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TIDEBROOK CHIMES

IN the years before and during the first world war, the little hamlet of Tidebrook lay peacefully in the valley between Wadhurst and Mayfield in Sussex. At the Manor John E. (Johnny) Budd reigned supreme as squire. Each day he drove to Wadhurst Station in his horse and trap to go to business in the City, and when at home he ran his model farm, bred his herd of prize Sussex cattle, had one side of the house painted each year, supported the church and gave the school children a treat on his lawns every summer.

At the end of the war his supremacy was challenged, for then Duncan Elliott Alves bought Tidebrook Place on the opposite slope, enlarged and modernised the house, built cottages, distributed largesse round the hamlet, and gave the school children bigger and better treats. The old squire suffered in silence until in 1920 Mr. Alves had a chiming and striking clock installed, and after some time Mr. Budd sent a strong note, Would Mr. Alves please stop his clock from making its infernal din, as it was frightening his cattle and they had not won any prizes since it had been installed.

In reality the clock, by Gillett and Johnston, produced a most pleasant sound. It had four chiming bells, viz., 1 cwt. 23 lb., 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb., 2 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb., and 4 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb., while the hour was struck on a fine Simpson tuned bell weighing 13 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

I have most pleasant memories of these chimes during my last four years at school, and later in my courting days, when walking home in the still of the night, I used to stop and listen to eleven, sometimes twelve strokes of this fine bell come floating up out of the valley.

After several years Mr. Alves went to live in a castle in Wales, while Mr. Budd died and went we know not whither, but successive owners of Tidebrook Place kept the clock going.

At the outbreak of the second world war the house was taken over by the Columbia Picture Corporation and on Saturdays I often had to deliver express letters. The place would be deserted, so I used to go up into the clock turret and strike the hour bell to attract the attention of the caretaker to get his signature. This pleased me a lot, as I was now a ringer of some two years standing and appreciated the bells more than ever before.

At the end of the war the house became a girls' school, and either by accident or design, the fans on the chime and strike became crossed, so much so that the chimes would ring out so wearily as if the clock was just about run down, while the hour was struck at express speed. I wrote to the principal, asking her if she would have the chimes and strike restored to their former perfect timing and offered to go and do this free of charge, but all I got for my trouble was a short note from the gardener telling me in so many words 'to mind my own business; they liked the clock as it was.' Later on I did get the handyman to 'have a go,' but not with much success.

In the early hours of August 22nd, 1963, a fire broke out, and with the house empty, except for the caretaker, got a good hold before the alarm was raised. Five fire engines attended, but the building was gutted, the clock faces fell one by one, the works melted and the bells crashed to the ground to lay in a pile of debris.

They are badly chipped and possibly cracked and it is very doubtful if the clock will be restored, so no more shall I strain my ears at each hour to hear its pleasant sound, and no doubt along the road in the churchyard Johnny Budd turns in his grave, wishing that he could be back at the manor to breed his prize cattle in peace.

C. A. B.

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EDWIN H. LEWIS

(President, Central Council, 1930-1957)

A Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, November 2nd, at the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, London, E.C.3 (near Bank Underground Station and the Mansion House). The address will be given by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council.

All ringers and friends are invited to attend.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' CHANGE RINGING SOCIETY

The Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society held its final meeting at Harrietsham on September 28th. It was regrettably decided that as there is so little interest among the younger ringers it would be best to disband the Society.

The Society held its first meeting at Mere-worth in October, 1954. In the early years there was much enthusiasm among members and meetings were held quarterly in towers around Maidstone. Unfortunately, in the last two or three years membership has fallen off and attendance at meetings has gradually become worse.

Part of the reason is the fact that the school services are now held separately because the number of pupils makes a combined service impossible. The schools' staffs were not willing to allow ringers time off to ring for the services, and so the original aim of the Society (to have a trained band of ringers for the services) was destroyed. Apart from this, neither of the school heads was keen about the Society and gave no encouragement.

Maybe at some future date a new Society will be formed. I sincerely hope so.

PAMELA J. USBORNE (Mrs.),
Secretary, M.G.S.C.R.S.

ST. NICHOLAS', LEEDS, KENT

Mr. Alec W. Fry, tower captain of Leeds, Kent, protests strongly at the anonymity of the party of ringers referred to in the article '3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 in Kent,' and has the following comments to make in regard to their report on the condition of St. Nicholas', Leeds:

1 The tower was in process of redecoration. Anyone who did not notice the smell of paint and the half painted walls must have been not only insensitive to 'atmosphere' but just plain unobservant. The tower was in the state that all towers are in when in the process of being redecoration. I cannot accept that this is equivalent to the 'neglect' so readily ascribed to it in this article.

2 I do not consider the protest (clearly implied in the article) at what was assumed to be the state of the tower to be consistent with the deeds of the party. My record of donations to the tower fund does not show any receipts for Saturday, June 29th. This is a pity as the restoration of peal boards is an expensive business.

3 The ninth and tenor do indeed kick when in the hands of ringers who are not scrupulous about their style, or who are not familiar with the bells. I understand from old ringers that it has always been so. Extensive investigation of the bells' behaviour, together with resiting the holes in the ceiling, has not prevented this. The only reliable cure is to pull straight and keep the rope tight.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 11**ALAN G. KIRK,**

The Derby Diocesan Association.

Many ringers enjoy a great deal of ringing activity and a very high standard of ringing in the Derby Association and among its junior members is a most promising youngster, Alan G. Kirk.

Alan was born at Buxton on April 15th, 1946. His early education took place at Fairfield Endowed Primary School. In 1957 he passed his 11-plus and entered Buxton College, where he has gained his General Certificate of Education (N.U.J.M.B.), passing in seven 'Ordinary' level subjects, and is at present studying 'Advanced' level in physics, mathematics and chemistry.

At the age of 13, Alan decided to take up ringing, and Christ Church, Burbage, Buxton, benefited by his decision, for in less than a year he became a member of the Sunday service band. His early success as a ringer is due to the excellent teaching he received from his father, Henry Kirk, and Alex Richardson, of Fairfield.

Alan's first peal at the age of 14, which took place on October 15th, 1960, at his home tower, was a very noteworthy performance. Ringing the second to a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in nine methods is no light task for one ringing his first peal. It is interesting to note that this peal was conducted by his father. Five months later Alan rang his first as conductor, this being a peal of Minor in four methods, and again rung at his home tower. His total of peals is now 46, all having been rung on tower bells, five of which he has conducted.

Alan is one of a large ringing family, and in addition to his father the following members of his family are ringers, Sidney Kirk (grandfather), Henry Kirk (great uncle), Sidney Kirk (uncle), and his mother, Mrs. Henry Kirk.

It is hoped that an ambition he has will be achieved. It is to have the present band of learners at Burbage (all boys under 13 years of age) competently ringing Surprise Minor before he leaves in two or three years' time.

Apart from the actual ringing, Alan is keenly interested in the affairs of the Derby Diocesan Association and has been a member of the committee since 1961. Congratulations to you, Alan, and good luck to you for the future.

NORVING.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The clash with the Sheffield Society's meeting at Dronfield and the bitterly cold weather probably reduced the attendance at the quarterly meeting, held at Clay Cross on October 5th. However, a wide variety of methods were rung on the delightful eight before the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Wynford-Phillips.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the business meeting began by observing a silence for Messrs. E. H. Lewis and D. Ogden.

Apologies for absence were then received from Mr. J. C. Woolley (general treasurer) and Mr. G. N. Goodall (Ringing Master, Chesterfield District). In his written report on the financial position, Mr. Woolley welcomed the election of 30 new members so far, and was also pleased to state that over £6 had now been received in voluntary donations.

A record balance of £175 was reported by the Bell Repair Fund secretary/treasurer, Mr. G. A. Halls, who also informed the company that the site for the rebuilt Church of St. Alkmund, Derby, is adjacent to a local hospital. As bells are thus of the question, the services of the Bell Repair Fund consultants are to be used to help in deciding the fate of the pleasant 16 cwt. octave. In view of some confusion over the new title it was decided to defer any action, with regard to new badges, until after the A.G.M.

New members elected were: J. Watkins, A. Gregory (Scarncliffe); P. Smith (Staveley); M. Wills, G. Davidson (Bolsover); and F. S. Ogden, of Stanley, as an honorary member. Although there was a suggestion of abolishing non-resident life membership subscriptions, no action could be taken until after the A.G.M., and so the belfry elections and subscriptions of H. Longden, S. Chesterton and D. Butterworth were ratified and accepted!

A comprehensive vote of thanks concluded the meeting, after which further ringing was enjoyed at North Wingfield (8), in addition to Clay Cross.

5,120 BIRSTALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

23456 W B M H

42356				
34625	—	—	—	—
56423				
42563	—	—	—	—
54326				
24365	—	1	—	3
26354		1	—	3
25346		1	—	3
34256	—			
35264		1	—	3
36245		1	—	3
23456		1	—	—

First peal in the method. Rung at Birstall, Yorks. on August 19th, 1963.

Suitable for Plain Bob Major if doubled by singles.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT DINNER

Bishop wants Lift at Cathedral

BISHOP WANTS LIFT

The Bishop, in his reply, said if he had been with them in 1933, when a tower was under discussion, he would have insisted on a lift being provided. They could have had a library and reading room in that tower, apart from bells, but it was no good placing a library there with all those steps to climb. When he was in London one of his parishioners was Cardinal Griffin. He had a tower, which commanded a wonderful view of London, and a lift, and as the cost of living had increased the cost of going up the tower in the lift had also increased from sixpence to 1s. 6d.

Referring to the appeal for the Cathedral, the Bishop said people talked about the Chapter House is being a luxury, but it was not wanted merely for meetings of the Dean and Chapter, but for other meetings and discussion groups. The previous Wednesday they had over 1,300 people at the Cathedral for the lecture of Dr. Wand. As he walked up the nave with him, Dr. Wand said, 'We could do it like this at St. Paul's.' The Bishop said he replied, 'No, this is Guildford.'

Dr. Reindorp said he was glad to hear of their progress in raising money for the four bells the Guild was providing. By May 17th they wanted to see the Lady Chapel completed. The Bishop's chair would be a memorial to Dr. Somerset Ward, and the four priests' stalls to Archdeacon Windsor Roberts, and there would also be a memorial to that saint—Bishop Frank Johnson. Concluding, he said: 'The important thing about a ringer was not his ringing, but his witness.'

A friend of the Master's, Mr. D. J. Martin, vice-president of the University of London Society, proposed the toast of 'The continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He recalled a tour of his Society in the North when they were television and it was announced on the screen, 'Ringing down the bells to Grandsire Triples.' The most common thing his Society had with the Guildford Guild was that when their Master retired from the leadership of the University of London Society he was elected Master of their Guild.

In reply the Master said the Guild had been fortunate in that it had prospered in everything but money since its foundation, 35 years ago. There were, however, things they should look to—greater recruitment, consolidation of bands training for leadership, systematic instruction, the maintenance of bells and the ringing of peals.

REGULAR RECRUITMENT

While membership had increased, the number of bells which ring out regularly each Sunday had not increased anything like proportionately: such was the wastage due to marriage, moving and other interests that even a church which could boast of twice as many ringers as ropes must teach at least one recruit each year and in churches where there were only just enough ringers a real drive must be made to increase strength.

On the question of consolidation, Mr. May said he usually noticed that where the band worshipped together, say on a Sunday evening, there was an unmistakable air of comradeship in the tower. Another point was the belfry office before ringing. This might take guts to initiate if the custom was not there, but it did make them realise why they were ringers.

Urging members to train for leadership, the Master said, 'We have some marvellous people among us, several years older than I, for instance, who are well equipped to serve in some capacity or other. When you go to your nomination meeting give great thought to next year's officers and do not necessarily look to youth, as is becoming the tendency today. Experience of life and ringing is a good qualification.'

WEEK-END COURSE

Convinced that the time had come to sponsor a course for beginners and instructors, he had reserved Moor Park College, just outside Farnham, for a course from Friday, July 17th,

to Sunday, July 19th, and the Surrey County Council had agreed to subsidise them. There were to be parallel courses—one for those who had just learned to handle, plain hunt or ring changes, and the other for average ringers who would like to improve their teaching techniques. Talented lecturers were being obtained from all over the country and details would be circulated to tower secretaries.

Finally, peals. We as a Guild should definitely ring more, because they are perhaps the best instrument for improving striking, an excellent form of discipline, a developer of stamina and a marvellous mental exercise. There are many occasions which go unmarked at present which deserve a peal, and I hope you will all take active steps to amend this even if a few complaints are heard.'

The toast was followed by the company drinking in silence to the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild, and before doing so the Master asked members to remember especially Mr. Frank Oakshott, a District Ringing Master, who died this year.

'CLAPPER TROUBLE'

In a toast to 'The Ladies and Visitors,' Canon J. M. Evans expressed regret that Dr. Alix Reindorp had been suffering from laryngitis or 'clapper trouble.'

Mrs. Shirley Beck, wife of the Vicar of Church Crookham, replied.

Mr. F. E. Collins, who acted as toastmaster, thanked the dinner committee, which was headed by the Master and Mr. Viggers, for making the arrangements. The Master, in reply, said they were sending their best wishes and flowers to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, with wishes for a speedy recovery. He also thanked the entertainer and his wife, who arranged the flowers at the dinner tables.

The speeches were followed by a delightful entertainment by Audrey Dodd (contralto), Betty Ranshaw (soprano), Harold Cole (tenor) and Marjorie Wakefield (piano). The Glee Singers—W. Viggers, E. M. Bragg and C. W. Denyer—as usual, gave topical verse and there was handbell ringing by E. W. Bragg, C. W. Denyer, T. Page and W. Viggers.

DOVE'S SUMMER TOUR No. 1

Some 64 towers were visited by the party organised by Mr. Barrie Dove and his helpers, during the summer holidays. The party had as its nucleus four ringers from Leeds and one from Pontefract, and they were augmented by friends from Derby and Claines.

Having established themselves at Minehead, Sunday service ringing the following day was at Taunton (St. James' and St. Mary's), Wells Cathedral, where they were given a cordial welcome in the afternoon, and on the fine ten at Minehead.

They were generously received as at Muddiford, where the Vicar invited them to tea on the vicarage lawn, and then drove them to the next two towers, Ilchester and Yeovil Parish Church, where they joined in the practice.

There was a good deal of walking. One day's programme was to Stogursey, Stockland (where they were given tea by the Ringing Master) and then Cannington and Chilton Trinity. The next day's walk was Seavington, Kingstone, Dowlish Wake, Chaffcombe and Ilminster, followed on the third day by Ash Priors, Halse, Heathfield, Oake, Hill Farrance and then to the practice at Wiveliscombe. Tired of walking, the next day we hired a taxi to Selworthy.

The week over, a day was spent in the Bristol area before going on to Hereford, where the number of beams in the ringing chamber amazed the party. The following morning we rang at Gloucester Cathedral and St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, followed by two days in South Wales. We hope this holiday will become a regular feature in years to come.

J. W. & D. L.
(Abridged report.—Ed.)

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): 1. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. H. Aley 3, A. A. Livings 4, B. G. Burton (cond.) 5, G. E. Blake 6. For Harvest Festival.

A LIMITATION of numbers resulted in only 135 people attending the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on October 12th. The Bishop of Guildford (Dr. G. E. Reindorp), who is president of the Guild, was in the chair, and was accompanied by his wife, Dr. Alix Reindorp. With them were the Master of the Guild (Mr. D. A. R. May) and Mrs. May. In view of their recent diamond wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden were to have been guests of honour. Mr. Hazelden unfortunately is ill with shingles. Good wishes for a speedy recovery and flowers were sent to them.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, who had gone to live in the Isle of Wight, and from Mr. Leslie Hunter, who was ill.

30 YEARS AGO

After the Bishop had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. C. W. Denyer (vice-president) submitted that of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He said he wanted to talk about the Diocese of Guildford and its ringers, and 30 years ago at a similar function Bishop Grieg said, 'Ringing was an extraordinary useful, uplifting and altogether helpful piece of church work. The clergy had to rely on words, whereas bellringers had the power of music of rhythm and something that was almost supernatural, which had the means of lifting people's hearts, minds and very souls to heavenly things by the beauty and sweetness of the church bells.'

Later on the then Provost (the Very Rev. C. E. Kirwan) said, 'I sometimes think the clergy do not give all the encouragement they might do to this very important and very English work of God's Church. The reason is that being out of sight could well mean out of mind as well.'

