, C. Dunster, J. Longridge, C. Longridge, A. Wallis and P. Cracknell.

Ringers were reminded of the Dorset ringing festival at Blandford on October 26th, and this brought forth some discussion about the possibilities of some 8-bell practices. Attention was drawn to the regular practices at Sherborne on Tuesdays and Mere on Thursdays.

Ringing was continued at Iwerne Minster and Shroton.

R. N. L.

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Chardstock on September 21st. Distinguished visitors were the Master of the Guild (Rev. Richard Longridge) and Mr. Frederick Sharp. Mr. Longridge conducted the Guild service, and Mr. Sharp read the lesson. Twenty-one sat down to tea, served by lady helpers from Chardstock.

Mr. C. Powell presided at the business meeting, and gave a warm welcome to Mr. Sharp, who, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being present, and followed this with an interesting talk on his recent visit to America.

Mr. Jesse Davis acted as honorary secretary in the absence of Mr. J. T. Barrett. The next two practices were fixed for Loders on October 9th and Bridport on November 13th, subject to consent. Mr. Barrett gave formal notice that he would not be seeking re-election at the A.G.M. in November. Miss Angela Quick, of Lyme Regis, was elected a ringing member. Mr. Longridge gave a reminder of the Ringers' Festival at Blandford on October 26th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Oxford and Cambridge. The service touch was Stedman Doubles.

J. T. B.

IN INFORMAL DAY IN EASTERN HERTFORDSHIRE

On August 24th, 14 ringers from various parts of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire met at 9 a.m. outside the Church of St. Nicholas, Great Horstead, and the bells were soon ringing to a variety of Doubles and Minor methods. Different ideas as to the best route to take resulted in the last two cars leaving Great Horstead being the first to arrive at Anstey (a springy six, rung from the centre of the church). A short but rather hair-raising drive brought the party to Brent Pelham, where Bob Minimus and various Doubles methods were rung. There is the tomb of a dragon slayer here, O. Piers Shonk. The drive to Little Hadham (the only other five bell tower of the day) was, for some, notable for the watery state of the 'road' taken. The afternoon's programme was Much Hadham (8), Widford and Great Amwell (two sixes) and Hoddesdon (another eight in a brick tower).

After tea we met again at Bengoe (a delightful light eight, which are at their best when rung fast), then moved to Tewin (6), where we were met by the Rector, who rang a touch with us. We ended the day at Welwyn. Most of the more common methods up to Cambridge were rung, as well as rounds, call changes and Minimus for the benefit of the less experienced. Those participating in the ringing are grateful to Jean Sanderson, for her efforts in organising the trip.

W. D. N. F.

Letters to the Editor

Tune Handbell Ringing

Dear Sir.—I am sure that many readers, and especially those who are tune ringers, will join with me in congratulating Mr. Frederick Sharp on his being chosen to be the guest of honour at the Eighth National Convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. I have no doubt this gesture of esteem was well deserved by Mr. Sharp, for I do not know of anyone more suitable to represent English ringers and ringing at an overseas function of this kind. This, however, would not be an entirely one-sided arrangement, as the A.G.E.H.R. would derive a great deal of benefit from Mr. Sharp's wide knowledge and experience of all things appertaining to bells and bell ringing, and this will doubtless be put to good use before long by our ringing contemporaries on the other side of the Atlantic.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Sharp for the very detailed and concise account of his visit: this is one of the most interesting articles I have read in your columns for some time past, and while space does not permit me to comment at length on it, I should like to remark upon one or two points he mentions.

First of all, the tremendous distances travelled by many of the large number of ringers present, not forgetting the expenses involved in transport for themselves and all their equipment. This expense would not be light, and in almost every case would have been raised during the preceding 12 months by the voluntary efforts of the ringers concerned: it would also be in addition to the normal commitments for church funds that most of them will meet from time to time.

Another thing that struck me forcibly is the fact that these Americans use their handbells to make music in their church services all the year round, not just on special ringing occasions or at Christmastime; they use them with either voice and organ accompaniment or without, and to my mind it is very right and fitting that they should do so. 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals' says Psalm 150, and this is another form of giving praise and thanks to our God. We in England could do well to take a leaf from their book in respect to this practice. One of the most moving and yet enjoyable services that I have ever attended was a carol service held at Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, a few years ago. The handbell ringers took a prominent part in the music of the service, playing for four or five of the hymns and carols sung, besides rendering a musical interlude, and I thought that the whole effect was most inspiring and a very worthy addition to our usual church organ music; it is something that could well be used to enrich the service music in our churches, not once or twice, but Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

Now, whatever their different techniques and methods of arranging and writing musical scores, one quality of these American ringers stands out above all others. It cannot be purchased, in fact if it is not there no amount of money can provide it: it is ENTHUSIASM, and very few good things in this world have been accomplished without it!

Having seen and experienced for yourself this enthusiasm of our American friends for tune ringing, may I presume to ask Mr. Sharp if he would contribute a series of articles on tune ringing, and how to arrange music for handbells, so that enthusiasm for this art may be fostered and encouraged in this country? I am sure there are many ringers like myself

who would appreciate a lead in this direction. There are many sets of handbells lying unused in towers throughout this land; with a little encouragement and assistance they could be put to good use once more; all that is required in many towers is the knowledge of how to use them properly, joined with enthusiasm, so that these bells may ring out in harmony once again.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS OGDEN.
Shaw, Oldham.

Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir.—I write to withdraw a peal rung at Leicester 'All Saints', for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on August 24th, 1963, since this has now proved to be false. My apologies to all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Buxton, Derbyshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Some 50 members and friends met at the Parish Church, Chipping Hill, Witham, on August 31st, for the quarterly meeting of the Northern District. A service was conducted by the District Master, and in his address the Vicar told us the history of the little bell recast and hung in the tower by the late Harry Richards.

Tea was arranged in the Church Rooms by the local ladies, followed by the business meeting. The District Master welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Jim Chalk, of Wanstead, who gave a talk on people he remembered. Mr. Monk, of Witham, was elected a ringing member. The District Master congratulated Peter Laurence and Paul Le Count, of Bocking, who had rung their first peal.

The Vicar replied to a comprehensive vote of thanks, and afterwards the bells were kept going in a number of methods until 8.30 p.m. Next meeting, Felstead, November 16th.

R. S.

OBITUARY

MR. DEREK OGDEN

May I pay a short tribute to the memory of Derek Ogden, whose sudden and unexpected death has removed a talented ringer from the north-west.

He learned to ring at Ashton, under the tutelage of the late Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, but it was in the last few years that his real influence had been felt. A capable ringer, conductor and composer, he had taken part in many of the noteworthy performances in this area during the past few years, culminating in the peal in 18 Spliced Surprise Maximus methods this year, which was composed and conducted by him.

