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THE PROFESSOR AGAIN DISCOURSES

WITH the intention of pursuing further his epoch-making documents on 'Common Fallacies connected with Change-Ringing,' I called once again on the Professor. He was, however, in a loquacious and discursive mood, a condition I ascribed partly to his habit of protracting the festive seasonal spirit and partly to the occasional visits he made to the decanter on the sideboard.

Don't misunderstand me; the Professor is no toper. It requires but little encouragement (liquid or otherwise) to unloose the strings of his garrulity, nor, I hasten to add, does this encouragement (liquid or otherwise), in any way impair the clarity of his judgment, the soundness of his arguments nor the tenacity of his tenets.

We discussed several topics, disposed of them, and eventually arrived at the record-breaking Spliced Minor peal.

'What did you think of *that*?' he asked.

'A magnificent effort,' was my considered opinion.

'Truly so. But what is happening to the purists? Here is a peal, hailed as the greatest Minor achievement, which contains all the haberdashery of six-bell methods; which includes single-change methods and irregular ones with a treble that dances up and down its devious path in eight different ways. Is there a word of protest from anyone on the Central Council? Any outcry from outraged orthodoxy? A scathing epistle from you about single-change methods or one from C. K. Lewis about irregular ones? Too much milk and honey in "The Ringing World" nowadays; that's what there is!'

'You can't expect me to moan about single-change methods when the peal includes irregular ones, especially after I have made such a song and dance about the ostracism of the latter!'

'Which is a tacit admission from you that single-change methods are as good as irregular ones. Or are you prepared to waive your objections because some of your precious extents are included?'

Really, he would infuriate a saint. I changed the subject.

'Which do you prefer,' I asked. 'Yorkshire ends or rope-ends?'

'There are arguments for and against both, most of which have already been advanced in the "R.W." I have prepared a mathematical formula together with certain statistical information in the form of graphs which tend to show that, by and large, Yorkshire ends are better for practice and Sunday service ringing, and rope-ends for peal ringing. Indeed I am inclined to think that the increase in the number of rope-ends in use corresponds closely to the increase in the number of peals rung.'

'Did you hear,' he chuckled gleefully, 'that a well-known protagonist of rope-ends a few years ago rang a peal on a "tuft-end" and being, as is well-known, averse to trying his bell beforehand found that he had to ring the peal on the bare rope above the tuft. The result was, according to one eye-witness, "the prettiest pair of hands he had ever seen in his life".'

'Indeed,' I said politely.

'"Like raw meat," was I think his verdict! If there is any moral in that you can unearth it for yourself, but I am hardly surprised at this gentleman's objection to Yorkshire ends!'

'With regard to trying bells beforehand,' he went on, 'perhaps it is undignified, but did you know that it used to be common practice at one time at the rehearsal of a team on a strange ring one or two weeks before a contest for a ringer carefully to adjust the length of his rope and then pull it across to the belfry wall where he would make a mark so that when he returned on the day of the contest he would have an immediate check of its length?'

'Perhaps,' I observed, 'it was because the ringers went to so much trouble that the standard of striking was so high.'

'Mebbe.'

We talked of other things too, but perhaps I can leave these discussions till later.

It struck me on the way home that a new or freshly spliced rope affixed in the interim would play havoc with the system of the mark-on-the-belfry-wall-method-of-adjustment ringer.

H. C.

1963 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR PEAL RINGING

Mr. Neil Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who is the secretary of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, is the leading peal ringer of 1963. This has been a great year for him as regards ringing as he rang the third in the extent of Plain Bob, the 13,320 Plain Bob Royal 'in hand' and also 21,600 Spliced Treble Bob in 60 methods.

Neil has rung about 300 peals, conducted 60. He started ringing in 1954 at Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal, 1956, Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Ashton, since leaving University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, in 1960.

Closely behind him is Mr. Roderick W. Pipe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pipe, who has scored heavily in peals during his attendance at Birmingham. Roddy is the leading conductor of 1963 with a total of 61. John R. Mayne is No. 2 on the list of conductors with 55 out of his 81 peals, followed by Mr. Jack L. Millhouse with 53 out of 68.

The leading lady ringer is Miss Susan Funnell, of King's Norton, Birmingham, who is 18 years of age. Her total of 60 peals consists of Maximus 11, Cinques 2, Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 36 and Minor 2. Although she was taught to ring by her sister at the age of nine, her peal total at the end of 1962 was only 13. Susan acknowledges her great and rapid advance during 1963 to the help of Birmingham ringers.

The second lady is Mrs. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin with 55 peals. Her husband was in all her peals this year and they included 30 'in hand.'

	Tower	Hand	Total
Neil Bennett	100 (31)	12 (3)	113
Roderick W. Pipe	101 (61)		101
Bernard F. L. Groves	83 (32)	3	86
D. John Hunt	82 (31)		82
John Robinson	82 (7)		82
John R. Mayne	54 (35)	27 (20)	81
J. W. Cotton	75		75
Frederick Shallcross	64 (22)	9 (2)	73
Robert B. Smith	46 (13)	26 (11)	72
George E. Thoday	71 (25)		71
Jack L. Millhouse	68 (53)		68
Derek A. Ashton	63 (8)	3	66
Cyril S. Jarrett	64 (7)	2 (1)	66
Geoffrey Davies	60 (22)	5	65
Norman J. Goodman	64		64
Frederick Ross	64		64
Maurice C. Hughes	61	1 (1)	62
Trevor A. Cross	60 (5)	1	61
Gordon W. Land	34 (4)	27	61
Susan Funnell	60		60
Ian H. Oram	60 (30)		60
B. Stedman Payne	37 (4)	23 (14)	60
Martin D. Fellows	51 (8)	7 (1)	58
Andrew M. Macve	54 (13)	3 (1)	57
Thomas J. Lock	48 (5)	8	56
Roger Baldwin	25 (15)	30 (10)	55
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	25	30	55
Ian C. Maycock	54 (22)	1	55
Martin L. Howe	53 (4)		53
John M. Jelley	29 (12)	24 (6)	53
E. Jane Sibson	52		52
Michael J. Fellows	43 (7)	8 (6)	51
Geoffrey Paul	51		51
Anthony R. Peake	23 (15)	28 (28)	51
D. Butterworth	49 (4)	1	50
Brian Harris	50 (10)		50
Michael J. Hobbs	50 (1)		50
Derek E. Sibson	50 (43)		50
Giles B. Thompson	38 (54)	11	49
Peter S. Bennett	48 (14)	1	49
John C. Baldwin	48 (2)		48
John F. Barlow	48 (2)		48
Peter Bridle	47	1	48
Robert C. Kippin	47 (21)		47
J. Martin Thorley	47 (18)		47
Alan M. Barber	45 (14)		45
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	45 (1)		45
John H. Fielden	44		44
Geoffrey R. Parker	44		44
R. A. Clarke	24 (2)	19 (2)	43
C. C. Clarke	42 (2)		42
B. G. Key	42 (38)		42
A. James Poyner	41 (10)		41
Nicholas J. Davies	36 (8)	4	40
Andrew S. Hudson	10 (6)	30 (10)	40
Brian G. Warwick	37 (35)	3 (2)	40
R. A. G. Benfield	39 (4)		39
John Faircloth	38	1	39
J. Henry Fielden	36 (10)	3 (1)	39
L. Stillwell	39 (4)		39
Richard E. Price	38 (4)		38
David J. Allen	37 (3)		37



NEIL BENNETT
leads with 113 peals
including Extent of Major.



SUSAN FUNNELL
The No. 1 lady with
60 peals.



RODERICK W. PIPE
Leading conductor, 61 out of
101 peals.

A. Patrick Cannon	37 (15)	37
Don C. Exell	36 (10)	1 (1) 37
Cyril Crossthwaite	37 (18)	37
Christopher Osenton	36 (3)	1 37
Peter A. Sharp	37	37
William A. Birmingham	36	36
Joyce Gurnhill	36	36
Mrs. E. M. Key	36	36
Anthony R. Kench	34 (5)	1 35
J. M. H. Hunter	20 (3)	15 (8) 35
Richard J. Parker	34 (6)	34
Alan R. Patterson	25 (2)	9 (2) 34
Trevor N. J. Bailey	34 (1)	34
David J. Llewellyn	34 (10)	34
John A. Acres	7 (1)	26 33
Harold C. Lonyon	33	33
C. A. Wratten	32 (8)	32
Philip J. Crossthwaite	32	32
Thomas Cullingworth	32	32
Geoffrey R. Drew	31 (10)	1 (1) 32
Sylvia M. Drew	31	1 32
Wilfrid G. Wilson	30 (5)	2 32
Richard C. L. Brown	31 (3)	31
Derek P. Jones	31 (25)	31
Martin Major	28 (6)	3 (3) 31
S. Barry Schofield	31 (2)	31
Peter J. Staniforth	12 (3)	19 (16) 31
M. D. Barsby	24	6 30
C. Barry Dove	30 (22)	30
H. Poyner	21 (11)	9 (8) 30
B. Gillian Schofield	30 (2)	30
Kenneth B. Sissons	29 (5)	1 (1) 30
S. C. Walters	16	14 (1) 30
Stanley Jenner	30 (14)	30
Victor Griffith	28	1 29
D. F. Moore	16 (2)	13 (4) 29
Alan R. Pink	29 (21)	29
Mary C. Poyner	22	7 29
Mary S. Taylor	29	29
Charles E. Truman	29 (10)	29
Eric J. F. Wall	29	29
Raymond H. Daw	28 (1)	28
Gillian M. Hussey	28	28
Stanley G. Ponting	28	28
Howard Oglesby	28 (16)	28
George H. Randles	28	28
Mrs. Norah M. Randles	28	28
Michael J. Thomas	28	28
James Thorley	28	28
Pamela M. Turner	28	28
Ann Fellows	27 (1)	27
Ann Jenner	27	27
David Vincent	27	27
Roger Leigh	27 (11)	27
Graham C. Paul	27 (16)	27
Jennifer Sceney	27 (1)	27
David Osenton	26	26
John P. Partington	26 (1)	26
Geoffrey Fothergill	26 (1)	26
John Weaver	26 (3)	26
William A. Yates	26 (7)	26
Mrs. Margaret A. Bould	25	25
George W. Holland	25 (7)	25
James Linnell	25	25
R. Kingsley Mason	25 (4)	25
Malcolm M. Powell	25	25
Roger W. Smith	25 (1)	25
Thomas E. Sone	25 (1)	25

Tenor Crashes at Wedding

During ringing for a wedding at Hoyland, near Barnsley, the largest of the three bells crashed and wedged itself in the bell tower six feet lower down. The bellringer, Martyn Taylor, luckily escaped with a showering of dust and plaster.