'How is it today?' went on Mr. Denyer. 'Are things any better than they were 30 years ago? Fortunately in the Guildford Diocese there has always been a strong feeling of Brotherhood and friendship between the clergy and people. There are certainly more bellringers taking other offices within the church and they find them serving as sidesmen, altar servers, P.C.C.s and even churchwardens, and it is only right that we should take our part in the work of the church.'

CLERGY AND SERVICE TALKS

But so often the incumbent seems to be rather tolerating the ringers, not encouraging them. Oh! yes, he would spend a deal of time before a bellringers' meeting looking up references to bells in the Bible and telling the ringers all about the bells and pomegranates around the high priest's robes, and that he should practise what he preached and come to church after calling others. They could tell the clergy more about bells than they could tell them and his advice was please do not talk about bells at a ringers' service; they wanted to be treated like ordinary beings.

Last year they were challenged as a Guild by the Bishop to raise £6,000 or £7,000 for the Cathedral bells. Before accepting the challenge they appointed a small sub-committee to go into the matter, and this sub-committee found that the diocese authorities, in their appeal to finish the Cathedral, did not allow anything for the bells. Many people urged the building of a tower and they now had four walls enclosing nothing.

Mr. Denyer contended that people rushing along the by-pass to the coast on a Sunday did not see the Cathedral—magnificent building as it is—but they would see it if the bells rang out Sunday by Sunday and it would remind them that they ought to be worshipping in church.

Mr. Denyer reminded the Bishop, in regard to the challenge, to raise the money for the bells that one-third of their ringers were either school children or students. If their president would only consent to make the appeal he would accomplish in 12 months what would take them 12 years.

Letters to the Editor

Dr. A. B. Carpenter

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. Shepherd's article headed 'An English Gentleman' reminded me of the days when Dr. A. B. Carpenter was a prominent personality in Croydon, beloved by all classes of people with whom he came in contact. He enjoyed ringing and I well remember his visit to Chertsey on June 20th, 1907, when we rang a peal of Stedman Triples, a farewell peal to his younger brother, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was leaving the neighbouring village of Thorpe, to become Vicar of Bobbing, Kent. The doctor and the reverend enjoyed the peal and it was mentioned that seldom is a peal scored in which a doctor and a reverend, two brothers, were ringers.

In 1913 at Croydon I attended the funeral of Dr. Carpenter and, although many tributes were paid at the graveside, the ringers did not forget to honour his memory by ringing a course of Grandsire Caters on a heavy set of handbells, a fitting tribute to a great ringer who passed to higher service at the age of 59. I have no record of those who took a pair with me that afternoon, but I can fully remember our lovely tribute to a wonderful personality and a thorough gentleman.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

An English Gentleman

Dear Sir,—Supplementing E. C. S.'s excellent leader of October 11th, Dr. Carpenter also held the office of churchwarden at St. James', Croydon, for many years.

I was reminded of this only recently when I happened to be in this tower in connection with the clock, and I was asked to give an opinion on the bell which the Vicar designate thought to be cracked, and I noticed the doctor's name on the 1907 recast Gillett bell, which was not cracked but was being carelessly 'clocked.'

I have heard it said that there was once a suggestion to have a ring of six there, but the scheme never materialised and in all probability never will, although there are many rings of bells in far worse towers than this.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

'The Fierce Debate'

Dear Sir.—The front page article on Dr. Carpenter by E. C. S. calls for a small comment on the fierce debate on 360's of Minor in multi-methods, when Dr. Carpenter ventured the 'rather naive suggestion that if 14 methods were desired the Yorkshire men should ring 10,080!' may I suggest that the word 'naive' should be replaced by 'fatuous,' which is a more apt description of the suggestion.

Obviously Dr. Carpenter, who was no doubt a fine exponent on Triples, Major and Caters, was not interested in Minor ringing, and his 'suggestion' gives the impression that he was not as tolerant as E. C. S. would have us believe.

When I heard Mr. William Barton, at the Yorkshire dinner at Leeds, describing the past officers of the Society I quickly realised that these personalities would not easily be subdued by Dr. Carpenter.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

Coalbrookdale Bells

Dear Sir,—I was not a little startled to read ('R.W.' September 27th, 1963) that Reading University Society found Coalbrookdale bells 'disappointing' in reality, and feel it would be interesting to show in what way they were disappointing.

Although there may be one or two that Tom Miller used to call 'noodles' (and other terms) in the ring when sounded individually, when I first heard them in 1943 I thought them magnificent, and still do, when rung together. I also recall Bill Saunders' recitals on the chiming apparatus—he always ended with 'Father of Heaven, whose love profound' and even though it was not unknown for him to wake the 'Dale' at 6 a.m. on Ascension Day, for instance, it was still well worth hearing, particularly his 'touch' on the back bells.

It has always been a source of wonderment to me that such light bells could sound so well, e.g. the tenor is 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D, the 9th 12-1-4 in E, the 8th 9-2-15 in F sharp, the 7th 8-1-6 in G, and on top of this, with the exception of 7th, the bells date from 1852 (not the best founding period), being only retuned in 1925. Incidentally, Bill Saunders and myself worked it out, with the information then available, that the tenor was the lightest 'D' bell in the country. I wonder if this is still true.

Another memory is of a wartime broadcast to U.S. from the 'Dale' on the back eight and what a tale they told as they rolled over. As Harry Fearn would and does say, quite rightly, 'Eh, they're all right when they're all going—they're good.' For myself, the 'Dale' bells are associated with some of the happiest days of my young life—gone, alas, too soon.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

The Achievement

Dear Sir,—Will you please publish the enclosed quarter peal at Cosgrove in 'The Ringing World.' Though it is only a quarter of Bob Minor, to those who took part it is quite an achievement. Thirteen years ago our tower captain died and so it seemed did the majority interest of nearly all of the band. For two years everything seemed against the remaining regulars. We paid regular visits, as always, to help learners in other towers, but our own tower seemed unfortunate.

Then suddenly an influx of four youngsters. These attained Bob Minor, but the quarter was elusive. More youngsters arrived and as is natural for rural areas the teenagers moved away to work. Once again the process was repeated with the same results, but with two remaining loyal. Then three more youngsters (one aged eight). These three have stuck and now their loyalty has been rewarded by achieving this quarter.

We have now started six more young people and they have got to a fairly good rounds stage. Our bells have always been rung at every service, with rounds and now up to Plain Bob. We feel that our feeble offering to the Glory of God is more than on a level with higher skilled methods. To me, as instructor and tower captain, this quarter peal is ample repayment for all the long years of struggle and hours of 'trying times.'

We are eagerly looking to our next item being published (D.V.) a peal of Minor. Many thanks.—Yours sincerely,

E. LAMBERT.

Cosgrove, Northants.

Bellringers in our Schools

Der Sir,—As a student at St. John's College, York, I am in the process of compiling material for a thesis on 'Bellringing in the Schools of Today.' This work intends to illustrate the value and the enjoyment of bell ringing as a school activity as well as one associated with the church. To illustrate this, I have written to various schools and received many helpful replies, about the ringers at them. They include junior, secondary grammar, high and modern, and public schools, yet I feel sure that there must be quite a few (or quite a lot) more schools that have organised societies. I would like to appeal through this journal for further information on School Societies (handbell or church bells), each letter being personally acknowledged. The details I am interested in are as follows:

- 1 When and why was the Society formed?
- 2 How many pupils are there in comparison with the whole school?
- 3 Where and when are the church bell practices held?
- 4 How many handbells has the school? To what purpose are they used? If for tunes, how is the music written out?
- 5 When are handbell practices held? Are they ever rung for school functions, etc.?
- 6 Has any teacher used the handbells or the subject of 'bellringing' in a lesson or a general talk to pupils of the school?
- 7 What, in the teacher's opinion, are the chief difficulties in organising a School Society?
- 8 What, in the teacher's opinion, are the opportunities in having an organised School Society for the young ringers to belong to as well as their own church's?

My study, if sufficient material is forthcoming, would include another section. This would be on young ringers, still at school, yet who form a major part of their tower's team. If any ringer could let me know to what extent the younger ringers in his/her tower keep the bells going, I would be most grateful. Although as this could, in theory, mean say 3,000 letters, I shall after seeing how many responses I get to this publish a general acknowledgment through these columns.

I feel that the information will be of some value to the Exercise as a whole, and to the Education Committee of the Central Council.

Please send letters and, if possible, any spare photographs of school ringers, to me at Heworth Croft (St. John's College), 19, Heworth Green, York.—Yours sincerely,

York.

MICHAEL KING.

Speed of Ringing

Dear Sir,—In 5,040 changes on six bells there are 30,240 'taps,' if rung in 150 minutes give over 201 taps per minute.

In 5,040 changes on 12 bells there are 60,480 taps if rung in 210 minutes, gives 288 taps per minute. The extra 30,240 taps have to be squeezed into the additional hour on the 12 bells, causing a jumble of sounds and two bells frequently striking together.

'The Ringing World' for September 27th contained a peal of Minor on the little six at Loughborough in 2 hours 5 minutes; recently a similar peal was rung on the front six at Grundisburgh, in about the same time no doubt at rapid striking, with regard to this the time for 12 bells should be 4 hours 10 minutes. Peal ringing appears to be like travel, with an obsession for speed.

In St. Mary-le-Tower belfry is a tablet recording a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Maximus in 4 hours 6 minutes; this time allows the back bells to roll up more musically at the recurring home positions.—Yours, etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

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LETTERS—Continued

Great Adventure II

Dear Sir.—Circumstances arising from the departure from Australia of George W. Pipe and the bells of Melbourne Cathedral being in this country for refitting has caused careful consideration to be given to the date of the proposed tour of Australia. Correspondence has taken place between both sides on this matter and the decision arrived at is *Great Adventure II* will be postponed until 1965.

It is sincerely hoped that those intending to take part in this trip will not be put to much inconvenience and that the postponement will not prevent them taking part at the later date.

Arrangements for the tour will still be proceeded with and information will be circulated from time to time, but because of this extended period should there be any more ringers who would now find themselves able to join the party their inquiries would be welcomed. Moreover, may I appeal to any emigrant ringer not only to attach himself to a tower in Australia, but also to keep in mind the arrangements now being made for *Great Adventure II* with a possible participation in the tour.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

Identity Wanted

Dear Sir.—I would be grateful if anybody can supply the names of the following:

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Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours sincerely,

A. BISHOP.

12, Worple Avenue,
London, S.W.19.

Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Parish Church

Dear Sir.—Earlier this year I had the privilege of ringing in an excellent peal of Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Parish Church. Unfortunately it was later found to be false, and reluctantly the peal had to be withdrawn.

Recently, I have learned from several members of the band taking part that Mr. H. B. Bowley, of Leicester Cathedral, had criticised the quality of the ringing of this peal. I should like publicly to challenge Mr. Bowley to:

(a) that he attempts to collect a band and rings a better peal of Royal, or

(b) that he replaces one of the original band in the attempt which is shortly to be tried again; so that he can see just how well we can ring men's bells. As he seems to doubt the capabilities of the tenor ringer, in satisfactorily completing the performance in the time taken, it is further suggested that he rings the tenor himself—properly, and with an open lead.

Well, Herrick, what about it?—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS' TOUR OF SOMERSET

(For peals see page 649)

The high winds and rain of Friday, August 16th, battered the advance party of the Campingologists driving down from the Midlands to Bridgwater, which was to be the headquarters for our tour of Somerset. A lucky short break in the weather enabled us to pitch the tents, camp being at Wembdon, just outside Bridgwater, and we were able to join the local practice later on a pleasant six. A gale during the night well and truly tested the tents, but despite some anxious moments everything held firm.

A leisurely Saturday morning prepared us for the afternoon peal attempt at Wrington, a somewhat over-tenored ten, at 37 cwt, the heaviest bells for a peal attempt on the programme. Grandire Caters went well for two hours, then some confusion arose and the peal was lost. Thus we were left with plenty of time to return to Bridgwater for the local Bath and Wells evening meeting and have a first taste of the fine eight which we were to visit later in the week for a peal. A pleasant social evening in Bridgwater followed.

A DAY OF 'HEAVIES'

A day of 'heavies' was arranged for Sunday, and early morning found us crossing the county to Sherborne. A breakdown en route was speedily repaired, and the party arrived in good time to ring for Matins at the Abbey. Stedman, Bristol and Double Norwich were rung on this, the heaviest (46 cwt.) eight in the country, which impressed us by their tone and 'go.'

After dining well in Shepton Mallet, we drove on to Wells to join in ringing for the afternoon service on the heavy ten of the Cathedral. Ringing for evening service followed at Queen Camel, on the famous heavy (35 cwt.) six, and a variety of methods were enjoyed on these fine bells, including Grandire Doubles and London Minor. We had thus rung on the heaviest six, eight and ten in the day; but more was to follow—an hour or so on Ditchet's fine, mellow eight, after the evening service. Well-earned refreshment followed at Glastonbury, after our four-vehicle convoy had gone the wrong way along a one-way street. Here we were pleased to meet Messrs. Theobald and Bailey, and Mr. and Mrs. Bould, and successfully rang some Stedman Triples 'in hand' with them.

Yorkshire was arranged for the eight at Chewton Mendip on Monday morning, but a broken rope cut the peal short, just as the bells were being recorded. These were a magnificent eight in a very fine tower. Cambridge Major at Bladon in the afternoon was a welcome first success and also included some 'firsts' in the method. In the evening we visited Mr. Meads, of Athelney, landlord of a club of cider drinkers, and some of us had our first taste of 'real' as opposed to 'factory' cider. Later we went down the road to be introduced to the game of skittles, English fashion, in an alley beside the local hostelry, and had a strenuous and enjoyable game.

THE LOCALS STARED

Careless ringing at Timberscombe on Tuesday morning lost us Pudsey there after about 14 hours. The bells are a pleasant, light eight, but rather uneven inside the tower. A formidable line of locals staring at the tower met the first to descend, bringing the warning that the bells were very loud outside sharply back to mind, but fortunately they did not prove to be particularly hostile, just curious.

For the afternoon attempt we went to Minehead—a good 20 cwt. ten but very uneven inside the tower—and rang a fast peal of Yorkshire Royal. A skittles match rounded off the day.

A flat tyre on the way to Mells delayed us a little on Wednesday morning. Here we had another rope failure, after 14 hours of Rutland on the mellow 26 cwt. eight, the sixth rope disintegrating below the sally. In the church were several memorials to the Horner family, reputedly descendants of Jack Horner of the famous rhyme. One of the more honest statesmen of his time, the rhyme was applied to Horner by the Whig opposition, a plum being £100,000 in the slang of the time, or so the story goes. Bowls and swimming filled the afternoon, and an enjoyable evening followed at Bridgwater,

where we were entertained by the organisers, Barbara and Brian Wyldie, in their new home.

The peal-ringing situation looked up on Thursday, both attempts proving successful. In the morning Lincolnshire was rung on the good 8 at Curry Rivel, and included several 'firsts' in the method. The afternoon attempt, on the beautiful 26½ cwt. eight at Bridgwater, resulted in a good peal, despite the unusually difficult long draught of rope. We were told this was the first peal on the bells for many years, so we were particularly glad to have been successful. Here we were able to see the tenor of the lightest six in the world, Frank Mack having brought it with him to show us before installing the ring in his garage.

After the peal we travelled to Taunton for the annual dinner, and had a very good meal in the Tudor Steak Bar. The evening was happily completed, much to the particular satisfaction of some of the Staffordshire members, with excellent Burton ale.

SKITTLES AND RINGING

We seemed fated with odd-bell peals, Erin Triples at Martock being lost on Friday morning. The bells tapped round well till about half way through, when a shift occurred and the peal was lost. The run of afternoon successes continued on the pleasant, heavy eight of Milborne Port, where a peal of Cambridge Major was rung. An enjoyable last game of skittles in the evening, ending with some requested handbell ringing. Here the landlady enjoyed the ringing so much she insisted on joining us for some rounds, and we were pleased to oblige.

From the ringing point of view it was 'Black Saturday.' Stedman Triples was lost after two hours' good, fast ringing at Wiveliscombe, and Plain Bob was lost after some good, slow ringing at Wellington, another good eight.