Of a modest and quiet disposition he nevertheless filled the position of chairman of Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association with great dignity and much of the prosperity of the Branch is due to his wisdom and guidance. His association with the Chester Guild, of which he was a resident member, was close and cordial, and all ringers in the Manchester area, both Cheshire and Lancashire, feel that they and the Exercise have lost a valued friend. To his wife and children heartfelt sympathy is extended.

C. K. L.

MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN APPRECIATIONS

It was my privilege to have known Lew Wiffen since I was a small boy, and his passing only magnifies what a tremendously fine man he was, both inside and outside the belfry.

One might easily have misunderstood his somewhat gruff attitude when at the end of a rope, but this was a coupling of intense concentration and rigid insistence from himself and the rest of the band on the highest standard of striking attainable. In this regard Lew was exceptional, and I count myself fortunate to include one peal in particular with him which was he at his most typical.

A peal of London at Great Dunmow with about one trip in it and Lew Wiffen, with his old friend Frank Claydon, ringing and striking perfectly throughout. And then the comment afterwards: 'Not a bad 'un!' He was in his middle seventies then and that peal gave him a lot of pleasure.

Lew Wiffen will be sorely missed, particularly in Essex and Suffolk, and we mourn his passing. We are thankful for the memory of his example. May he rest in peace.

GEORGE W. PIPE.

For some years prior to the 1914 war, Lew Wiffen lived in Ipswich. There he was moulded into the great ringer he became, and there he gained that love of good ringing that was to last all his life. He rang in the 1908 peal of Cambridge Maximus and was the last surviving member of that illustrious band. Not a big man physically, fairly tall but spare. I don't suppose he ever weighed 9 stone, but he rang St. Mary-le-Tower tenor to London S. Major in 1909. He was also in the second Cambridge Maximus in 1910.

After the war, during which he worked at the Whitehead Torpedo Works, he drifted back to his native Essex. Here he became leader and conductor of a band he gathered round him at Braintree. It was a good band ringing peals in the standard Surprise methods of the day, up to spliced. Always he insisted on good ringing and was not slow to tell anyone whose ringing was not up to standard, for he was rather outspoken and did not suffer fools gladly.

From time to time between the wars, he would return to Ipswich for the 12-bell ringing which he loved and always when a new Surprise Maximus method had been rung there, he, with another prominent Essex ringer, would be invited to take part in another, which he would do with the skill and precision so characteristic. He was a staunch College Youth. Recently his ringing had been curtailed as he was troubled with arthritis. And so his race is run, but he leaves an abiding memory of a gallant ringer who loved all that is best in ringing. God rest his soul, may earth lie lightly on him.

C. J. S.

THE REV. D. CAMPBELL MILLER

Those who have visited Packwood Church, in Warwickshire, will be sorry to hear of the death of the Vicar, the Rev. D. Campbell Miller, on September 15th, whilst on holiday. Although himself unable to handle a bell he had always given great encouragement to the art by willingly placing the bells at the disposal of any visiting ringers, rarely having to decline a request for a peal attempt.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, who was with him at the time.

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REDEDICATION**DATCHWORTH, HERTS**

On September 16th the bells of All Saints', Datchworth, were rededicated by the Bishop of Bedford, after they had been rehung and retuned by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

This joyous occasion was the culmination of over three years' effort since it was found that the bells were unsafe. The Parochial Church Council decided early this year to go ahead with the repairs and appealed for volunteers who would be willing to undertake training in the art of ringing, thus ensuring that the bells would be rung regularly for service. The response was most encouraging, and, on the advice of Mr. A. R. Agg (general secretary, Hertford County Association), an approach was made to the Knebworth ringers who readily agreed to teach the volunteers.

Considerable enthusiasm was displayed by all concerned and as a result of hard work and determination sufficient progress was made to enable six of the learners to ring rounds at the end of the service. The ringing during the service was undertaken by members of the old band and Datchworth is now in the fortunate position of having two bands, with other trainees coming along to swell the numbers.

At a reception, the Rector expressed thanks to all who had contributed so much in time and money to make it possible for the bells to be rung again. They were particularly grateful for the help given by the Knebworth and Benington ringers, and he made presentations on behalf of the parish to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. B. L. Marks and Miss B. Harris in appreciation of their efforts.

Later in the evening the bells were 'open' to visitors, amongst whom we were delighted to see Mr. Stuart Bonnett, the president of the Hertford County Association.

R. F. P.

A VISIT INTO ESSEX

On August Bank Holiday Monday a party of ringers assembled as usual at Willingham Church (Cambs) along with the organiser of the day, Mr. D. E. R. Knights, the venue this year being Essex. Friends were picked up at Cambridge and Harston, then on to Great Easton (6), our first tower of the day. Many touches were brought round on this pleasant ring. At Dunmow (8) we had some good ringing before lunch. The next tower was Rayne (6), followed by Coggeshall (8, a very pleasant ring which we all enjoyed), followed by Earl's Colne (8), where many methods were rung. After tea, on to Castle Hedingham (6), the last ring of the day.

As usual we were joined by our organist friend, who plays the organ whilst we ring the bells. A very pleasant day concluded, we turned for home, and Cambridge was reached just after midnight. Many thanks to Don for another enjoyable day. We would like to thank all who gave permission for us to ring, and those who so kindly met us at the towers. C.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna Frith 1, Ann Edwards 2, C. K. Cooper 3, A. R. Groves 4, J. Crawley 5, I. R. Panton 6, P. J. Eves (cond.) 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. Rung for the civic service for the 75th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to the Borough of Chelmsford.

BRAY RINGER A FARMER'S BRIDE

THE wedding took place; on Saturday, September 14th, at St. Michael's Church, Bray, of one of the local ringers, Miss Diana Harris, to Mr. Francis Cartman, who is a young farmer. The bride wore a full-length dress in white satin with a lace train and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds, lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis.

Diana was attended by three bridesmaids wearing full-length japonica pink wild silk dresses and carrying matching rosebuds. All the dresses had been made by the bride's mother.

The chief bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Wenda, who also rings at Bray. The local ringers rang before and after the choral service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Bray, and as the couple left church they were met by an archway of handbells. During the afternoon a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major unfortunately came to grief after 2½ hours' good ringing.

After the wedding reception the couple left at lightning speed for a secret honeymoon, and when they return they will make their home at Overbury, Worcestershire; and so, unfortunately, Bray tower loses one of its regular Sunday service ringers. D. H.

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has been a member of the Guild for over 50 years.

The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, subject to permission being granted. M. D. F.

BARKING GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. E. G. Cottis, of Barking, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary on September 20th, and to mark the occasion a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's.

A native of Barking, George has been a regular member of the local band for 64 years, and now at 80 years of age still maintains his regularity, keenness and efficiency.

George's touches of Grandsire are notorious! Listening to the ringing, he detected the two shift courses in the false starts, but at the successful conclusion congratulated the band—and that coming from George is something, for he was a member of the exceptionally able Barking band of years ago.