The Vicar (the Rev. Wilfred Clark) thinks that a subsidence may have been the cause of the bell falling.

According to Mr. N. F. Moxon, the bell is 28 ins. diameter, and reports give its weight about a ton.

The gravity of such an accident is a warning. Bells and fittings should be frequently inspected and an adequate insurance provided for ringers and bells.

Bell Accident at Finchampstead

His many friends in the Oxford and Guildford Guilds will be sorry to hear that Mr. William J. M. Parker, captain of Sandhurst ringers, met with an accident while attending to the bells at St. James', Finchampstead, where he was helping the locals at practice.

He is at present in Blagrove Hospital, Reading, with an injured foot and it is unlikely that he will be home for several weeks.

We all wish him a speedy recovery. B.C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 30th, 1914 —
Editorial.—The question of inter-affiliation is really taking definite shape and coming within the region of practical politics. As has been already recorded, the Llandaff Association will officially bring the matter to the notice of the Central Council, the Worcestershire Association have considered the subject, and now the Warwickshire Guild have debated it at one of their quarterly meetings and are to discuss it further at the annual meeting. This, of course, is the way to get the matter ventilated and to ascertain the real feeling of ringers on the subject, and doubtless now that the ball has once been set rolling other Associations will follow suit and weigh up the pros and cons in order that their representatives when they go to Winchester at Whitsun may have behind them the knowledge that they speak with the full authority of their members'....

CORRECTION

Inadvertently there were three errors in the report of the Northern District, Hertford County Association (page 62). The date was January 4th, Miss Ann Sanderson and Mr. C. Worboys were congratulated on their wedding and elected to the District Committee were Mr. C. Worboys and Miss J. Sanderson. These were not made by our correspondent, to whom we apologise.

POINTS FROM 1963 PEALS

By Canon K. W. H. FELSTEAD

SINCE it is many months since I last sent an account of the things I notice in bringing my card index up to date, this article will cover most of the peal ringing of 1963. As usual, Loughborough Bell Foundry has had most peals in the year—57 have appeared so far and there is a chance of one or two more since they don't always appear when rung. The same is true of Birmingham Cathedral where, for a church, I have recorded the astonishing number of 49 peals last year. So quite likely the 50th may be printed soon. Not many authorities would allow so many attempts in a year! Recently, this Cathedral passed the 400 mark of peals rung since 1881 (when 'Bell News' first was published). Of these, 378 have been rung since the last war! There had been only three this century before that war.

Ashton-under-Lyne, S. Peter's, also had a high number of peals last year—nearly 40. Sometime last February this tower passed the 250 peal mark, but this included all rung from the time of the first peal in 1872. Another 250 pealer is Hethersett, which reached the total on November 8th. The first peal here was in 1891. No tower passed the 200 peal mark but S. Nicholas', Brighton had its 150th peal since 1881 (there are earlier peals here though). Centuries have also been scarce recently and there is only one to mention this time—Overseale on August 7th. The first peal was in 1920 and I see that 39 of the first 50 peals were of Triples. During the last 10 years there has been greater variety.

Quite a few towers have reached their half-century—some claimed as such and some not. They are Barking (Suffolk), North Bradley (where I made the 50th April 20th not May 24th), Chorley (S. Laurence), Morpeth, Preston, Packwood, Great Holland and last, but no means least—Marston, which now will ever go down in history as the first 5-bell tower to reach this total. They've all been rung since the last war, mostly in the last few years, for the tower was not even mentioned in the list of 5-bell towers I gave which had had 10 peals in 1955! Congratulations to Marston ringers!

20 FIRSTS IN TOWER

The number of unpealed towers has been reduced quite handsomely since last I wrote—some 20 new names having appeared in the peal lists. I confirm the following claims for first peals—Norton Bavant, Bridestowe, Cranfield, Heydon, Hemington, Little Horkeley, Farnborough (Warwick), Chirbury, Chelmerston, Ripe, Cattistock, Cardigan, Hathersage, Selborne and Gedling. Of these, Cattistock deserves mention as being one of the very few 8-bell towers which hadn't previously had a peal. It was the last to be conquered in Dorset. Little Horkeley was a war-destroyed ring. There had been one peal (in 1935) on the old bells. First peals unclaimed are Horningssea, Puriton, Lapworth, Ascott-under-Wychwood, and Ruabon. Two towers had claims for first peals which is not so unless the bells had been recast in the meantime. Wykeham had a previous peal of Grandsire Doubles in 1913 and Shrewton had a peal (Bob Minor) in 1929.

Mention of these peals rung many years ago brings me to my usual next subject of towers which have had to wait for a long time for another peal to be rung. The longest wait this time was at Portbury where I confirm that the only previous peal rung there was in 1907. Two other towers besides Wykeham (above) have not been in the peal lists since 1913. They are Emmanuel, Clifton and

Appledore (Devon). In both cases they are the only previous peals. Although Easton Neston had eight peals between 1910 and 1920, there haven't been any more until the recent one. Milton Malsor last had a peal in 1924, the first on the bells being in 1923. Shaugh Prior's only other peal was in 1927. Those last appearing in 1929 include Shrewton (already mentioned), Silverdale (the claim was first peal for 25 years—it was actually nearly 35 years!) and Fowey. This last tower had a claim for first of Major on the bells. This is not so unless they have been recast. The first on the bells (in 1913) was Bristol Major, the only other peal before the recent one being the 1929 one of Grandsire Triples.

At Stoke Goldington, I confirm that the peal last year was the first on the 6. There had been just one on the 5—in 1932. I fear the peal at Bledington was not the first on the bells—Grandsire Doubles was also rung in 1932. Three towers last appeared in 1933—Meavy, where the first peal was in 1929, Tuebrook and Whittington (Lancs). Tuebrook is the case of a tower being much more popular in the past than at present. Before the first war, 18 peals were rung between 1873 and 1912. In the 20's, eight more were rung and in 1931, 1932 and 1933 one each year. Then silence for 30 years. Thus the tower is unlike most mentioned in this section which usually have only had one or two before. This is the case with Great Missenden, for instance, which had had two peals before the recent one—in 1930 and 1934. The last time a peal was rung at Witham-on-the-Hill was also 1934, where I confirm the one last year was the first on the recast bells. The old bells also had five peals between 1890 and 1909. Bideford and Buckden have been peal silent since 1935—the former had also had a peal in 1921 and 1933 whereas it was the latter's first peal on the bells in 1935. Four places last appeared in the peal lists in 1937—Barlborough (first in 1914—six peals in all now), Lenham (seven peals from 1898 to 1937), Worksope (16 peals on the old bells from 1885 to 1937) and Hoghton. This last tower is another 'Tuebrook'. There were 12 peals from 1888 to 1913 and 34 from 1920 to 1937, including 28 in the 1920's. I hope the recent peal shows an interest in ringing there again.

BETHNAL GREEN'S UNUSUAL POSITION

In 1938, the following towers had their last peals before the ones last year—Ipswich, S. Matthew's, Reddish, Hooe, Bridgwater, Tetbury, Altarnun and Monk Sherborne. Of these, the '38 peal has been the only other one at Hooe and Monk Sherborne, whilst there was also one in 1937 at Altarnun. Ipswich, S. Matthew, has now had nine peals—six between 1933 and 1938: Reddish had 55 from 1897 to 1938; Bridgwater 18 from 1896 to 1938; Tetbury 11 from 1894 (three that year) to 1938. Two other towers have not been seen in the peal columns since before the last war. In 1939 was the only previous true peal at S. Denys (I said 'true' because a false one was rung in 1951). Bethnal Green, likewise, had its last peal that year. Here, however, is a famous centre of the past. I have recorded 91 peals before 1881 and there were 84 from 1881 to 1914, but only 10 since the first war from 1920 to 1939. There can't be many towers with a peal total approaching 200 that haven't had one for nearly 25 years.

I noticed that the peal at Newton Longville was only the second since 1919—there was one in 1955 and that at Rochester S. Margaret was the second since 1925 (one

in 1948). I believe the peal of Grandsire Caters at Soham was the first of that method there since 1830! There have been very few peals here for a 10-bell tower. It was good to see Barton Segrave appear once again. At one time it was second amongst the 5-bell towers but has dropped back recently. Perhaps we shall see it creep up again now.

