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SHOWING THE ROPES TO "MUM"

By EVELYN MASON

MY newest child was in the pram, the world's most beautiful babe (so claims every mother). She lay shadow boxing with her dear little dimpled arms and hands. A million miles from mind was any thought that one day those limbs might be my tutor! And a billion miles off was the idea that they would want to initiate me into a craft as strange as the one represented by the little noticed background sound of church bells regularly wafted bur way on Sundays.

That was nigh twenty years ago. Now, the infant who 'boxed' to bells is 18 and a manipulator of the very instruments she heard from the pram. I replied to her sudden fireside suggestion that I, her not-so-young 'mum,' should try to ring, and we set out to where our parish church rose like a black iceberg from the pitch black sea of night. My apprehension equalled that prefacing a visit to the dentist and was deepened by the ominous and eerie quiet of our situation.

The belfry switch produced an instant oasis of light as welcome as a beacon in the nocturnal gloom. The bell ropes were draped away to the walls like strip curtaining—with one exception. A solitary length (depending from the 'seventh,' I was told) awaited me. All at once my uneasiness touched off a nightmare. The ringing room was an execution chamber, deadly silent and grim! A noose dangled ready for my throat, and my own child in befitting black (her workaday clothes) stood behind it all set to be my hangman. Every ghost and demon that ever was laughed hollowly around me. 'Look at her, trying to ring! The silly "old" woman! Watch her go up with the rope! She'll strangle herself!'

The mood of the incubus changed. I was back in childhood, tugging hard and slanting-wise on the multi-coloured 'sally' of a swing-boat rope at the annual fun fair in my home town.

The 'gas' of imagining began to wear off. I came 'round' to hear my baby-turned-coach rap. 'Mum, this is serious! If you don't act properly you may get this rope about your neck, and perhaps not accidentally, either!'

Instructed. I grasped the end of the cordage with both hands (right atop of left), leaving a protruding tail-piece of a few inches which, I understood, was all that separated me from the loss of this 'halter' thing! There followed a grip of the sally (a lovely blue), and a long, strong, straight draw ending in an undignified bending of the knees (I thought).

But my first thrill came with the lift of the backstroke (I was starting to cotton-on to terms!). Oh! that exhilarating and exercising pull on the torso! Here was something more flattening than a power-net foundation! I was sampling a new slimmer—the corsetry of campanology for melting the middle-aged midriff! I felt tall and shapely as never quite before. Something in me responded with peculiar delight and satisfaction to the persuasive unseen bell above. 'Come on! Up! Up!' it seemed to lure. My arms reached to it with gladness and willingness. It was like a wooing. And I wanted to go with it!

I could see it was a potent courtship advisable in limited doses at first. The ardour and effort of giving myself to a bell for the first time left me hot, trembly, a little limp, excited, but also bewildered. Then (mind you), in this state of spent energy, my daughter-mentor rebuked her mater-pupil for too strenuously paving court to the new bell love!

By now, the floor was sprinkled with black, crawling, lilliputian bodies. My opening rounds of bell-fire had shot down the hibernating occupants of the upper regions—the last, drowsy flies of summer. Our Gulliver-feet squashed them out of their pathetically slow struggle to escape.

Rather oddly, I found myself withdrawing from the belfry backwards, with a shaky feeling of reverence-cum-peaceful elation, as if I was retiring from some holy-of holies where I had met and given obeisance to a gentle yet powerful deity of metal, hid from view, but very present.

I brinked on falling in love with a new being before whom I must only stand in worship, whom I must address with hands, arms and mind, and who answers this necessarily silent honour with a voice of tintinnabulation which for ages has drawn, fascinated, soothed, cheered, and held many disciples from many places and many callings. And the latter-day 'missionary' of a once baby-in-a-pram could win another convert, even her mother.

ONE RINGER'S SUNDAY

THERE was beginning to be a certain awareness. Something had been going on for a long time. Something awful. I tried very hard to sort it out. Was I a tortured soul in hell? Had it been an ignorant dream that at worst hell was the everlasting grave?

Oh! the agony of it. I thought I could see something. No, whatever it was it came right up to me and through. I could hear something! Someone was saying, 'You must only stay a few minutes.' Ah, now I knew. I was coming round after an operation. A major operation following torturous weeks of complications and mental exhaustion.

My mother had died, swiftly followed by the death of my brother without even a farewell. Our 'strapping' twelve-year-old son had fallen victim to a rare and swift acting germ which called for drastic surgery and then a long, long wait to see if the miracle of everybody's prayers had saved him from being crippled.

And then my slim, little, well cared for body, which had climbed any belfry stairs and pulled any bell I happened to fancy, had become desperately afflicted with all sorts of trouble and that when the final blow came I had travelled so far along the road that I was prepared to leave it, putting my family into God's keeping, knowing I would never have to suffer pain again.

'Please, God, take that terrible weight off my hand.' And then I saw the face of my dear husband and his hand on mine. The next instant it had gone. The agony was getting worse and I began wondering if anything really had been done for me. What looked like an angel was leaning over me and then I felt a merciful jab and the pain was bearable.

I tried to sort out what seemed to be a heavenly view from my window. Hill after hill climbing to the sky and fine elegant spires pointing to the heavens. Or was I having hallucinations? And then I heard them. The bells. A gorgeous, melodious rumbling in the hills, and there was no mistaking that. It was an ordinary Sunday morning and the bells were ringing somewhere. It was all over and I was going to get better.

There was a tap on the door and a sister of mercy came in with the most exquisite bouquet of flowers I have ever seen, tied with a massive bow of pink ribbon. I whispered, 'It is not my birthday.' 'No,' she said, 'but you have a daughter who is 24 years old today and it will be her way of saying "Thank you, mother."'

During the next few weeks I had plenty of time in my solitude to think, and I wondered if this experience had been for just that. I was a static Christian, not a progressive one. So many of us can easily find a good excuse for walking out of the church service after ringing: for not holding out a helping hand to those in need, when the truth is in both cases we prefer to do something else. Many of us answer the cries of the hungry of this world with crumbs and then spend 'real' money on unnecessary

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Whitsun, 1965

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Kent Branch practice meeting, held at Tunstall on November 14th, was attended by 13 ladies, who were ably supported by some of the Rochester District male ringers, making approximately 30 in all. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. V. M. Allen) and after tea Mrs. Mitchell held a brief meeting during which she told members of her visit to Macclesfield for the Guild A.G.M. and explained the change in the subscription rates whereby £2 2s. will now entitle a member to life membership. An appeal was also made for new members.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Dobbie and Miss Colegate. The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

P. M. B.

ONE RINGER'S SUNDAY—Continued.

things which give us pleasure, but alas, no spiritual happiness. How many of us, subconsciously perhaps, keep our lives cosily separated from the world of sick, suffering and lonely. We enjoy and admire the good souls among us, but we do not take a lesson from them or exude any goodness ourselves.

I thought of the example of those men who have devoted their lives to ease the suffering of women: of their fellow companions on call day and night to make sure of the safe delivery of 'difficult children,' some of them knowing they will never have a son or child of their own, yet harbouring no bitterness.

Sisters of mercy, who after acquiring high qualifications dedicate their lives to the sick regardless of their belief or disbelief, and who spend half their lifetime in the cold dimness of the night in a lonely vigil over the sick and helpless. And when they have a minute to spare, day or night, they slip into the Holy Room and pray for their patients.

Yes, when I see these examples around me I realise that my efforts to be a real Christian have been practically non-existent. I wonder if I have been given a second chance.

E. D. K.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN RINGERS' FESTIVAL

DURING the past year the bells of Southwark Cathedral have been rung Sunday by Sunday by different bands from the churches within the Diocese. On November 22nd a Diocesan Ringers' Festival was held at the Cathedral. The bells were available from 3 to 5 p.m., and the continually crowded belfry must have given great pleasure to the organisers. At 5 p.m. about 100 ringers attended Evensong. The music was beautifully led by a choir from a church in the Diocese. The lessons were read and the intercessions conducted by diocesan ringers—Messrs. J. Euston, A. Winn and the Rev. A. Clayton. The Provost of Southwark preached a fine sermon.

After the service tea was provided in the Chapter House. In a speech after tea Mr. J. Euston told how this festival had brought to fruition the hopes of many years. Not only his own hopes, but also the hopes of some now dead. He reminded all of the importance of their art. 'Our bells reach many people who can never be reached by a sermon in church,' he said.

The whole occasion was most memorable and enjoyable. It must surely have prompted many minds to think that there should be a Southwark Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Perhaps then we might get a solution to the conflicting territorial claims in the Diocese of Southwark.

The grateful thanks of all go to Mr. Aubrey Winn, Master of Southwark Cathedral, to the Succentor and the Provost for arranging such an enjoyable occasion. We look forward to next year's festival, which is to include the rededication of the Cathedral bells after re-hanging.

A. C.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The nomination meeting of the Chertsey District at Chobham on November 21st was very well supported, more than 70 ringers turning up. Of these 36 notified for tea, but 62 came along! All were fed. Ringing, under the direction of Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, ranged from rounds, through Spliced Triples to Cambridge. The Rev. O. R. Acworth conducted the service, and Mr. Hugh Privett was at the organ.

Mr. A. D. Leach and Mr. R. Caporn indicated that they would not be seeking reelection. Nominations were: District Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; assistant, Mr. C. D. J. Webb; District secretary, Mr. R. Collins; auditor, Mr. D. G. Blows. Mr. Collins reminded the meeting that nominations may still be sent in by post.

Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey asked if the Guild Master would reconsider his decision not to stand next year in view of the fact that the Cathedral bells were to be installed. Mr. May said he could now be prepared to stand, as a number of people had asked him to do so. This was very well received by the meeting.

The Vicar, in welcoming the Guild, said he hoped before they came again Chobham would have a more musical ring to offer. There was some dismay at the prospect of the Cathedral library being housed in the ringing chamber.