After returning to camp for the general meeting, we all went up to the farmhouse to thank Farmer Day for the use of his field. Welcoming us into the spacious 16th century house, Mr. Day plied us with generous quantities of his excellent and most potent cider, and we spent the evening drinking this and ringing handbells at the request of Mr. Day and his family. Needless to say, all slept well that night.

Early rising on Sunday morning enabled us to break camp in time to ring for Matins at nearby Cannington, a good, heavy six; then the band assembled for the last time this year for coffee in Bridgwater.

Our thanks are due to Brian, Barbara and Cecil for the excellent arrangements, and to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of their bells, all contributing to a most enjoyable tour.

A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Devises Branch

Bishop's Cannings, with its beautiful church and fine ring of eight, proved a popular venue for the Branch quarterly meeting on October 5th, nearly 50 members and visitors enjoyed ringing during the day. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Smith, and the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. Longridge, read the lesson. The Branch vice-chairman, Mr. A. Weeks, was the organist.

After an excellent tea, served by the ladies, the chairman, Mr. N. Kneel, presided over the business meeting. In reply to his welcome, the Master stressed the importance of regular attendance at meetings as a means of making advance in the art of ringing.

The meeting stood in memory of Mr. R. Harding, a ringer at North Bradley for over 30 years. Two new members were elected from Corsley. The Branch secretary (Mr. A. Knight) reminded all towers that subscriptions for 1963 were now due and unless everyone co-operated in completing their returns it would be impossible to present the accounts and report at the annual meeting.

Next meeting: Hilberton, November 2nd.

A. K.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Dutton 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss C. Froggatt 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE HOLD ANNUAL IN VESTRY

WHAT sort of picture did this headline conjure up? Did it suggest an attendance of just a handful of members of an Association very much in decline, or did you wonder whether this was yet another stunt in the realm of ringing to set up another 'first' or to use the vestry instead of the more usual telephone kiosk for experiments with human sardines?

None of these pictures is correct. This was a normal meeting, but Stockton Parish Church has an abnormally spacious vestry, and an attendance of about sixty was accommodated without overcrowding. Sixty is not a large attendance by some standards, but for us this represents something like one in four of our membership and Stockton is near the edge of our territory—so near that for our ringing programme we borrowed the tower at Thornaby from our neighbours.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Is our Association in decline? Eighty-six years of history lie behind us and some noteworthy contributions to ringing history feature in our record. We have some faithful servants still with us who have seen a large period of that history. The name of Frederick Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, has been on our books for 70 years! On September 28th, he was one of a first batch of nine men who were made life members in recognition of their meritorious service. The award of life membership was one of the new features of the revision of the rules in 1962. The full list of those honoured in this way was: J. Anderson, J. F. Bird, F. W. Burnett, R. Alder Gofton, R. W. Leighton, J. Pickering, W. Robson, F. Sheraton and S. Thompson. Most of them are still ringing—indeed R. Alder Gofton rang a peal of London Surprise Major for his 85th birthday during the past year—and some were present at the meeting.

But in this gathering at Stockton, youth was very much in evidence. Seventeen new ringing members were elected and the peal report mentioned eight first peals and one first peal as conductor. Cambridge Surprise Maximus had been rung for the first time by a resident band, and so had London Surprise Royal (No. 3). The Ringing Master reported on the second one-day course at Lumley Castle, where over 80 had attended. After one year in office the new treasurer—under 30 and with a mere 14 years of membership!—was able to report that he had collected all arrears of subscriptions other than those going back several years.

MEMBERSHIP TO EQUAL BELLS

This finally adds up to a picture of an Association in decline, content to rest on its laurels. But our president is not satisfied. He set before us a challenge that we should all strive towards the target of a membership equal to the number of ringable bells in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle.

We try to introduce new ideas and variations. Our programme for the meeting was based on a variation that had been successful at Newcastle in 1962 and, indeed, Stockton as the venue for our 'annual' was an innovation. This choice was a tribute to our president, Peter Rock, and his fellow ringers, and it so happened that the date was not far away from the tenth anniversary of the re-opening of Stockton bells after their recasting and rehanging by Taylor's in 1953. Stockton provided our first general secretary, the late G. J. Clarkson, and visitors inspected the pew end carving incorporating a bell in his memory.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Wardle-Harpur, and the preacher was Canon Hancock, now Rector of Sedgfield and one of our good clerical friends in his previous incumbency at Stranton, West Hartlepool. Since going to Sedgfield he has had the five bells there given some attention and in the evening many were able to have their first ring in this tower. It would be very nice if in the future the job could be made a really good one by recasting the fifth and providing an occupant for the vacant sixth pit in the frame. The organist was Leslie Evans,

of Herefordshire, who must have derived great pleasure at seeing his former pupil as president of our Association. We were very pleased to have Leslie with us along with a number of other visitors, some of whom are so regular that we really forget that they are visitors.

Associations depend upon the co-operation of their clergy and they also depend very much upon the ladies who attend to their material needs. Stockton's ladies did not fail us and our thanks for their excellent tea were voiced by Bill Tyson—and Bill is not an easy man to satisfy in these matters! Fred Ross thanked the incumbents on this occasion, but it may not be long now before he is on the receiving end for this item on the agenda.

NOW RINGABLE

Sedgfield bells have been made ringable and the past year has seen the return to service of All Saints', Gosforth, after rehanging, and St. John's and St. Stephen's, in Newcastle, after repairs to their towers. St. Aidan's, Blackhill, now go very much better, thanks to voluntary local efforts in freeing pulleys, etc. There are high hopes for a restoration at Tanfield in the near future and it was a great pleasure to hear the new Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, elected a clerical member.

A year ago an indication was given of what was considered to be a more practicable system for the Association peal book. The old style of ornate record had fallen several years in arrears and no one could be found to continue the ornate style. This year a bound volume of just under two hundred peal records was on view. Our thanks are due chiefly to Elaine Murcott, who did the typing so expertly. Norman Park handled the printing and binding and the recording was supervised by Alan Ainsworth as editorial secretary. This is only one aspect of Alan's service to our Association, and his departure for Birmingham is a loss that we regret and shall feel in many ways, but we do extend to him and to Marion our very best wishes for the future.

GOING PLACES

Once again Alan headed our list of conductors with 18, including the London Surprise Royal and the longest length of Yorkshire Surprise Major (15.520) yet produced. Alan has been the principal organiser of most

of our peal attempts of recent years, and our loss is certainly Birmingham's gain. Second in the list of conductors was Robin Turner with 10, and before the next annual meeting he will have departed to Australia. Third was Bryan Pattison with 7, and he has already gone to India. Budding conductors should have plenty of scope in the coming year or, perhaps, we shall have more of our experiments in dispensing with the conductor. We have done it once or twice already. The peal report showed also that 83 ringers had taken part in the 48 tower-bell peals and 10 handbell peals. Among the 24 towers used Gateshead was the most frequent with 8 peals.

The Handbook was re-issued during the year after it had been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. Unfortunately the material in it has proved to change more rapidly than it was originally thought that it would, and this idea is not to be continued in the future. Instead the 1962-63 report will be printed in a form to contain the more important items, but we shall have to economise by omitting the peal compositions and adding them as a duplicated sheet or two.

The report is the major item of expenditure in our balance sheet and its cost has to be kept under close review.

LOOKING AHEAD

What of the future? Our officers were re-elected, with the exception of the editorial secretary, and there the members showed their appreciation of Elaine Murcott's work by asking her to do the whole job after Alan's departure. The programme of meetings that we have arranged maintains the same pattern, but we shall endeavour to see that none of these deteriorates into a stereotyped affair. The list is: Social function, Chester-le-Street, January 4th; one-day course on ringing, Lumley Castle, March 21st; half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 9th; annual meeting, Newcastle, October 3rd.

When Canterbury needed a new Archbishop a few years ago it turned to Dr. Ramsey, one of our former patrons. During the past year Canterbury has needed a new Dean, and it has turned to another of our patrons, the Ven. Ian White-Thomson, who was Archdeacon of Northumberland. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes, and we compliment Canterbury on its choice.

D. A. B.

KIMPTON CUP WON WITH LONDON SURPRISE

There was a record entry of 10 teams for the Kimpton Cup competition, open to bands from towers in Hertfordshire, which was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kimpton, on October 5th. The test piece was 360 Minor or Doubles and once again all the ringing was tape recorded.

After an excellent tea, provided by local ladies, Mr. J. G. Cull, secretary of the Kimpton Guild, introduced the judges—Mrs. Fardon, who rang the tenor of St. Clement Danes' to the first 'all ladies' peal on 10 bells in 1926, and Mr. Tony Mann, known to many younger ringers partly because of his association with the Raving Ringers.

In their comments, the judges said that the general standard of ringing was quite good, particularly as they felt that the bells are not an easy ring. Principal faults were that the little bells did not hold up sufficiently over the larger bells and in those bands that rang Doubles the tenor was often erratic. Some teams did not manage to settle down to a good rhythm and for this reason were placed lower than those with a larger number of actual faults.

Results were as follows: North Mymms (London) 36 faults, Cheshunt (Grandsire) 44, King's Langley (Plain Bob Minor) 54, Hatfield (P.B. Minor) 45, St. Peter's, St. Albans (P.B. Minor) 51, Apsley (P.B. Doubles) and Kimpton (Plain Bob Doubles) 76. Wheathampstead (P.B. Minor) 66, broke down after eight minutes, Hertingfordbury, Sarat. The last two teams were not given a place by the judges.

The cup was presented to Mr. T. J. Lock, captain of North Mymms, by the Rev. K. G. Martin, Vicar, who said he was very pleased that the traditional art of bellringing, which had gone on for so long and was so very much a part of our English worship, continued to flourish.

The length of the test piece was discussed, but the majority felt that 360 gave a better chance for the band to settle down. The committee who were elected to consider length of test piece and date were Messrs. J. G. Cull, W. C. Hughes, T. J. Lock, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam.

Mr. T. J. Lock thanked the Vicar, judges and Mrs. J. G. Cull and helpers for the tea. A box of chocolates was presented to each of the judges by Miss Mary Arnold, one of the Kimpton ringers, as a token of appreciation for their services.

J. G. C.

5,088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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Rung at Arksey, Yorks, on September 5th, 1963.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR, 1963

FOR this year's summer tour the Society descended on North Derbyshire and the area around Sheffield and also into Lincolnshire. This was the first summer tour for many years that no member of the illustrious Layton family was with us—what can be happening to our Society?!

The arrangements were made by Brian Woodruffe (who was never actually able to join us) and John Seager, to whom, with all the incumbents and Ringing Masters we extend our thanks. We stayed for six very pleasant days at Whirlow Grange, on the outskirts of Sheffield, and it was noted that conditions, though non-alcoholic, were so good that the usual exodus to a 'local' only occurred on the first evening.

The tour proper did not start until Sunday, when we joined various bands in Sheffield for morning service. In the evening, and in the rain, the whole company stated they wanted to ring at St. Marie's, so, forsaking the rest of Sheffield, we all rang to call our 'separated brethren' to church. Later that evening (and also on Thursday) we were entertained by Philip Gray's excellent colour slides of his (and Joan's) recent holiday in Greece.

Monday saw us all ringing in earnest and, with Philip in charge, the method of the day was Cambridge, which everyone either said they knew or said they were learning. The first tower was at Bakewell, famous for its tarts (we had coffee in the original pudding (?) house), where the one show touch had to be Stedman, due to Cambridge not, after all, being so well known. After ringing and lunching at Youlgreave, we had the experience of ringing at Winstan—an anti-clockwise Minor five. On to Darley Dale, where we were visited by Frank Smallwood, and finally to Ashover—a lovely church in beautiful surroundings.

STEELWORKS VISITED

The most awe-inspiring cultural event of the tour proved to be an interesting trip to Samuel Fox's Stocksbridge steelworks. We were taken round by David Armstrong (a Sheffield Cathedral ringer) and a friend, who efficiently protected us from the myriad dangers of the works and bawled the answers to our many bald questions over an incredible cacophony of noise.

Tuesday was John's day in charge, so at every tower we had a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. Ranmoor started off the day, and although the experts' Cambridge Royal failed, the inexperience's Grandsire Caters did not. At Ecclesfield we enjoyed our ringing and a cup of coffee in a nearby cafe served by a spritely 84-year-old. We had lunch in the 'local' at Wentworth, and eventually attained the village church, though Katie Gorvin's car had a most curious attack of what seemed to be hiccups on the way. We rang divers different methods here and the ladies brought a touch of Bob Minor round, whereas the gentlemen's ambitious attempt at Original was sadly unsuccessful.

The 'elusive' key is how most people remember Wortley, and by the time we had found the key, found the ladder, found the ringing chamber, we also found the bells kept hitting the chiming hammers. At this point the Vicar found us, tucked up his

cassock and leaped into the bell chamber, followed by about half the company. Eventually, after much delicate manipulation of machinery, during which Howard Collins tried to tell us his name was not 'Charlie,' we all achieved what we had come for and had a brief ring, though even this was complicated because of the unaccustomed sally-type rope-ends.

SOME FAILURES

It was raining when we rang at Bolderstone but the journey home through the Sheffield Lake District was on roads 'practicable if taken gently' and proved a most scenic ride. After supper most of the party squeezed into the practice at Dore and had some very good ringing.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville, accompanied by a young ringing prodigy, joined us at Barlborough, the first tower on Wednesday, where, after various touches, a fine attempt at Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob failed to come round, so changed to Plain Bob, which failed to come round, so changed to Little Bob, which failed to come round! Thence to Staveley for Double Norwich, and where lunch was a very cheerful meal. We did not do justice to Chesterfield bells, though perhaps the front-enders would suggest it is because the ropes of 2-6 fall in a straight line. At Clay Cross we grabbed what was supposed to have been the peal tower, and 1,212 Single Oxford was rung by some more enthusiastic members, while others had a much-appreciated free afternoon.

Thursday was sunny, and we enjoyed our journey into the Peak District, starting off at Eyam, where we were delighted to discover some beautiful examples of well dressing. Next we went to Tideswell, the so-called 'Cathedral of the Peaks,' where we broke a rope, or was it the result of disgust at being made to ring Superlative? However, despite this, a course of Bristol was rung.

After lunch we visited the unusual light six at Wormhill, where the tenor weighs only one cwt. The ringing chamber is so small that we had to go up there in shifts, but once we had discovered that it was easier to ring without a stay, all went well. At Castleton we were interested in the ropes with their multi-coloured sallies, which are hand-made by an old craftsman who sits in the entrance to one of the famous Castleton Caverns. At Hope we achieved a course of Lincolnshire, and on the way home two keen car loads grabbed Bradwell, a chiming eight, and felt it was a shame they were not hung for proper ringing.

FIVE SPLICED

Friday morning we had to pack up and say goodbye to Whirlow and turn east towards Lincolnshire. At South Anston the height of the tour was achieved with Five Spliced. The next tower, Babworth, was almost impossible to find, being on no maps or road signs. However, once found, this new six went very well. At Retford East we were soaked walking across to the church and afterwards discovered that, most ironically, the church was dedicated to St. Swithun. After ringing at Retford West we journeyed on to Moor Lodge Hotel, Branton, where we spent the last two nights.

On arriving in Branton, Robin Dyke discovered that there were six bells in the church, and it was not included in our itinerary. This was quickly remedied by a phone call and we all went off there after dinner. The local old gentleman was pleased to see us, and when asked what he would like to ring asked for Norwich! This made even the most talented of the Society get out their diaries and do a bit of homework.

Saturday saw us off to Ewerby, a nice ten in a small, scattered village. We did manage Stedman Caters here. On to Heydour (various spellings confused navigators), where there was no key or Vicar. However, Philip, with his usual skill, got us in somehow. After lunch we went to Barrowby but found we had made a mistake and should have been at Grantham, so off we all rushed in order not to miss this lovely ten. We then side-tracked into Leicestershire to ring at Bottesford, where we tried to ring Rutland, as it was the home of the Dukes (and Earls) of that name. At Newark, Katie could not set her bell, but then neither could Philip, and on investigation a clock hammer was found to be fouling the ropes. On the way home, to John's surprise, we made a quick grab at Metheringham.

After breakfast on Sunday we all moved off to Lincoln to ring wherever possible, most people managing three towers before going their separate ways. J. M. R. and E. C. F.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM PERRY

A member of the Essex Association for 37 years and a life member for the last 12 years, Mr. William Perry, of Leigh-on-Sea, died on October 1st, aged 81. For the past 12 years he had been nearly blind and this prevented him ringing.