A few final notes. I confirm that the peal of Norbury T.B. Minor at Chapel-en-le-Frith was the first rung in that method and that the peal at Berriew was the first on the 8 (there had been one of Grandsire Doubles in 1951). The peal at Churchill, Somerset, revealed that a peal had been rung there each year since 1952 (except 1953)—just one peal per annum—and all between September 12th and 16th with the exception of the 1957 one which was on October 1st. Although Acceington bells were augmented in 1954, the ringers still must remember its 6-bell days! On August 11th, the 100th 6-bell peal was rung there and actually, since augmentation there have been nearly as many 6-bell peals as 8-bell ones and these days they seem to predominate. The grand total of peals is now 164. Of course, there are only two or three 6-bell towers which have reached the century mark.

RINGING IN CALGARY IN 1963

Considerable progress has been made in the art of campanology in this Canadian outpost of ringing during the last 12 months. This is due in part to the increase by 300% of the number of English trained ringers associated with the tower. The writer and his wife, by dint of some judicious 'wangling,' persuaded his employers to arrange a transfer for him from Ottawa, a distance of some 2,500 miles. They, with Judy Midgley, late of Plymouth, comprise the English trained contingent.

With this large number of comparatively experienced ringers, the locals under the leadership of Judge E. R. Tavender and Mrs. Freda McQueen, are making rapid progress in unravelling the mysteries of change ringing. All members of the band, which now numbers some nine or 10 regular attenders, can plain hunt on all numbers up to eight, and progress is being made in Plain Bob.

In addition to these ringers, we have four Boy Scouts who we hope before the end of 1964 will be up to the standard required for the Boy Scout's Badge. Will these boys be the first Canadian Scouts to qualify for this honour?

Unfortunately, not many English visitors have even been seen in this tower. They would be made most welcome. Practice is usually on Mondays at 8 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. If any ringers are ever in the vicinity they can contact me by phoning 244-1165 (or 262-2101 business hours).

How about a few participants in Great Adventure II coming round this way in 1965? We only need five to make us up for a peal of Cambridge Major. J. M. SIMPSON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 50 members who attended the Ashford District meeting at Biddenden on January 11th heard the recently-retired Rector (the Rev. J. B. Allen) praise the local ringers who last year rang for every service. He conducted the service, and a Folkestone ringer, Miss A. Barber, was organist.

Tea was enjoyed at the Chequers, and at the business meeting the hon. secretary reported a decline of about 80 in membership and £20 in revenue. Thirteen new members were elected. In his vote of thanks, Mr. Alan Berry, the Ringing Master, mentioned the services of Miss Carole Wood, secretary of the Biddenden ringers in making the arrangements. C. T. H.

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Letters to the Editor

Method Naming

Dear Sir,—Your issue of January 17th contains a number of controversial items on method naming which require comment.

Methods Committee Rulings:—

I am glad that the Methods Committee has at last given a ruling on the recent undesirable and ungracious practice of renaming methods previously rung in spliced peals, but I question the wisdom or justice of retrospective action in this or any other matter where firm decisions have not previously existed.

The committee has had previous opportunities in recent years to pronounce on this subject, and it is unfortunate that it has reacted so slowly in this instance. Assuming that its recent decisions are ratified by the Central Council, may we be assured that retrospective action will also be taken in other similar cases so that, for example, Loughborough College will revert to Smith, and Elford Surprise to Lindoff's London? If not, it is surely illogical to change Ob, Moira and the atrocious example from the same stable rung at South Wigston on December 31st, which was called Guernsey in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Ashover on July 13th, 1963.

If the committee is intent on retroaction, may it also be confirmed that the names given to new methods in the peal of Spliced Plain Major at Heptonstall on October 29th, 1960 ('Ringing World,' November 18th, 1960), including the confusing Nelson College and other unsuitable names, are now permanently accepted.

'Datchworth' Surprise Major:—

I am surprised to find Mr. Knox and his band indulging in the game of multiple naming of methods, but if the notation given for the peal at Knebworth on December 7th, 1963, is correct, this method was first rung as Victoria Surprise Major at Loughborough Foundry on November 27th, 1958, conducted by Mr. D. P. Jones ('Ringing World,' December 12th, 1958, refers).

'Exhall' Delight Minor:—

If my interpretation of Mr. Stote's letter is correct, the notation for the method rung at Exhall-by-Coventry on January 1st, 1964, is: 34—34, 6—12—123—12—3 lead head 42635 (2nds). This method is named Alderbourne Delight Minor and was first rung at Fulmer, Bucks, on June 8th, 1960, conducted by Mr. J. R. Mayne, and details published in 'The Ringing World' of June 24th, 1960.

There is no excuse for such duplication of names, and no conductor uncertain of his facts should name a method without taking advice from a suitable source.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

Note.—Mr. Roger Savory also writes asking for clarification.

Scotland's Problem

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the letters about the Christmas Day broadcast and am glad to see that others also feel the comments were not in very good taste. Probably the youthful critic has no idea of the ringing conditions in Scotland where, except for Edinburgh and Dundee, ringers have to make long, expensive journeys to visit other belfries.

Surely the real purpose of the Christmas Day broadcast was to allow the bells of the different areas to be heard—not as a ringing competition.

There are more important things in life than good striking—good manners, for instance.

C. SNOWDEN.

Kingham, Fife, Scotland.

Victoria Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I wish to state that the method published in 'The Ringing World' on January 17th as Datchworth Surprise Major is in fact Victoria, which was rung at Loughborough on November 27th, 1958.

I apologise to all concerned, and can offer no excuse for not checking the method before ringing it.

However, Mr. Dennis Knox has produced a shorter composition for this method. His composition is as follows:—

	W	5,280 5/4	M	H
23456				
54326	x	—		
63425	—	x		
34625	—	x	—	
42635	x	—	—	
36245	x	—	—	
64235	x	—	—	
23465	—	x	—	
43265	—	x	—	
62345	—	x	—	
23645	—	x	—	

Twice repeated.

Shortened to 5,088 by omitting 5/4 and M in the 5th and 6th courses of two parts.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. CRITCHLEY.

Knebworth, Herts.

Standard in Record Peals

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that anyone could fail to appreciate that I was misquoted in 'Belfry Gossip' on January 3rd, and I had hoped it would not be necessary for me to enter this discussion.

What I actually said was that 'the standard of ringing did not come up to the very high standard required in any record peal.'

Perhaps a few more words of explanation are needed: The band decided that we would not pass 15,840 changes unless the standard of ringing was manifestly better than that achieved by Daniel Matkin and his band in 1953. After 12,500 changes I consulted the band about the quality of the ringing and they agreed that we should not go past the record. But the ringing was perfectly acceptable by normal standards, and we had no hesitation in deciding that the 13,320 changes we rang were a true and viable peal.

In reply to 'S.I.' (December 20th) I would say that there certainly is 'an implicit assumption that the standard of ringing for a long peal should be higher than that acceptable for a normal length.' I seem to recall that he stopped an attempt on the extent of Major some years ago after 29,000 changes 'because somebody missed a dodge.' I venture to suggest that if he did not himself make the same implicit assumption in peals of normal length, his peal total would not yet have reached double figures.—Yours sincerely,

NEIL BENNETT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

Peal Correction

Dear Sir,—I find that in a report of a handbell peal rung on January 7th, 1964, at Stratton St. Margaret I have named one of the methods incorrectly. The method named as Lydiard should be Tankersley. I would be grateful if you would correct this and delete the notation following the peal.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon.

Appeal to Wessex Scholars

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. Knight's defence of the Society of Wessex Scholars, in your issue of January 16th, with mixed feelings. It is no doubt true that the Wessex Society will do the Exercise some good, for any attempt to teach beginners is praiseworthy. However, Mr. Knight missed one point of Mr. House's letter (in the December 27th issue) that the meeting of the Wessex Scholars at Overton was arranged on the same day as a meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Knight should also get his facts right about ringing in the Southampton District. If he could come to a meeting of this District he would hear of the work being done by Mr. House and many other members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in the field of instruction.

Mr. Knight failed to mention the real reason for the founding of the Wessex Society. He states that he has been a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for 18 years and must therefore realise that his members could teach beginners and remain loyal to the Guild instead of insulting it, and drawing support from its meetings in order to persuade people to pay ten shillings and join a society which appears to have injury to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild as one of its aims. This is backed up, too, by the fact that the Society was formed although Mr. Knight knew that the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild needed some support.

Come along now, Mr. Knight, get your jacket off and tackle a job of work well worth doing the right way. I'm quite sure the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild will welcome you back and you'll find there are openings for good teachers within the Guild—it would certainly benefit from your efforts.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM M. POWELL.

Southampton.

Wessex Scholars' Secretary Resigns

Dear Sir,—I would like to publish my resignation as secretary of the Wessex Scholars, and to state the reasons that have led me to this course of action.

When the Society was founded, it was hoped that by inviting the persons capable of teaching from a wide area we could get the silent towers of the south ringing again. It was also envisaged that we would work in harmony with the existing territorial associations.

It has become fairly obvious that this has not worked out. The main reason for this is the fact that our meetings sometimes clash with other Guilds. This can easily be remedied by holding our meetings mid-week. My work is such that I am only in the south at week-ends, hence by passing the post to a 'full-resident' this will be made possible.

I am very proud of being a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and wish to hold no part in anything that may harm this body.

The Wessex Scholars is a good thing, but is possibly a little premature. I think it would be at present better served as an affiliated part of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, but still having its officers elected by the members of the Society and being open to all eligible ringers from anywhere.