R. C.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Johnson 1, G. L. E. Brown (first of Plain Bob Minor 'inside') 2, Mrs. M. C. Brown (first of Plain Bob Minor) 3, J. A. W. Fuller 4, D. E. Lee 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers as a farewell to the ringers of 2 and 3, on their departure to Reading.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

MEMBERS of the Oxford Diocesan Guild might have misunderstood me if I had headed this note 'The Oxford Guild learns to strike.' But all this summer the many Branches of this large Guild, embracing the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, have held Branch competitions on various rings of six bells. On October 24th the winning bands from eight of the Branches held semi-finals and finals to decide the destination of three beautifully illuminated certificates, designed and delineated by Mr. E. Gosling, of Maidenhead.

Bands from Warborough, East Ilsley, East Hagbourne and Adderbury competed at Cowley in the afternoon, with Mr. R. F. B. Speed as the adjudicator. At the same time teams from Hughenden, Hurst, Quainton and Eynsham were at Sunningwell, where the judge was Mr. W. G. Wilson.

With the results of the semi-finals still unknown all the teams, and other members, went on to Radley for an excellent tea, organised by Miss Cross and her helpers. To ensure a full attendance, it was not until after tea that the judges were allowed to announce, with their comments, the names of the two teams from each semi-final to take part in the final, held in Radley tower after tea. The four chosen were East Hagbourne, East Ilsley, Eynsham and Hughenden, who proceeded to demonstrate in no uncertain manner why they had got through so far. Messrs. Speed and Wilson combined to judge the final and were agreed on the excellence of all four teams.

After comments and congratulations on the ringing by Mr. Wilson for the judges, the result was declared as follows: 1 Hughenden, who rang Plain Bob Minor and had 17 faults; 2 East Ilsley, Grandsire Doubles, 21 faults; 3 Eynsham, Grandsire Doubles, 43 faults; and 4 East Hagbourne, Grandsire Doubles, 48 faults. Certificates were presented by the Guild Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, to the first three. Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master, thanked all concerned in making the event such a success. Rumour has it that next year will be the turn of the eight bell bands: they will have to be very good indeed to surpass the standard set by the four finalists at Radley.

W. G. W.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT HIGHCLERE

FOR the third year in succession, Ringers' Sunday was observed by the Highclere team of ringers on November 22nd. Ringing preceded the 8.30 Communion service, and there was also a full team present for 11 a.m. Matins.

The ringing of a peal in the afternoon is also in the annual programme. A good peal of Grandsire Triples was scored in 2 hours 50 minutes, the band including visitors from Thatcham, Bucklebury and Overton and the local company.

Several visiting ringers attended the special ringers' service in the evening. These included Canon F. A. Sanders and his wife, who joined in the ringing for service. Later Canon Sanders preached a much appreciated sermon. Handbells were introduced by six ringing choir members, who accompanied on handbells the singing of the hymn, 'Abide with me.' Two ringers—Mr. G. Dodd and Mrs. Green—read the lessons and ringers acted as sidesman for the collection.

In the ringing that followed the service, a demonstration touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung for the benefit of members of the congregation. Proceedings concluded with light refreshments at the Rectory: once again it was a Bellringers' Sunday to be remembered.

G. D.

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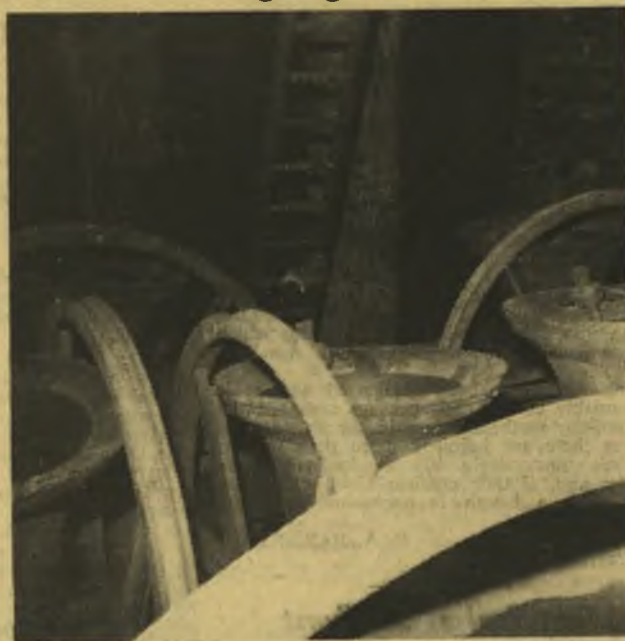
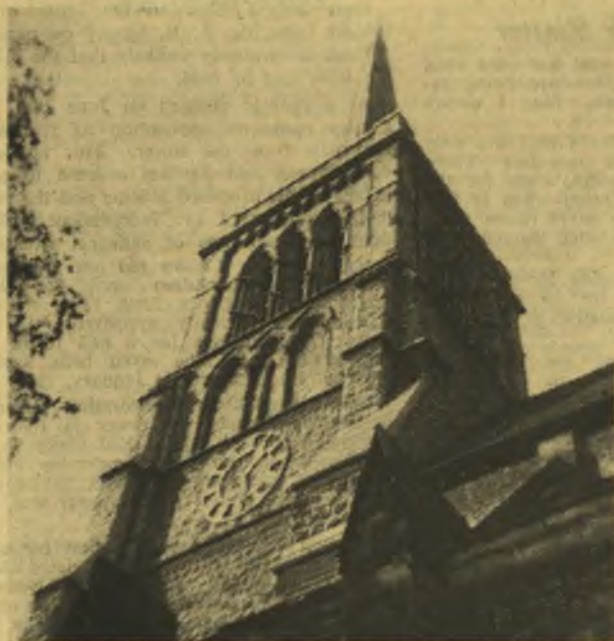
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St. John of Jerusalem will be a Ringing Tower



PICTURED above is the Church of St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, and its bells. It has been without a band of ringers since pre-war days—the last war left the spire unsafe, but even when a new copper spire replaced the old stone one and the bells were rehung ringers were not forthcoming.

At the beginning of September Mr. J. E. Eyre started instructing some young people and, within a month a band was well under

way and the tower, once well known for peal ringing, was again sounding out each Sunday for services and on Tuesday evenings for practice.

Saturday, November 21st, was the 116th anniversary of the opening peal rung on the bells in 1848. To mark the occasion the young ringers made a tour of six local towers.

Starting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, where one of the ringers met us and gave

advice to the young members, ringing followed at St. John-at-Hackney, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, St. Mary's, Bow, Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, and All Saints', Poplar.

Ringers went well at each tower and the only difficulty experienced was finding enough boxes for the smaller ringers to stand on!

New recruits are still coming at a steady pace and Mr. Eyre, the Ringing Master, hopes it will not be too long before some new names are to be seen in the peal columns.

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Letters to the Editor

Is 108 Stedman Triples Impossible?

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to meet Mr. George E. Symonds again at the College Youths' dinner, and to read your column about him in 'The Ringing World' of November 20th.

In 1917, 'The Ringing World' published a series of touches of Stedman Triples provided by Mr. Symonds, for all numbers of changes from 100 to 206 inclusive except for 108, against which was printed 'Stumbling block.' On September 28th, 1917, a letter appeared from Mr. H. W. Fright, once of Ashford, Kent, in which he said that for reasons which he gave a touch of this length was impossible.

This has never been challenged and so is presumably correct, but perhaps some of the present-day mathematicians in the Exercise, of whom there are infinitely more than in Mr. Fright's time, might like to look into the matter and, if they confirm his findings, say why such a length is unobtainable.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

First Peal at Sandhurst

Dear Sir,—With reference to the item in 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of November 20th about the recent peal at Sandhurst, Kent, by the Hawkhurst Guild, I wish to state that it was not the first on the rededicated bells. I conducted a peal for the Sussex Association there on August 10th, 1963, the method being Plain Bob Minor.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BALDOCK.

Eastbourne.

Maintenance Tips

Dear Sir,—With regard to Norman Chadcock's article about belfry maintenance, I hope it will be of interest to readers to know what I have done at Bolsover.

In most belfries it is necessary for some of the ropes to pass through chutes, at an angle, in order to form a good circle in the ringing chamber. I came to the conclusion that these chutes serve no useful purpose as the rope still passes over sharp corners, and if the sally enters the chute this can cause difficulty. I removed the chutes and fitted a roller where the rope passes through the ceiling and where it enters the small pulley box. This has saved a lot of wear on the ropes and made them easier to handle.

I have recently read of two cases where clappers have fallen out of bells. I suspect one of the reasons for the lack of maintenance on clappers is because they are difficult to put back after removal for inspection. I have recently experimented with an idea to make this easier and it has proved most successful.

I removed the split pin above the nut which is screwed on that part of the clapper which protrudes through the headstock. I then sawed down from the end of the thread, in two places, at right angles to the split pin hole. Saw just past the hole then saw the other way to remove these two pieces. This leaves a piece of solid metal in the centre with a hole in it. Do not remove too much metal or the split pin will not serve its purpose afterwards.

When removing the clapper a piece of strong thin wire is passed through the hole, the nut is removed and passed on to the wire and the clapper is lowered from above. When replacing the clapper the nut is put on the wire, the end of which is passed through the headstock and bell. It is then fixed to the clapper which is pulled back into position from above.

All the person in the uncomfortable position under the bell has to do is guide the screwed end into the headstock.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS COOPER.

Chesterfield.

Peals at York Minster

Dear Sir,—Now that a peal has been rung at York Minster applications are being received for further attempts. May I clarify the position?

In the past permission for a peal was only granted for very important occasions. There was an attempt on the middle eight for the coronation of H.M. the Queen when in fact a half peal was rung. In more recent years the late Dean actually curtailed normal ringing a little.

The Chapter gave permission for the recent peal as a fitting welcome for the new Dean, who has been most appreciative of the work of this Society.