The funeral service took place at St. Clement's Church, Leigh-on-Sea, on October 5th, and among those present, in addition to Leigh and Prittlewell ringers, were Mr. E. Furbank (Brentwood) and Mrs. Lufkin (Clacton).

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, in a tribute writes: He learnt to handle a bell at his own Parish Church of St. Clement, Leigh-on-Sea, and his change ringing at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, where he did most of his ringing. Both at Prittlewell and Leigh he was a most regular Sunday service ringer. He rang about 65 peals, of which 60 were rung under my conductorship.

'Bill' played his full part in all the activities of the Prittlewell band of ringers, and he was most generous if any help was required, such as helping young ringers with the expense of outings, insurance of bells, decoration of the belfry, which was given with my knowledge only. He was a great friend to me personally, and in his very quiet way a friend and help to all ringers in the Southend-on-Sea area. May we follow his example and may his soul rest in peace.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. L. Bishop 2, J. H. Napper 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, E. J. Sawyer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joe Napper, for many years a ringer at Hagbourne.

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ST. PETER'S, HARROGATE: NEW BELLS AND RINGERS

By EDWARD HUDSON

AS Harrogate grew rapidly during the Victorian era several fine churches were built, and one of them, St. Mary's, was given a ring of eight, on which at least one peal was rung for the Yorkshire Association. My old friend, the late Tom Metcalfe, for many years the mainstay of ringing in North Yorkshire, remembered ringing on these bells in a ringing room heavy with tobacco smoke. Built on a faulty site, the church was in danger of collapse, but a generous donor provided the money for the building of the present fine church on a safer site. The bells were transferred to the new church; unfortunately they were hung dead.

For many years the people of Harrogate have heard little of the sound of bells rung in the traditional English manner. Beckwithshaw, a village on the outskirts of Harrogate, has a useful and recently restored ring of six, and the church has a band of ringers, but there has been no other ring in regular use in the Deanery of Knaresborough (which includes all Harrogate) for many years. The ring of five at Nidd is almost unringable, and the fine ring of eight at Knaresborough has, as the result of disagreement between the ringers and a former incumbent, been silent for a quarter of a century.

The interest of local ringers was considerable when it became known that an appeal had been launched to provide St. Peter's Church with a ring of eight bells. This aroused the interest of a number of young persons and in June, 1962, on a very hot evening, I met these potential ringers, in St. Peter's House, for the first time.

LOCAL KEENNESS

They had a potential leader in Bill McQuiggin, a young engineer: a good set of handbells, and plenty of enthusiasm. They decided after I had talked to them about bells and the art of change ringing that they would submit to my efforts to teach them the art, and a few days later they came to Ripon and saw for the first time the interiors of bell chamber and ringing room. With never fewer than seven pupils and with 12 on several occasions there was plenty of work for an instructor. Yet so keen was their enthusiasm that I began to look eagerly forward to each Friday evening marathon. A kind friend lent the learners a mini-bus which conveyed the party safely from Harrogate to Ripon, some 11 miles, in every conceivable sort of weather.

Slowly but steadily progress was made and a notable milestone was reached when, with the assistance of four experienced ringers, rounds were rung on the full Cathedral ten. My corrections and rebukes were accepted in the right spirit, and only two of the original volunteers fell by the wayside.

When the order for the bells was placed some of the learners, selected by the drawing of lots, were able to visit the Loughborough foundry and see the casting of their bells. During the summer the Vicar of St. Peter's went to the United States of America on a previously arranged visit and his place at Harrogate was taken by an American priest: the dedication of the new ring was perforce delayed until after the Vicar's return. As the day of dedication drew nearer excitement mounted, several ringing friends came along to help with instruction and some of the learners made their first attempts at change ringing.

Early in September the installation of the new ring was completed. I returned from a holiday at the Scarborough Cricket Festival to find the tower of St. Peter's a hive of activity. A hitherto bare ringing room was becoming presentable, excellent lighting had been installed, boxes had been made and the young ringers were able to control the bells quite well. We had several practices before the day of dedication, ringing the eight tied and the front four and the back six separately in open rounds. We deliberately refrained from ringing the full octave open until the day of dedication.

PERFECT AUTUMN DAY

Sunday, September 22nd, was a perfect autumn day; as the Sunday morning traffic streamed by on the nearby A.61, an excited body of young ringers was assembling outside the Church. They were joined by Jackson Ewbank (veteran of the Birstwith tower), Brian Sissons (Sherburn-in-Elmet), John P. Fidler from the Loughborough Foundry, Mr. Osborne and Isobel Hart (Whixley), Arthur Bashforth (Kirkby Wiske) and myself.

The Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough, who lives in Harrogate, arrived on foot in purple cassock and Canterbury cap. The large church was filled almost to capacity when the procession of choir and clergy entered, and we sang 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The Vicar (Canon R. H. Baines), an impressive figure in a fine blue and gold cape, read the first lesson, and then to the singing of 'Unchanging God who livest' we proceeded to the tower. The new band of ringers walked in pairs, John P. Fidler represented the bell founders, Arthur Bashforth and I represented the Yorkshire Association.

At the base of the tower the Bishop, at the request of the Vicar's warden, dedicated the new ring. Bill McQuiggin, as leader of the new band, tolled the seventh bell, and the Bishop handed a symbolic rope to the people's warden; prayers were offered by the Bishop, and then for the first time the full octave was heard in rounds. The waiting ringers aloft were understandably a little nervous and the wailing of fire alarms and fire engine hooters at the critical moment was somewhat disconcerting and the rounds were not quite up to expectation. Nevertheless Peter English 1, Denise Greenwood 2, Christopher Watson 3, Janice English 4, Anita Hardisty 5, David Fisher 6, Ann Fisher 7 and William McQuiggin 8, had opened a new phase in the church life of Harrogate. Waiting in reserve were Kenneth Herdson, Julian Tetlow, Edward Farrand, Pamela Wainwright and Claire Greenwood, all of whom joined in the ringing after the service.

Matins proceeded, the ringers returned to the nave and in due course the choir sang 'The Bell Anthem.' The sermon was a homely discourse given by the Rt. Rev. H. H. V. de Candole, suffragan to the Bishop of Ripon. He recalled occasions when he had been moved by the sound of bells rung in the traditional English style and suggested that the bells might sometimes be rung for public baptisms and to give a message of encouragement to Christian worshippers going out from their devotion into a world where Christian standards are not fully accepted. The bells were rung as the congregation left the church.

With a tenor of 12½ cwt. in the key of F sharp, this ring of bells from the Loughborough Foundry is well-nigh perfect in 'go' and tone. The treble is the gift of the Vicar of St. Peter's, in commemoration of his ordination, and bears an inscription to the effect. The remaining seven bells have been provided by the subscriptions of the people of St. Peter's.

P.C.C. INVITED

On the Friday evening after the dedication members of the P.C.C. and others from St. Peter's congregation accepted an invitation to visit the belfry and to see and hear a demonstration of change ringing. The president of the Yorkshire Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, honoured us with his presence, both in the ringing room and afterwards in St. Peter's House. Short touches were rung for just over an hour and it was my privilege to call the first touch, Grandsire Triples, on the bells. Afterwards in St. Peter's House refreshments, generously provided by the ringers and their families, were served to a very happy company of church people.

Considerable interest was taken in a display of ringing literature, which we had arranged. This included a first edition of Shipway, a century old record book of ringing for special occasions at Ripon Cathedral, Central Council publications and, of course, copies of 'The Ringing World.'

I became the delighted recipient of a fine framed water colour, given to me as a thank-

offering for instruction given to those who began their ringing career as my pupils, and who, I hope, will long continue to ring with me as valued friends. The water colour, by Percy Monkman, depicts in fresh and unusual tints a group of rather gaunt farm buildings in the moorland Bronte country. We had some speeches, we had a bellringer's cake, we had some handbell ringing, but above all we had good company and good fellowship.

Inspired by the homely sermon of the Bishop of Knaresborough, I have ventured to write the following verses.

ST. PETER'S BELLS

Ring out this gay September morn
The gospel news, St. Peter's bells.
Speak out to those, who live within
This town made famous by its wells.

Speak out as silver trumpets spoke
To those who sought a promised land,
Bidding them pray to God, who gives
The guidance of a father's hand.

Sing out in nineteen-sixty-three
Your long awaited first, gay song,
To those who live in careless ease,
Who have no place for right or wrong.

To those who come and stay awhile
To eat and drink, then go away,
To those, the faithful few, who meet
Here with the God and to him pray.

Tell these good folk to lift their hearts,
To go forth in their Master's name,
And in their steadfast daily lives
The hope eternal still proclaim.

Go live in hope, go live by faith,
Knowing the love which conquers hate,
This is the song which surges from
The voices of St. Peter's eight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringings were not possible during the afternoon at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at St. Mary's, Alverstoke, on October 5th, because of a late wedding and a broken rope. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Rees, officiated at the service, and tea was served by the ladies in Brodrick Hall.

New ringing members elected at the meeting were Mr. Brown and Miss Simms (Catherington) and Mr. P. Page (Titchfield); compounding member Miss Pamela Gough (Guildford); associate member the Rev. W. Rees.

At the two by-meetings, Alverstoke, November 9th, and Stedfield, December 14th, each from 6 till 9 p.m., it was decided to devote the first two hours solely to the instruction of learners and the last hour to Surprise ringing only (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative).

Methods rung during the evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B. and Cambridge.

Next quarterly meeting: Titchfield, April 25th. L. D. D.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

There was not a very good attendance at Barkway, on October 5th, probably due to the difficulty of getting there, as much as the wet weather. One member declined an invitation to stand in a peal attempt so that he would not miss the meeting.

Canon Webb-Brown conducted the service, and was chairman for the business meeting after tea at the Tally Ho! Two new members were elected—Messrs. E. Ward, of Sandon, and A. Hoare, of Barkway. As Hitchin bells are not likely to be ready in time for the A.D.M., Baldock was chosen instead. The meeting closed with the members' good wishes to the Canon, on his retirement.

Plans are going ahead for the transfer of two of Wyddial's bells to Albury. J. S.

WAY OUT WEST WITH ESSEX MEN

(For peals see page 473)

SATURDAY, June 15th, had been a bright, sunny morning for several hours, when at 7.30 a.m. the fawn Zephyr of Pat Saltmarsh slipped unnoticed down Danbury hill on the first leg of its journey to the west. Leaving Peter Eves to gather his passengers together in Chelmsford, we made our way to Harrow, where John Mayne and Andrew Hudson were waiting to complete the party.

With plenty of time in hand we crossed the border into Somerset, where we were soop greeted by a familiar sound coming from the tower of Norton St. Philip. Temptation proved too much, brakes were applied and nine ringers all eager for another 'line in Dove' strode towards the church. The visiting coach party kindly invited us to join them in their ringing. We arrived at Chewton Mendip ahead of schedule, but the famous octave were soon into changes and eight spliced came round without mishap just before 7 p.m. A few miles brought us to Wells and dinner at 'The Swan,' before passing through Glastonbury and Bridgwater to Crowcombe Court, where we stayed the first night, surrounded by the ornamental extravagance of 18th century England, including a fine four poster bed (curtains and all) which had been used recently in the film 'Tom Jones.'

Sunday morning brought rain and hill mist giving us little opportunity to admire the Exmoor scenery. A stop for lunch in Bideford was followed by 'doing' some of the tourist attractions of North Cornwall, before wending our way to book in at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro. After a much appreciated meal we were joined by Tony Davidson and Alan Carveth, popular president of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

A HANDBELL PRACTICE

After breakfast the next morning, residents and chambermaids alike were slightly surprised to hear the strains of handbell ringing coming from one of the bedrooms as our three tintinnologists (sic) practised for their afternoon peal attempt. Finally, we managed to drag them out and proceeded to Illogan (with its detached tower), and the handbell band was deposited at Carbis Bay, where they rang a very creditable peal in nine Surprise Minor methods, while the remaining five went to Zennor (6), and then spent a rather wet afternoon in Penzance. Returning to Carbis Bay we joined forces again and, with the assistance of Alan Carveth and the Rev. A. S. Roberts, rang a peal of Pudsey Royal on these very light but musical ten. Perhaps if we had rung Cambridge there would have been fewer mistakes.

Tuesday saw us in the china clay district, where, after ringing at St. Enoder, we crossed the Hensbarrow Downs to St. Dennis and Roche (two rights surrounded by the conical mounds of kaolin waste and set in a bleak and windswept landscape). After lunch in St. Austell and a ring on the majestic eight, with its 75 ft. of rope, we returned to Probus, where a good peal of Bristol was even appreciated by the local villagers.

UNSUCCESSFUL DAY

A wet and rather unsuccessful day pretty well sums up Wednesday, when quick dashes from car to church gave us rings at St. Budock. Wendron and Crowan, a poor lunch at a good price in Helston, a delay in getting the key at Cury, and the backing of one car into another at St. Antony. After all this it was hardly conceivable that we would ring the peal. After a false start and the splicing of a rope we eventually got under way and six spliced look 'in the bag' until half way, when a slight muddle cleared itself with two bells over. As we came outside it was still raining and the beautiful setting of this tiny village, at the estuary of the Helford River, received few admiring glances. Our run of bad luck ended, however, with a sumptuous farmhouse type cream tea, which soon dispelled any gloom. Later in the evening we were joined at the 'Norway Inn,' Perran-ar-Worthal, by Alan Carveth and the Rev. J. Jose, where the handbell section entertained in customary style.

With cases packed we left Truro on Thursday morning and made our way eastward, first to Lanivet and then, to Lanhydrock, where the church is surrounded by extensive parklands. After lunch in Camelford, we pursued our journey to Stratton, where we were to spend the next two nights in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stacey. A hurried start was made to the ringing due to local practice night, but this had no adverse effect and a good peal of London, the first of Surprise on the bells, was rung. Ringers' wives usually know what is required after a peal and Mrs. Stacey is no exception. We all piled into Philip's house to partake of a large and much appreciated dinner. The evening was spent at the Stratton practice and Bridgerule, where the local ringers joined us in Stedman and Double Norwich.

The pleasant eight of St. Stephen's-by-Launceston was followed on Friday morning by a delay at Tavistock, where, as everyone seemed to have forgotten about our visit, we took an early lunch while arrangements were made to procure the key. At Calstock the Vicar joined us in the ringing, and we then proceeded to St. Germans, where eight spliced failed after about 50 minutes.

Goodbyes all round on Saturday morning and we set off through the Devon lanes to Chittlehampton. Stops were made at Woody Bay and Lee Bay to admire the scenery en route to Lynton and lunch. At Minehead we were met by Mr. Middleton, who had kindly agreed to stand in our attempt for Stedman Caters, but just under the hour the peal was abruptly terminated by a miscall. In glorious sunshine the evening was spent on Exmoor, with Crowcombe Court again for the last night.

We extend our thanks to all who helped in making the tour a success, and particularly our Cornish friends; to Peter and Pat for undertaking the task of negotiating the highways and byways of Western England, and finally a special thanks to Pat for his splendid organisation. J. E. J. R.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

In its summer bulletin, 1963, the College of Campanology refers to its relations with the Central Council in the following terms:

'In view of a mistaken impression sometime noted about the college and its relations to the Central Council, it is thought to be only fair and right to affirm that the college, from its foundation and in accordance with specific provisions in its constitution, has always supported the Council's authority and adhered to the "Rules and Decisions of Central Council," as originally promulgated and since amended from time to time. So, too, has the college always been ready to seek affiliation, as and when its record of achievement should indicate this desirability, its numerical qualification having been attained within a year or two of its foundation.'

'A statement in Council, to the effect that while it would endorse certain schemes of tuition or courses in ringing yet it would not "run" or organise such courses, seemed to the college authorities to create the opportune situation in which to apply for affiliation, especially as the educative side of ringing had been proved to need proper development.'

'At an ensuing Council meeting, however, the committee whose province was Sunday service ringing, put forward the proposal that its title should be expanded to indicate that it would also function educationally. A little later a ringing course was reported as having been planned or worked in part by some members of this committee. In these circumstances the college has, for the present, deferred its intended application for affiliation; but it continues loyally to support the Central Council.'