I hope my resignation will not unset too many people but my first allegiance is to my Mother Guild.—Yours, etc.,

ANTHONY R. CARTER

Winchester.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in St. Martin's Church Hall, on January 4th, with the Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, in the chair. The Master extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Vice-President J. Frank Smallwood, Mr. John S. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, whose presence was greatly appreciated.

Six young ringers of St. John's Church, Perry Barr, were elected members of the Guild: the Misses J. Nicholl and S. Chew, and Messrs C and M. Androlia, R. Tibbets and N. Hale. The tower elections, as life members of Miss Mary R. Crossthwaite, of Preston, and David J. Allen, of Exhall, were ratified.

A proposition to add the name of the Provost of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. Bishop George Sinker, to the list of vice-presidents met with unanimous approval. Bishop Sinker has proved to be a good friend of ringers and has accepted the invitation to preside at the forthcoming Henry Johnson Dinner.

To the Guild's regret, Mr. John Pinfold relinquished the office of Ringing Master, after serving for 12 years in that capacity. Young ringers who come to St. Martin's practice night will have cause to be grateful to Mr. Pinfold for his advice and help so freely given, and it is pleasing to know that it is not his intention to discontinue his Tuesday evening attendances.

Fortunately for the Guild, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, of Newcastle on Tyne, has recently taken up residence in Birmingham, and in a short time his outstanding ability as a ringer and conductor has proved him to be admirably suited to qualify as Ringing Master. Mr. Pinfold had the pleasure of proposing Mr. Ainsworth as his successor, a proposal which met with unanimous approval.

The other officers of the Guild were all re-elected, which appears to indicate that the members were satisfied with their services.

The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the White Horse Hotel on March 7th.

Next quarterly meeting: Solihull, April 4th.

TREASURED HANDBELLS

Apropos the mention of record handbell peals in the issue of January 10th, Mr. R. Beale, of Taunton, writes that the bells used in two of these peals are housed in a beautifully carved case (made by the late Mr. H. Bungay, ringer) in St. James', Taunton, ringing chamber.

The bells were purchased from the relatives of the late Mr. Jim Hunt, one-time captain of St. James', by the Taunton Deanery and installed as a perpetual memorial to a very great ringer.

The tenor bell is inscribed, 'World's Handbell Record, 31st Aug., 1912. 19,738 changes Stedman Caters. 9 hrs. 32 minutes. A. F. Shepperd, A. H. Pulling (cond.), W. Shepperd, J. Hunt, F. Blondell.'

The peal was rung at Guildford for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. It was proposed to start at 12 noon, but because one of the band could not get away it was delayed to 2 p.m. At 11.30 p.m. a bob at 16 was omitted and the bells ran round at 19,738 changes. That was the only place in the peal it could be done.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES BUTLER AN APPRECIATION

I wonder how many of the older ringers remember Jim Butler. When I first knew him he was a 'Hagbourne Chap.' The ringers at Hagbourne have always been known as the 'Hagbourne Chaps.'

Jim might have been at Cambridge when the 1914 War broke out; however, he soon enlisted and eventually received a nasty arm wound, and his arm never really recovered its normal strength, although Jim never complained. We who knew him realised that he would never enjoy his ringing as he had previously done.

When ringing was getting into its stride after 1918 he and another 'Hagbourne Chap' came to Caversham many Monday evenings to attempt their first peal of Stedman Triples, but were unsuccessful. After 24 attempts Jim Napper eventually rang his first peal of Stedman in his native tower (called by my 'dear old dad') but where Jim Butler rang his I do not know.

I did, however, ring a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with Jim at Hagbourne in 1923, called by his friend of Cambridge days, the late W. H. J. Hooton. I shall ever remember Jim's very quiet 'Thank you, gentlemen.' to the band which included some very well known (at that time) ringers.

He was always the same quiet, unassuming but very lovable 'Hagbourne Chap.'

W. HIBBERT.

MRS. EMILY KNIGHT AN APPRECIATION

The whole of the Bath and Wells Association will regret the passing of Mrs. Emily Knight, and the fact that she was so utterly modest that she received no high honour in the Association, although no one was so deserving of it.

None can forget her tremendous work in the difficult post-war years when she procured food and had it transported to the annual general meetings of the Association, thus making a surprisingly inexpensive meal possible. No service that she could do for ringing and ringers was too much for her to undertake.

Her personal kindness to me was always evident. I remember in particular a period during the last war when a friend and I, both at the ends of our tether through overwork and having only one common interest—that of walking and love of the countryside—spent some time in the cottage in the woods overlooking the Bristol Channel. She and Herbert, her husband, were so extremely kind to us and we went home better in health, not so much because of our brief holiday, but because of the joy of simply living with them.

During my long and tiresome illness, she and Herbert visited me at every opportunity and I shall remember them so long as I live.

J. T. D.

RECRUITING LEAFLET

The Central Council has issued a pamphlet suitable for exhibition in church porches and other places setting out the thrill of ringing.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, our president, the author, tells what ringing has to offer—a close and happy fellowship in service of the Church. 'You can ring bells,' he writes, 'which rang for Waterloo, for the Spanish Armada's defeat and away back to victory of Crecy, 600 years ago. Yet it is a modern science too. At the bell foundries you can see the latest scientific methods used for casting, tuning and hanging bells.'

'Learning to ring is about as hard as learning to drive a car. You can pick it up easily, yet keenness is needed to do it well.'

At the foot of the pamphlet is a space for times of service and practice ringing, and the names and address of the head ringer.

These recruiting leaflets should be in every tower. They are 3d. each or five for 1s. obtainable post free from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, Warwicks.

WARMINSTER'S LOSS

The Warminster ringers will suffer no small loss in the departure of Mrs. Tambling, wife of the Rev. P. F. Tambling, Vicar of Boreham and Rector of Bishopstrow. Mr. Tambling has accepted the living of Zeals with Stourton, and will be inducted early in February. The lady was better known to the Exercise as Miss Anna Sellors, and when up at Oxford was associated with the notable circle that included John E. Spice, William B. Leese and Margaret Tutt. With them she enjoyed some considerable peal ringing activity both on tower- and handbells.

Family life has curtailed her ringing activity, but recently she has been of considerable assistance at practices and Sunday ringing at the Minster Church, and has provided a valuable addition to the three-weekly Surprise practices in the district. Zeals is not too far away, and we are all hoping that she will still be able to attend some of these gatherings for advanced ringing.

As a farewell touch a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Minster bells on January 19th by N. Webber 1, P. Roynon 2, Mrs. Tambling 3, L. Hawkins 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee 7, T. Mallard 8. E. C. S.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the service held in connection with the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, conducted by the president (Canon A. P. Morley), the hymn 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended' was sung in memory of Dan Smith, it being his favourite. Mr. Noel F. Moxon was at the organ.

Twenty towers were represented and all the officers were re-elected at the business meeting. Three new members—H. Burton (Slapham), J. Hiner and J. Cook (Rawmarsh)—were elected. The Society decided to have an outing in May; the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Andrew King (Wentworth).

Next meeting: February 8th, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.

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QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. Perkins 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, M. G. Godwin 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob by all. Rung for the carol service.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan N. Challinor 1, R. Marsh 2, S. Jane Dowse 3, G. A. Dawson 4, C. R. Larkin (cond.) 5, A. Morris 6. To welcome Deborah Cyster, born on Jan. 3rd.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James's Church on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Edgewise 1, R. Bridges 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, B. Lyons 5, R. Drown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. F. Stephens, interred this day, aged 80.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Whale 1, Pamela Osborne 2, D. Bailey (cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Stephens, a former ringer of the town.

EALING, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 19th, 1,256 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major: Susan Smith 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Green 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Dorothy Humphris 3, C. W. Bailey 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. Following the wedding of Miss Williams and Mr. Towills.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHTANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Rigby 1, Audrey Brangwyn 2, A. W. Mansfield 3, H. A. Cashmore 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, J. Snelling 6, W. A. Denny 7, F. W. Eyden (cond.) 8. For Evensong. A compliment to Barrie A. Denny (son of ringer of 7th) and Josephine Wood on their engagement, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Josephine.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Minor (Woodbine and Oxford T.B.): G. Seth 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. First in methods for 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. P. Hartley. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,296 Minor (Woodbine and Cambridge): G. Seth 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss S. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. F. Law 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. F. Law.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. J. Palmer (cond.) 1—2, R. J. Palmer 3—4, A. M. Barber (first quarter 'in hand') 5—6.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Lesley Read (first Treble Bob) 1, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 2, Diana Gough 3, Pamela Gough 4, B. R. Walton 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, R. Hayden 3, J. Collins 4, W.aley (cond.) 5, E. Curson 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert Elwell, last son of the Rev. Mr. Elwell, founder of this church, who was interred on December 6th.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral on January 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. I. Turney 1, D. M. Morton 2, M. C. W. Sherwood 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. P. Moreton 5, T. Wood 6, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 7, K. S. W. Morton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon E. F. H. Dunncliffe, precentor.

HESTON, MIDDXX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,290 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Jill Butcher 1, Carole Andrews 2, Felicity Pocock 3, M. Hawkins 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, S. Porter 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Mary Hazel Sansom.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Dowse 1, R. Blackshaw 2, J. Heaps 3, M. W. Harrison 4, R. Larkin 5. Conducted by R. Larkin and R. Blackshaw. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and M. W. Harrison. First quarter Minor 1. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Margaret Wakefield, aged 80 years, interred this day.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Keith Broom 1, C. Manley 2, W. Sparkes 3, J. Real 4, R. Watus 5, W. Baker 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, F. Lane 8. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. Christopher Webb and Miss Genebeth Mooring of Hershams, both ringers of the band.