Full of reminiscences and whimsical humour, at the short session afterwards George inquired as to whether anybody had rung for their own baptism, because he had 72 years previously at St. Leonard's, Colchester.

Congratulations, George; may both you and your wife be spared many more years of happiness. L. V. G.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Dr. L. E. Wear 3, F. G. Knight 4, K. E. Pinney 5, H. G. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 8. Rung with best wishes to the ringer of 5th, prior to his entry to St. Luke's College, Exeter.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held its annual meeting at St. Thomas', Dudley, on September 14th. Ringing took place during the day at Brierley Hill, the three Stourbridge towers, Cradley, Halesowen, Metherton and Dudley.

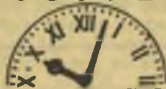
The Guild service was conducted by the president (Canon T. W. Keith Murray) in St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, quite a good number of ringers being present. Tea was taken in St. Thomas' School, and was followed by the business meeting, which was conducted by the president. Canon Keith Murray was re-elected president and expressed his thanks to the Guild for honouring him yet again.

The outgoing Master, Mr. F. G. Handley, stated that he did not wish to be re-elected. He therefore proposed that Mr. Michael J. Fellows, of St. Thomas', Stourbridge, be elected Master for the year 1963-64. It was pointed out by several members that by electing Mr. M. J. Fellows, the meeting had made history by electing the youngest person ever to the office of Master.

The secretary, Mr. Martin D. Fellows, and the treasurer, Mr. Harold J. Shuck, were both re-elected.

It was pleasing to see Mr. Chris Wallater at the meeting. He is in his 81st year and

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY IN NORTH DEVON

THE Society's second ringing tour this year, for those too aged and infirm to participate in the cycling tour, was based at Great Torrington, which is conveniently situated in North Devon.

The party, representative of membership of the University from 1946 until the present day, assembled on Sunday, August 25th, for ringing for Evensong at Great Torrington, where the local ringers kindly allowed us to ring 'scientific' for half an hour before introducing us to Devon style call changes under the leadership of the famous call change competition judge, Mr. Tom Darch. We were joined here and on many occasions during the rest of the week, by Pam and Doug Bellamy and family, who were camping at Westward Ho!

Monday began with ringing at Abbotsham (6), where the tenor was out of tune, and then we visited the fine eight at Appledore, before lunch at Westward Ho! and a round of miniature golf, which was to become the 'sport of the week.' In the afternoon we were joined at Northam by some of the members of Wilf Williams' peal tour, and some good ringing ensued on this nice ring of eight. The last tower of the day was Buckland Brewer, which was reached by devious routes through narrow country lanes. It was well worth the efforts for these are a good six. A plaque in the church commemorates John William Taylor, the bell founder, who was born in the parish in 1827.

CHILDREN'S DAY

According to our programmes, Tuesday was to be 'tower grabbers' day.' It also appeared to be children's day, because, in addition to the four Bellamy children, and young Timothy Sprackling, whose parents were with us for the first half of the week, Frank and Mary Mack and their four children came round with us for the day. The first tower was St. Giles-in-the-Wood (6), followed by Winkleigh (8), where we also patronised 'The Ring of Bells,' next to the church. A quick ring at Jacobstowe (5) ended the morning. After lunch we rang at four sixes: Down St. Mary (home of a famous call change band), Zeal Monachorum, Dolton and Merton, where we were delighted to find that the local ringer who met us was a change ringer and he rang some Grand sire with us.

Only two towers had been arranged for Wednesday so that we should be able to spend a leisurely afternoon and evening by the sea at Bude. However, the day started with rain so we were delighted when the Rev. J. G. M. Scott appeared while we were ringing at Holsworthy, and invited us to ring at Clawton, his parish church. He subsequently arranged for us to ring at another nearby six, Pyworthy, as well. The sun emerged as we crossed the border into Cornwall to ring at Stratton (8), before lunch, and it was fine enough to tempt some of the party to bathe at Bude, while others played bowls during the afternoon. We then rang at Pyworthy and Clawton, both very nice rings of bells. As if he had not already done enough for us, Fr. Scott then invited us to a meal at his vicarage, which we much enjoyed, and we should like to record our thanks to him and his wife for their hospitality.

Thursday was a day of narrow, winding lanes and steep hills. We had by now acquired reinforcements—Mary Bliss from Cheltenham, in her new Ford Cortina, and Chris Brown from Wareham, in his even newer Triumph Herald—and so the most capable cars were selected for the day's trip. We began at High Bickington, which is appropriately named, and had an hour's good ringing on the lovely eight, before the Vicar kindly gave us refreshments. At North Molton we were met by reporters from 'The Western Morning News' and 'The Evening Echo.' We were late already and now we were further delayed while we were photographed and interviewed by the press. We then rang on the excellent eight at South Molton. After an hour's ringing at Chittlehampton (on this fine eight) we returned to Torrington for the reunion dinner, which was held at the Gribble Inn, Little Torrington. We can fully recommend this hostelry.

On Friday the local newsagent was surprised to have sold out of copies of 'The Western Morning News' before breakfast, so that we were all able to admire our photograph and the accompanying short article. Ringing started at Pilton (8) and then Combe Martin (8), where we were once again pleased to find a local change ringer. After lunch we went to Ilfracombe and rang on the eight at Holy Trinity Church before having tea, playing another round of miniature golf and buying copies of 'The Evening Echo,' in which we were front page news. The last tower was West Down, where there is another expert call change band.

DEANERY RINGING CONTEST

By Saturday morning a sufficient number of us had memorised the 'blue line' to ring Rutland at Bideford. We learnt from the local captain, who met us, that the deanery ringing contest was to take place at Littleham that afternoon, and we decided to go and listen to it. We admired the lovely little village of Clovelly before having lunch there and then had a look at Hartland Quay before ringing at St. Nectan's Church, Hartland, and All Saints', Clovelly.

The winning team, Bideford, were ringing their 'peal' when we arrived at Littleham, and we also heard the Buckland Brewer team's contribution. Most of us were of the opinion that this sort of ringing is monotonous, but it was nevertheless an experience to hear well-struck call changes. This provided a fitting end to an excellent ringing week.

Our thanks are due to Pat Bird for picking out such good rings of bells, and to the incumbents and ringers who met us and were so hospitable. Our chief recollections of the tour will be the fine carvings in the beautiful Devon churches, the call change ringing and the lovely scenery. A. G.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

In spite of the organiser overlaying and being very nearly left behind, the District outing to Loughborough on September 14th proved to be an unqualified success. Arriving shortly after 9.30 at the Foundry we joined forces with others from Matlock and Darley Dale who, quite rightly as it turned out, preferred the services of Dr. Beeching to those of our navigator!

After a very interesting tour of the Foundry, the more ambitious tried the famous campanile, whilst others were busy trying to ring the first peal on the new eight for Sprotborough, near Doncaster.