The Dean and Chapter are willing to allow very occasional peals in the future when events of sufficient importance justify an attempt.

Any application, whether made direct to the Dean or through this Society, should state the reason for the peal and the name of the conductor if other than the writer.—Yours sincerely,

M. E. WILKINSON (Miss),
Hon. Secretary,
York Minster Society.

Central Council's Collection of Minor

Dear Sir,—I would like to bring to the attention of Minor ringers an error which appears in extents 307-311 inclusive by C. K. Lewis on page 122 of the C.C.C. of Minor Methods. The method preceding the single at that lead head 23645 is a 6ths place method and appears to be wrong. If a 6ths place method is rung then the lead head would be 32654 and of course the part end would not be 34256 as printed.

I was also wondering if any other errors in the collection have been brought to light and if they have ever been published in 'The Ringing World'.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD PENNEY.

St. Albans, Herts.

College Youths' Elections

Dear Sir,—Your excellent account of the Ancient Society of College Youths' dinner could not, of course, include everything that was said. Since my speech contained some remarks about the revised rules covering election of new members to the Society, perhaps you will allow me to make it clear, as I did at the dinner, that in deciding the suitability of candidates we shall rely more than ever on the written recommendations sent by our reliable and respected members in the provinces. The change is that, between nomination and election, four weeks will elapse, for consideration. Neither from London nor from elsewhere will applications go through, as it were, 'on the nod'.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.

16, Craven Hill, London, W.

The Peal at Geddington

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at Geddington (pages 776 and 752), surely any experienced change ringer should know that the difference in time taken to ring a peal on a very long draught could be anything up to 30 minutes according to the methods rung. (Place making or dodging.)

We always choose the method to fit the bells, and someone always says it was a very fair tap.

We have never been chased out of town, and we have never been afraid to drop in the local after the success or failure. Finally, we have never been afraid to ask for the use of the bells at a later date.—Yours sincerely,

M. W. HARRISON.

Holme Pierrepont, Notts.

Worcester Cathedral Bells

Dear Sir,—Further to the letter on the subject from Mr. R. R. Savory on page 776, I think it extremely unlikely that the 6th and 9th were cast in 1864.

At a chapter meeting on June 29th, 1864, Cattley made an application to remove the old bells from the tower. This application was refused and he was ordered to supply details of his proposed scheme and the reports and certificates of two independent architects that the tower was of sufficient strength to carry the bells. Cattley did not produce the necessary documentation until the chapter meeting of November 23rd, 1864, when the scheme was formally approved. He had, however, to arrange for a bell to be rung for services. All the seven bells were removed from the tower in January, 1865.

Early in 1864 the Restoration Committee decided to include the tower in their programme and work was started about October or November, 1864, and extensive building operations continued until 1868, during which time the top 30 feet of the tower was taken down and rebuilt.

Denison's amended specification for a ring of 10, tenor 38 cwt. in D, is dated August 18th, 1865, but it was not until November 20th, 1867, that Cattley applied to the chapter to modify the scheme to 12 bells. The specification (by Denison) for the 12, 50 cwt. in D flat, is signed by Cattley and John Taylor and is dated January 8th, 1869.

This was the ring that was subsequently erected. From this it is obvious that if the 6th and 9th were cast in 1864 they would be the 5th and 8th for a ring of 10, and that if they were incorporated in the twelve then the 6th would be a semitone sharp.

If these two bells had been cast in 1864, Taylors had very little time to cast them; the tower was in an unfit state to hang them; and the local newspapers (which give very accurate details on the progress of the scheme) would have made some mention and if they did not then Cattley would certainly have written a very long letter to them about it. Additionally, Cattley wrote to 'The Worcester Herald' in May, 1869, saying that he had visited Loughborough and seen the tenor which, he said, was the first of the ringing bells to be cast.

Mr. Savory's letter, and other previous correspondence, suggests that some of the old eight were recast, but this was not the case. The 1869 twelve were completely new, there was no recasting or augmentation and none of the inscriptions from the old bells were repeated on the new ones. Also the Bourdon bell was not recast in 1928, but returned from B flat to A.

The weights of the old semitone bells are as follows: Flat 4th, 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., 1869; flat 6th, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., 1875; flat 8th, 18 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb., 1875.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. SLATER.

Worcester Cathedral.

Rings of Four in Kent

Dear Sir.—The article by D.C.L. on rings of four in Kent makes interesting reading, and I am delighted to learn that Waltham bells are in better condition than they appeared to me at a cursory glance a few weeks ago; let us hope that regular ringing becomes possible there.

The list of ringable fours given omits that at St. James', Isle of Grain. These bells are in good ringing order, the tenor being between 6 and 7 cwt., and they are hung in a wooden frame with pits for two additional bells. The four at Plumstead are mentioned as being ringable, but to the best of my knowledge this ring was restored fairly recently by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and hung dead for chiming only.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Gillingham.

LETTERS—Continued

King's Norton-by-Gaulby

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Messrs. Haines, Bagworth and Salter for offering their congratulations to the band who recently rang a peal at the above mentioned tower.

It is interesting to note that eight peals have been rung on these bells, namely: Grandsire Triples in 1776 (the first on the bells); Grandsire Triples in 1816; Stedman Triples in 1926; Grandsire Triples in 1929; Grandsire Doubles (on back six, two on tenor) by local band, about 1931; Plain Bob Major (first Major on the bells), about 1934; Braunstone Surprise Major (first Surprise on the bells), 1936; Cambridge Major, 1964.

Nichols' 'Church Bells of Leicestershire' tells us that Wm. Fortrey, Esq., gave a peal of 10 bells when he completely rebuilt the church in 1760, but finding the weight dangerous he reduced them to eight. He also gave a ring of six to Gaulby in 1741 (tenor recast 1740); a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill (which is in a sadly decayed and unsafe frame); two new trebles to St. Margaret's, Leicester, recasting the trebles to the existing eight and rehanging them in a new oak frame in 1738.

From the above dates, Mr. Bagworth's assumption that the trebles from Norton went to Gaulby is ruled out.

Another point, the late Ernest Morris did ring a peal at Gaulby, over 40 years ago when he turned the tenor in to Bob Minor (the only peal on the bells). Incidentally, these bells are in a 'ringing' state, but are definitely not allowed to be rung due to the insecurity of four very tall and slender pinnacles on the top of the tower.

Getting back to King's Norton, the dates and founders of the bells are as follows: Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Thomas Eayre, 1760; 6th, Thomas Eayre, 1761; 7th and tenor, Joseph Eayre, 1764; and the 4th is one of the previous ring dated 1641.

The frame is in a 'reasonable' state and the bells hang in two tiers—five on the bottom and the three trebles on the top.

Of the eight, six swing in the same direction (including 6, 7, 8 in a row) and treble and 4th in the other direction.

If any ringer or ringers should be in the vicinity of King's Norton (7 miles S.E. of Leicester), it would be a journey well rewarded to see the church in one of the most picturesque settings in the county.

Mr. Bagworth will be pleased to hear that Staunton Harold bells are still in the tower, but are not allowed to be rung because of the hall being acquired by the Cheshire Homes and some dribble about the frame being unsafe.—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss B. Dale 1, D. Brock 2, M. B. Tyers 3, A. M. Johnson 4, A. G. Tyers 5, D. Struckett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong, and prior to a choral rendering of Brahms' 'German Requiem'.

WINTERTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Seuncke 1, Miss D. Toon (first quarter) 2, T. Brock 3, S. High (first as cond.) 4, J. B. Pickup 5.

LEEDS VISIT NORTH-EAST COAST

FOR their autumn outing on October 10th, Leeds Parish Church ringers were able to have a three years old ban on visitors lifted at rethkirk, near Thirsk, where the 8 cwt. tenor could pass for 18 cwt.

The ban had arisen because a broken rope or ropes, left after a meeting held there, had given rise to the report that 'visiting ringers did damage'.

The Rector had warned us that one of his bells 'gave a cracked sound,' but we were scarcely prepared for the sound or rather the lack of sound of Sedgfield tenor. 'There is more ringing in a dustbin lid—but the 'beat' of a ring or five with an inaudible tenor is quite interesting.

The remaining six towers visited contained excellent octaves from Whitechapel, Croydon and Loughborough.

Difficulty in finding St Ignatius', Bishopwearmouth, which is situated in a poorer quarter of Sunderland, and having located it a still further delay in finding the key, reduced ringing time both here and on the sister ring at St. Michael's, the mother church of Sunderland.

There is, alas, no ringing at the former church—a lovely building and equally lovely bells—the sight of a motor coach outside and the sound of the bells attracted a swarm ofurchins hoping to see the bride.

At St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, the musical Taylor eight are now ringing again after some months' silence. And what a snare for the unwary was the extra deep set of the seventh.

At St. Hilda's, South Shields, Charlie Lea's light eight tapped round to Original, and perhaps the best ringing of the day was our Little Bob at Houghton-le-Spring. These bells are literally a delight in both respects—sound and 'go.' A 'special' eight, they were on exhibition in their frame at the Croydon Bell Foundry in 1928.

At Shildon, our last tower, considerable local interest had been created by our visit—the youth club turned up in strength to see how it was done. Welcome refreshments were provided, and an invitation to come again was pressed upon us. These bells have been rung very rarely in recent years but efforts are now being made to form a band. A board records a peal of Grandsire Triples sixty years ago, conducted by the veteran John H. Lenton, who, now nearing his four score years, is still actively ringing at Pontefract.

If anyone should be singled out for thanks for the undoubted success of this outing it should be the coach driver. R. H. D.

LONDON UNIVERSITY AND THE FUTURE

The author of the problems confronting London University Society, mentioned on page 775, was Mr. David Martin's predecessor as president, Mr. Philip Gray. 'I am the legatee of the problems,' continues Mr. Martin. 'He and his predecessor, Dennis Layton, were founders of the Society 19 years ago. As their first pupil, perhaps I might add that the present standing the Society enjoys is due largely to early foresight and continuous devotion.' The problem is the creation of the Northampton C.A.T., as a separate university next year and a split up into two or more universities in London in the near future.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED BLACKLIDGE

Members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association were shocked to learn at their meeting at Tarleton on November 14th, of the sudden death that morning of Mr. Fred Blackledge.