KINGSCLORE, HANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: B. Murduck (first on 8) 1, E. Cox (first 'inside' on 8) 2, D. Murduck 3, J. Pares 4, C. Butler 5, G. Weston 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, P. Murduck 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 5.

KIRDFOOD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: K. Sansom 1, Diana Gough 2, Pamela Gough 3, Elizabeth Stevenson 4, A. S. Bishop 5, D. M. Hughes (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Peene (first away from tenor) 1, Jean Endall 2, T. Still (cond., Grandsire) 3, G. A. Olliffe (cond., Plain Bob) 4, J. E. Adams 5, G. H. Bray 6. For Evensong.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—At Our Lady and St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Reid 1, Miss G. I. Howlett 2, T. Lee 3, J. N. Brown (cond.) 4, J. J. Fox 5, R. S. Starkie 6, C. K. Cooper 7, L. L. Gray 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter at Gowis Church on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Simpson 1, W. Dove (first quarter) 2, V. Briggs 3, F. Dixon 4, A. Drury 5, P. Pitchford (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): R. Postan 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. D. Sell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on Jan. 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Tomsett 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, M. Hatchett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, Miss M. E. Lewis 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, H. A. Bradbury (first of Stedman) 10. A compliment to Reuben Sanders on his 90th birthday. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: J. E. Cannell 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, Mrs. A. Jenner (first of Surprise Royal) 3, T. E. Sone 4, Miss D. E. Colgate 5, E. J. Ladd 6, A. M. Macve 7, S. Jenner 8, D. P. Smith 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal 2, 8, 9 and 10. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Peacock 1, J. Fowler 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, M. Bland 5, R. Newman (first of Caters) 6, A. C. Grainger 7, J. Stephens 8, F. V. Gant (cond.) 9, R. Mallett 10. For Matins. Also 1,299 Stedman Caters: D. E. Ellisdon 1, P. D. Chapman 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, D. G. Hewitt 4, R. G. Chapman 5, B. Bull 6, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. De S. J. Boyack 8, R. C. Stevens 9, G. R. Hawkes 10. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: B. L. S. Hulatt 1, A. Day 2, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, A. J. Smith 5, F. Jacklin 6, J. G. Newman 7, H. Wood 8, G. Hawkins 9, A. Wilby (first on 10) 10. A wedding compliment to Mr. David Jeffrey and Miss Josephine M. Hawkins.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Adrian Neilson 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, M. Malcomson 6. For Evensong.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Hamby 1, R. J. Hicks 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, E. Ford 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. A. Marsh 6. For the christening of Karen Elizabeth, daughter of the ringers of 3 and 4.

MORTON, DERBS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's): B. A. Richards (cond.) 1, P. Eastland 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Swain 4, J. Swain 5. A farewell compliment to the Rev. E. N. Kemp on taking appointment to the Edinburgh Diocese. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. A. Richards (cond.) 1, F. W. Knowles 2, A. Smithson 3, L. Parker (first of Minor) 4, W. Swain 5, E. Denby (first quarter) 6.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): B. D. Holt 1, W. H. Nield 2, J. B. Thorp 3, M. Rigby 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. For Watchnight service.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Cuthbert (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Martin (first 'inside') 2, S. Coutts 3, J. Cuthbert 4, D. Gillespie (cond.) 5, Jean Cross 6. A farewell compliment to Roger Twigg.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Minns 1, Christine Steward 2, G. R. Goodship 3, E. Lockwood 4, Mrs. W. Lockwood 5, Sandra L. Goodship (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. H. Fuller, of Nettleshead, and F. Jarrold, of Offton.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Tipler (first of Major) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, R. Cooles (first of Major 'inside') 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, L. W. Allen 5, B. H. Coatesworth 6, A. R. Millidge 7, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Nancy Kempell 1, K. G. Game 2, G. Olliver 3, D. P. Smith 4, C. H. B. Cook 5, W. E. Dunn 6, W. Inwood 7, A. T. Shelton 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. R. Lett (16 years) 1, T. P. Harris 2, A. G. Harris (12 years) 3, T. R. Harris (14 years, cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, W. J. Lett (14 years) 6. For Midnight Communion. Also on December 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Anne Tucker (first quarter) 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. R. Lett 6. A wedding compliment to the Rev. J. A. Benton and Miss M. Simkin, married at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, the previous day.

SOPELY, HANTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. W. Robertson 1, Judith A. Robertson (first in two methods) 2, Christine Mould (first as cond.) 3, R. W. Young 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, E. G. Mould 6. Rung on the Feast of St. Prisca.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Davey 1, Margaret Moore (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (cond.) 5, Ian Pager 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Margaret Moore.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June E. Wood 1, K. H. Mildred 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, Carol I. V. Corton 6, M. G. Wood (cond.) 7, N. R. May 8. For Festal Evensong on the Eve of the Epiphany.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Luckhurst (first quarter) 1, Ann Jenner 2, Angela W. Burgess 3, W. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. A. Large 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, L. T. Pope 8. For Evening Prayer.

USK, MONS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. S. Clench 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Julie Clench 3, Carol York 4, F. Hobbs 5, G. Knight 6, S. Kear 7, D. Hughes 8. First quarter 3 and 4. For Morning Service.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Elizabeth Cherry 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. E. Archer 4, M. King 5, M. R. Meadows (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. E. Archer 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. E. Archer 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Brenda Cherry and Mr. Brian Hughes.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Leppard (first quarter) 1, D. A. E. Roberts 2, D. Slater 3, J. Leppard 4, B. W. Parke 5, D. Comber 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Smith 1, Rev. N. J. Smith 2, A. M. Horn (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, R. G. Harmer (first 'inside') 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, A. R. George (first quarter) 6. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Leach (first quarter) 1, Veronica G. Rees 2, M. J. Harmer (first quarter) 3, D. A. Smith 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, A. M. Horn 6. Ten different callings in each quarter. Rung to commemorate St. Howard's first peal of Grandsire Doubles on 5 on January 10th, 1913 (51 years ago), also as a birthday compliment from S. Howard to his old friend Reuben Sanders, who was 90 this day.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, R. G. Crosland (cond.) 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Zass 1, Miss V. Rodrigues 2, Miss D. Cocke 3, Miss R. Rawlings 4, Miss J. Geiringer 5, M. Bingham (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass (first on 8) 1, Vanessa Rodrigues (first in the method) 2, D. Cocke (first in the method) 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Judith Geiringer 5, G. Reynolds 6, A. Bagworth 7, R. Goodman 8. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. M. Cox 1, P. N. Tubbs 2, M. J. Besi 3, J. E. Daniels 4, M. J. Thomas 5, F. L. Harris (cond.) 6, D. B. Brown 7, J. Hartless 8, L. F. Cobb 9, D. House 10, R. M. Marlow 11, F. C. W. Knight 12.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Louise Greenhill (first quarter, 12) 1, C. Prictor (first 'inside', 15) 2, D. Cane 3, S. Taylor 4, P. Murduck (cond.) 5, B. Murduck (14) 6.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Loughborough District

A large plaque of bell metal on the vestry floor of Loughborough Parish Church is inscribed 'Their sound has gone out to all lands.' This was the basis of the address given by the Rector at the service which preceded the annual meeting of the Loughborough Branch. Materialistic things, he argued, could be used to emphasise the religious point of view, and as the voices of the choir or the preacher rarely penetrated beyond the walls of the Church, ringers, while unseen, were strong and loud witnesses to those outside. They should keep this fact before them and always be ready to improve the application of their art.

All enjoyed the splendid tea provided by local ladies in the Fearon Hall, but none more than the table of youngsters shepherded by the Rev. M. C. Melville.

The business meeting was prefaced by a speech from the retiring chairman, who said that as this was the first meeting of another year they must 'look forward' and not only hope but strive to make it one of great advancement. Commending Mr. J. P. Fidler's letter to 'The Ringing World' on lapsed members, the chairman favoured the suggestion of a liaison officer. If Mr. Fidler had been present he would have asked him to undertake the responsibility for his own Branch!

Officers elected for 1964 were: chairman, Mr. H. O. Over; secretary, Mr. Melvyn Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, with Miss V. Lacey, retiring secretary, acting as his assistant; committee, Mr. W. Hall and Miss Lacey. Nominations for Guild officers favoured an en bloc proposal of those serving.

Under A.O.B. a ringers' festival to be organised by Hathern ringers on May 16th was discussed. Its object is to support the fund to augment Hathern bells from six to eight and so far the ringers have raised about £200, or a third. By full support they felt the half-way mark would be passed. Contributions from N.U.T.S., Ramblers, Rovers or any others interested would be welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

The Devizes Branch at its annual meeting at Melksham, on January 4th, Mr. N. Knee presiding, reported a most encouraging year, the secretary (Mr. A. Knight) stating the membership had risen to 260 with one return to come. Ten meetings had been held with an increase in number of younger members present.

Twenty peals had been rung—an increase of five and there had been two new conductors—Mr. D. Stillman (age 15) and Mr. D. Bailey. Quarter peals numbered 40 and most of these were rung for services.

With regret, the branch accepted the resignations of the Ringing Masters—Mr. S. Grant and Mr. P. Harding after 20 years' loyal service. The new Ringing Masters are Messrs. D. Nibbs (Holt), G. Heath (Urchfont) and E. Norris (Warminster). Other officers were re-elected. Six new members were elected from Urchfont, Holt and Devizes.