KING'S PYON, HEREFORDS.—(On Sept. 29th, 1.260) Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, L. Preece 2, Mrs. E. C. Chand'er 3, R. Preece 4, T. Bound (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. James.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Tredunnoc, in the lovely valley of the Usk, and shadowed by the shoulder of Chepstow Hill, is a peaceful village, seemingly untouched by time and the rush of modern life. And on that sunny afternoon of October 12th, it was indeed a delightful place to be, surrounded by woodland and hedgerow ablaze with autumn colour. The tiny church, too, was aglow with decorations for harvest, and the Rector, the Rev. Albert James, eagerly welcomed the ringers and encouraged them to enjoy the six Tredunnoc bells.

The short service delighted the Rector, who had never seen his church so full of young people and with a goodly crowd standing at the back! He asked for, and got, a most hearty rendering of that rousing Welsh hymn tune, Bleanwern. In his welcome, the Rector paid tribute to the endeavour of Mr. Geoffrey Marchant, who had got Tredunnoc bells into a ringable condition. The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson.

Tea followed, served by Mrs. James and her helpers in a nearby converted stable and these kind ladies were thanked by the Rev. R. E. L. Jones. At a short meeting members stood in silence to remember Mr. L. H. Jones, of Monmouth.

The Rev. Roy Hallett thanked the Rector for his wonderful welcome to Tredunnoc, and complimented him on his courage in having the 'go' of the bells improved by local effort.

J. S. K.

SURREY AND KENT JOINT MEETING

Saturday, October 12th, saw the annual joint meeting of the Northern District of the Surrey Association and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe. The choice of this church proved to be not an unhappy one, as many of the 30 ringers present had never rung on these bells. They are a typical early 19th century Whitechapel eight, a bit heavy for their key (18 cwt. in F), but not unpleasant or too strident in tone. The neglected condition of the belfry left a little to be desired.

We were, at the outset, made most welcome by the Rural Dean, Rev. Eric Walker, who later conducted the Surrey Association form of service (the Rectory of St. Mary's being vacant until the induction of the new Rector in December). The Rural Dean brought a clergyman friend to play the organ, which is of considerable historic interest, as a rare example of its type nowadays. So much so that in 1959 it was completely restored to its original 'tracker-action' construction at the cost of the Pilgrim Trust.

The ringing done ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major and was of a standard that reflected considerable credit on all, considering the erratic 'go' of the bells. The ropes 'put up' a poor performance, as we had three 'breaks'. The bells were eventually lowered at 8.15 p.m. and the ropes left intact after necessary splicing and refitting by Mr. Ian Oram and others.

W. J. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The first striking competition of the Suffolk Guild took place on August 31st at Bredfield, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lufkin as judges. The system of marking allowed for 100 points and deductions were made accordingly. Results:

1 H. Egglestone's band, 97 points; 2 R. E. Lester's, 90; 3 C. W. Pipe's, 83; 4 J. W. Blythe's, 82; 5 L. G. Wright's, 59; 6 Miss S. Goodship's, 33. The shield, presented by Mr. H. Mitson, was awarded to the winners, and, in the ringing which followed, the first touch was 240 Cambridge Surprise by the six conductors of the afternoon. Local ladies served a wonderful tea in the Village Hall to a company of over 50.

ERIC SPEAKE'S PARTY TOUR IRELAND

A LONG- FELT wish of many of our party to visit Ireland and, if possible, ring on all the ringable bells was met when Eric Speake offered to arrange such a tour. His suggestion was accepted with enthusiasm by a party numbering 17, comprising a dozen from South Staffordshire, four from Lancashire and one from Kent.

The majority travelled on the 2.15 p.m. Holyhead-Dun Laoghaire, sailing on July 27th, and after a calm crossing arrived on Irish soil to find their hired minibus awaiting them. A swift journey was needed to reach Belfast, where we were to stay the night, and this was accomplished safely, but not until 11.30 p.m., to be greeted by our Lancashire friends, who had flown over earlier.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY

Service ringing at the Belfast towers on Sunday, July 28th, was shared with the Raving Ringers and commenced on St. Thomas' octave; the service touch being of Stedman Triples, in which the local captain joined. In the afternoon a drive along the north side of the Belfast Lough brought us to Carrickfergus, with its busy little harbour and impressive castle. Though much-restored, St. Nicholas' Church dates from the 12th century and contains many interesting features. The original detached campanile of 1922 had to be demolished in 1960, as it was dangerous. A new tower, built as a war memorial houses a first class octave (tenor 13½ cwt.), which were usefully employed for an hour in methods up to Bristol. To conclude our visit we were entertained to tea in the Church Hall, a gesture much appreciated.

Back in Belfast, we rejoined the Raving Ringers at St. Mark's, Dundela (a merry, light ten), and St. Donard's Bloomfield, to ring for evening service. Later in the evening we visited Lurgan (a heavy octave which hangs high in the tower, with a tall spire above, and hence plenty of effort is needed to control the bells). Nevertheless, a good course of Superlative was achieved. At the end of our 'lower in peal' the rope of the second broke; Jeffrey Webb, however, set to and made an excellent splice, and later we were greeted by tables groaning with food in the parish's recently built hall. In addition each ringer was presented with a booklet on the history of the bells and an Irish linen cloth depicting the church. Eric Speake acknowledged our gratitude.

Next morning started with a 20-mile journey to Ballymena (a pleasant Mears octave). The tour had been planned to allow a reasonable amount of time for seeing the country as well as ringing, and this day we drove through beautiful Glengariff to Cushendall, and while some had a bathe in Red Bay others continued over Torr Head, with glorious views from the top, and then all the party made for the Giant's Causeway. Returning inland, we came to St. Patrick's, Coleraine, where the bells (8, 20½ cwt.) hang just below the wide open louvres; methods up to London here and some call changes and Stedman Triples for local ringers. Our first Cathedral visited was St. Columba's, Londonderry, which overlooks the city. A fine Gillett ten (tenor 32 cwt.) hangs in the tower as well as two semitones to provide an octave, with the ninth as tenor, and these were utilised to enable the local captain to ring some Bob Major. The ten were heard in methods up to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

WONDERFUL SCENERY

The only tower on Tuesday was Enniskillen at 2 p.m., which permitted a late breakfast and a leisurely ride past Lough Erne. The Dean's Vicar and several local ringers met us at St. Macartan's Cathedral; the low-ceilinged ringing room is immediately beneath the bells, which makes handling rather awkward, and it takes a little while to get used to this ten (tenor 20½ cwt.), which sound well. In order that we could see something of Western Ireland, our hotel for the night was at Westport, Co. Mayo, and an interesting drive along the Sligo coast brought us to our objective.

We had enjoyed fine weather so far, but on venturing further south the skies became overcast, but, nevertheless, we were able to admire the fiord-like Killary Harbour, the rugged magnificence of Connemara and the renowned Galway Bay. Continuing on, we eventually reached Limerick, and, having located the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, we ascended the tower to find a grand Taylor ten, which inspired us to ring a good course of Yorkshire Royal. Crossing to the other side of the city, we came to St. Mary's Cathedral, which was founded in 1172 and contains many interesting monuments. The anti-clockwise, 24 cwt. eight, which are rather odd-struck, will, providing they are not rung too slowly, produce good music.

The next morning was spent exploring the county of Cork, including seeing a little of the beautiful coast in the south-west. In the afternoon we visited Ballymodan (an average ring of six, on which we rang London and Double Court). Proceeding eastwards we came to Cork, and heard the well known chime at St. Ann's, Shandon, and visited St. Mary Magdalene's Cathedral, which badly needs a thorough restoration—whether the tower would be repaired sufficiently to enable the bells to be rung remains to be seen. At the south side of the city stands St. Finbarre's Cathedral, an imposing French Gothic building, with a majestic eight (tenor 27½ cwt.). Mr. Fred Bogan, the president of the Irish Association, and the local ringers welcomed us and we were loath to leave such a grand ring.

RESTORATION AT THURLES?

Friday, August 2nd, saw several of the party finding if it was, in fact, a long way to Tipperary, on the way to Thurles Cathedral, an interesting building modelled on Pisa Cathedral. The tower-keeper, Mr. William Ryan, showed us the bells, by Murphy of Dublin, which have not been swung for many years. The minibus party went, by way of the Knockmealdown Mountains, to Cobh in an unsuccessful attempt to inspect the carillon: the car-borne members climbed the Rock of Cashel, descended into the depths of the Mitcheltown caves, and also visited the Cistercian monastery of Mount Mellory. We were reunited at Doneraile to ring the pleasant six there in a small tower with little ventilation.

The programme for Saturday was fairly tight, commencing at Waterford Cathedral, where the tower sway is considerable, but good striking can be obtained, and methods up to Pudsey were scored. Although no reply had been received from Wexford, the priest-in-charge gladly gave permission for us to try the bells. Before doing so, we had to fit ropes to the third and fourth, and also rethread the ropes of the sixth and seventh, whose stays had been broken: we were then able to enjoy a short ring on this excellent 31½ cwt. Gillett ten. At Arklow, where a grand Taylor eight may be heard, we managed a touch of six Spliced Surprise.

Three nights were spent at the small seaside resort of Greystones.

All our ringing on Sunday, August 4th, was in Dublin's fair city, commencing at St. Patrick's with good Grandsire Cinques, which was recorded by one of the local ringers. A short walk brought us to the oblong tower of St. Augustine and St. John's, where the open spiral staircase was ascended safely. Ringing here was restricted to half-an-hour before the 12.15 Mass. After lunch we rang for the 3.30 Evensong at Christ Church Diocesan Cathedral (10, 39½ cwt.), where Murphy's odd-struck bells are again predominant. However, we succeeded in ringing a good touch of Erin Caters; later we were privileged to meet the Dean. A picnic tea was taken on the Hill of Howth, a nearby beauty spot overlooking Dublin Bay. Ringing for evening service was at St. George's Church, where we produced methods up to London.

BAD LUCK AT BRAY

At our first two towers next morning one bell was out of use. A short ride from our hotel brought us to Bray, where the tenor

clapper was missing, and also there was no light in the tower as the entire church was being rewired. Several Minor methods were rung on the middle six, and a touch of Stedman Triples with the tenor chimed. We were delighted to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Dukes and family here, and to express our thanks for their hard work in arranging all the towers. An impressive drive over the Wicklow Mountains followed, which took us to Blessington (with an anti-clockwise six). The fifth had only half a wheel, so could not be rung; the wheel on the third had two fillet-holes, and the rope had been passed through the wrong one: the treble's stay was cracked, and the tenor could only be kept up by extreme physical effort—otherwise a fair ring! A long journey was needed from here to Kilkenny, where a 22 cwt. octave hangs in the 'tower' of St. Canice's Cathedral. The back six are by a founder called Curtis, and two trebles have been added and the others rehung by Mears.

RUDHALL BELLS OF DROGHEDA

On Tuesday, we were off north again, to Drogheda, the Dukes' home tower, a pleasant Rudhall octave. No difficulty was encountered re-entering Northern Ireland, and we were well on time at Rostrevor (6, 13 cwt.), where a large variety of Minor methods up to Norwich and Durham Surprise were brought round. Our programme then allowed plenty of time around and over the Mountains of Mourne. A cruciform church, standing in park-like ground is to be found at Hillsborough; the bells are rather quiet, but go well, and our first course of Wembley was successfully rung. Afterwards we were the guests of the local ringers to refreshments in their hall, for which we were very thankful.

Again a brisk schedule on our final morning, commencing at Holywood, where John Dunwoody made us welcome, shortly followed by the fine Taylor octave at St. Comgall's, Bangor. The last tower contained a good six at Ballylesson, and here a couple of local ringers joined in some Grandsire Doubles. This was the parting of the ways, and while a few had spare time till their flight home the rest were off south for the 7 p.m. sailing to Holyhead.

This account would be incomplete without a sincere word of appreciation to Fred Dukes, who arranged all the towers, and Eric Speake, who arranged the accommodation and transport. We also thank clergy and local ringers who made us so welcome to the Emerald Isle.

I. H. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

At the invitation of the Rector (Rev. O. H. Skipwith), who is also vice-chairman of the Branch, the first Corporate Communion of the Cary Branch was held at Maperton Parish Church on Friday, October 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Twenty-four members were present, including the chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson). Ringing took place before and after the service, and refreshments were served in the Village Hall.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Canon P. Anderson, Vicar, made the Dorchester Branch welcome when they met at Charminster for the quarterly meeting. He conducted the service, and a company of 39 enjoyed tea in the Village Hall.

Four new members were elected at the meeting, with the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth in the chair.

Branch practices, subject to confirmation, are: Litton Cheney, October 19th; Frampton, November 2nd; Wyke Regis, November 16th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, November 30th; Fordington, December 14th; Upwey, December 28th; Cattistock, January 11th.

Next meeting (annual): St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 18th.

NORTH-WEST SUFFOLK DINNER

The N.W. Suffolk ringers held their annual dinner at Bury St. Edmunds on October 12th. Ringers first met in the belfry of St. Mary's Church and enjoyed a variety of methods, before going on to the Masonic Hall for the dinner.

Mr. L. E. Last, of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild, took the chair, and, with a number of amusing tales, welcomed the guests. The toast to 'The Suffolk Guild' was proposed by Mr. Frank Lufkin, of the Essex Association, who spoke of his long association with the Suffolk Guild, and of his pleasure in judging the recent striking contest. Mr. George Pipe, of Ipswich, replied and said his great affection for Suffolk had not diminished during his travels in Australia. He also mentioned the lengths ringers went to visit new belfries in Australia.

Mr. Last proposed the toast to 'The Visitors,' and the Provost of Bury St. Edmunds, the Very Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, replied. He voiced his appreciation to the ringers of Bury, for their services at both the Norman Tower and St. Mary's.

The highlight of the evening was the hand-bell ringing of Mr. Howard Egglestone, a Henley, Suffolk, ringer, and his two friends. Their programme contained popular tunes, old tunes, classic and modern, and all marvelled at their skill, and thoroughly enjoyed their programme. Miss C. Perrett sang two solos. Mr. Last organised a tower quiz and Mr. George Pipe showed some most interesting slides of various countries he had visited during the last few years. Miss June Wright, a Rougham ringer, was the pianist.

Mr. Cyril Grange voiced the thanks of the audience to both the artistes and organisers, particularly to Mr. L. Wright.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Local ringers provided a free tea for the Farnham District meeting at Farnborough on September 28th, when a good standard of ringing preceded the service, conducted by the curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

The Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, presided at the business meeting, when there was some discussion about Guild and District Surprise practices. Further ringing followed until 8.45 p.m. A. D. E.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Grandsire Doubles is much simpler when the treble only goes to 5ths instead of 8ths place! —comment by a learner at a recent practice.

All Saints' Church, Rotherham, has a promising recruit in Miss Tessa Hollis, 13-year-old daughter of the Vicar, who has just rung her first quarter of Plain Bob Major.

Miss Freda Cannon is still captain of the ringers at St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, a post she has held with distinction for several years. She is also a representative of the Lewisham District on the K.C.A. committee.

One hundred and fifty years ago (October 12th. 1813) the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original at East Grinstead. To the day the Society repeated the peal, the only difference being that in 1813 two men were needed to ring the tenor of 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

The peal of London Surprise rung at Halstead in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen was a peal worthy of all that Lewis stood for in his long ringing career. It was fitting that Phil Corby should have conducted it, as Lewis conducted Phil's early Surprise peals in Essex. The peal was nearly wrecked by a broken tenor rope, after only 35 minutes' ringing. A fresh start was made after Harry Millatt expertly spliced the rope.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Liss, Hampshire, rung for the silver jubilee of the installation of the bells in the new tower, was the 20th on these bells. They were given by an anonymous donor and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth on July 1st, 1938.

The peal was arranged by Mr. Alan Betsworth to include the surviving six of eight ringers who were present at the opening of the bells, but eventually H. Gauntlett and C. Bassett were the only two able to take part. Alan Betsworth himself was unfortunately prevented by the death of his father on the previous day; Keith Sansom kindly stood in at short notice to replace him. The band were welcomed by the Rev. Norman Barnett, Rector, and afterwards were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. R. May, tower secretary.

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Mr. Thomas J. Brock, Ringing Master at Kessingland, Suffolk was a member

of the local band when they attempted a peal in 17 Doubles methods early in 1938. With only two methods to go someone down below inadvertently switched off the ringing chamber light and the peal was lost. After the war Mr. Brock did little active ringing until the bells were restored in 1960. Since then, with members and friends of his present local company, he has scored his first and many other peals. On September 7th at Theberton the band finally settled the debt of a quarter of a century with a similar 17 method peal.