Fred had been a member of the Association for more than 40 years, and although not a prolific peal ringer (his total was 44), he was justly proud of being the last surviving member of the Sunday service band of St. James', Brindle, which rang a peal of London Surprise Minor (the first for the Association) in 1931.

In recent years Brindle has unfortunately lacked a regular band, but Fred, along with others, had lately been teaching some learners, and was hoping to get the bells ringing regularly once more. He was a man of quiet disposition, a capable ringer, who was as happy when standing behind a learner as when taking part himself. He will be greatly missed by the Preston Branch.

The funeral took place at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, on November 19th, and the bells were rung half-muffled by Branch members both before and after the interment.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Brindle, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Chorley St. Laurence's.

C. C.

MRS. JOAN PANNELL

Mrs. Joan Pannell, wife of Mr. Ernest Pannell, a ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, passed away on November 23rd.

She was born in Hartford, Huntingdonshire, and learnt to ring in that area before moving to Darlington in 1951.

Ill-health prevented her from taking part in the ringing at Darlington, much as she would have liked to. She bore her illness bravely, assisted by the loving care which her husband and family bestowed upon her.

She was taken to hospital a few weeks ago, suffering greatly, and there she ended her days. The widower shares his bereavement with a son and daughter. May she rest in peace. F. H.

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University of Wales Abroad

THIS year the University of Wales Society was very ambitious and held its tour in Southern Ireland at the beginning of October.

The main party disembarked at Rosslare at 7 a.m. on the Wednesday morning and knocked up a local hotel for breakfast after having deposited their luggage in a building in the harbour car park. The 'advance party' and the cars arrived at 9 a.m. and we set off for Wexford.

We had been told that the bells of the R.C. Church of the Immaculate Conception were 'out of action' but all that is required are 3 ropes and they are a very good 10. We had only one spare rope and so were only able to ring the back eight.

Two more joined us at Waterford bringing our numbers up to 14. The ringing here started well but was brought to a sudden stop when someone standing in the gallery in the ringing chamber grabbed a moving rope and caused the bell to set! Luckily no harm was done.

After a quick lunch we went out to Kilkenny to St. Canice's Cathedral where we found a light airy ringing chamber and the bells in a 'box' on top of the very squat tower. Due to tiredness we couldn't strike these bells well, but we managed to pull ourselves together for the light six at Doneraile and Stedman and Cambridge went well.

We found a good Chinese restaurant in Cork in the evening which provided a table for 14 and good food and wine. We returned there on the Thursday evening as well.

NONE KISSED BLARNEY STONE

Most of the party slept late on Thursday morning and as the bells at Rosscarbery are out of action we had time to visit Blarney Castle. None of us kissed the Blarney Stone! We had an enjoyable ring on the good 6 at Bandan and then we went back to St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, for a peal attempt. After about an hour and a half of Plain Bob Major a rope slipped wheel and jammed. That evening we rang some sensible methods and some 'party games' on the handbells.

The next morning we set off for Limerick. At St. Mary's Cathedral we found an anticlockwise eight which went very well to Cam-

bridge. We moved on to Mount St. Alphonse, where we found an excellent ten. The priest who met us here had been in Carmarthen for some years and greeted us with the Welsh 'Croeso.' Back to Dublin for the night, where we nearly lost our Welsh nationalist in a demonstration by Irish nationalists in O'Connell Street.

Our first tower on the Saturday was Blessington where a considerable amount of effort was required to ring the bells. The Vicar and local ringers here are keen to have the bells restored.

REAL IRISH BOG

The road to Arklow took us via Glendalough and the seven churches, a very beautiful place. The party in the Opel stopped to take a walk and landed up to their ankles in bog. Arklow bells are a very good eight which we did not do justice to even with a course of Duffield.

The bells at Bray are excellent and we enjoyed our ringing there. Then we went on to Drogheda for an evening's ringing with Mr. Fred Dukes and his band. This is a very good opportunity to send our thanks to Mr. Dukes for all he did to make the tour the success it undoubtedly was. Thank you, Mr. Dukes, come and see us in Wales some day!

The Sunday saw us ringing for services in Dublin. We were allowed to ring the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral before Matins and so after ringing the 12 to rounds, a good quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung on the middle eight. We rang for a short time at the R.C. Church of St. John's Lane and in the afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral.

We had been invited to meet the President of the University of Dublin Society of Change Ringers, Professor Vokes, at his home. Here we were treated to a marvellous tea and were able to chat to the U.D. ringers.

Now there was only one tower left in Southern Ireland which we hadn't visited. St. George's, Dublin. Half of the party rang here for Evensong: the other half (in the Opel) couldn't find the church.

And so to Dun Loaghaire, a calm crossing to Holyhead and after a nightmare of a journey for those of us going to Aberystwyth we were back home ready for another term to begin.

G. C., K. M.

IN AND AROUND SALISBURY PLAIN

WHILE the manœuvring Army played soldiers outside and the last of the season's holidaymakers passed unheeding through a Dorset town, four ringers could have been found in the bar of a quayside inn quaffing pleasantly potent cider and discussing tours past and future.

The plans conceived here reached fruition on October 31st—after some difficulties owing to an unprecedented amount of movement among the clerical profession, leading in one instance to a refusal from a tower in Sussex—bringing together in the south-west corner of Wiltshire ringers from that county, Middlesex and Dorset.

At the appointed time the band's four cars gathered below the four bells of Donhead St. Andrew, which were soon sounding out over the splendid autumn gold of the countryside. These bells were rehung in 1953 and the tenor is by Wasborough Hale of Bristol, better known perhaps as a manufacturer of steam engines.

From four to six, and after a brisk trot around the village by two members of the party, access was gained to Hindon St. John, the bells of which gave some interesting ringing. The next tower was Barford St. Martin, containing a 14 cwt. six, rung from the centre of the church.

Lunch was taken by the plutocracy—being branch officers of the Salisbury Guild—in civilised luxury in Salisbury, while one section took to the fields and the other apparently to Old Sarum.

Spliced Minor in the porch at Winterslow and then a ring under the brooding eaves of East Fytherley, one of two eights on the tour and where with the aid of Southampton a young band is being taught. A mile or two away at Lockerley—vintage Taylor's—some youngsters helped us out.

The well-known picnic spot of the Pepperbox was the venue for tea, and although this tower is without bells—one of the party was seen to be scaling it, doubtless in an attempt to confirm this—it was duly circled! Sustained by this tea, the 22 cwt. tenor of Downton posed few problems and Plain Bob Major was rung in spite of spectators weaving in and out of the ropes halfway through the touch. The tour was concluded with two more sixes—Coombe Bissett and Broadchalke, the latter being particularly enjoyed and the source of some amusement when it was found that there was nothing for one of the youngest tower grabbers (age nine) in the Exercise to stand on. Down went a gallant gentleman and the young lady, supported on his back, gained another tower.

Minimus, Stedman and Cambridge also featured in the repertoire and having completed an almost full if rather elongated circle the band dispersed homewards.

J. C. S.—K. C. J.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (10 callings): Patricia E. Trim (first quarter) 1. E. E. King 2. Sylvia E. Trim (first quarter) 3. E. E. Trim 4. D. J. Withers (cond.) 5. A. J. Tucker 6. Rung for Armistice Day.

HANDBELL CAROLLING

Some Tips by T. Ogden

ABOUT this time of the year I am frequently asked by young ringing friends as to how to go about playing carols around their parishes at Christmastime, and as this may be of interest to a great many readers, here are a few practical hints and tips.

A minimum of 12 handbells is needed, preferably with a tenor size 15 C, but a set with tenor 18 G or 19 F would do just as well. There are many carols and hymn tunes that can be played with a set of 12 notes, but if a few more bells are available, together with one or two shops or flats, the range of tunes can be considerably increased. With two bells to each ringer, six to eight ringers, and two or three others (who need not be actual ringers) are needed, the latter to hold the music for the ringers when playing out of doors. Paste or glue your music sheets on card or hardboard, and cover it with transparent polythene to protect it from the weather.

If your journey takes you over unlighted country roads, two or three paraffin pressure lamps will be handy, and—most important—tie each ringer's bells at the ends of a 4 ft. or so length of stout string and loop this over their shoulders, their bells can then be released for a few minutes if needed without any fear of them being damaged by dropping on the ground. Handbells are very expensive to replace, and your set could be put out of action for many weeks by just one bell being dropped on a concrete road or path—Safety First!

Take a collecting box with you, the name of the organisation for which you are collecting should be on it, and you will find that if this box is presented by a pretty young lady with a pleasant smile it is surprising how much more goes in it!

All your regular churchgoers will appreciate you calling on them, but also call on others, and do not forget the old gentleman who was perhaps a ringer many years until his age kept him from the belfry, or the old lady who may have sung in your church choir many years ago, and who still loves good music, as well as those people better off than most of us.

Especially if playing outdoors, strike your bells loud and clearly, nothing sounds better on a clear, frosty evening, and you will be pleasantly surprised at the enjoyment you, and your audiences, will experience. Everyone will be glad for you to call, and many will surprise you with the welcome and warm hospitality they will extend to you. I know, I have experienced it myself!

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The two most outstanding features of the meeting of the Newark District, held at Winthorpe on November 21st, were the good attendance and the obvious pleasure of the Rev. Dilwyn Davies at our visit.

A touch of Bob Minor by an all-ladies' band preceded the service, and afterwards both the Vicar and the organist joined us for tea in the Village Hall.

The Vicar also presided over the business meeting, and opened it by asking everyone to stand in silence to the memory of Canon Leeper, of Southwell, an honorary vice-president of the Guild, who had recently died at the age of 82.