The curate (the Rev. Mr. Gray) conducted the service and after the usual vote of thanks ringing continued at St. Michael's, Holt and Seend.

A. K.

Bellfounding Transaction in 1312

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cyril W. Hancock makes an interesting contribution regarding ancient London founders and I would say that although Richard de Wymbish was recorded as a 'potter' from 1303 to 1315, he was in business from 1290 to 1315.

Aldgate was the centre of the industry in the Metropolis, where names appeared 1280—1300. The Wymbish family, who came from Essex, cast many bells over a large area but Richard, probably the eldest, appeared to have the largest business, and their quarters were at Aldgate. Probably Richard's oldest bell still in existence can be found at Goring, Oxon, cast about 1290.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The bells of the twin parishes of Sawley and Long Eaton were available for the quarterly meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association on January 4th. The service at Sawley was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. B. Hurst, and an excellent meal followed in the Church Hall, prepared by wives and friends of ringers.

A minute's silence in memory of Mr. J. F. George preceded the business meeting. In a report on the financial position the treasurer (Mr. J. Woolley) said the situation was comfortable at the moment, but he deplored the many subscriptions owing. Mr. G. Halls, secretary of the Bell Repair Fund, reported a record balance of over £200. Seventy-three P.C.C.'s had subscribed to the fund.

The election of Messrs. W. Simpson, E. Fletcher and F. Adams as hon. life members was carried with acclamation. Tickets for the annual dinner at Derby on February 8th were available and the Association's striking competition will be held at Horsley on May 30th. The evening ringing was at Long Eaton, where the bells had been restored by the joint efforts of the officials of the Bell Repair Fund and the Sawley company.

M. P. P.

Exhall Delight Minor

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Exhall Delight Minor rung on January 1st at Exhall-by-Coventry, I would like to point out that this method has already been rung to a peal. From the details which Mr. Stote gave in 'The Ringing World,' page 38, the place notation is: 34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 3. 2nds L.E.: 42635.

My records, however, inform me that in fact this method is named Aldbourne Delight Minor, and was rung to a peal at Fulmer on June 8th, 1960.—Yours faithfully,

M. F. LOCK.

Exeter, Devon.

N.B.—The Editor thanks other correspondents who have pointed out the duplication.

John Taylor & Co.

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Trinity College, Dublin, looks like being another University with enthusiastic ringers. Leading personalities are Charles Reede, 25, O'Connell Avenue, Berkeley Road, Dublin, and Miss Marilyn Bernard-Smith, at 6, T.C.D., Dublin University. Marilyn, according to 'Irish Bell News,' has unearthed Ann Sadler from Preston, Rutland, Anthony Vere-Hodge (Kent) and Jane Fletcher (West Kirby). Practices are held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. George's and Drogheda.

Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, Ringing Course will be held on September 25th-27th. Details later.

We have received a correction to the quarter peal at Rothersthorpe (see page 40). It was in two methods—Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Mr. Roger Twigg, Northenden, Manchester, has been appointed a verger at Lichfield Cathedral. A farewell quarter was rung at Northenden, where his departure is keenly felt.

Inadvertently, in the article 'A Bellfounding Transaction in 1312' (page 33), Alan de Middleton was described as canon and saint. It should be canon and sacrist.

The golden jubilee of the Chelmsford Diocese was commemorated by special ringing in towers of the Essex Association on January 21st. Quarters were rung at Chelmsford Cathedral, Bentley Common, Great Holland and other towers.

On Christmas Eve the Wollaton (Notts) company of handbell ringers visited various local establishments, ringing carols and other popular tunes on their newly renovated handbells. This resulted in a collection of nearly £15, which was sent to Oxfam.

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, the following were elected: Alan R. Bridges, Master; Leslie N. Melton, Deputy Master; Charles J. Sedgley, treasurer; R. John Munnings, auditor; John F. Tillatt, steeplekeeper; George E. Symonds, 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich, secretary for the 43rd year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Re Mr. John David's query in Belfry Gossip, January 17th, there are three bells hung for ringing at St. Stephen's, Ipswich. These were rung for a wedding during last century. The best man, being completely ignorant of ringing, sent a gallon of stout for the three ringers.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on Boxing Day at Warminster by the Ancient Society of College Youths. Details next week.

At Cheswardine on January 18th, George Morrall not only conducted his own first peal on eight, but it was also his father, Mr. Ernest Morrall's, first on eight.

At Cranfield, Beds, the first recorded quarter by local ringers took place on January 12th. The band, all of whom are under 20 except the conductor, tackled Bob Doubles for the first time last April.

Lincoln ringers desire to congratulate Mr. W. Dove on his first quarter peal. He became interested just two years ago, travels into Lincoln (about four miles each way) for his ringing and is regular for Sunday services.

The peal at Stoke D'Abernon on January 6th is believed to be the youngest ladies' peal (average age 16 years 10 months). The name of Mrs. Susan Newman should be associated with this peal, as she taught each member of the band to handle a bell.

'O Lord, if we thy praises due from our minds let slide, then let our dexterous hands forget the echoing bells to guide.' A ringers' prayer in 'Overtones,' the magazine of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. This year is the Guild's 10th birthday, Founder's Day being May 24th.

A motion to amend rules to permit ringing members of Stanmore and South Mymms to enjoy privileges of resident members will be submitted to the A.G.M. of the Herts County Association. These Middlesex towers will beington Avenue, Ipswich, secretary for the 43rd daries becomes operative.

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LITTLE CHART, KENT.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	*REV. P. T. ROBBINS 4
†PAUL BATCHELOR 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
MRS. P. T. ROBBINS 3	*JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
 Rev. P. T. Robbins has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.
 First of Surprise on the bells.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (6th observation).

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*JANE M. HOUGH Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
ELEANOR M. HOUGH 2	J. RICHARD HOUGH 6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	ALAN BERRY 7
DAVID STAPLES 4	JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD HOUGH.

* First peal (aged 14). 100th tower, all in Kent, at which Mr. C. T. Hillis has rung a peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

JOHN C. BALDWIN Treble	*PETER RICHARDSON 5
MRS. J. C. BALDWIN 2	PETER M. WILKINSON 6
PAULINE FENNELL 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal of Major.

SALTWOOD, KENT.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH TODD Treble	GRAHAM NEILSON 4
MYRTLE COOK 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 5
ROBERT P. BROTHERSTON 3	DAVID H. GOWER Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

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

GREAT CHART, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

PETER RICHARDSON Treble	DAVID STAPLES 4
IAN H. ORAM 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
JOHN C. BALDWIN 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal, all rung in Kent for the Kent County Association.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

VIOLET I. E. RELF Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 4
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
PETER M. WILKINSON 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

First peal on the bells for 32 years.

ASHFORD, KENT.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

PETER M. WILKINSON Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
MAISIE VANTOM 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
JOSEPHINE HARDY 3	MARK W. MARSHALL 7
J. RICHARD HOUGH 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Rung to celebrate the New Year.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 8
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
SUSAN FUNNELL 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 10
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 6	‡GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* 100th peal. † 100th peal together. ‡ 400th peal in this tower.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

*ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON 10
ROYDON DAVIES 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
†RICHARD C. STEVENS .. 6	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 7
ARTHUR H. REED 2	JOHN HARTLESS 8
ANN M. COX 3	FRANK D. MACK 9
*NORMAN MALLETT 4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD 10
MICHAEL J. BEST 5	RONALD N. MARLOW 11
FRANK L. HARRIS 6	ROBERT C. KIPPIN } Tenor
	LEWIS F. COBB }

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 8
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 10
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
*JOHN R. INSLEY 6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal in 12 bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

*PAMELA M. TURNER .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 7
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	H. LESLIE PASK 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	GEOFFREY PAUL 10
JOHN WALDEN 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 11
*ROBIN H. ROGERS 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

In memoriam John Ashley Freeman.

TEN BELL PEALS

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 19 lb.

DAVID T. DARBY Treble	STEPHEN J. IVIN 6
ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 7
ALAN F. THIRST 3	BRIAN HARRIS 8
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	TREVOR N. BAILEY 9
NOEL J. DISERENS 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 21 methods, being 240 each of Albanian, Banbury, Cambridge, Haslemere, Inveraray, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, London No. 3, Marsden, Mirfield, Oakham, Ossett, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Rutland, Selby, Staffordshire, Whitby, York and Yorkshire; with 122 changes of method.

STUART ARMESON Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON 8
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by DONALD H. NIBLETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The most methods rung in a peal of Royal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1964, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

PATRICIA ROGERS Treble	*MICHAEL P. THOMAS 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR 3	MICHAEL HATCHETT 8
PETER N. FELTON 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
*ANTHONY C. KNIGHTS 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN KETTERINGHAM (No. 21).

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal.
Composition rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	JOHN C. EISEL 5
MURIEL REAY 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 6
ANN E. FELLOWS 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	PETER D. WARREN 6
ANN E. FELLOWS 3	DAVID R. INGRAM 7
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN A. ANDERSON.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
FRED W. STONE Treble	JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
J. DAVID SHAW 3	DAVID W. PARKIN 7
MICHAEL A. WILLIS 4	DOUGLAS DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. PARKIN.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Fred W. Stone.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

KEITH F. GARDNER Treble	RAYMOND D. HART 5
ROY D. HAYNE 2	DAVID J. ALLEN 6
PAMELA WRIGHT 3	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 7
GEORGE P. HAMMOND 4	GEOFFREY PRATT Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

Rung as a compliment to David Lloyd and Ann Watkins, who were married on the previous Saturday at Bridgend, Glamorgan.