A very substantial dinner at the Co-operative Café, Coalville, temporarily silenced the navigator's critics at missing the route. On the very pleasant eight at Measham a good course of Yorkshire was rung, followed by an even better course of Cambridge Minor on the six at Packington. We arrived at Whitwick just in time to ring a happy couple out of church.

After a pleasant ring here we had tea at the Constitutional Club prior to sampling the fine Taylor eight at Shepshed. At the final tower of the day, Hathern (6), we were pleased to accept the Vicar's invitation to join him at Compline before starting the journey home.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and also to Roland Berniston for his help with the arrangements. M. P. P.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bridlington on September 14th, and was attended by 50 ringers and friends from 15 towers. It was also a joint function with the Beverley District Society. The service in the Priory Church was conducted by the Rector and was followed by an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Parker and helpers.

Mr. H. Walker, vice-president, presided at the business meeting, when Miss Vivienne Kirk and Mr. Howard C. Parker, both of Kirk Ella, were elected members. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company and ladies was passed.

Next meeting, Pocklington, December 28th, if possible.

MORE OUTINGS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society had a very successful annual outing around the North Yorkshire this year. There were more ringers than usual in the party, including quite a few learners.

The last picking-up point was at Shelley, and we left just after 8 o'clock. The journey to Thirsk was in pleasant weather. We were met at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin by Mr. E. Metcalf. Ringing on the eight bells (14 cwt.) was for an hour. The next tower was Kirby Wiske (6. 7½ cwt.), where Mr. Arthur Bashforth greeted us. He showed many of the party around the interesting church, while the ringing was in progress. After ringing for one hour, we left for Northallerton, where we enjoyed lunch at Barker's Restaurant.

The coach route was up Sutton Bank, which rises to over 1,000 feet, and has a gradient of 1 in 4 in places. The view of the surrounding countryside was breathtaking, and so was the wind! Those who had not been there before were very impressed.

We went the easier way on to Helmsley, passing through Hovingham. Outside Hovingham Hall (the residence of Sir William Worsley) photographs were taken of the party in the best weather of the day. Ringing at All Saints', Helmsley (8, 12 cwt.), lasted over an hour.

The journey to Malton, where we had an excellent high tea, did not take long. Afterwards, we strolled to St. Leonard's (8, 12 cwt.). The Vicar, Rev. R. C. Treasure, greeted us in the unusual ringing chamber. It was after 7.30 when we rang the bells down in peal and set off home. At the refreshment stop, Mr. N. F. Moxon, our president, entertained by playing the piano.

We are indebted to Mr. Moxon for the very good meals and the towers he arranged with Mr. Eric Stainrod, our driver. Thanks are also extended to incumbents and local ringers.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET

On August 31st ringers from Stratton St. Margaret, with friends from Cirencester, Chippenham, Lechlade, Bradford-on-Avon and Swindon left 'The Jacob's Ladder,' Stratton, for their annual outing; this year to Andover and district.

Ringing started at Thruxton, followed by Goodworth Clatford, and, after a somewhat circular tour around the country lanes of Hampshire, we finally arrived at Abbot's Ann, but as the Vicar was away we could not get the belfry key. Disappointed, we decided to carry on to Andover for tea, after which we ascended the rather hair-raising climb to the tower of St. Mary's Church.

Our last two towers were Longstock (5) and Stockbridge (6), after which we had a most enjoyable ride home, with the front half of the coach trying to compete with the singing in the back.

Grateful thanks and due to the incumbents and tower captains. P. A. L.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

On September 14th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, visited and rang at five other churches dedicated to St. Mary, when the annual half-day outing, arranged by Mr. L. Wright, visited Suffolk and Essex. Ringers from Elveden, Euston, Great Barton, Hockwold and Thetford were also in the party.

The first tower was Polstead (6), where a variety of methods were rung and the Norman arch in the belfry was much admired. Stoke-by-Nayland (a heavier eight) was the next, followed by crossing into Essex to Langham.

Returning to native Suffolk, the ringers were met by Mr. Walter Bailey, whose wife and friends provided an excellent tea in the Parish Room. The Rev. G. E. Jarrold (Rector of Rougham) thanked Mr. Wright, the organiser, and Mrs. Bailey and friends, the providers of the tea. Stratford St. Mary's bells were then rung, and were followed by the bells of Higham.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grand sire, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge Single Court, Ipswich, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Stedman. The conductors were Messrs. M. Rose, R. Rose, J. Paul, L. Wright and H. Fuller. G. R.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRESHOT, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Siggery 1, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, W. H. Viggers 4, D. Elmore 5, G. K. Williamson 6, T. Page 7, R. W. Bragg 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop F. F. Johnston.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. McDonald 1, A. W. Beard 2, S. Holgate 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. Blows 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the golden wedding anniversary of E. G. Coltis, life member of the Essex Association.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Jennifer Dye 2, F. Claydon 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, Hilda Snowden 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen, prior to his memorial service.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Sismey 1, Margaret Hill 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, A. E. J. Foster 4, R. S. Berridge 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2, 4 and 5. For morning service, and for Richard Paten, of Castor, ordained deacon at Leicester Cathedral this day; and a birthday compliment to Jim Foster.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Couling (first quarter) 1, I. Harris 2, C. Cummings 3, J. Bolton (cond.) 4, Miss M. Hoverd 5, F. Rix 6, R. Hoverd 7, M. Hiles 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, who is leaving for the village of Etwell, in Derbyshire.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Ruck 1, Miss K. Todhunter 2, Miss M. Russell 3, E. Walker 4, C. George 5, M. Godfrey 6, G. Gray (cond.) 7, D. Bishop 8. First quarter 3 and 8. A farewell to Miss M. Russell and Miss L. Coveney, on their entry to college.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosamond Murrell 1, A. J. Rance 2, Joan A. Rance 3, W. R. Churchill 4, G. C. J. Murrell 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Rich.

GRAVELEY, CAMBS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. E. Bonham 1, F. J. Hughes 2, D. J. Prescott 3, P. Woolven 4. First of Minimus by all the band and on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Horsford 1, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, K. Sansom 4, Pamela R. Gough 5, D. M. Hughes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Francis Johnston, Assistant Bishop of Guildford.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, F. Boyce 2, A. Harvey 3, J. Gardiner 4, F. P. Mead 5, G. E. Larier (cond.) 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (in six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walllett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5, For Evensong, at which the Bishop of Barking preached.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, A. W. Dyer 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, S. W. White 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, A. W. Dyer 2, S. W. White 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Rachael Sinden 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, Myrtle Cook 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

OUTWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,272 Minimus (two methods): K. Sansom 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, M. J. Hallett 3, P. M. Hughes 4. First of Minimus 2 and 3.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. M. Noad 1, H. Gummer 2, S. J. Cottle 3, J. W. Abbott 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Hughes 6. For the induction of the Rev. K. Brown as Vicar.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Watkins 1, Christine Randall 2, E. J. Morris 3, D. J. Williams 4, Kathleen Watkins 5, D. Robinson 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, J. T. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Simon, wife of Dr. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, M. L. Jordan 2, A. Day (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. For Harvest Festival evening service.