The peal rung at Churchill, Somerset, on September 14th (page 668) was rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

The method rung to a peal at Willesden on September 19th was Datchett, and not as printed on page 667.

Mr. George Chambers, of Creswell, Derbys, is making good progress in Chesterfield Royal Hospital, after his operation for ulcers and hopes to be out very soon.

The band who rang the farewell peal to the Bishop of Southwell on October 5th, would like the names of Mr. George E. Foster and Mr. Lewis W. Henstock to be associated with the peal.

Mr. A. W. Fry, head ringer at Leeds, near Maidstone, had the pleasure of steering five of his pupils through their first quarter on October 13th. This is believed to be the first quarter on the bells this century.

On seeing the inscription 'United we stand, divided we fall,' on a window frame in a belfry, a visiting ringer was heard to remark, 'I suppose that means they don't lower in peal.'

Behind the quarter of Minor at Godmanchester is a five years' struggle, when Mr. A. J. Davey reports that they started from scratch five years ago and lost quite a few members on the way, which meant starting all over again. 'We finally made it, and humble as it is, we're quite proud of it.' Now for Major!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Diserens, now living in Sussex, made a return visit to St. Mary's,

Reading, to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods with the local band.

The peal at Holbeck R.C. Church, Leeds (page 683), was rung on the day of Cardinal Heenan's enthronement, September 24th.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Ruardean, Glos, on September 22nd, was Leslie Barry and not L. Parry.

Ten Dereks assembled at Duffield, Derbyshire, on October 5th and rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to the memory of Derek Ogden. It was conducted by Dr. D. E. Sibson, and two of the band were ringing their first peal on 10 bells.

Mr. D. R. Baxter, of Grantham, reports on the four at Corby Glen, where he conducted a quarter on September 29th, that they found them quite reasonable, although bad slider adjustment made the treble and second very difficult to handle. They are anti-clockwise, with tenor approximately 12½ cwt.

On October 5th, Pritchard's peal of Bob Major was attempted at Ross-on-Wye as a wedding compliment to Miss Mollie Tilbury and the Rev. J. Toy. Unfortunately a shift occurred near the end of the peal and a bob was called to bring the bells round after 3 hours 10 minutes' good ringing. This was also an unsuccessful attempt for J. J. Webb to 'complete the circle,' having previously rung the same bell for just over 3 hours to Stedman Triples. Better luck next time.

Ringling in the quarter peal at Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs, in honour of the 86th birthday of Mr. James Marsh, was his friend, Mr. William Rimmer. They have rung together at Aughton for 67 years, but Mr. Marsh was ringling there four years before and joined the Lancashire Association in 1894. His peal total is 101. Unfortunately his birthday was spent in hospital and he would be pleased to hear from old acquaintances, at No. 1 Ward, County Hospital, Ormskirk. A recording was made of the quarter peal.

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CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
*J. KEITH WARD .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 100th peal.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF 5038 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	J. KEITH WARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.

PORTMADOC, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BANGOR, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLENADDA,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. 5
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	*J. KEITH WARD .. 5
†GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 6
PHILIP MEHEW .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. ‡ First of Rutland on an 'inside' bell.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

RUABON, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MABON AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*†ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. 4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 100th peal together. † 60th county for a peal.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD THE KING,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
J. KEITH WARD .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

50th peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Ilkeston variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	WILLIAM H. COLES .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 8
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 4	JOHN HILL .. 9
ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by JOHN HILL.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*DEREK J. JONES .. Treble	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 6
DEREK M. SAWYER .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
DEREK MARSHALL .. 3	DEREK G. ASHTRIDGE .. 8
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 9
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First 10-bell peal.
In memoriam Derek Ogden.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	COLIN W. REED .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 7
MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 3	HAROLD STEVENSON .. 8
BERYL N. REED .. 4	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. 9
JAMES W. RAITHEY .. 5	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung to the glory of God; also in thanksgiving for the work of Dr. Russell Barry, who retires on October 18th, 1963, after completing 22 years as Bishop of Southwell. This peal was rung following the presentation of a farewell cheque from the people of this diocese to Bishop and Mrs. Barry in the Minster this afternoon.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
E. JANE SIBSON Treble	PETER H. LANGTON 6
*C. GAY WILLIAMS 2	GEOFFREY PEARSON 7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 8
HILARY MUIRHEAD 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS 5	JOHN G. GIPSON Tenor
Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.	
* First peal on ten bells.	

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
NORMAN ERRINGTON Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON 5
CHARLES N. LEA 2	ROBIN G. TURNER 6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	FREDERICK ROSS Tenor
Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.	
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.	

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.	
F. CHARLES GOODMAN Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
SIDNEY MARSHALL 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
KEVIN S. HOHL 3	*GEORGE P. ADAMS 7
TIMOTHY G. PETT 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor
Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.	
* 150th peal.	

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
*CELA HAYNES Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON 5
†BRIAN FORREST 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
JOYCE I. BARTON 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
ROBERT H. NEWTON 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL Tenor
Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.	
* First peal attempt. † First of Major.	
Rung by members of the local band, on the eve of the Patronal Festival, as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. Evans.	

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.	
JOHN CHILCOTT Treble	JAMES PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	DENNIS RANDALL 6
WILLIAM T. COOK 3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor
Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.	
Rung to mark the election in Guildhall this day of Alderman Mr. Clement James Harman as Lord Mayor of London.	

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.	
RICHARD J. BOWDEN Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
DON C. EXELL 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 6
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 3	*PETER BRIDLE 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER 4	†ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor
Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DON C. EXELL.	
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.	

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-Part, No. 11 in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	FREDERICK HOWSON 6
EDWARD HOWES 3	TONY OWEN 7
KEVIN S. HOHL 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.	
Mr. Frederick Howson's last tower-bell peal was at this tower on November 11th, 1922.	

BEDWELTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.	
*M. JACK PRYOR Treble	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 5
†MARY E. PRYOR 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
ROGER G. HAVARD 3	†JOHN OWEN 7
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.	
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First of Yorkshire on the bells.	

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ALAN R. PATTERSON Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	FREDERICK ROSS 7
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.	

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.	
MAURICE C. HUGHES Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
MURIEL REAY 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
*PAMELA M. TURNER 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor
Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.	
* First peal of London Surprise Major.	

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Rung on the Holmes eight. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.	
*MARGARET WRIGHT Treble	PETER J. MALLOCH 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 2	*LEONARD HILL 6
C. JOHN CLEGG 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS 7
DEREK J. MARSHALL 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor
Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. SHALLCROSS.	
* First peal of Surprise Major.	
Rung during the Octave of the Patronal Festival by the Sunday service band of St. Michael's.	

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
ROBIN A. HODGSON Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 5
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 2	VERNON GREEN 6
KEITH JORDAN 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
*ROBERT N. HARRIS 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor
Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.	
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.	

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.	
MAURICE C. HUGHES Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
MURIEL REAY 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.	

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRENTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MARTIN F. LOCK Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
JOHN HILL 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 43).

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(The Cannon Peal.)

Tenor 8 cwt. 16 lb. in A.

DUDLEY P. ELSMORE .. Treble	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. 5
ALAN D. ELSMORE 2	PAUL G. HOLMES 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. 3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT .. 7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON 4	ANTHONY R. CARTER .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by ANTHONY R. CARTER.
The composition, now rung for the first time, is dedicated to A. Patrick Cannon, Master of the Surrey Association.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	ROGER CADAMY 6
JAMES LINNELL 3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 7
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4	JOSEPH MARKS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

PETER MORRIS Treble	E. MARION KEY 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 2	HARRY GRIFFITHS 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	IAN FRIEND 7
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 4	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ROGER J. TINGLEY Treble	PAUL W. WEBB 5
MURIEL REAY 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alma M. Greaves.

CATTISTOCK, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. DEXTER's variation No. 2.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR J. SCOTT 5
HENRY G. KEELEY 2	FRANK G. KNIGHT 6
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 7
REV. ROGER KEELEY .. 4	*J. GEORGE GORINGE .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal. First on these bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BRENTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.16—12—5—34—7
2nds place L.E. 4ths place bobs.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. PARKER's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JOHN E. WHITTALL 5
*ANTHONY P. WHITE .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN 6
CATHLEEN S. HEANEY .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
†GILLIAN P. BLACKWELL .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band (except ringer of treble) as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. G. Carver, who is leaving to be Vicar of St. Mary's, Putney.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 of London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

ROBIN G. LEALE Treble	ROBIN A. HODGSON 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
†WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 500th peal. † First of 12-Spiced Surprise Major.

PUTNEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Treble	ALAN R. MILLRIDGE 5
*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. 2	†MARTIN PRESS 6
MARGARET E. FORT .. 3	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.
Rung in honour of the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA GREEN Treble	BERNARD MOSS 5
†DAVID VINCENT 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY 6
SYDNEY OSBORNE 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 7
THOMAS W. SMITH .. 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. † 300th known peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fothergill on the birth of a daughter.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	FREDERICK ROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. Treble	*PETER SLOMAN 5
SYLVIA A. HAYWOOD .. 2	DAVID E. BELCHAM .. 6
PETER F. PERKINS .. 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 7
ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.
* First peal of Major.

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BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

PETER A. KIRKBY .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

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

Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner at Leeds.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

HOWARD OGLESBY .. Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 5
JENNIFER SCEENY 2	GEOFFREY RIGLAR 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
JOHN F. BOWLER 4	RICHARD E. DEAN Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JENNIFER SCEENY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.
LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
ROBERT W. HINDE 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
J. RICHARD WILSON 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
JOHN A. HOWARD 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

THOMAS BIRD .. Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
PETER L. WOOD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

In memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen (Aug. 26th, 1881-Sept. 13th, 1963).

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.
*RAMON A. STONE .. Treble	*KENNETH G. WALLER .. 5
HARRY W. GAUNTLETT .. 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT .. 6
†KEITH SANSON 3	BRIAN R. WALTON 7
*KENNETH A. TIPPER .. 4	DAVID M. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples.

Rung for the silver jubilee of the bells.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

PETER BRIDLE .. Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	ANTONY R. KENCH 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
DON C. EXELL 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

FRED C. PUGH .. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.	FREDERICK C. HANDLEY .. 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Treble	†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 6
*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Pugh on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS 5
*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS 6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	DAVID E. HOUSE 7
DAVID J. FORDER 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

PETER PEARCE .. Treble	EDWARD R. VENN 5
CHARLES COLES 2	PETER A. SHARP 6
PETER J. HERITAGE 3	D. KAY ADKINS 7
PETER D. BEEDIE 4	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire; with 119 changes of method.

Mrs. A. DIZERENS .. Treble	JOHN N. DIZERENS 5
*MRS. R. F. DIZERENS .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
ALBERT DIZERENS 3	RONALD F. DIZERENS .. 7
PATRICIA BUSS 4	NOEL J. DIZERENS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DIZERENS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
A welcome to Thomas Cyril Lewington.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 23½ cwt.
HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	EDWARD VENN 5
WALTER JUDGE 2	WILLIAM YATES 6
BRIAN WHITE 3	GEORGE HOLLAND 7
FREDERICK WILKINS .. 4	FRANK WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Howard and Muriel Freeborn.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 17 methods, viz.: One extent each of Stedman's Principle, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Norfolk, Old, April Day and Kennington; one extent and one 240 (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire, one spliced extent each of Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall S.C., St. Martin's and Welford S.C., St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., two different extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's and St. Simon's, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 17 of Plain (four callings).

LEONARD M. RAPHAEL .. Treble	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3
THOMAS J. BROCK 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4

*MICHAEL J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

* 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor away from the tenor. First in 17 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM CULPIN Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIS 3
C. LEBERT COWLIN 2	MICHAEL PARKER 4

*R. J. YEOMANS Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

* First peal.

A farewell to the Rev. P. Weir, Vicar of Winwick; also to commemorate 50 years' ringing by the tenor man.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

*A. ROUTLEY Treble	*P. WATTS 4
W. SMITH 2	*R. SOMERFIELD 5
J. BREWER 3	*R. PENNY Tenor

Conducted by R. SOMERFIELD.

* First peal attempt. First of Grandsire on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar on his induction.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

MARGARET P. BOOTH Treble	THOS. M. BARLOW 4
CHRISTINE M. FULLER 2	IAN V. J. SMITH 5
JOHN A. BOOTH 3	ALAN R. BALDOCK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. BALDOCK.

First peal in three Minor methods by all.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Columba, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Norfolk, Old, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND C. MOORE Treble	GRAHAM C. PAUL 3
*CHRISTOPHER C. STOKES 2	ROGER W. SMITH 4

ALAN A. PAUL Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

* First peal 'inside.' Average age of band 16½ years.

Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding day of Alderman C. T. Cripps (people's churchwarden) and Mrs. Cripps.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

VERNON BEDFORD Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Birthday compliments to Ruth Bedford, Stephen Bedford and C. Jack Gibson.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of London and four of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERTRAM J. COGGINS Treble	PETER PEARCE 4
*FREDERICK W. SODEN 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
PETER BEEDIE 3	*THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 6 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	ROBERT J. COOLES 4
MARGARET E. FORT 2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 5
MICHAEL J. UPHILL 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods/variations, being two extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, and ten each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBIN L. HUGHES Treble	JOHN W. HOPE 3
*W. JOHN CLAYTON 2	COLIN A. LEWIS 4

ROBERT A. HATCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 2-42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

G. JACK GIBSON Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT BARRATT Treble	ERNEST PIMLOTT 4
†WENDY POYNTON 2	*F. GEORGE FORRESTER 5
PETER W. HORN 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*VERNON GREEN 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*JOHN J. FORD Treble	LEONARD DERRICK 4
F. A. KEITH PRIME 2	FREDERICK W. SWEET 5
GEOFFREY R. MARCHANT .. 3	CECIL T. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL T. CLARKE.

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

Rung for the marriage this day of Clive E. Marchant (local ringer) to Anne Hardy.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

ALAN D. ELSMORE Treble	*PETER J. JOYCE 4
*HILARY N. KIPPIN 2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 5
PETER G. SHERWOOD 3	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung in memory of John S. Goldsmith.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being nine methods in the following extents: (1) Bourne, (2) Cambridge, (3) Plain and Double, (4) Kent, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

SHIRLEY M. DREW Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	MICHAEL J. STANLEY 5
GORDON W. LAND 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

KILNDOWN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 36 methods: (1 and 2) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Cune-castre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning; (4) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 143 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	ANDREW M. MACVEE 4
IAN H. ORAM 2	*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 5
RALPH BIRD 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* Most methods to a peal.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*THOMAS P. BARLOW .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER 4
*FRANK R. MORTON 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH 5
*JAMES S. BAKER 3	HERBERT SUTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First 'inside.' Tenor ringer completed 'circle.'

MULBARTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	THOMAS SPIGHT 4
DAVID CUBITT 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 5
MRS. DAVID CUBITT 3	PETER ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

For Harvest Festival.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 4
PETER S. BEDFORD 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in nine Minor methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway, who is leaving Theberton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 13 in E.

DAN S. PONT 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3—4
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REV. MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 5—6

Conducted by DAN S. PONT.