Mr. A. E. Chilton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the organist, and to the local ringers for their arrangements.

Visitors were welcomed from the Bingham District and from Lincolnshire, and although at times it was difficult to pack everyone into the very small belfry the ringing was much enjoyed.

B. N. R.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: T. Owen 1. A. Lloyd 2. A. S. Bayley 3. P. Davies 4. C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5. W. Norcott 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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TOTTENHAM PARISH CHURCH, MIDDXX

All Saints' Day, 1881.—The rich and beautiful ring of 6 bells has been improved by the addition of two trebles, provided by a few friends as a mark of esteem for their Vicar—opened on All Saints' Day, 1881. New bells weigh 6 and 6½ cwt. and are by Warners, who also repaired the old gear. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

NORTH CHINA—HANDBELLS

SS. Simon and Jude's Day, 1881.—Anniversary of consecration of Dr. Scott, Bishop of North China. About 400 circulars sent to various well-known ringers in England asking for funds to purchase and send out to Bishop Scott a complete set of handbells with case and all books and music thought requisite at a price not exceeding £25. The Chinese have bells but are ignorant in the art of raising and ringing a bell and are entirely unacquainted with change-ringing. The proposed handbells will primarily be used for the purpose of calling the people together to hear the preaching of the Gospel, as in other missions a cornet or a drum has been used with good results.

Besides this, however, it is believed that, from the interest the Chinese show in their own bells and from their mathematical acuteness, they will soon master changes and become, before long, formidable rivals of English change-ringers. . . . No subscription to exceed 5s. The Committee will gladly receive subscriptions from ladies interested in handbell ringing. A subscription list showed that, within a few weeks, (i.e. by the end of Nov., 1881) nearly £8 had already been received.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, SWANSCOMBE, KENT

24th September, 1881.—Opening of bells after rehanging. Had been out of order for considerable time but through the kindness and liberality of Mr. J. B. White and brothers, they were rehung and new ropes added.

ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX

3rd November, 1881.—Opening of these 8 bells—tenor 22 cwt. in E flat, recently rehung by Warners.

NORTH WINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH, DERBYS.

5th November, 1881.—While bells were being raised for practice, gudgeon of 4th broke and let bell down into framework, breaking the wheel and doing other damage. Only repaired in 1878 when new fourth was cast and all rehung.

DEATH OF JOHN FRIEND

15th October, 1881, at Hythe, Kent, aged 77. A College Youth. 'On his occasional visits to London a select band always met the "talented countryman" as he was termed, having performed on every ring of 10 or 12 bells in London.' He rang in peals of 10,304 at Ashford and 13,440 at Hythe, etc.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS

11th November, 1881.—On the 80th anniversary of the opening of the 6 bells, tenor 16½ cwt., a gathering of ringers took place. A 720 of Oxford T.B. was attempted but 'jumbled out in the last 12 changes.' A knife-and-fork tea was provided at the Blue Bell Inn. Ringing went on all day from 9 a.m. and the evening was spent in listening to Mr. J. T. Hollis playing tunes and tapping of change-ringing on handbells—224 Kent—in capital style.

ST. MARY'S, HORNSEY, MIDDXX

13th November, 1881.—720 Grandsire Minor in 28 minutes. Tenor 17½ cwt. 'supposed to be the first ever performed on the bells of this church.'

ST. NICHOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK

15th November, 1881.—5,040 Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples. 3 hours 25 minutes. Tenor 30½ cwt. by 8 members of the Yarmouth Company and members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. 'This is the first peal of the company and the first in Yarmouth for 27 years and by a Yarmouth company for 35 years.'

ACKWORTH PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.

18 Dec., 1880. The six bells, silent for 20 years immediately prior to 1880, reopened after overhaul. Jasper W. Snowden in charge. Tenor 14 cwt. cast by Warners and all rehung by T. Mallaby of Masham, at the cost of Catherine Alice Peel, of Ackworth Park.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM

Since the reorganisation of the Society of Ringers in connection with the parish church as a branch of the Durham Diocesan Association, the progress of the beautiful art of change-ringing has been so steady and satisfactory that this company are in a position to rank themselves for proficiency with any 6-bell company in the Northern Counties, having on Christmas Eve, 1880, completed the hundredth peal, 90 of which have been rung entirely by their own members. . . . The capacious and well-built tower of the church is well adapted for 8 or 10 bells which, in the hands of the present company of ringers, would soon receive ample justice. (They have a 21 cwt. tenor to ring of 10 today.—C.R.).

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD

Christmas Day, 1880: 8 bells opened—tenor 14 cwt. James Barwell, Birmingham, founder, hangers and fitters, James Shaw and Sons, Bradford. Bells presented by William Smith, Esq.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

27 Dec. 1880.—8 College Youths rang 5,120 Kent T.B. Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor 9½ cwt. rung by Rev. E. Robinson. 'This is the finest peal in this method ever called by an incumbent on his own bells.'

FIRING THE BELLS

15 Jan. 1881.—An aged gentleman writes from a Cathedral town complaining of the hideous firing of the bells on New Year's Eve. We have always disapproved of such a practice: there is neither music nor science in it and it must be an intolerable nuisance to the neighbours. Our advice to our aged correspondent is to complain to the Dean and Chapter, who ought not to allow such a practice. Should that fail, to apply to the Lord Chancellor for an injunction.

In a later issue, 'We are very sorry to hear that the bells of Ripon Cathedral were fired on the eve of the New Year—twelve blows to mark the midnight hour. That would not be so bad as the continuous hideous firing complained of by an aged gentleman in another Cathedral town. We think the midnight hour is much better marked by twelve slow and sober knells with the tenor only.'

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 8th. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Ketteringham 1, Miss R. Rich 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, C. A. Hughes 4, P. Fleckney 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Hatchet 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also at St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 14th, 1,251 Stedman Caters: Gillian D. Sewell 1, Brenda M. Foster 2, T. G. Pett 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, G. McIlhone 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, R. O. Humphries 8, P. G. Erith 9, R. W. Powell 10. First on ten 5 and 6. First of Stedman 1, 2 and 8. First of Stedman Caters 3 and 4. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The sympathy of ringing friends will be extended to Mr. E. Sherwood, captain of Ash, Surrey, ringers. He has been discharged from hospital, but is still not fit.

Miss Winifred Keys was unsuccessful in her attempt to call a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Lower Beeding, Sussex, last Saturday. We are informed that the band was not strong enough for the occasion.

The many friends of Ernest G. Pearce will be sorry to learn he is ill in Felix Ward, East Suffolk Hospital, Angelsea Road, Ipswich. The writer is sure Ernie would feel better for a letter or two from a few old friends.

The handbell peal at County Hall, S.E., on November 16th was made possible by the kindness of Mr. Douglas Hughes, who provided a set of bells at very short notice, when it was discovered that none of the band had remembered these would be required!

Cadet Gordon Dickens, of M.V. Bendigo, stood in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at the City Hall, Ballarat. The failure was partially redeemed by a successful quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which he rang his first of Major.

An air mail letter, as we were going to press, informs us that the first peal on the rehung bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, was rung by ringers from Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney on November 21st. It was 5,201 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Tom Goodyer, and participating in the peal was Robin Turner, who recently arrived in Australia.

Inadvertently, in our review of Edgar C. Shepherd's book, 'The Sound of Bells,' we gave credit to G. N. Price ringing Exeter Cathedral tenor to a peal single handed. This was one of the great performances of William Pye during the nearly 40 years in which, to use the author's words, 'he dominated the Exercise.' Those who pointed out the error are thanked.

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Author on T.V.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd, author of 'The Sound of Bells,' appeared on Granada Television show 'Scene at Six-Thirty,' on November 18th. Before he was interviewed a touch on handbells was rung by E. A. Barnett, T. Lock, A. D. Barker and E. C. Shepherd. Questioned about ringers having 'bats in the belfry' Edgar denied that ringers were slightly mad about bells. 'It's probably as big a disease as golf,' he added. 'Once you've caught the liking for it I don't think you ever get rid of it again.' We hear from the publishers that their advertisements 'are pulling well.' Edgar deserves it—it's a good book.

"Provincial Honours"

By ringing at Irton, Cumberland, on November 13th, Mr. Ronald H. Dove, of Leeds, has now rung on every ringable ring in the Province of York, which comprises 13 dioceses and covers the six northern counties, in addition to Nottinghamshire and Cheshire. We feel certain that no one will challenge this provincial honour for Mr. Dove. It must be unique.

At the "Woolpack"

There was a happy gathering at 'The Woolpack,' Beckington, Somerset, on November 21st, following a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. George's Church. The occasion of the peal was to honour the silver wedding of the tower captain (Mr. L. Alan Fear) and his wife. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Fear was very much appreciated.

Golden Bells at March

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leeden, of March, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and local ringers honoured the occasion with a quarter peal on Sunday, November 22nd. Aged 76, 'Bill' rang at St. Wendreda's Church for about 30 years until ill-health forced him to retire. He rang a peal with March ringers a few years ago—the first by a local team since 1819—and has taken part in a great many Sunday quarters over the past 14 years. He was able to hear the bells at his home a mile away.

To Mr. Chris Wallater

It is learned with regret that Mr. Chris Wallater, of St. Giles', Willenhall, who is one of the oldest ringers if not the oldest in the Archdeaconry of Stafford, has been unwell for some weeks. His many friends in the ringing world, in particular, his fellow ringers at St. Giles', wish him a speedy return to good health. Mr. Wallater will be 82 on Christmas Day.

North Wales to Devon

Ringers from Wrexham were invited to Dolgellau on November 21st to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, and to join the local ringers at a dinner arranged to bid farewell to their captain, Mr. E. W. K. Walton, who will shortly be leaving Dolgellau to take up duties at the Royal Naval Training College at Dartmouth.