UPWEY, WEYMOUTH.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Adams 1, J. G. Chu 2, S. Foot 3, Mrs. G. Hampton 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, B. Marshallsay 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. E. G. Osmond, for many years captain of the Upwey band.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill J. Edwards-Davis (first of Triples) 1, M. J. Young 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, C. A. Bull 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, J. R. H. Palmer 8. A welcome to Jeronine Mary Nicola, daughter of the tenor ringer, born on September 16th, 1963.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth Webb 2, R. W. Metcalfe (first of Bob Doubles 'inside') 3, Myra J. Gibbs 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, R. J. Moore 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Minor (four methods): J. V. Clark 1, R. G. Lay 2, R. A. Yeates 3, D. T. Darby 4, I. Hughes 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter in four Minor methods on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Linnell 1, C. E. Truman 2, F. C. Case 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, G. Foddy 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to G. Foddy.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Cooper 1, C. Wall 2, J. Ranford 3, R. Baylie 4, J. Gwilliam (cond., nephew of deceased) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Gwilliam, aged 88, interred this day, ringer at this church since 1890.

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Mr. Michael J. Fellows, of
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elected on September 14th
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is only 15½ years of age and is without doubt
the youngest Master of a Guild or Association
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Mr. Brian G. Warwick has rung 250 peals on
the Bell Foundry Campanile at Loughborough.
After several failures, Biddenden, Kent, have
at last managed their first quarter peal of Plain
Bob Minor with an all-local band.

Overheard at a meeting: 'I always think the
popularity of Tittums in Stedman Caters and
Cinques is due to the bob at 1 after Go!', fol-
lowed by informing several of the band that
they had not caught hold for Grandsire.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Parish Church,
Hampton, Evesham, wish to congratulate Mr.
John Smith, assistant Ringing Master, and Miss
Frances Newman, daughter of the late Ringing
Master, on their engagement. Both are faithful
members of the Sunday service band.

Dedicating a new ring of bells at St. Peter's
Church, Harrogate, the Bishop of Knares-
borough suggested that the bells be rung at
each baptism to welcome new members of the
Church. The Vicar (Canon R. H. Baines) pre-
sented the tenor bell to commemorate his or-
dination 30 years ago.

In the 'Belfry News' Mr. D. R. Carlisle
suggests that as the large majority of evening
peal attempts in the Derby area come to grief
before 8 p.m., the ringers find gossiping ses-
sions, after the ringing, in the local pub far
more entertaining than the ringing itself! The
remedy he offers to Mr. Halls is a band of
total abstainers!!

Mr. A. W. Bond, of Lindley, Huddersfield,
sends us a correction to the claim that the peal
of Stedman Cinques at Halifax was the first in
the method on the recast bells. This was scored
by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford
on October 11th, 1952. The peal was conducted
by H. Howell 1, others ringing being B. G.
Key 2, J. N. Hadley 3, C. Wallater 4, G. A.
Packer 5, A. D. Langford 6, A. Rogers 7, E.
Stitch 8, I. R. Nicholls 9, S. Birch 10, M. G.
Turner 11, A. W. Bond 12.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Lock's eleventh
peal tour in the North East,
while very enjoyable and cover-
ing a delightful itinerary arranged by Mr. Ken-
neth Arthur, was not conspicuous for its suc-
cess. Only 11 tower bell peals can be recorded
out of 20 attempted. There was also one hand-
bell peal.

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal rung dur-
ing Mr. Wilfred Williams' tour of Devonshire
(see page 649) was not the first of Pudsey in
the county but the first of Pudsey Royal.

Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts, the well-known
American handbell ringer, and her husband
have been to the Edinburgh Festival, covering
the event for several American journals. Before
returning to 'the States' they called on Mr.
Albert Hughes at Whitechapel.

Mr. R. Harper informs us that Winchester
Cathedral tenor is not unique in having the
inscription 'Edwardi Octavi' crossed out and
'Georgi Sexti' added. There is a similar cor-
rection, he states, on the tenor of Manchester
Town Hall, which was recast about the same
time.

St. Giles' Day this year was on a Sunday,
and the St. Giles' Society, Ashted, made the
most of the occasion by ringing for early cele-
bration, morning and evening services. Two
quarter peals were rung, in which 13 ringers
participated.

There was a coincidence about Mr. John
Weaver's 21st peal, which was rung at Kirk
Deighton, Yorkshire. It was a 21st birthday
compliment to Miss Sheila Chinery. John is
leaving Yorkshire for London, and a farewell
peal to him was rung at Crofton on September
16th.

To honour the wedding of Miss Merril Purs-
low, a ringer at St. Michael's, Stone, a peal of
Stedman Triples was attempted at this church
on September 21st, arranged by Mr. B. G. Key,
of Gnosall. Unfortunately the peal was lost
shortly before the end, but the Stone ringers
appreciate very much the services of all who
participated in the attempt.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*JEAN A. BARNETT Treble	PETER A. SHARP 7
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD 11
GEOFFREY PAUL 6	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cinques.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the eight bells,
installed in 1913.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS 7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 9
ALAN F. THIRST 4	TREVOR N. BAILEY 10
ANDREW N. STUBBS 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS 11
JOHN N. DISERENS 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

PETER A. KIRKBY Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 6
*JEAN A. BARNETT 2	†THOMAS M. COX 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	*COLIN REEVES 8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD 4	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 9
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD 5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

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

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

BRIAN R. WHITE Treble	†EDWARD R. VENN 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	†H. FREDERICK MYERS 7
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 8
*FREDERICK E. DAY 4	†A. WILLIAM MYERS 9
*D. ROY BOULD 5	†WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
DEREK C. JACKSON 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	DAVID J. FORDER 9
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 5	DAVID E. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JACK BISHOP Treble	*HARRY J. DAVIES 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2	*CLIFFORD T. WIGHTMAN 7
ALAN R. PINK 3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 8
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
*MRS. M. O. GILLET 5	*HARRY BISHOP Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal of Caters.

A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. R. Carpenter, who is going
to Benson.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*ROBIN H. ROGERS Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL 6
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
*DELIA E. SMITH 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL 8
ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 5	*PETER A. SHARP Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A farewell peal to the Rev. J. G. Cox, M.A., Rector of Ewerby.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

DAVID S. OSENTON Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN 6
ANDREW M. MACVE 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS 8
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 9
TREVOR A. CROSS 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

In memory of Derek Ogden.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON 5
DAVID STAPLES 2	RALPH ELKINGTON 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

First peal of Major in the method as conductor. First in the method
on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Robert B. Smith and Miss
May Foster, who were married the following day at St. Margaret's,
Leicester.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
*MAXINE LUSH Treble	ERNEST H. AMEY 5
*RICHARD STURMEY 2	RICHARD H. DUKE 6
MARGARET M. GODLEY 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 7
ARTHUR J. SCOTT 4	PHILIP R. TOCOCK Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal.