HASLEMERE SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—16—50—38—70—18—16—50—18—30 L.H. 1648203957

INVERARAY SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—16—50—18—14—30—14—30—18—10 L.H. 1648203957

These two methods are rung for the first time in a peal.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID J. BAKER Treble	AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK 5
*DENNIS ELLISON 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES 3	DENNIS A. HEWITT 7
C. RONALD SMITH 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
First peal in the method.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	DAVID J. ALLEN 5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 6
JOHN K. SMITH 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
MARTIN C. FAULKES 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by the Guild, and by all the band.

WATERMOOR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. GEARING .. Treble	†GORDON W. LAND 5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 2	MICHAEL J. STANLEY 6
HUGH N. EVANS 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN 7
*ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 4	*PETER WAKEFIELD Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. The conductor's 75th peal.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET E. FORT Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL 6
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 7
*BERNARD MOSS 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.
* First peal of London. First of London as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	ROGER I. KENDRICK 6
DAN S. PONT 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
J. RICHARD PERKINS 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The last peal by the 'Monday' band.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

DEREK J. JONES Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 5
*ROGER D. BAILEY 2	RAYMOND H. DAW 6
*DENNIS WOODS 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
JOHN E. ALLEN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by 'S.I.' Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of London.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in C.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 5
MICHAEL DANIELS 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 6
BRENDA DOWNING 3	ROBERT DOWNING 7
ERNEST G. PEARCE 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Cranworth, K.G., M.C., Lord of the Manor and people's warden, whose funeral took place this day at Grundisburgh.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*OLIVIA A. MARSHALL .. Treble	WILFRED LEE 5
*JOAN M. DAWSON 2	PERCY WHEATLEY 6
*ROGER J. LUMLEY 3	PETER M. DAWSON 7
*ROBERT A. APPLEBY 4	*ROGER WADDINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Wilfred Lee by members of the Sunday service band.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL 2	MICHAEL WILLIS 6
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ROBIN GUY 4	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by WM. THORNLEY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KNEBORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
E. JANE SIBSON 3	W. LESLIE WELLER 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

BARNES, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

LAWRENCE SMITH .. Treble	ANTHONY H. SMITH 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 6
ANTHONY R. KENCH 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
JOHN C. EISEL 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Reuben Sanders, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHNSON'S variation .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
DAVID K. PUTNAM 2	GEORGE B. COLLINS 6
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril S. Jarrett.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

In 11 methods: 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 320 Bristol, Superlative, Yorkshire, Wembley, Cray and New Gloucester, and 160 Lincolnshire and Pudsey; 140 changes of method.

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
DAVID G. WILFORD 2	ROLAND H. COOK 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	*R. KINGSLEY MASON 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* 125th peal. First in 11 Spliced Surprise Major by all the band, for the Guild, and on the bells.

BRADLEY, BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

EDMUND MALIN .. Treble	RODERICK J. LEES 5
*MICHAEL W. FAIREY 2	*WILLIAM A. BLAKE 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

DON C. EXELL .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	† D. JOHN HUNT 6
*PETER BRIDLE 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
JENNIFER TAYLOR 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major. † Has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band. 50th peal on the bells (including four when the bells were hung in the tower of the Holy Cross, Bristol).

Rung on the 19th birthday of the ringer of the second.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROY WORRALL .. Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON 5
*VICTOR STONIER 2	HAROLD WORRALL 6
*HAROLD DOWLER 3	FRANK MORTON 7
JOHN RYDER 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Little Bob Major.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Superlative, Cambridge and London; with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

DAVID S. OSENTON .. Treble	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Spliced.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

ANNE P. SMITH (1958-) .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS (1932-48) 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON (1955-) .. 2	*M. JACK PRYOR (1954-58) 6
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR (1955-) 3	ROBERT B. SMITH (1955-) 7
ALAN McFALL (1954-) .. 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE (1954-) Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 17).

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First of Surprise 'inside' and first in method. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

Rung by past and present members of the local band.

NETHERTON (DUDLEY), WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*IRENE ELLESMORE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 6
*A. BRYAN ELLESMORE 3	GERALD C. HEMMING 7
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's B., Double Oxford B., Single Oxford B. and Plain B. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HARRY BALDWIN Treble	MICHAEL WHITING 4
MAURICE LINGS 2	HAROLD JUDD 5
JACK BRAY 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, comprising (1 to 3) Stedman, (4 to 6) Grandsire, (7 to 9) Reverse Canterbury Pl., (10 to 12) Winchendon Place, (13 to 15) Southrepps Pl., (16 to 18) St. Miles, (19 to 21) Clifford's Pl., (22 to 24) St. Luke, (25 to 27) Reverse Canterbury Pl., (28 to 30) Plain Bob, (31 to 33) Reverse Canterbury Pl., (34 to 36) April Day, (37 to 39) Reverse Canterbury Pl., (40 to 42) Kennington. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BRIAN C. LAW Treble	†RUPERT A. CLARKE 3
*RON CHAPMAN 2	‡DAVID F. MOORE 4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal 'inside.' † 100th peal. ‡ 75th peal.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

JOHN RYDER Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
F. GEORGE FORRESTER 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	ERNEST PIMLOTT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

The ringers of 4 and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Bourne S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford B., Single Oxford B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN UNDERWOOD Treble	MICHAEL WHITING 4
MAURICE LINGS 2	RICHARD HALL 5
HAROLD JUDD 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

BRIAN LUFF Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 5
PATRICIA DISERENS 3	RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being the following 720's: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MICHAEL C. GARROD Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTELL 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
LAWRENCE R. PIZZEE 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ANNE BATESON Treble	†COLIN W. REED 4
†MARY C. POYNER 2	‡JOHN GOW 5
†BERYL N. REED 3	†HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First of Delight Minor.
‡ First of Delight. First of Minor in the method for the Guild.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F

IAN FRIEND Treble	*FRANK BEECH, JUN. 4
F. HECTOR BENNETT 2	*GEORGE E. MORRALL 5
*ERNEST C. MORRALL 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW Tenor

Conducted by IAN FRIEND.

* First peal in the method. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JANET I. PORTER Treble	THOMAS W. THIRKELL 4
*PATRICIA A. WILSON 2	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON 5
HENRY RODMELL 3	HAROLD F. GIBSON Tenor

Conducted by JANET I. PORTER.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. Hawthorn (curate of Sutton) and Miss E. M. Lowe, married this day.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G

*RAYMOND D. HELLIWELL Treble	†ROGER LEIGH 4
ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL 2	ROBERT A. BOLT 5
††RICHARD J. PARKER 3	*MICHAEL BELL Tenor

Non-conducted.

* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal for the Association.

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*MARTIN STANWAY Treble	HENRY KIRK 4
RONALD DAWSON 2	J. DAVID ADAMS 5
GILLIAN FANSHAW 3	ALAN G. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for Mrs. A. Bonsall.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six different callings.

*ANN SKINNER Treble	*MARGIE NESS 4
ROSAMUND RAWLINGS 2	†VANESSA RODRIGUES 5
*DUDLEY COCKE 3	JUDITH GEIRINGER Tenor

Conducted by JUDITH GEIRINGER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

Average age of band 16 years 10 months.

THURCASTON, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

ROBERT DAW Treble	CHRISTINE P. HART 4
MARILYN TIPPING 2	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY 5
*JOHN ANTILL 3	*ERIC V. ADNETT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK T. BINDLEY.

* First peal. First as conductor for the Guild. First on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

A 74th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

*E. JAMES LOCKWOOD .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ALICE E. J. LESTER 3	†PHILIP J. ROTHERA Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First in ten methods.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. W. G. Hargrave Thomas after 39 years as Vicar of Needham Market.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
K. PAUL GILLIVER 2	BRIAN L. BURROWS 5
MRS. JILL BELCHER 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. E. Sims-Reeve, Rector of Croft, on the 40th anniversary of his ordination.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 4
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
RALPH BIRD 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

A. KEITH PHILLIPS .. Treble	ALAN M. BARBER 4
CHRIS. L. BELL 2	DAVID W. SWEET 5
DELPHINE J. FULLER 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Barbara J. Leigh, of Lewisham.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford and two each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DAVIDSON .. Treble	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. 4
†JAMES CROWTHER 2	FREDERICK ROSS 5
‡M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. 3	MICHAEL MAUGHAN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL MAUGHAN.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor. First as conductor.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*R. JOYCE MARKS .. Treble	D. ROY BOULD 4
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	HARRY STACEY 5
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Reuben Sanders by some of his West Country friends.

HANDBELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT 1, RUSSELL STREET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ANTHONY D. SANSON .. 1—2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5—6
NEIL BENNETT 3—4	DEREK A. ASHTON 7—8

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

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

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1964, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT 54, ASHFORD ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five different callings).

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

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES 5—6
RUPERT A. CLARKE 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, with gratitude to Albert E. Austin (Wood Ditton, Cambs), who taught him to ring.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 7, 1964, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD 7—8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal to be rung in this method on handbells.