Corrections

'R.D.B.' informs us that the length of the peal of St. Clement's C.B. Major at Sutterton (page 709) on October 3rd, was 5,008, and not 5,088 as printed.

With apologies Mr. J. M. Donald Betjeman writes regarding the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Walsden, Yorkshire, on November 8th, that the composer was John Millett and the conductor Derek Butterworth.

Long Length Lost

The attempt for the long length of Grandsire Caters at Worsley, on November 21st, lasted only 30-35 minutes, when the clapper of the 8th bell came out. On examination, the crown staple was found to be broken. Mr. Tudor Edwards reports: 'This was not obvious beforehand as everything had been checked and we would not have found this in a month of Sundays. We shall be trying again, probably next May.' The whole Exercise will commiserate with Mr. Tudor Edwards and his band.

Benefactor Wanted

Mr. John A. Hilton, of 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, informs us that 'it is no longer possible to ring the bells of St. Mary's, Hadlow, owing to their bad condition. The headstock of the 4th has split, and the bellfounders have advised us that it is no longer possible to ring them. The estimated cost of the repairs is £591; unfortunately the Parochial Church Council cannot find this sum, owing to other heavy commitments. Meanwhile, if there is a generous benefactor . . .'

Showing the Ropes to Mum

The writer of the front page article has an 18-year-old daughter who is the vice-captain of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton. The article is the outcome of a challenge—to at least 'try'—to ring a bell. Mrs. Evelyn Mason writes: 'I am in middle life, but I was moved to accept her dare. Although I do not know if I shall be able to go on from there, the mere act of trying seemed to open up a new world of endeavour and interest . . . and also prompted the enclosed reactionary write-up.' We are sure the Editor was not alone in enjoying the graphic picture of her experiences that Mrs. Mason has presented to our readers.

Police Honour President

Honour, in the appropriate ringers' fashion by a peal, was paid at Farnworth, Lancashire, on November 21st, to Ex-Insp. T. R. Butler, who relinquishes the presidency of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the end of the year, after three years in office. Thurstans' five-part of Grandsire Triples was selected by the conductor, Ex-P.S. Peter Crook. Now in his 80th year and despite 'gammy' legs, he made an excellent job of this multi-bob and single composition, which is thought to have more calls than any other peal of Grandsire Triples.

American Appreciation

Dr. Harry O. Whipple, of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico, and his wife attended the annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild at Cambridge. He visited three towers, including a run out to Trumpington, and joined the Guild at dinner. In a letter to the Master, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, acknowledging copies of 'The Ringing World,' Dr. Whipple writes: 'One of our fondest memories of England will be that Saturday in Cambridge with the Railwaymen's Guild. I was interested to have the material of Lincoln Cathedral. Did you know that Margery and I had been there, in fact attended a mid-week service of Holy Communion in the Ringers' Chapel? You will be pleased to know that I have entered a subscription for "The Ringing World."'

Sow Littered as Peal Started

As the peal of Yorkshire started at Edenham, Lincolnshire, on November 16th, Mr. Cyril R. Burrell's favourite sow decided to have a litter of piglets. Of course, the peal had a more complimentary purpose, being an occasion for three other members of the band. For Wendy Daw it was a 21st birthday compliment, to George W. Massey, the 22nd anniversary of his joining the R.A.F. and it was on the eve of Shirley Harris' birthday.

Rivalry at Epsom

Practically all the publicity at Epsom regarding ringing has been captured by Christ Church, Epsom Common. And now St. Martin's, Epsom, has again appeared. The quarter peal we publish this week is the first by a local band for at least 15 years.

Five Firsts at Chiddingly

Chiddingly, Sussex, has again entered the picture as a peal ringing tower. Except for the conductor (Alan R. Baldock), all the band were ringing their first peal. The last time any members of the local band took part in a peal was in 1920. The ringers included the Vicar (the Rev. Gerard Summergood), and the peal was being rung in honour of the birth of a son to him and his wife.

"One Ringer's Sunday"

In the Editor's long experience of newspaper work, few articles he has handled have made such a deep impression and painted such a picture of stark reality as the contribution of 'E.D.K.' Some readers might question what the article has to do with bells and ringing. The writer was until recently an outstanding personality in the Exercise, an accomplished peal ringer, whose name frequently appeared in our columns, and an officer of the Ladies' Guild. Many old friends we are sure will, on reading this, send her their love and sympathy and wish her a complete recovery.

Salisbury, S.R.

Last week we had much to say about Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia. From the Church Information Office we are told that on December 20th this silver-grey granite cathedral will be opened for worship in its complete form with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist by the Bishop of Mashonaland. A feature of the cathedral, apart from its ten bells, is the font, a pool large enough for immersion through which water continually flows. The first cathedral was a wattle and daub building put up in 1891. A brick church came two years later, and the chancel of the present structure was completed in 1914.

Kent is her Family

Miss Shelagh R. Collins, Master of the Peterborough Guild, by taking part in a peal of Kent T.B. Royal at her home tower, Kettering, on November 21st, has completed the Kent family from Minor to Maximus. The Guild and her friends in the U.A. will congratulate her.

Cheshire Bells for Canada

A tape-recording of Hyde, Cheshire, bells has been sent to Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada. It is to be broadcast from a tower at Christmas. The tape, made by members of the Sunday service band, includes some Stedman Triples.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer M. Taylor Treble	*John Brain 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
John H. Taylor 3	†D. John Hunt 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 25th peal. † 325th peal.

BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Ronald G. Beck Treble	*Douglas G. Brown 5
David G. Massey 2	*Raymond E. J. Baker 6
David T. H. Robertson .. 3	George W. Massey 7
*Derrick J. Withers 4	Hugh Vennell Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. L. Alan Fear, tower captain, and Mrs. Fear.

CORSTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	†George J. Hawkins 5
Ralph G. Edwards 2	*Richard J. Bowden 6
Sidney J. Woodcock 3	D. John Hunt 7
†Harold L. Palfrey 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 175th peal. † 25th together.

Rung to mark the retirement as Tower Ringing Master of Sidney G. King, after 18 years of office.

PRISTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 30 extents of Grand-sire.

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

*John H. Thompson (12) .. Treble	†Alan F. Lee 4
Leslie R. G. Taylor 2	David A. Burt 5
†Robin L. Coles (14) 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal in two methods. † First in two methods 'inside.' ‡ 125th peal.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods rung as follows: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Paul Scrowston Treble	J. Ian Booth 4
*†Chris. L. D. Munday .. 2	Rev. Frederick Ross 5
Richard D. Gibson 3	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Conducted by Ronald Ducker.

* First peal. † First attempt.

An 85th birthday compliment to Harry Rodmell, ringer at Sutton-on-Hull for over 60 years.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Paul J. Atkins Treble	†Barry Corbishley 5
*Harold Dowler 2	Walter Sherratt 6
Norman Sherratt 3	Roy Worrall 7
*Dennis Latham 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal of Bristol. † 50th tower for a peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHILVERS COTON, Nuneaton, Warwick.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Hubert G. Summers .. Treble	†Geoffrey Pratt 6
Hubert E. Ashley 2	*John W. T. Taylor 7
L. Michael Callow 3	†Ian D. Thompson 8
David J. Allen 4	Ernest J. Gower 9
*Edward Holdsworth 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by John A. Burford.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First in the method. Rung with congratulations and best wishes of the band to Mrs. Elizabeth Beamish, on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

MICKLETON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Eric Styler Treble	Maurice C. Hughes 5
*Peter C. Randall 2	F. Mark Robottom 6
†Clare F. Dolphin 3	Geoffrey W. Randall 7
John W. Perkins 4	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First of Major and 'inside.' † First of Major 'inside.' A 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Maxwell F. Oakshett .. Treble	*Thomas M. Barlow 5
*Alan R. Baldock 2	*Ian V. J. Smith 6
Margaret A. Ladd 3	John W. Smith 7
†Brian E. Jeffrey 4	Ernest J. Ladd Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pistow.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HUTTON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 19 extents of Grandsire, 16 of All Saints, three of April Day and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

P. R. Friend Treble	J. J. Wallet 3
C. E. Hill 2	W. T. Hill 4

R. G. Jones Tenor

Conducted by R. G. Jones.

First as conductor.

Rung to congratulate the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Tindall) on his installation as an Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, on October 31st. Also to congratulate Mr. D. Bradford, a vice-president of the Guild, and his wife, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary on November 11th.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Walter G. Paul Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
*A. Trevor Hawkins 2	Donald F. Murfet 6
*Keith J. Walpole 3	Giles B. Thompson 7
Alan M. Barber 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire. At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WALBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Stuart J. Hutton Treble	Vernon Green 5
Claudia A. Critchley 2	Jack S. Dear 6
G. William Critchley 3	Colin A. S. Harwood 7
Eric Edmondson 4	J. Richard Castledine Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb.

Brian M. Barker Treble	Roger Baldwin 4
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Anthony R. Kench 5
Walter Ayre 3	*Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* 75th peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the consecration of this church on November 14th, 1864.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Donald A. Bedford Treble	Brian M. Barker 4
Walter Ayre 2	Keith D. Waples 5
Augustin V. Good 3	Anthony R. Kench Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Dr. Frank Stedman Poole, who was interred in this churchyard the previous day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.
 Cyril S. Jarrett Treble *Leonard Crouch 5
 Martin L. Howe 2 John W. Smith 6
 Thomas Cullingworth 3 George J. Butcher 7
 Herbert E. Audsley 4 Thomas W. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by George J. Butcher.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam Paul E. Le Saux.

FOLKESTONE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,600 of Cambridge, 1,408 of Bristol, 1,280 of Superlative and 768 of London, with 121 changes of method.
 Tenor 25 cwt, 1 qr, 5 lb. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate Treble John R. Cooper 5
 Ann Jenner 2 Ian H. Oram 6
 Arthur S. Richards 3 Dennis A. Chapman 7
 Ralph Bird 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt, 6 lb. in D.