Originally arranged for St. Peter's Day.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
*DIANE LISSENDEN Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
*JENNIFER SMITH 2	GEORGE SKINNER 6
GEORGE D. LUXTON 3	FREDERICK WREDFORD 7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 4	*COLIN YATES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREDFORD.

* First peal, and first attempt.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss J. K. Wreford and Mr.
M. J. Glennie.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY 2	*ROGER I. KENDRICK 6
*RUPERT A. CLARKE 3	*KEITH H. MILDRED 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Little Bob Major. The conductor's 250th peal on the
bells.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	TERENCE M. FITZGERALD .. 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
FREDERICK PEARSON 3	V. DAVID JENNER 7
HUBERT RICHARDSON 4	FRANK W. CURRIE Tenor

Conducted by V. DAVID JENNER.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Butler and Mr. Kenneth Gosling.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

MARGARET BURNS Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
*DAVID NICHOLS 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
NEIL DONOVAN 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
STUART ARMESON 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to celebrate the wedding on August 24th of John Michael Cheshire to Kathleen Hirst (both bellringers here), and of John David Griffiths (sidesman and P.C.C.) to Dorothy Ann Bayes (choir) on September 5th.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN W. COLEMAN Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 2	†DAVID S. OSENTON .. 6
ANDREW M. MACVE 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 25th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

DAVID J. FORDER Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON .. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
MICHAEL J. THOMAS 3	DAVID E. HOUSE .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 4	R. ROGER SAVORY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK W. ROGERS. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PHILIP MEHEW Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	ERIC J. HITCHENS .. 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
A. PATRICK CANNON 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

TERRY R. HATCHETT Treble	VERNON GREEN 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
PETER J. COLES 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL Tenor

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

MRS. V. HALÈS Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTALL 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell.

LANE END, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5184 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

WALTER SHERRATT Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
NORMAN SHERRATT 3	ROY WORRALL 7
DENNIS LATHAM 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

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

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
GILES C. GALLEY 2	JOHN S. MASON 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis, Past President of the Central Council and Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (1936-37).

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

JOYCE I. BARTON Treble	GEOFFREY HARRISON .. 5
J. KEITH WARD 2	*GILES R. SHEDDEN .. 6
PAUL A. BRAND 3	DAVID P. HILLING .. 7
SYDNEY M. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

* First peal of Surprise.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

E. MARION KEY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 6
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. 7
ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	ERIC J. HITCHENS .. 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ANN JENNER 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
ANDREW J. CORBY 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
DAVID S. OSENTON 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (1930-1957), Vice-President of this Association (1931-1963).

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

ANN JENNER Treble	DAVID S. OSENTON .. 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. 1).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
PETER J. COLES 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

In memoriam Edwin H. Lewis.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5152 O.B. SURPRISE MAJOR

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

B. STEDMAN PAYNE Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 2	KEITH H. MILDRED 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 7).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROBIN A. HODGSON Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON 7
KEITH JORDAN 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding anniversary of George and Elsie Hart.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 WATCHET SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

IAN H. ORAM Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Available's.		
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. Treble	W. JOHN V. CONDUCT .. 5	
ALAN S. BURBIDGE 2	DAVID R. INGRAM 6	
MAURICE G. INGRAM 3	EDRIC J. FRANKLIN 7	
DONALD T. FINNEMORE .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL Tenor	

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Major.

OB SURPRISE MAJOR

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BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 5
MARGARET E. FORT 2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 6
ALISON M. MANN 3	†MICHAEL J. BANGHAM .. 7
*JOAN SPREADBURY 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

PAUL BIRKETT Treble	*JOHN PILKINGTON 5
IRIS LEMARE 2	*DAVID SMITH 6
*ARLENE FLATHER 3	VIVIAN NUTTON 7
*ARTHUR ROGERS 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by VIVIAN NUTTON.

* First peal of Superlative.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
JOHN W. COLEMAN 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
DAVID S. OSENTON 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

In memory of Derek Ogden.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARY C. POYNER Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
*ROGER A. SMITH 2	HARRY POYNER 6
P. WILLIAM BRETT 3	RICHARD HOBBS 7
HAROLD DENMAN 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal on eight bells.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
ANN JENNER 2	JOHN R. COOPER 6
RALPH BIRD 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

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

SIX BELL PEALS

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*D. ROY FULLER Treble	*†SIMON HUMPHREY 4
†ROBERT J. FULLER 2	THOS. M. BARLOW 5
CHRISTINE M. FULLER .. 3	ALAN R. BALDOCK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. BALDOCK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First 'inside.' First on the bells since their recent restoration.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
SUSAN E. SMITH Treble ANTHONY R. HOPE 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2 GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
MORGAN MARSHALL 3 CHARLES E. PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all the band. Shirley and Geoffrey Drew have now completed the 'Grandsire family.'

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
VICTOR G. ROBERTS Treble JAMES F. HATCHLEY 4
PETER C. WRIGHT 2 GWYLLM SALMON 5
PERCY H. HULL 3 EDGAR T. SKIPSEY Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 480 each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Union, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury, 600 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN LOXTON Treble KEITH PRIME 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2 GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
†HAROLD HOOPER 3 SYDNEY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal in nine methods. † First in nine methods on a working bell.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, three extents each of New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARGARET K. FENTON .. Treble †WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
†MICHAEL J. COOK 2 BRUCE WAKEFIELD 5
†ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 3 A. PETER LAW Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

* First peal. † First in 14 methods.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, seven different variations.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Treble PAUL G. HOLMES 4
R. CHRISTINE HASSELL .. 2 ANTHONY R. CARTER 5
PHILIP MURDUCK 3 GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung as a compliment to Iris Marlow and David Parkin, who were married this day.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bristol Cathedral School Guild.)

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK (THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL),

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.
*ROGER S. ALGATE Treble *STEPHEN D. NICHOL 4
*MICHAEL J. HARRIS 2 †PATRICK J. BIRD 5
†ALAN TUBB 3 †D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Bob Doubles.