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AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in Selwyn College on Saturday, March 7th, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. The price will be 26s. Ringing details will be published shortly.—S. C. Walters, Pembroke College, Cambridge. 4032

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General Secretary and Treasurer, H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. Tel.: Huntingdon 499. District Secretaries: Cambridge, B. D. Threlfall, 6, Pightle Close, Harston, Cambs. Tel.: Harston 650. Ely, R. J. Palmer, 65, Mildenhall Road, Fordham, Cambs. Tel.: Fordham 260. Hunts, M. J. Dyer, 18, Moyné Road, Sawtry, Hunts. Wisbech, J. E. Fbx, Westleigh, Walpole Marsh. Wisbech. Tel.: Walpole St. Andrew 338. 4037

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Official Notice.—A General Committee meeting will be held in Holy Trinity, Guildford, vestry on Saturday, February 8th, at 3 p.m.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 4005

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—All future correspondence concerning the bells of St. George's should be addressed to Alan F. Scholfield, Albert House, Albert Road, Hyde, Cheshire. Tel.: Hyde 2388. Bells available every three months for peal attempt. Practice: Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. 4031

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEETING.—Saturday, February 15th, followed by Nottingham University Society's annual dinner. Bells available: Bulwell (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Basford (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Clifton (6), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Nottingham St. Peter's (10), 2-3.30; Nottingham St. Mary's (10), 3.30-5; Beeston (10), 5-6.15 p.m. Tickets for dinner (six courses) 17s. 6d.—Apply Secretary, Diary address. 4021

WOULD anyone lend, give, or preferably sell, a copy of 'Ropesight', now out of print, to keen ringer anxious to learn method ringing?—Reply to Box 4035, c/o Woodbridge Press, Guildford, Surrey. 4035

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Organisers of outings please note. The Secretary of the Wimborne Branch is now Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford Forum, Dorset. Telephone Blandford 953. Please amend your diaries. 4060

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Special methods: College Exercise and Plain Bob.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3976

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Snitterfield, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. 3997

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, February 1st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—R. J. Palmer, 4001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, ASHTEAD (not Leatherhead), on Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey. 3961

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford on Saturday, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Smith, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 4006

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Anstey, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school-rooms 5 p.m.—A. J. P. 4048

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting will be held at Newhall, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m.—J. Cotton, 4010

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Stony Stratford, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (8) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 4008

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 1st. St. Mary's, Peterborough. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St. John's (8) and St. Mary's. Names for tea to R. H. Daw, 37, Elmfield Road, Peterborough. 4008

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Saturday, February 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. Andrew King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, 3993

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, February 1st, at Church House, Westminster. Tickets, one guinea, available. Ringing arrangements: St. James', Clerkenwell, 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 1-2; St. Giles', Crinle-gate, 2.15-3.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 4-5.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 5-6 p.m.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, S.W.18. 3972

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 1st. Bulwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3972

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 1st, at Horsham (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. 3983

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Radnor District.—A.G.M., Knighton (8 bells) on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. 4055

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, February 4th at 8.15 p.m. Practices in February all 6.30-8 p.m.: 4th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 11th, St. Mary-le-Bow; 18th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 25th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott.

BACK NUMBERS

'The Ringing World' has received a very generous gift of back numbers dating from 1919 to 1959. While some are brown with the passing of years, the majority are clean and serviceable. We propose to offer these to readers who want to complete their files. The charge will be 8d. per copy post free.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meetings at Kingswood, February 4th and March 3rd from 7.30 p.m. These are arranged to assist learners. Your help appreciated.—G. A. W. 4030

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual dinner dance, Friday, February 7th, 6.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets (21s. each) obtainable before February 5th from Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead. 4052

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, Saturday, February 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. Leslie Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, not later than February 4th.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 4044

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, February 8th. Minster (10) 2 to 4 p.m. Service in St. Mary's 4.20 p.m. Tea in Cross Keys Hotel, Laigate, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and presentation by Bishop of Hull of Albert Sellers Memorial Cup. St. Mary's (10) later. Names for tea without fail by previous Thursday to Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 4023

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 12th annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner will be held at the Midland Drapery, Derby, on Saturday, February 8th, 6.45 to 11 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d. Ringing, St. Peter's, Derby, 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 4022

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, February 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than February 5th to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 4026

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), Saturday, February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening, 6-8.30. Names for tea by February 5th to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 3991

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington, Saturday, February 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Saturday, February 8th. Longney (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by 5th. All welcome. Important meeting, please attend.—A. Crawley, 82, Avon Crescent, Brockworth, Gloucester. 4034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, February 8th, Wroughton (6). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 4058

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cotleigh on February 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names for tea by 5th to Mr. W. Sparks, Burnside, Cotleigh, Honiton. Phile Wilmington 200—W. Webb, Sec. 3975

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual general meeting at Hereford on Saturday, February 8th. Ringing, Hereford Cathedral, 2.15 until 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea and meeting at All Saints' Parish Room (the Royal George) afterwards, and All Saints' bells from 6.15 until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, near Hereford. 3857

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, February 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting. Bromfield and Stanton Lacy bells (6).—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 4028

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, February 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 4056

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, February 8th, St. Thomas, Church, St. Helens, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. Hedgecock, 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lanes.—G. Howlett, Sec. 4051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Samlesbury, Saturday, February 8th. Refreshments provided. Names, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. E. Mellroy, Riverside Bungalow, Potter Lane, Samlesbury, Preston. Preston-Blackburn New Road, buses 150, 152, 154.—L. Walmsley. 4057

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton (the Parish Church), on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. P. Partington. 4054

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAM-PANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds 1, on Saturday, February 8th, at 7 p.m. Tickets £1. Ringing arrangements appear next week.—F. Fairbank, Hon. Sec. 4054

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Loughborough District, February 8th. Bells available: Castle Donington (6), 2-2.45 p.m.; Diseworth (6), 2.30-3.15; Kegworth (8), 3-3.45 (subject to floor being safe); Shepshed (8), 3-4; Hathern (6), 3.30-4.15; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3-4.25; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30-8.30. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m. Adults 3s., juniors 2s. Names for tea to Miss G. Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough, Leics, by February 5th. All nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be made by this meeting.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4015

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Penarth on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by February 3rd to W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 3989

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, February 8th, annual District meeting, Enfield (St. Andrew's). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing to 8.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 4050

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Yarmouth, February 8th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by February 5th certain to Mr. P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 3979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M., Reading, Saturday, February 8th. Caversham (8), 2.45-3.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3.15-4.45. Service at St. Laurence's 4.45. Tea and meeting, St. Mary's Church House, 5.30. St. Mary's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea by February 5th to Mrs. A. Diersen, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading. 4039

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, February 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, near Davenry.—F. W. Hancock. 4040

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch Conicorum, Saturday, February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 5024

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shifnal on February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Hemming, 9, Idsall Crescent, Shifnal. Shropshire. 4049

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 8th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Baworth (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in Elboworth Hall. Names for tea by 4th to Mr. W. Coates, 'Glenville', Strawberry Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 3999

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Dis. Sec. 4038

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, February 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4042

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social evening, Christ Church Hall, Epsom, Saturday, February 8th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Social 7.30 p.m. Names to Miss A. Gibson, 4, Ridgway, Epsom, Surrey. 4061

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting at Chichester (8) on Saturday, February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. at Marsham Restaurant. Bells available during evening until 8.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, by previous Wednesday, please. 4041

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Tuesday, February 11th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All those wishing to learn or practise Surprise most welcome. Note change of date. 4059

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Dedication of bells by the Bishop of Colchester on Saturday, February 15th, at 3 p.m. Bells available after. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon. 3996

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (10), Saturday, February 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. M. Davenport, 27, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leics. Telephone Leicester 32554. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 4045

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, February 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Memorial Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, February 10th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4043

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sprotborough, February 15th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4003

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QUARTER PEALS

BRANSTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Poole (first quarter, aged 15) 1, J. E. Cook 2, A. Inghall 3, R. Applewhite 4, A. Brummitt 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. James 1, R. Liggins 2, N. Crowther 3, A. J. Hinde (cond.) 4, H. E. Ashley 5, B. Choules 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. By Sunday Service band.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (all calls single): K. Putnam 1, Mrs. Pamela J. Wright 2, Mrs. Margaret Pratt 3, R. D. Hart 4, G. Pratt 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, A. Mann 2, M. Fort 3, A. Millidge (first in method) 4, D. Brookes (first Surprise Major) 5, Rev. A. Clayton (first in method) 6, J. Salter 7, J. Eisel (first in method as cond.) 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita Peck 1, Frances Smith 2, Diane Carter 3, Gillian Brown (cond.) 4, G. Waterman 5, W. Felgate 6. By the local Sunday service band as a farewell to Diane Carter who is shortly going to Bletchley Training College.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. C. Garrad 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, C. J. Sedaley 3, L. R. Pizey 3, G. E. Symonds 5, P. May 6, N. F. Whittell 7, A. T. Beckwith 8, R. L. K. Whittell 9, L. N. Melton (comp. and cond.) 10. For the passing of the Old Year.

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MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Osborne 1, N. Osborne 2, G. Waterman 3, Gillian Brown (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney 6. First quarter by candlelight for all the band.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Janet Woodman 1, Marilyn Bird 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, N. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Sylvia Jones (sister of the conductor) and Mr. Peter Watts who were married this day.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: R. J. Scott 1, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 2, C. J. Final 3, C. W. Barlow 4, E. G. L. Howitt 5, H. Goody 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Christine Smith 1, June Sinfeld 2, J. Newman 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): G. C. Paul (cond.) 1, A. A. Paul 2, P. Amos 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. F. Roome 5. First of Stedman 1, 2 and 4. First of Stedman Doubles 3 and 5. Rung for the Feast of St. Anthony.

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