Garry Wm. Mason Treble David J. Allen 5
 A. Maxwell Lindsey 2 Roland H. Cook 6
 Alan E. Hartley 3 Robert B. Smith 7
 *Basil Jones 4 R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, C.C.C. (Nos. 2-7).

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr, 13 lb. in G.

Roland H. Cook Treble William A. Lacey 5
 Malcolm E. Wade 2 *Aubrey G. Everleigh 6
 Alan E. Hartley 3 Brian S. Chapman 7
 A. Maxwell Lindsey 4 R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Composed by James S. Wilde. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5216 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 7 lb. in G.

Monica M. Jelley Treble J. Martin Thorley 5
 John M. Jelley 2 W. Ernest Rawson 6
 Beryl E. Cawser 3 Russell S. Morris 7
 *J. Edward Cawser 4 E. Alan Jacques Tenor
 Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 50th peal in the method.

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Netherseale, London, York, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 19 lb. in B flat.

Valerie Watts Treble *Christopher M. Sturgess 4
 Arthur E. Rowley 2 John Watkins 5
 *Richard J. Clifton 3 Michael E. Brown Tenor
 Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* 25th peal on these peals. † First in seven methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christopher M. Sturgess.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Shirley Harris Treble Raymond H. Daw 5
 Wendy Daw 2 Cyril R. Burrell 6
 George W. Massey 3 Ronald C. Noon 7
 Denis Woods 4 Brian Harris Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

A 21st birthday compliment to Wendy Daw, November 15th.

SCOTHERN, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Germain.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt, in G.

G. Angus Dixon Treble William R. Parker 4
 Walter S. Smith 2 Geoffrey R. Parker 5
 Charles V. Cade 3 Louis Wilders Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt, 2 qr, 11 lb. in D.

*Nicholas D. Evans Treble Roger J. King 5
 Penelope J. Welch 2 M. Jack Pryor 6
 Nicholas W. H. Simon 3 David J. Llewellyn 7
 Thomas Yeomans 4 Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Major.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr, 1 lb. in G.

Michael W. Coleman .. Treble *Roger W. Powell 5
 Diana M. Frost 2 *†Richard O. Humphries .. 6
 *Anthony H. Smith 3 Edward F. P. Bryant 7
 *Anthony G. Tyers 4 Alan J. Frost Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr, 21 lb. in G.

Clive W. Simpson Treble John R. Ketteringham 4
 Rosemary Rich 2 Peter M. Fleckney 5
 Roger D. Bailey 3 Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Richard W. H. Hayes .. Treble F. Charles Hobson 5
 John S. Rank 2 Ian G. Campbell 6
 *Keith Goldthorpe 3 David S. Johnson 7
 Arthur B. Cooper 4 Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Brian Threlfall.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Three of the ringers are members of the Ely Diocesan Association, and seven members of the Yorkshire Association.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Peter Woolven Treble Paul W. Webb 5
 Ann Harris 2 David R. Ingram 6
 *John G. Hallett 3 John W. Coleman 7
 Richard C. L. Brown 4 Edmund Shuttleworth Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Richard C. L. Brown.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 89 lb. in B.

Sidney Marshall Treble George P. Adams 5
 *Roy E. Cullington 2 Nolan Golden 6
 H. William Barrett 3 David E. House 7
 Kevin S. Hohl 4 Bert Gogle Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Nolan Golden	Treble	Sidney Marshall	5
Kevin S. Hohl	2	*Timothy G. Pett	6
Olive D. Tester	3	H. William Barrett	7
George P. Adams	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 86 lb. in E flat.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt.

*James F. List	Treble	Charles Coles	5
*Peter G. Holden	2	Dermot J. Roaf	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
*Peter Pearce	4	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal in the method.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Christopher C. Clarke	Treble	William A. Yates	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	Edward R. Venn	6
James Linnell	3	George W. Holland	7
Charles E. Truman	4	Ernest G. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. F. Heywood.

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung in memoriam Herbert C. Edwards, of Stony Stratford.

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Paul R. Davis	Treble	Mark W. Sayers	5
*Diana Reeves	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
*Pamela E. Powell	3	Michael W. Coleman	7
*Charlotte A. Bennett	4	Robert A. Reeves	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by Robert A. Reeves.

* First peal. * First of Major. † First in the method. First as conductor.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Rung by the Sunday service band (except the ringer of the 6th), as a farewell to Mr and Mrs. H. L. Roper, who recently moved to Selby, Yorkshire. Mr. Roper was for many years captain of this tower. Also rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. P. Vyvyan, recently inducted as Vicar of Adderbury.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*James F. List	Treble	Peter D. Beedie	5
Charles Coles	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
*Peter G. Holden	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside'.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*Audrey M. Taylor	Treble	Shelagh R. Collins	6
*Ian W. Hall	2	*Michael J. Staley	7
*Sheila J. Staley	3	*James Mitchell	8
Geoffrey E. Watson	4	Arthur Gibbs	9
*John G. Mitchell	5	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by William Willson.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise.			
(2) Oxford T.B. (3, 4) Kent T.B. (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob.			
I. Leslie Walley	Treble	David J. Midgley	4
*Madeleine McCallion	2	Raymond J. Ballard	5
G. Arnold Moore	3	Philip W. Gay	Tenor

Conducted by Philip W. Gay.

* First peal of Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Iart.		Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.	
Ex P.C. Richard Benson	Treble	Ex P.S. Edwin C. Birkett	5
Ex P.C. Sidney Hough	2	Ex P.S. Peter Crook, sen.	6
Inspector Hubert Richardson	3	*Det. Sgt. Charles Bell	7
Ex Insp. Thomas R. Butler	4	P.C. Richard Holt	Tenor

Conducted by ex-P.S. Peter Crook, sen.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung as a compliment to Ex Insp. T. R. Butler who, after three years as President of the Guild, is retiring at the end of the year.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 20.		Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.	
Geoffrey E. Watson	Treble	Barrie Hendry	6
Alan E. Hartley	2	Robert L. Piron	7
John F. Murfin	3	Bernard G. North	8
Murray A. Coleman	4	Arthur Gibbs	9
Malcolm E. Wade	5	Bryan Pattison	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Grandsire and three Pitman's 240's.		Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
Philip C. Pitchford	Treble	Frederick Derry	4
Margaret E. Chilton	2	James H. Musson	5
J. Edward Brown	3	Frederick G. Hooper	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Plain Bob.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
Robert D. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
S. Jane Dowse	2	C. Raymond Larkin	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Raymond Larkin.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent T.B. and five extents Plain Bob.			
Margaret E. Chilton	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
*William L. Exton	2	David Oliver	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Sydney Adams	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 200th peal (150th in Nottinghamshire, and 100th as conductor). Rung as a compliment to Philip Hoyle and Mary E. Adams, on this their wedding day. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6
Howard W. Egglestone	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Philip J. Rothera	3	James L. Towler	8
Claire Dillamore	4	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Andrew S. Hudson	5	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley (Circuit AX).

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Edwin R. Goate Treble	Thomas J. Brock 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	Peter Kindred 6
Freda P. Willgress .. 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
*Jan Margetts 4	Bevan W. Willgress Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BURGESS HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Stanley G. Ponting Treble	Kenneth C. Knight 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Dennis L. Hall 6
*Norman J. Wright 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Jean M. Hall 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by A. F. Lewry.
Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Harry Gravett, 60 years a ringer at this church. Also to congratulate the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson, on their silver wedding anniversary.

HELLINGLY, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.	
*Godfrey M. FitzHugh .. Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
Rosemary Earl 2	Robert W. R. Percy .. 5
Janet M. Percy 3	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth Jane) to the Vicar, Rev. D. E. W. Lockyer, and Mrs. Lockyer.

CHIDDINGLY, Sussex.—At the Parish Church.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 15 lb. in G.	
Norah D. McCarthy .. Treble	Richard R. Kennard .. 4
Rev. Gerard Summergood .. 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
Helen C. Summergood .. 3	David J. Puttick Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Guy Gerard) to the Vicar and Mrs. Summergood.

BECKLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.	
Valerie J. Howard .. Treble	*William Button 4
Derek Slater 2	Herbert W. Woolven .. 5
M. Peter Howard 3	John A. Howard Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

* 75th peal.

As a birthday compliment to Prince Charles and also for the birth of Andrew Mark Slater and the christening of Anthony David Howard.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKETTY, Swansea, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
*Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
*Penelope J. Welch .. 2	David J. Llewellyn .. 6
*Hazel Way 3	Roger J. King 7
J. Arthur Hoare 4	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method. First of Double Norwich C.B. Major on the bells.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.	
*Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	J. Arthur Hoare 4
*Penelope J. Welch .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
*Hazel Way 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of London. First of London for the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.	
Bradley Murduck .. Treble	Denby P. Murduck 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Philip Murduck 6
Michael S. Holbrook .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Paul G. Holmes 4	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung for the ringers' service.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.	
*Roger H. Hunt .. Treble	†Eric Styler 4
†Richard H. Spray .. 2	John W. Perkins 5
Frederick C. Lyne .. 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor and 'inside.'

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.	
Ronald R. Warford .. Treble	Alan Sheppard 4
*Joan Hingley 2	Kenneth B. Sissons .. 5
David Sheppard 3	G. Frederick Terry Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

* First 'inside' of Kent T.B.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods: Wellington Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 306 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in E.	
Harry Poyner 1-2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, S.E.—At the County Hall.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 16.	
John Freeman 1-2	Dennis Beresford .. 5-6
Joan Beresford 3-4	Edwin A. Barnett .. 7-8
Wilfrid G. Wilson 9-10	

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—In the ringing chamber of the Campanile of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, three extents of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's Bob, eight extents of St. Martin's Bob, and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.	
H. William Barrett .. 1-2	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. 3-4
E. Charles Bailey .. 5-6	

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

First peal in seven Doubles methods on handbells by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

All rung at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycoch.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 JERVAUX COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.	
Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method.