Rung by four pupils, a master and an Old Boy of Bristol Cathedral School.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.
JANICE M. SMITH Treble JOHN WEAVER 4
PETER FENNEY 2 ANTHONY E. STAMP 5
JEFFREY J. FOX 3 C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

First peal in four methods for all.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire, rung alternately, and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*KENNETH GATEHOUSE .. Treble *GEOFFREY PULLIN 4
†GEORGE PRESCOTT 2 †SYDNEY SMITH 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3 *JOHN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in four methods. † 200th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
§ First in four methods on a working bell.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

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

JAMES LINNELL Treble *GRAHAM C. PAUL 4
*ALAN A. PAUL 2 CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
*ROGER W. SMITH 3 GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
A birthday compliment to G. (Jack) Foddy.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford, (3, 4) Kent, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

PETER FENNEY Treble RONALD H. DOVE 4
*JOHN A. SYKES 2 JEFFREY J. FOX 5
C. BARRIE DOVE 3 JOHN WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

* First peal in more than one method.
Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's first peal (which was in this tower); also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Chinnery.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. Treble ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS .. 4
*ROGER D. BAILEY 2 †ROBERT J. COOLES 5
ALAN R. MILLIDGE 3 JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First on a working bell.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble HENRY TOOKE 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2 LESLIE BAILEY 5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY 3 PETER ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

BARBARA E. M. FOX Treble JEFFREY J. FOX 4
CATHERINE R. SLATER 2 JOHN WEAVER 5
PETER FENNEY 3 C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

Rung as a farewell to John Weaver, who is leaving for London.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Stedman (eight callings) and Grandsire (ten callings), and five each (four callings) of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse and Plain Bob; 11 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble GEORGE SAYER 4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 2 H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3 BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, interred this day at Acle.

WOOEKEY, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY H. HULL Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 4
*ANTONY USHER 2	GWYLLM SALMON 5
PETER C. WRIGHT 3	EDGAR T. SKIPSEY Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR T. SKIPSEY.

* First peal of Minor.

For St. Matthew's Day.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle Surprise, (2) Munden and Chester Surprise, (3) Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick and Primrose Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) London and Wells Surprise, (6) York and Durham Surprise, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.; with 90 changes of method.

GRAHAM C. PAUL Treble	DAVID BURBIDGE 4
JAMES LINNELL 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
MARGARET A. WILSON 3	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

First peal in 20 Minor methods for all the band.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY RIGLAR Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON 4
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2	DAVID P. HILLING 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

HANDBELL PEALS

SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY 1—2	*JULIA A. FELLOWS 3—4
*A. TREVOR HAWKINS 5—6	

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First handbell peal.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 39, TITAN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,216 each of London and Rutland, 640 Ealing, 576 each of Bristol and Cambridge, and 320 each of Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 151 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4	*JOHN R. MAYNE 7—8

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods on handbells. † 200th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK OSBALDISTON 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH 7—8
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3—4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 9—10
NEIL BENNETT 5—6	JOHN WORTH 11—12

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal on 12 handbells by all the band except the conductor. First on 12 handbells as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

OXFORD.—On Sept. 8th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Allsworth 1, C. Coles 2, H. W. W. Badger 3, J. H. Gardner 4, A. Gammon 5, S. Edwards 6, M. Clarke (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8. To wish a 'bon voyage' to Rev. Patrick Harris, who is going to South America as a missionary.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Cowlin 1, G. S. Bush 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. R. Barker 4, R. H. Daw 5, J. F. Bird 6, B. Harris 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh Rushforth (first of Triples) 1, Mary White 2, Pamela Gough 3, K. Sansom (first of Triples as cond.) 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hughes 7, H. DeCombe 8. Rung after the rehallowing of the church and organ, damaged by fire, and for the official visit of the Bishop of Portsmouth.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, R. G. Bell 3, J. W. Perkins 4, F. E. Day 5, H. F. Myers 6, S. P. O'Shaughnessy 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Also on Sept. 22nd, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, A. J. Collings 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. Linnington 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day 7, H. W. Milford 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

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DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Barbara Green 1, Margaret E. Fort 2, D. Vincent 3, J. Freeman 4, P. Crook, sen., 5, G. B. Thompson 6, B. Moss 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8. A compliment to John Halsall, of Hindley, on completing 60 years as a ringer.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Evans 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, Elizabeth A. Tester 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, E. J. Jenner 6, J. E. Warner 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 8th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Cook 1, J. E. Cook 2, C. Noakes 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. Baxter 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, H. R. Woods 8. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Janet Woods (daughter of Mr. H. R. Woods) to Mr. T. B. Morley; also for that of Miss Beryl Stannage to Mr. P. A. Hill, both former Grantham ringers.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Sept. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, Mrs. E. M. Dyer (first 'inside') 2, G. E. Bonham 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Hopper 1, A. L. Pearson 2, E. E. Gosling 3, S. Gibson 4, Miss A. Gardner (first 'inside') 5, D. T. Young 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, G. Lister 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Ann Gardner, on her 16th birthday.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Simons 1, M. Quincey 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, W. Care 4, R. Eady 5, D. Reece 6. A compliment to Terry and Christine Deacon on the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Jane).

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. C. S. Wood 1, C. W. Sams (first in method) 2, B. G. Burton 3, W. A. Aley 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): K. C. S. Wood 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton 3, W. H. Aley 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the daughter church by the Lord Bishop of Barking.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Craddock 1—2, A. R. Patterson 3—4, A. A. Yeates (cond.) 5—6.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Paul 1, A. J. Paul 2, G. C. Paul 3, R. W. Smith 4, A. A. Paul (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Howard Meek 1, F. Blown 2, A. Paton 3, J. Harper 4, W. Jones 5, Harold Meek 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, K. Tyler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Meek, brother of the treble ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Barbara Goodspeed (first 'inside' in method and on 10 bells) 1, Julia Fellows 2, Nicola Pearse 3, Patricia Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, Christina Foulkes 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 8, G. Penney 9, M. D. Frost 10. A compliment to Mr. John Watkins on completing 60 years as a servant of the Cathedral, first as verger and now as churchwarden; and a birthday compliment to ringers 1 and 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sept. 7th, at 121, Lillington Street, Pimlico, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Double): J. V. Clark (first in two methods 'in hand') 1—2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3—4, C. D. Emery (first in two methods 'in hand') 5—6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Gray 1, Jean Endall 2, B. C. Law 3, R. A. Cobley 4, R. Chapman 5, B. D. Shilton 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Needham, also a birthday compliment to B. D. Shilton.

WINSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, G. Salmon 2, R. D. Short 3, A. H. Reed 4, V. G. Roberts 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, W. H. Coles 7, P. C. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to J. Pugsley, of Minehead.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of St. Paul, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. Bowler 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham (first of Cambridge 'inside') 2, N. J. Davies 3, G. R. Shedden 4, J. R. Pagdin 5, E. E. R. Gosling 6, L. Pearson 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: H. Bird 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, H. A. Price 3, P. G. Gardner 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. H. Pullin 6, J. Brain 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method for 1, 4, 6 and 7.