First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 11, 1963, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	ROGER BALDWIN 3—4
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*GERALD PENNEY 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): T. Roper 1, Miss S. M. Davenport 2, D. G. Farrar 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, R. Elkington 5, D. Staples (cond.) 6. For Matins, also to mark the ordination of the Rev. A. L. Lattimore, curate at this church.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. J. Frole 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, M. Crump 6, D. W. Davies 7, S. King 8. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mayne (cond.) 1, I. S. Merry 2, W. Noon 3, G. W. Brandrick 4, K. P. Gilliver 5, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Agnes Emmeline Atkins, buried this day.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary, on Sept. 27th, 1,277 Stedman Caters: P. H. Pigg 1, H. F. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. F. Brown 8, P. J. Bergdahl 9, H. Foster 10. Rung for the induction of Canon Montefiore as Vicar.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Martin 3, D. C. Manger (cond.) 4, N. J. Martin 5, J. S. Barnes 6. First in the method by all the band. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome Bishop Ambrose Reeves.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. D. Harrison 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, D. S. L. Lloyd (first 'inside') 3, K. F. Gardner 4, D. J. Allen (cond.) 5, G. P. Hammond 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Woodward (first away from tenor) 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, H. D. Harrison 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, D. J. Allen 5. Rung for Harvest Festival.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. C. Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, G. Stewart 5, W. W. Ring 6, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. First in the method 3, 4 and 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Dowse 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5. For Evensong.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS.—At St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): W. T. Goadby 1, R. D. Hughes 2, H. O. Over (cond.) 3, A. R. Penper 4, E. J. Tovell 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Brown 1, Frances P. Gilbert 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, S. W. Brown 4, M. C. Woodbridge 5, J. R. Norris (first in method as cond.) 6, N. J. Wright 7, R. H. Tribe 8. First of Triples 2, 5 and 8. Rung as a welcome into the church for Amanda Jane Montague, christened this day at the family service.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor: (502 Kent and Oxford, 720 Kent): R. J. Foster (first of T.B.) 1, D. G. Rowlands 2, W. Birmingham 3, K. J. Darbill 4, G. Riglar 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, also a welcome to Rev. V. Rogers, curate.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Giles', 1,280 six-spliced Surprise Major: Joyce Gurnhill 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, Claire Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, P. Sharp 6, H. Poyner 7, G. Paul 8. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wigmore 1, Clare Dillamore 2, Gay Williams 3, T. A. Bevis 4, E. Mastin 5, N. Harding 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, M. R. Reed 8. Rung at the Rector's request on the occasion of the Flower Festival.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Bob Minor: D. Coates 1, B. Groves 2, J. Crayford 3, F. Hogar 4, E. Jenner 5, M. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. D. P. Lury.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lesley Wilson (first of Major) 1, D. Gillespie 2, J. B. Thorp 3, J. P. Partington 4, Barbara Boardman 5, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 6, J. Brahnan 7, D. Butterworth 8. For Harvest Festival.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita Peck (14, first quarter) 1, J. Honeywood 2, Miss G. Brown 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, J. Felgate 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda M. Nicholls 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, L. A. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. B. Groucott (first quarter) 6. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Perry 1, Miss L. Brown 2, A. J. Millward 3, W. C. Cropley 4, D. E. Griffin (cond.) 5. For evening service.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, J. J. Fox 3, E. Atkinson 4, F. Mitchell (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome Rev. N. D. J. Webb as curate.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Bowler 1, F. R. Scott 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, W. Birmingham 4, G. Riglar 5, H. Oglesby 6, G. R. Shedden (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8. For the Dedication Festival service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Rodrigues 1, Miss R. Rawlings (cond.) 2, Miss J. Geiringer 3, Miss D. Coke 4, R. Mayes 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. Goodman 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,296 Minor (Oxford and Cambridge): Miss D. Coke 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, A. Bishop 3, Miss V. Rodrigues 4, M. Uphill 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, R. Goodman 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Everest 1, J. Plummer 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, T. St. John 5, A. Millam 6. For Harvest Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): Margaret Field (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, S. Wooler 3, J. Thorp 4, K. Flemming 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6. After Harvest Festival Evensong.

YORK.—At the Institute of Advanced Studies on Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Aldington (longest length and first of Minor) 1, M. King 2, K. Ather 3, R. Woodward 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, P. Came 6. Rung by members of St. John's College to mark the beginning of a new college year.

QUARTER PEALS

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret Rippon 1, Marilyn Gibbs 2, G. Williams 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Prynn 5, M. Harbott 6, J. L. Haynes (cond.) 7, R. D. Mills 8. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome Sarah Caroline, fourth grandchild of the ringer of the fourth.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. K. Mason (cond.) 1, M. E. Wade (first of Surprise) 2, M. C. Faulkes 3, A. M. Lindsey 4, W. A. Lacey 5, A. E. Hartley 6. For Evensong.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: William Rimmer (aged 84) 1, J. N. Brown 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, E. Garner 5, D. Jones 6, N. Heaps (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. James Marsh.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Ellison 1, R. Smith 2, C. Williamson 3, A. Faulkner (first of Stedman) 4, R. Cousins 5, J. Crampion 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Harvest Festival, also as a compliment to the Vicar on his 36th anniversary.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, Rose Smith 2, G. H. Pullin 3, L. Derrick 4, D. G. Yeo 5, R. Smith 6, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7, P. Gay 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): F. Faulkner (first quarter) 1, F. K. Thompson 2, R. I. Kendrick (first as cond.) 3, J. R. Perkins 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne 6. For Evensong.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. M. Swift (first of Triples) 1, R. J. Fulter 2, T. M. Barlow 3, Valerie Mephram (first of Triples) 4, A. R. Baldock (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. J. Hicks 6, I. V. J. Smith (75th quarter, cond.) 7, D. R. Fuller 8. 25th quarter together 5 and 8; 50th together 3 and 5.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Payne 1, P. Philips 2, F. Goodearl 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Payne (cond.) 6, R. Benstead (cover) 7, P. Dence 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and a compliment to former ringing master and secretary, Geoffrey and Jill Waters, on the birth of a son.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): Betty M. Mansfield 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. W. Rigby 3, J. Snelling 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BRAMSHUTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. Aileen Pearson 1, Mrs. Edna Weatherley 2, Katharine Pearson (first of Doubles) 3, J. E. Clark 4, N. Pearson (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. To welcome the new Rector, the Rev. John Souttar.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: T. J. Thorne 1, Miss M. Saxe 2, D. Thorne (first 'inside') 3, L. Marker 4, C. Churchill (cond.) 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Spice 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, Rosemary M. Jenkins 3, Sheila Copping (cond.) 4, T. Lewis 5, M. G. Foster 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Clare Harvey (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Jenkins 2, F. H. Gates 3, Sheila Coppins 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. Foster (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Redden (first quarter) 1, P. J. Spice 2, T. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, Sheila Copping (cond.) 4, Rosemary M. Jenkins 5, R. T. Newman 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor Kent and Plain Bob: J. B. Crowe 1, Ann Edwards 2, Janet Groves 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Pantion (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Atkins 1, C. D. Everett 2, S. T. Miles 3, W. Marsh 4, D. Drayton 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. A farewell to S. T. Miles, who is leaving for Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Tony Fensome (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, E. Ashby 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, C. Cook 5, C. W. Simpson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLUS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Protherough 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, J. Tyler 3, W. Ballinger 4, C. A. Wratten 5, F. Stephens 6, G. Symonds (cond.) 7, W. Drinkwater 8. In honour of the christening of Sarah, daughter of the Rev and Mrs. Gunner.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 St. Nicholas Doubles: Miss V. Hunt 1, P. J. Long 2, T. Lewis 3, R. A. Long 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen 1, J. H. Payton 2, R. Cooper 3, A. D. Edwards 4, J. F. Payne (1st as conductor) 5, M. J. Bura 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, A. Mann 2, M. Fort 3, B. Bull 4, A. Millidge 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, A. Bishop (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, D. Tipler (first on S) 8.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Julie Saunders 1, Susan Crow 2, J. Warick 3, G. Atkins 4, S. Newman (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss Susan Crow who is leaving for a Teachers' Training College.

CONSETT, Co. DURHAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintov 2, Marjorie Pearson 3, W. Tyson 4, J. Vickery 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton (cover) 7. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintov 2, J. Vickery 3, Marjorie Pearson 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): S. Zvegintov 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, M. Armstrong 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, S. Zvegintov 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, W. Tyson 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian C. Lambert 1, E. J. Lambert 2, M. Chown 3, Miss G. Barnes 4, K. Stubbs 5, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by a regular Sunday service band. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CROWBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Bullen 1, Rosemary Heighes 2, Mrs. J. Osbon 3, R. D. Dvall 4, H. Vaughan 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, B. Collinson 7, E. J. Ladd 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Razzell 1, R. Davies 2, G. H. Humphries 3, R. C. Stevens (first of T.B.) 4, N. G. Steere (first of T.B.) 5, M. F. Oakshott 6, J. Smith 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Fraser 1, J. Bailey 2, J. Whiting (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss R. Bull 4, R. Wallis (cond.) 5, A. Mould 6, M. Larkin 7, C. Royle (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. S. Fraser and Miss R. Bull.

EAST ISLEY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, John H. Napper 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, James W. Wilson 6, John W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, Harry R. Wells 8. For Harvest Festival.

EASTON IN GORDON, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): G. Skelly 1, Jennifer Brake 2, V. James 3, J. Riley 4, B. H. Goodlife (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. First in ten methods for all.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Mansfield 1, Audrey Brangwyn 2, R. T. Somerton 3, Betty M. Mansfield 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, J. Snelling 6, W. Denny 7, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. Richards, President of the Towcester Branch, who is leaving the district.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 720 Spliced Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. E. Collins 1, Miss K. M. H. Branson 2, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 3, M. M. Peterson 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six bells. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Platt 1, Teresa Langdon 2, Sheila Moore 3, T. Bailey (cond.) 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, E. Beauchamp 6, T. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First of Major 2 and 3. For Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob: G. Reeve 1, J. York Parker 2, H. Fuller 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, J. Dadds 8. In honour of the diamond wedding of the Earl of Iveagh and Lady Iveagh.

ENFIELD, MIDDY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Toscroft (first quarter) 1, M. V. White 2, Bridget A. Singer 3, D. J. Duggan 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6, J. D. Duggan 7, D. Reeves 8. For Harvest Festival.

EWHRUST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Old Doubles: C. M. Barnes 1, Judy Bowen 2, J. W. T. Smith 3, A. J. Hicks 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of St. Theodore. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 St. Remigius' Bob Doubles: Philippa Duncan 1, Judy Bowen 2, A. R. Baldock 3, T. M. Barlow 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5. First in the method for all. For the Feast of St. Remigius.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Reed 1, A. J. Davey 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, Miss J. A. Davey 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Higgins 8. First quarter by a local band. Rung on the middle six following the wedding of Gordon W. Peacock and Thelma P. George, chorister and churchwardens daughter.

GURING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: David Birt (first attempt) 1, M. W. Napper (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Franklin 3, H. Tull 4, D. G. Haines (first 'inside') 5, L. G. Haines 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, F. J. Hiscock 8. For Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 29th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lewis 1, H. L. Squires 2, G. Vinters 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. A. Frith 5, P. A. Slight 6, H. R. Woods (cond.) 7, J. R. Holmes 8. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,440 Little Boh Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, Mrs. N. Worsdall 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. A. Slight 5, J. E. Cook 6, J. Watson 7, W. H. Dale 8, J. R. Holmes 9, H. R. Woods 10. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: V. P. Evans 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, P. A. Slight 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. Baxter 5, W. G. Wilson 6, W. H. Dale 7, D. A. Frith 8, J. R. Holmes 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: H. L. Squires 1, Mrs. M. Cook 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, W. H. Dale 6, J. R. Holmes 7, H. R. Woods 8. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: G. Vinters 1, Mrs. B. Hill 2, Mrs. M. Cook 3, J. E. Cook 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. Baxter 6, W. H. Dale 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, D. A. Frith 9, P. A. Hill 10. Rung by the local band, aided by a few friends, for the special services for the 'Mission to Grantham' week. The Plain Bob Royal was a welcome to the Rev. Robin and Mrs. Worsdall.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. E. Ferguson 1, Miss B. Winterbone (first quarter) 2, J. Mills 3, Miss C. H. Sharman 4, D. Mills (first quarter) 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Will 1, G. Skinner 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. Yates, jun. 4, C. Yates 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the son of the vicar of Heavitree. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Lissenden 1, Miss A. Fellows 2, Miss J. Barnett 3, N. Mallett 4, F. Wreford 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Michael's day for the Patronal Festival.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, D. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, F. Parsons 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

INGRAVE, BRENTWOOD.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wretham 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, Miss N. Jeffery 3, A. Duggan 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. J. Wood, tower master and ringer. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Scott (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, Miss J. Cullwick 3, A. Duggan 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on the middle six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Garrod (first quarter) 1, L. Pizzey 2, A. T. Beckwith 3, G. E. Symonds 4, G. R. Goodship 5, A. R. Bridges (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Garrod.

IRNHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, R. D. Baxter 2, C. F. Baxter 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. After Harvest Festival Evensong, as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain): D. Wicheil (first on hunting bell) 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. F. Turner 3, J. Mitchell 4, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. H. Idle 6. First of Double Court 2 and 4; also first 720 of Double Court as conductor. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Brewer 1, W. Hibbert 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, F. A. White 7, J. Cadd 8. For Harvest Festival.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Baldock 1, Rosemary Earl 2, P. D. Pope 3, D. R. Fuller 4, T. M. Barlow 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Whitlock 1, Mrs. P. Fry 2, Miss M. Hoare 3, A. W. Fry (cond.) 4, Miss S. Woodger 5, J. Vidgen 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. Believed to be the first local quarter on the bells in this century. For Harvest Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 720 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 'in front'): P. Perry 1, G. Benjamin 2, Margaret Grantham 3, A. Leves 4, I. Perry 5, G. Piper 6, M. Legg (first 720 as cond.) 7, A. Webb 8. First 720 for all except conductor. First 720 by local band for many years. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Smith 1, B. Wakefield 2, F. W. Soden 3, B. W. Hall 4, T. W. Timms 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, C. Coles 8.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, Miss A. Gladwell 3, T. Wood 4, A. T. Wingate 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,248 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge): E. F. Fosbery 1, E. Winifred Keyes 2, A. Diserens 3, B. E. Matthews 4, R. F. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, F. W. Rogers 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, L. J. Rutt 4, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. S. Spackman 6.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Roberts 1, Miss S. Hallett 2, Miss B. Boyce (first as cond.) 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Coombes (first 'inside') 5, R. Bowditch (first quarter) 6. Rung after Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Sloman 1, A. House 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, Monica M. Moore 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, J. Jelley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Oct. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Tessa Hollis (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, S. Armeson 4, D. Nichols 5, N. Donovan 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

RUTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—At 'Monte-ry' on Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Smith 1-2, G. C. Paul 3-4, A. A. Paul (cond.) 5-6. First on six handbells for all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Peter's 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, Mrs. S. Slade 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, K. J. Darvall 4, S. P. Darvall 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, C. E. Slade 8, R. W. Darvall 9, H. V. Frost (cond.) 10. First by 2 and 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ST. NEUTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, C. J. Blain 3, G. E. Bonham 4, Ian M. Smith 5, A. J. Davey 6, J. G. Gipson 7, Rev. G. C. Galley (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, R. Haines 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, J. E. Daniels 4, R. Jones 5, E. C. Read 6, Rev. Roger Keeley (cond.) 7, N. O. Skelton 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Wm. Simpson 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphries (first 'inside') 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsom 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Parker 1, A. Callow 2, G. Jeanes 3, Miss L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. For the first grandchild of the conductor and Mrs. F. J. White.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On March 25th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Dutton 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss C. Froggatt (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Woods 1, Jean Horton 2, J. Taylor 3, M. Daines 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Charman 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss V. Woods and P. Blaydon: also the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Horton.

STUTFOLD, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Woods 1, G. D. Goodwin 2, D. R. Sanderson 3, P. Mehew 4, Audrey Alexander (cond.) 5, Carol Brown (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, M. J. Fellows 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, P. W. Webb 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung by the local band for Evensong on the festival of the dedication of the church. Also a wedding compliment to F. Brian Cookson (of the local band); and a 50th birthday compliment to A. D. Fellows.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waltham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Stuteley 3, P. Mills 4, F. Harvey 5, E. Davey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. F. Lee (first of Triples) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, T. J. Milson 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. For the Patronal Festival.

UPOTTERY, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Sage 1, A. J. Crabb (first as cond.) 2, E. W. Broom 3, G. C. Crabb (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Sage 5, W. Broom 6.

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Minor (2 methods—Single Oxford and Cambridge): J. Mac D. Bateman 1, R. S. Starkie 2, R. J. Parker 3, D. Butterworth 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, J. Kershaw 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Duncan (first quarter) 1, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, I. Dear 6. For Children's Harvest Service.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Batchelor (first of Triples) 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Evensong, and the first use of the newly-restored organ.

WARSPOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 London Schoiars' Pleasure T. B. Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, F. Cooke 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Kingston T. B. Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, R. Lucas 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Fowles 1, G. Golding 2, S. Gibson 3, D. Manton 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, Canon E. Wigg 6. A compliment to Aiden Butcher and Gillian Page prior to their wedding.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins. 25th quarter together 2 and 4.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Simpson (has 'circled tower') 1, C. D. Emery 2, R. A. Yeates 3, R. G. Lay 4, J. V. Clark 5, L. R. H. Smith (first as cond.) 6, J. Hughes 7, M. P. Moreton 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, J. D. Faircloth 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, R. G. Crosland (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. J. B. Shortt, and Mrs. Shortt, who are leaving for River, Dover.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Thompson 1, J. Crowther 2, F. Ross 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, W. Davidson (first away from the tenor) 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (3 methods): H. G. Flynn 1, F. R. Morton (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker (first 'inside') 3, F. S. Sutton 4, I. R. Nichols 5, T. E. Trickett 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also as a birthday compliment to J. S. Baker.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, J. Warner 2, R. Dorking 3, B. Crook 4, T. Monk (first quarter) 5, H. Dorking 6, E. W. Bright 7, A. Piggott (first as cond.) 8. For the Harvest Festival.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): F. Cherryman 1, R. Tickner 2, Mrs. K. Newman 3, J. Collier (first of Minor 'inside') 4, C. Slyfield 5, K. Newman (cond.) 6, R. Jordan 8. For Harvest Festival.

THE DRAYTON CHIME

Mr. E. Weatherley, of North Figuerra, Los Angeles, who is 92, submits the Drayton Chime, a combination of church and clock chime, using five of the six rows. This was arranged by Robert Roan, of Cambridge, before 1600 and called 'The Sixer.'

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MID-WALES RINGING OUTING

Cardigan, Pembroke, Tenby and Llanbadarn Fawr ringers travelled to mid-Wales for the annual outing last July.

The coach left Cardigan at 8 a.m. and travelled along the coast road to Aberystwyth, where we were joined by the Llanbadarn ringers. Another pleasant run over the Cambrian mountains to Llanidloes, and our first tower. Soon the pleasant six were being rung to Plain Bob Minor and various Doubles methods. Next came the six at Newtown, where we found the ringing chamber rather cramped and our Oxford Treble Bob wouldn't come round.

After the luncheon interval came Montgomery (another enjoyable six). The sally of the fifth was so low that it could only be rung comfortably by sitting on a bench, and many were curious as to the age and size of the regular ringer. Mrs. Phil Rogers had her cine camera with her and it is hoped to show the film of the outing and other ringing activities at the annual dinner.

It was only a short run to Berriew, where we were pleasantly surprised to find that it was now an eight bell tower, and our first touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. As we had planned to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor here, we did so on the back six. This was one of the best towers of the day and we were most impressed with the 'duty roster' of ringers pinned up with almost thirty names on it!

Now came the most ambitious part of the outing, a run across the foot of the Snowdonia National Park to Barmouth, a distance of almost 60 miles. Perhaps we were too ambitious because we failed to ring at Machynlleth on the way home, being so much behind schedule.

After a late tea we made our way to Barmouth Church, which is most unusually sited, right against the cliff face and the echo of the bells is almost overpowering. However, they were a delightful eight to ring and were soon tapping away to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and rounds. We were grateful to the curate and his wife for cutting short their holiday to ring with us.

We left for home about 8 p.m., making a short stop at Machynlleth to cater for the thirsty ones, and arrived back in Cardigan at midnight. We would like to thank all incumbents and tower captains, and Bob Pateman for the arrangements.

A. F. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch took place on September 28th and, being blessed with fine weather, was a great success. Well organised by Mr. T. A. Palmer and ably assisted by Mr. George Newman, two motor coaches picked up a party of nearly 50 over this widely-scattered district and assembled at Chisledon at 8.45 a.m.

The destination was Worcester and its surrounding area, and the early morning drive through the Cotswold scenery was enjoyed by everyone. Childs Wickham was reached slightly behind schedule. Most of the company had a pull on this nice-toned six before leaving for Hinton-on-the-Green. Here we were met by Mrs. J. Thomas, who joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The fairly long draught and two very light trebles were not conducive to particularly good striking, however, although all enjoyed this tuneful octave and admired the immaculately-kept ringing chamber.

Pershore was the next stop and after a packed lunch a visit was paid to the Abbey. Here the writer must confess that the dizzy height of the ringing 'cage' defeated him, but those who did ring were full of praise for the heavy eight with its 28-cwt. tenor. At Upton Snodsbury good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman were accomplished.

Worcester was reached at 4.30, where the whole party sat down to a previously-ordered high tea. Leaving at 6 p.m., the last tower of the day, Kempsey, was reached very quickly and here, on this beautiful easy-going six, some of the best ringing of the day took place.

Home was reached just before 11 p.m. after a memorable day.

W. A. E.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

LEE.—On October 2nd, 1963, at Butleigh Hospital, Glastonbury, to Helen (née White) and Ray, a son (Alan Peter): first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. F. J. White, of Somerton. 3431

DEATH

CRITCHLEY.—Suddenly on October 12th, 1963, at 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster, Blanche, beloved wife of W. Eric Critchley. Peace at the last. 3429

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HARMAN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman is now 'The Mount,' Sandford, Godshill, I.O.W. 3454

LYNION.—From Oct. 26th the address of Mr. H. C. Lanyon, secretary of the Macclesfield Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, will be 'The Shrubberies,' Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Telephone Sutton 439. 3434

ROBBINS.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Robbins after October 29th will be Charing Vicarage, Ashford, Kent. 3383

SANSOM.—From October 28th the address of Keith Sansom, tower secretary, Petersfield, will be 65, Glebe Road, Buriton, Petersfield, Hants. 3420

WORRALL.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Worrall is now Kent School, Hostert, B.F.P.O. 40. 3430

PERSONAL

'The fear of the Lord that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.' (Job xxviii, 28.)

MOTHER'S HELP wanted for Sydney, Australia, baby expected end of January. Suit English ringer wanting working holiday in Australia, with a home and job waiting for first few months. Advance with salary to assist with fare.—Write by air mail to Mrs. Margaret Goodyer, 16, King Edward Street, Roseville, N.S.W.

PUBLICATION

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby; an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing; 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

MAULDEN. BEDS.—Practice has now commenced on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and will continue throughout the winter months. All welcome. 3449

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note revised time of practice on Saturday, October 26th, ringing from 5.30 to 7 p.m. All welcome. 3437

ST. PETER MANCROFT.—Due to repairs to the roof adjoining the tower ringing is stopped at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, until further notice. 3459

ST. WENDREDA'S CHURCH, MARCH. CAMBS.—Winter practices (last Saturday of month) commence October 26th. 6.30-8.15 p.m. All welcome. 3424

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner to be held at Church House, Gt. Smith Street, Westminster, on Saturday, February 1st, 1964. Tickets, price one guinea, available from F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 3445

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner will be held at the Dolphin Hotel, Romsey, on Saturday, November 30th. Various towers in the area open during the day. Tickets (17s.) from J. H. Taylor, 122, Highfield Lane, Southampton. 3440

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington (6). October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3396

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Worle (6). Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 3433

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 26th, at Youlegreave, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Please note one hour only, and at Darley Dale, 5.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3428

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at St. Luke's Derby (8) (not St. Andrew's). Bells 3-5, 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 3451

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26th,

at Blandford Parish Church.

Ringling 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.

All Dorset ringers welcome. 3406

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 3411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea, please, to G. Oliver, Belindor, Vigvory Lane, Horsell, Woking. 3409

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, October 26th, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringling 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please. St. Albans Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3391

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting will be held at Bishop's Castle on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 3462

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Evening meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at Greasley (8) commencing at 5.30 p.m.—P. Nix. Sec. 3425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30. tea at the Rectory 5 p.m. Requests for tea to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 3427

LADIES GUILD.—North-Western District.—An informal meeting is to be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, October 31st. Bells (12) from 7.30 p.m.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 3464

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Ringling has been arranged at the following towers for those attending the 326th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 2nd, 1963.

St Dunstan's, Stepney, 10.30-11.30 a.m.
Southwark Cathedral, 1-2.15 p.m.
St Andrew's, Holborn, 2.30-3.30 p.m.
St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3-4.15 p.m.
St. Lawrence, Jewry, 3.30-4.30 p.m.
St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3.45-5 p.m.
—JOHN CHILCOTT 3441

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Odell Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: College Exercise. Names for tea by October 30th at latest to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. No name no tea. 3455

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Warwick Branch.—Meeting on November 2nd at Whitnash. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 31st, to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (phone 26783). 3453

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, at Willingham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 3446

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Maldon, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3370

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting, Longhope, November 2nd. Ringling 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. H. Brown, Church Lane, Longhope. 3370

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madeley, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 30th, to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 3466

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Evening meeting at Langleybury on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 6 p.m.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 3436

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, November 2nd, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Trowbridge, 40, Preston Avenue, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 3419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's, Lancaster. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 3461

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Idle, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Thursday to Mr. Tom Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Bradford. 3442

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Castle Donington on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fearn, 51, Eastway, Castle Donington. 3449

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, November 2nd, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 17s. 6d.) obtainable from under-signed before October 26th. Cash, etc., with order. Ringling: St. Saviour's (8), 1.30-2.15; St. John-the-Divine (10), 2.15-3.15; St. Margaret's (12), 3.15-4.30; All Saints' (8), 4.30-5.45.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 3439

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, November 2nd, at Holbeach. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3375

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringling meeting, Saturday, November 2nd, Fenton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Birks, 367, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, October 30th.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 3416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Barton Sea-grave, November 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. Hulme, 46, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Guilsborough Saturday, November 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3457

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by October 30th.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3414

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringling at Dunblane from 2-3.20, and at St. John's, Broad Street, Alloa, from 3.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 3463

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3444

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—J. Seager, Sec. 3452

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 2nd, at West Bridgford, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by October 30th.—S. Adams. 3467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern Division

Quarterly meeting, Warnham, Saturday, November 2nd.

Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

Tea and meeting 5. Bells 6.30.

Social 7.30-9.30 p.m. All welcome.

Names for tea to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 3448

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 3456

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Kirby Moorside (6), Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 3460

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradworthy, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec. 3450

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Horsham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by November 7th. Note: Annual dinner, Saturday, January 11th. Names will be taken at this meeting. 3432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 10th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th November 1963 at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. each, from General Secretary. Limit date November 5th. Early application and s.a.e. please.—F. V. G. 3426

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, with tea and social evening to follow. Harefield (245 p.m.) and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (245 p.m.) also available. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iwer Heath. 3435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday November 9th. Names for tea no later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. Hancock. 3447

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Llangynwydd, near Bridgend, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Bells available until 8 p.m. Bridge also available until 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 11th, please, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 3443

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elmore, Dis. Sec. 3423

Correction.—In the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Hathersage (see page 698) the name of the fifth bell, Leonard Goodall, was inadvertently omitted from the report.

The weight of Bray tenor is 26 cwt. 3 qr. It is an unfortunate transposition occurred in our October 18th issue.

OBITUARY

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER

With regret we announce the death in West Park Hospital, Epsom, on October 18th of Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, in his 87th year. From 1913 until this year he was Master of the London County Association. Fifty years Master was a wonderful achievement, and indication of the respect in which he was held by the members, writes Mr. W. G. Wilson, the present Master. He was elected to the Central Council as representative of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1900 and held office until 1908, and again from 1912-14. From 1909-11 and again from 1915 until recently he represented the London County Association.

The funeral service will be at St. Leonard's, Streatham, today (Friday) at 11.30 a.m., followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery at 12 noon. Flowers to Chappell and Sons, 16, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

N. and E. District

Although the weather was indicative of what the summer days should have been, it did not induce a large attendance at the meeting of the N. and E. District on October 12th at Clerkenwell and Holborn. Unfortunately the wheel of the 7th at the former tower was damaged a few days previously and ringing was therefore cancelled. At the suggestion of the Vicar, however, who met those attending, a course of Cambridge Minor with the third and seventh missing was rung.

The Rev. Roy Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's—in days gone by the ancient Parish Church of Holborn and now a Guild church of the Diocese of London—conducted a short service, and welcomed the Association to the City.

The Vicar generously offered the hospitality of his vicarage and supplied tea and biscuits to the small number of members and friends present, and also permitted the business meeting to be held there. At this, Mr. J. D. Hibbert, of Chorley Wood, was elected as a non-resident life member, and Mr. John Weaver, from Pontefract, as a ringing member. Votes of thanks were expressed by Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman.

The attendance at the evening ringing improved somewhat and visitors from Waltham Abbey, Croydon, Liverpool Cathedral, Bedford and Blechley joined the company and ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods. E. H. K.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Prebendary Andrews, president of the Guild, made the long journey from Chittlehampton to be present at the S.W. Branch's meeting at Buckland Monachorum on September 28th. There was some good ringing on the eight bells of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Major and Kent under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers.

An excellent tea was provided by wives and friends of local ringers. At the business meeting Miss A. Read, of Galmpton, was elected a member and the belfry election of Mr. Nelson was confirmed. Capt. Read and his daughter were presented with their Guild certificates by the president.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Luckraft) and the organist were thanked, as well as the ladies, for an enjoyable afternoon.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Christ Church, North Shields, November 2nd, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Scott, 2, Keilder Terrace, North Shields. 3468

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, November 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 3470

OUTINGS

CORSTON, SOMERSET

Corston ringers, accompanied by friends from various towers, had a half-day outing in the Sedgemoor area on September 28th. We were pleased to have with us the Rev. R. O. Fry, and for a part of the time the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Vicar of Long Sutton.

The first tower was Moorlinch (a pleasant six), where one or two low 'sallies' caused considerable embarrassment to several of the party. Middlezoy (a slightly lighter six, but with a rather heavy-going tenor) came next. A death prevented us ringing at Othery. Permission was sought to ring at Weston Zoyland, but in the absence of the Vicar and Tower Master this was not possible. However, the church was well worth a visit with its magnificent roof and screen, the beauty of the interior being enhanced by the decorations for Harvest Thanksgiving.

After a picnic tea, taken on a runway of a disused aerodrome, a move was made to Drayton, where a pleasant time was spent on the easy-going eight. Mr. T. Lock joined us in a well-struck touch of Plain Bob Major.

The last tower was Long Sutton, where we were made at home by the Vicar, and a pleasant hour was spent. Methods during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Minor.

Our thanks are due to incumbents, those who met us and to Mr. H. L. Parfrey, who made the arrangements. L. R. G. T.

ST. GEORGE'S, BECKINGHAM

The bells at Walton-on-Thames proved to be better than expected when the Beckingham company rang them to methods up to Cambridge during their outing on September 21st. Chertsey's eight bells proved equally successful.

A good lunch at Guildford put us in the mood to enjoy the ten at St. Nicolas. In spite of the effort required on the tenor, a good standard was maintained at Holy Trinity and concluded with an Herculean performance for a course of Superlative, which proved well worth while. A wide range of methods up to Bristol at Shere delighted everybody, and the day was rounded off with an excellent dinner. D. G. B.

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

Leaving Pierhead at 7.30 a.m. on September 22nd, Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas) ringers and friends had a very successful outing with Worcester as the objective. A pleasant hour was spent at the first stop, St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, which concluded with an almost perfect lower. After a satisfying lunch at Quatford, the party moved to the beautiful ring at Dodderhill, and the course of London which finished the ringing was voted as the best ringing of the day. Worcester was reached at 3.30 p.m. Our ringing strength was inadequate to get the best out of the melodious Cathedral bells, although Cinques, Royal and Caters were rung, with the very welcome help of the Cathedral ringers. In the meantime the non-ringers had an interesting time climbing the tower looking around the beautiful Cathedral and older parts of the city. The final tower was that of All Saints', Worcester, where elbow grease was in some demand.

Having refuelled to satisfaction, the party left for home, and en route were treated with 81 years young Lester Gray's broadest smile of the day, when the coach stopped at a place of his choosing instead of the promised milk bar.

A SUFFOLK OUTING

Mr. L. G. Brett's annual half-day trip is always popular and this year, with Cambridge as the objective, the coach was more than full. Towers visited were Ickleton, Sawston, Trumpington, and St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic Churches at Cambridge. Ringing reached Spliced Surprise Major, but there were also call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Help in organisation is acknowledged to Miss K. Willers and Mr. Quinney, and thanks expressed to incumbents and those who met the party.

5,088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN
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32546	—	3
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24653	X	—
45236	X	—
23456	—	—

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5,152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By GEORGE LEWIS
W M H 23456

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—	3	3	53624
—	—	—	62534
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