On Mon., Nov. 9, 1964, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WENLOCK COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.	
Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method.

On Sun., Nov. 15, 1964, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.	
Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SELKIRK COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.	
Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method.

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WINDLEY. — On November 23rd, 1954, at 15, Porlock Avenue, Harrow, to Mary and Peter, a son, John Peter, a brother for Caroline.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The 1965 tour will be based on Truro, April 17th to 23rd. Non-resident members interested please contact C. Taylor, Truro School, as soon as possible. 5858

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. — The 80th anniversary dinner will be held in the Banqueting Room of The Royal Pavilion in Brighton, on Sat., Jan. 16th, 1965, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets, price 1 gn., available from W. L. Weller, Flagstones, St. Andrew's Hill, Billingshurst. 5864

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Bishop's Stortford District. — Saturday practices in December: 5th, Bishop's Stortford, 7.30; 12th, Brent Pelham, 7.30; 19th, Barkway, 7 p.m. Eastern District members welcome. Weekday practices at Brent Pelham are now on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. — D. Kingston. 5887

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD — Warwick Archdeaconry Dist. — Meeting at Hatton on Dec. 5th Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5, bells after. — Names for tea to P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearsley, Stratford-on-Avon. 5842

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Annual meeting at Ilkeston. Sat., Dec. 5th. Bells 3-8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. — D. J. Marshall. 5873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Womersh and Bramley, December 5th, Womersh bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Guildford Road, Womersh. 5798

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Frindsbury on Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. Philpott, 209, Cliffe Road, Strood, Rochester. — L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5840

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, please. — J. Seager, Sec. 5821

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting Saturday, December 5th, Aspley, Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Smith, 18, Greendale Gardens, Aspley, Nottingham. 5834

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD. — Joint meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.45 p.m. with tea to follow. To ensure tea send names to Miss R. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, Ballards Lane, N.3, or tel. FIN 3994. Ringing arrangements Pinner 2-3.15, Finchley 3-4.15, Hendon 3.15-4.45, Southgate 6.30-8. Will car drivers please offer lifts. — F. J. Matthews and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 5803

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual dinner on Sat., Feb. 6th, 1965, at Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1. Price 1 gn. Tickets available at joint meeting with Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild above 5861

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station). Mon., Dec. 7th, at 7 p.m. 5845

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Hemsworth, nr. Pontifract, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells 3 o.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food. — I. W. Baxton. 5868

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice at Burnham-on-Sea (8) Sat., Dec. 12th, at 5 p.m. — M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Annual meeting at Dunster (8), Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided for number notified by Dec. 8th. — A. R. Tudball. 5880

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sat., Dec. 12th. Sutton-on-Hull (6), 2 p.m., until service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Hull (12). Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 5838

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Annual District meeting at Bolsover, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3-4.30 and afterwards, Tea 4.30, followed by meeting and annual service. Names for tea, without fail please, to Mr. D. Cooper, 84, New Bolsover, Bolsover, Chesterfield. A good attendance please. — Malcolm Phinns, Sec. 5877

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — Meeting at Burbage, Sat., Dec. 12th at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 5871

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. — G. Skinner. 5670

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Chesterton, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 5872

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Annual general meeting at Saturday, December 12th, at Cheltenham (12). Ringing at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.), 5.15 p.m., to be followed by meeting at Church Hall and further ringing. Names to Cyril Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, for tea by Tuesday, December 8th. Bring your subscriptions! — J. B. T. Homfray, Hon. Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Annual meeting Mangotsfield, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to T. Jefferies, 19, Black Horse Road, Mangotsfield. 5882

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Painswick, Dec. 12th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea after service. Names by Dec. 8th to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. 5881

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Annual meeting, Dec. 12th, Christ Church (10). Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 5866

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom Common, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss A. Gibson, 4, Ridgeway, Epsom, Surrey, by Dec. 9th. 5811

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Beckington, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Randall, Sandy Lane, Beckington. — M. de Jong. 5863

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Meeting Dec. 12th at Barrow-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness. — J. F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 5849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Sat., Dec. 12th, A 6 road. Names for tea, please, by Wed. 9th, to Mr. K. Stanton, 116, Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. — L. Walmsley. 5879

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's (Parish Church), Rochdale, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. P. Partington. 5857

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting Burbage, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Old Schools 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lydgate Lane, Burbage. Tel.: Burbage 516. —M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5859

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting Dec. 12th at Hugglescote. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Church schoolroom. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, Leicester. 5747

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come.—N. C. 5844

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting Dinton (6), Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Dec. 9th, to Mr. J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 5843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Sat., Dec. 12th. Windsor. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea by 8th to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 5820

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting at Kislbury, Sat., Dec. 12th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. —F. W. Hancock. 5869

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at St. David's Cathedral, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's, Pembs.—R. Warburton. 5874

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Gillingham, Sat., Dec. 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names by Wednesday, Dec. 9th, to Richard Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, Blandford. Tel.: Childe Okeford 311. 5852

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's,' Whatton. —R. Blackshaw. 5870

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Babworth (6), Sat., Dec. 12th. Names for tea by 8th to Mr. H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. Please pay outstanding subscriptions.—H. Denman. 5875

SUFFOLK DISTRICT.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Ixworth (6), Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5853

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting of Western and Northern Divisions on Sat., Dec. 12th, at Pulborough (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea at the Rose and Crown at 5 p.m. Essential to notify for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 9th to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 5856

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, please note change of date, Saturday, December 12th. Bells available are Bramley (3-5 p.m.) and Armley (6.30-7.45 p.m.). Names for tea by December 2nd to Mr. D. Cox, 39, Bell Lane, Bramley, Leeds 13. Practice methods: Double Norwich C.B.M. and Ashtead S.M.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5831

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Evening meeting at Fakenham on Wed., Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available from 6.30.—C. Tovell. 5883

GIRLS!! Come to our annual 'Ladies' Evening,' held by the Hatfield Guild of Bachelors on Thurs., Dec. 17th. Meet in the saloon bar of 'White Hart,' Hatfield, Herts at 9 p.m. Transport home provided.—E. Edmundson, Hon. Sec. 5862

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District.—Quarterly at Old Alresford, Dec. 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to J. Huggins, 3, Green Close, Old Alresford, Hants. 5865

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Snaith (8), Sat., Dec. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Old Grammar School, Snaith at 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. Carlton bells (6) available 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Buses run hourly from Selby and Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, December 12th at Northill. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 5885

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—December meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Names to Mr. B. Baker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—R. Sheppard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch on November 21st at Marlborough. Mr. T. A. Palmer, secretary, said good progress had been made. Ten monthly meetings were held and a successful outing to the Chichester area.

The Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) reported that two peals and 16 quarters had been scored. Sunday service ringing had been revived at Ogbourne St. George, and three successful outings had been arranged, mainly to give younger members practice in other towers.

Mr. Keeley said he hoped in the coming year to increase these meetings, encourage better striking, persuade younger members to take up conducting and if the necessary financial support could be found to send younger members on a course of instruction.

Miss Jennifer Green, of East Kennett, was presented with a proficiency certificate.

Officers elected were: Mr. G. Newman, chairman; Mr. T. A. Palmer, secretary; the Rev. R. Keeley, Ringing Master; Captain J. D. Mansfield-Robinson, Braheh representative and assistant secretary; Mr. D. Lee, vice-chairman. Thirteen new members were elected. The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall, which was prepared by the ladies of St. Mary's belfry. The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by Canon F. Browne, a lesson being read and a short address given by Mr. Keeley. Ringing was resumed after the meeting until 8 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 30 people were present for the service and tea at High Halden, with its 13th century all-wooden tower, when the Ashford District met there on November 21st.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Gore-Brown), who gave an address. Mrs. Knight was at the organ, and the choir gave their services. Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall, where the cost was largely borne by Mr. J. Burden, captain of the local ringers, and the catering done by Mrs. Burden.

Mr. J. Willis was chairman for the business meeting. Members stood in silence for a moment out of respect for Mr. Walter Everett, captain of the St. Mary's, Ashford, band for over 60 years and District Master for 30 years, who had died that morning. Seven new members were elected to the Association. It was decided to look up particular methods for future meetings, and Little Bob was agreed for the next one.

Mr. Bernard Marks reported that the bells of Brabourne had now gone to the foundry, and that £700 was raised by the church Son et Lumiere Festival in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund—a magnificent effort for such a small village. Mr. Marks also expressed the thanks of the visitors to the Rector, the organist, the choir and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burden.

Afterwards ringing continued on the six bells (tenor 13 cwt) until 9 o'clock, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Berry. C. T. H.

The Dean of Guildford (Bishop G. Clarkson) was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild last Saturday, when a company of 120 spent a very enjoyable evening. On behalf of the Guild, the Master (Mr. Douglas May) presented the Dean with a copy of 'The Sound of Bells,' Guildford Cathedral bells are to be a facsimile of Washington Cathedral's, which are recorded on the record which accompanies the book. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. Simpson 1, R. Blackshaw 2, M. Harrison 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, E. Humphreys 6. To welcome the birth of a daughter to the tenor ringers.

Four Quarters of Plain Bob Major

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1,280				
23456	W	B	M	H
52364	—	1	—	—
34256	S	—	—	S
53264	S	1	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—

25346	—	—	—	S
43256	—	—	—	S
42356	—	—	—	S

32645	S	—	—	—
24356	S	1	—	S
23456	—	—	—	S

1,296				
23456	W	B	M	H
32564	—	1	—	S
53264	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	S
32465	—	—	—	—

25346	—	2	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—	S

25364	S	1	—	S
43256	—	—	—	—
24356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	S

1,440				
23456	W	B	M	H
23564	—	1	—	—
36246	—	1	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
62354	S	1	—	—
32456	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

1,280					
23456	W	5/4	B	M	H
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42356					
25346	X				
32465		1			

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