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The engagement is announced between John Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Smith, Holmesvale, Malins Hill Road, Hampton, Evesham, and Frances Sabina, daughter of Mrs. E. Newman and the late Mr. W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3292

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—As from October 5th the address of the secretary (Mr. A. J. Martin) will be 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. 3328

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BRISTOL FESTIVAL.—Preliminary notice.—Saturday, May 30th, 1964. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. Buffet lunch at the Hawthorns Hotel, 1 p.m. Full details later. Most of the ringable towers in the city will be open.—D. J. Hunt. 3310

HOLY TRINITY, THEALE, BERKS.—Ringers' service, Oct. 27th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 4 p.m. All welcome. 3326

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—New members welcome at St. Mary Magdalen on Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 10 a.m. General meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 8.15 p.m., at St. Peter's College.—J. Camp, Jesus. 3294

ST. PETER'S, HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—Commencing Thursday, Oct. 3rd, practice night at the above tower will be every THURSDAY at 7.30.—M. Egglestone, Tower Sec. 3298

CANCELED

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Oct. 12th meeting postponed until Nov. 2nd. See later notice.—J. Tyler. 3341

STOKE POGES.—Ringing at Stoke Poges on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., has been cancelled. 3303

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Further ringing in evening.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations invited for Branch secretary at this meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Michael's-on-the-Mount (6), on Monday, Oct. 7th. Ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3309

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10 bells), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Barkway. 3 p.m. 3275

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 3232

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3258

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Dronfield. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 3283

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, Basford St. Leodegarius, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham, from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 3291

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), NOT Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatsworth Road, Cuckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3274

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth, not Llanfagan, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3235

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Sydmonton and Kingsclere bells after tea. 3272

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.15 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Broderick Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday. PLEASE, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—L. Duguid. 3270

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Oct. 7th, at 7 p.m. 3296

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Ilminster (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7 p.m. 3336

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Wm. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 3304

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Executive meeting (important) at Clay Cross, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7 p.m., in the belfry. Please make this a must.—J. W. Price. 3333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge University Guild and Cambridge District on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3315

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th, to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 3287

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North East District.—District meeting, Tendring, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in hall opposite church. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. 3264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting Oct. 12th, Wanborough (6). Names for tea by Wednesday.—Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 3338

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets at 15/6 from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, by Monday, Oct. 7th. S.A.E., please. 3313

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting will be held at Worfield (6), Oct. 12th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss V. M. Edge, Dis. Sec. 3331

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, Widford. 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—J. Southam. 3298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—October meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 10th, to Mr. R. Goldesley, Waterengen, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 3325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.15, address given by Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Tea afterwards in the Church Hall at 2/- per person. Other ringing arrangements pending. Those who require tea please notify, together with cash, by October 9th.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 3245

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—October 12th, annual meeting, Maidstone (All Saints). Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. Bells at St. Michael's (6) available 3 to 4. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. Special methods. London S. Royal and Treble Bob Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2 to 3 p.m., at Broughton-in-Furness. Names to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 3322

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) from 4 to 6 p.m.—Harry R. Ruston, Hon. Sec. 3301

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to Mr. H. Hunter, The Bridge, Eccleston, Chorley. Bus services: 162, 327, 122, also 96 and 298 to Lydiate Lane.—L. Walmsley. 3316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. All welcome.—J. P. Partington. 3306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A joint meeting between Leicester and Market Harborough Districts will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Wilfred's Hall. Names for tea to L. W. Allen, 12, High Street, Great Glenn, by Oct. 9th, or phone Great Glenn 225.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Hoby, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Burnham, Elm Cottage, Hoby, Melton Mowbray. 3319

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Peter's (8), from 2.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 9th for tea to R. Harrison, 20, Bowmandale, Barton-on-Humber. C. A. H. 3320

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 14th, to the Rev. E. R. Gaymer Harris, Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3320

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Tredunnoc, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 3280

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing. St. Mary Abbot's, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell. 3314

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. James's, Clerkenwell, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing at Holborn.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3314

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hingham, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (at café).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford St. Martin, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 3260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 3335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Malcolm Towell, 40, Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, Lincs.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 3335

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham, Oct. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 3337

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Owens, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.45 for 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall, near the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Ringers and friends from both Suffolk and other Guilds invited. Ringing at

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SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Rotherhithe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Rotherhithe bells available in evening. 3327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Pulborough (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton (Hants) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 8th.—J. Chesterman, Lea Croft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 3320

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Bretforton (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham. 3340

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 1963 Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, in the Guildford Hotel, Headrow, Leeds. Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30. The President of the Central Council is hoping to be present. Applications for tickets (with names and remittances) to F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey. Tickets 16s. Ringing arrangements: Turner, 10.30 to 12; Hunslet, 10.30 to 12.30; Pudsey, 2.30 to 4.30; Headingley St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.30; Meanwood (5), 3 to 4; Burley, 3.30 to 5.30; Headingley St. Chad's, 3.30 to 5.30. 3251

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Elmham on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available 6.30. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 3330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at latest to J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 3312

LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District).—A joint meeting will be held at Gamston on Oct. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 3300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Association Competition Final at Accrington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. General ringing, 1.30 to 2.50 and 7.15 onwards. Competition 3 p.m. Tea from 4 until 6 p.m., but names for tea MUST be sent not later than previous Wednesday to A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington. During competition the ringing machine and the Roger Leigh miniature ring of bells will be demonstrated. Judging 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 3334

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 3308

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ascott-under-Wychwood (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 3302

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Oct. 16th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28, Phone SPR 1025. 3307

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at ST. MARY'S, KINGSWINFORD, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by October 16th, latest, to C. M. Smith, Roiselle, Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lich. 2124. Wordsley bells (6) also available, 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3318

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern Division).—Joint meeting on Oct. 19th at Ockley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Capel. Capel bells after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Bourne, King's Head, Capel, before Oct. 17th.—F. I. H. and G. A. W. 3293

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos.

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QUARTER PEALS

AVENING, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Riddiford 1, F. Ponting 2, T. Wits 3, F. Garland 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Nicholas 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. Vivian Deane and Miss Janet Glead, both ringers.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss L. Hayward 1, G. Clarke 2, P. Newland (cond.) 3, D. Pobjoy 4, C. Hodges 5, P. Cole 6. A silver wedding compliment to Councillor Harry Worrall and Mrs. Worrall.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Davies (first quarter) 1, A. Tubb 2, M. Leigh (first 'inside') 3, M. Harris 4, P. Bird (cond.) 5, P. Parry 6.

EXBOURNE, DEVON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. R. D. Short 1, R. D. Short 2, J. E. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, W. H. Tarr 6. Rung to welcome a daughter, Belinda, to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Maggs.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. L. Clifton 1, J. Stretton 2, W. Cross 3, I. Harris 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, E. Pearson (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. Rung as a compliment to L. Clifton, a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower for 62 years, on his 76th birthday.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,240 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Presdee 1, Ann Cass 2, Elizabeth Sunley (first as cond.) 3, Sarah Peck (first 'inside') 4, R. Cass 5, A. J. Peck 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hodson 1, J. Parish 2, P. Leggett 3, G. Crisp 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6.

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