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THE MESSAGE

A PHRASE frequently heard is to claim that Charles Dickens immortalised Christmas in the homes of our country. But its roots are far deeper. The 'Mass of Christ' is first mentioned in the Philocalian calendar, drawn up at Rome A.D. 336, while the Christmas carols date back to the 15th century. The first printed collection of carols came from the press of Wynkyn de Worde in 1521, and contained the famous 'Boar's Head Carol,' which is still sung at Queen's College, Oxford, on Christmas Day. Charles Dickens, however, made a notable contribution by bringing to the ordinary people the spirit of goodwill. The secular side of Christmas is firmly enshrined to-day and is to a large degree commercialised. Such comments as 'a good Christmas,' referring to the amount of the business turnover, are frequently heard, or the term 'good' is measured by the degree of festivity—that little extra to eat and drink and the other things that gladden the heart of man. These aspects of Christmas are inescapable; they surround us on every side. We do not condemn them. The essence is the true perspective and remembering that these are all subsidiary to the main reason for the Feast of Christmas taking such a prominent part in our lives.

As these lines are being written the hoar frost has covered the countryside with its magical whiteness. There is a stillness over the land. Such a silence is good. It is an escape from the artificiality of modern life, provided almost mysteriously by Nature's unseen hand. The mind goes back to that same silence in the hills above Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago, broken in such a miraculous manner by the heavenly hosts proclaiming the birth of the Saviour with the message, 'Peace on earth; goodwill towards men.'

Such will be our responsibility to proclaim to our day and generation as we ring on Christmas morning. There is a purity in the sound of the bells when heard over a frosty countryside. The trebles become prominent, soaring their music above the hum of the tenors. In the stillness everything is accentuated; the least imperfection is at once detected. Let there be nothing false in our ringing this Christmas; may the message of goodwill be rung with that true sincerity.

We hope that a correspondent will not write to the Editor and say: 'My village was denied the heavenly message of "goodwill to all men" because the ringers were absent.' If ringing means anything more to us than a pastime or a game of football, we should be in our places in the belfry. The whole world will be waiting for the Christmas message to lift its thoughts from the paganism that in places surrounds its life, and where the bells are silent there is a spiritual tragedy. Ringing on such occasions in life is the fundamental purpose of the Exercise. This is the purpose of all our ringing: the masses of technicalities that at times seem to loom so large are mere trivialities compared with the Message. First and foremost we ringers are His servants and members of His Church.

For the bells to give their spiritual message of goodwill something more than the individual skill of the ringer is required. One essential demand is sincerity and belief in the purpose for which we are ringing. Goodwill in our own hearts is required. A preliminary is the casting out of that spirit of nastiness, distrust, petty fault-finding and self-glorification. The goodwill must start in our own tower and extend to the district and Guild or Association. Christmas is the time when we must throw off all that is worst in our characters and conduct and put on all that is lovely and of good report.

With such a spirit in our hearts we shall descend from the belfry and join with other members of Christ's family in the worship and adoration of His Son, Who was made carnate that through Him we may have life. Then the immortal gift of the love of God will transcend into our hearts and we can take courage with the thought:

Earthly kings their tributes brought Him,
  Gifts of gold and spices sweet,
But as precious were the offerings
  Humble men laid at His feet,
Simple shepherds' adoration,
  Little children's wondrous love,
These were counted costly treasures
  By the Lord of Heaven above.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

FRANK E. PERVIN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
HOWARD HOWELL	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*ALAN A. POTTS	6	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
MURIEL REAY	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
ANTHONY AGER	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
HARRY POYNER	6	†HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on twelve bells. † 500th peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

JILL BRITTAIN	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	7
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	8
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	4	T. MARK WHITE	10
JOHN CHILCOTT	5	ROGER O. FRY	11
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT / CYRIL DEEM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	SAMUEL BIRCH	10
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	MAURICE G. TURNER	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6	†W. GEORGE PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on twelve bells 'inside.' † First peal on twelve bells.
Specially arranged and rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, and an appreciation of his 58 years' service in St. Peter's tower and for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in D.

PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*RAYMOND F. SMITH	2	*ARCHER T. LOWMAN	7
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
*HERBERT LOWMAN	4	JOHN FREEMAN	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	CHARLES E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	JOHN B. SANSOM	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	5	WILLIAM H. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.
A birthday compliment to Hugh M. Page and the conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	*GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
*ARTHUR G. BASON	2	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
*WILLIAM LOVE	4	*BERT GOGLE	9
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ANNE B. SPEED	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	*Treble*	ERNEST BEADSMORE	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALBERT L. CADWELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
FREDERICK C. CASE	2	VICTOR S. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG	3	REGINALD H. HOWSON	7
WILLIAM YATES	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
*PETER MARRIOTT	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
SIDNEY H. JONES	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal of Stedman.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
WALTER G. SOAR	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

RANMORE COMMON, DORKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*MARGARET BROWN	*Treble*	GORDON W. PETERS	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
JOHN S. SEAGER	3	ARTHUR SMITH	7
ROWLAND W. MORANT	4	GEORGE COLDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN G. A. CLEAVER	*Treble*	‡D. KAY ADKINS	5
*FREDA G. ATTWOOD	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	§WILLIAM WENBAN	7
†REGINALD ROWLEY	4	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. § 200th peal.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS W. MELLIN	*Treble*	D. PORTWAY	5
J. CHALK	2	R. SUCKLING	6
W. H. P. MELLIN	3	S. BONES	7
*MISS B. SUCCAMORE	4	E. BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. SUCKLING.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Chalk and Mrs. E. Bright.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 47 lb.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	5
THOMAS R. SIMMONS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
HERBERT HOWLETT	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
*C. WILLIAM HALL	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*J. DAVID MOZLEY	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*RONALD A. E. DUNN	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	†RONALD D. AIREY	6
†DENIS R. AIREY	3	†RICHARD BUSBY	7
‡THOMAS COOKE	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD (C.C.C. 62). Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*R. JAMES COOK	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
FRANCES EDGAR	2	JOHN B. GUY	6
†ROBIN G. TURNER	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
†DONALD NIBLETT	4	‡PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First tower bell peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal this year. The 200th peal rung by the Society.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*FRANK WALKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
*ARTHUR MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,728 Cambridge, and 1,664 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 121 changes of method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*LLEWELLYN ALLUM	*Treble*	*RUSSELL PARKER	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	*ALBERT E. WHITING	6
*FRANK RUFFLES	3	*WALTER W. MILLER	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor and on the bells.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	*FRANK L. HARRIS	5
*MRS. JEAN HARRIS	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of London Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BRADNINCH, DEVON.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DISEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
BETTY SMITH	2	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS	6
ELIZABETH BROWN	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
RENATE BUCKTHALL	4	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*JOHN ANTHONY SOMERS	*Treble*	GEORGE H. SHUKER	5
†DOROTHY A. RICHARDSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
ETHEL COLLIER	3	WILFRID J. MOSS	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	†CYRIL C. A. HARPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Vicar, Rev. P. A. Ettrick, to Miss E. M. Snails, of Shepton Mallet, which took place on December 4th at Shepton Mallet.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 7008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
DENIS A. FRITH	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	7
EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Longest peal by all except the conductor, and longest in this method for the Guild. The composition, now rung for the first time, appeared in 'The Bellringer,' 1907.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

TOM WILDE	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	5
*JOAN CARTER	2	JAMES CARTER	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7
JOHN R. HEAD	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Kent.
Rung fully muffled. In memoriam Isaac Sidebottom, for many years conductor at the above church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	†SYLVIA CAIN	5
ALEC RICHARDSON	2	BASIL JONES	6
†ELISE BRENTNALL	3	JAMES A. MILNER	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	WILFRED STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob.
Rung to celebrate Mr J. W. Hartley's 50 years as a ringer at Norbury Parish Church.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

*CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3	DENNIS ROE	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas, and to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the first peal of Major rung in Cornwall.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
WILLIAM H. MELLIN	4	NORMAN R. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
KATHLEEN I. TIVEY	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
EDWARD F. GOBEY	3	MARK J. BARKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the augmenting of the bells on this date. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOAN SMITH	*Treble*	*ARTHUR B. COOPER	4
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. E. R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	ERNEST PRESTON	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
The first peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
MARION GRAIN	2	ALBERT R. HURST	5
CYRIL A. HURST	3	*JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* 25th peal together.

Rung to welcome the Rev. H. P. Hart, who was instituted to the Vicarage of Stapleford on November 19th.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
JAMES W. GROUNDS	2	RALPH TAYLOR	5
KENNETH EDWARDS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
*EDWARD J. JENNER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
ERNEST J. LADD	3	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. J. Ladd has now rung each bell to a peal

Rung half-muffled for the death of Major A. Peareth, brother of the Vicar.

NEWINGTON (FOLKESTONE), KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being fourteen extents each of April Day (three callings) and Plain Bob (four callings), ten extents of Grandsire, called differently, and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangements.
Tenor approx. 10 cwt. in A flat.

*ROSEMARY P. LONGHURST	*Treble*	‡JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	4
†‡M. JOHN MARTIN	2	‡CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
*G. FRANK GRAY	3	EDWARD J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Slingsby, a ringer at Cheriton.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	PETER T. RYE	4
*FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	2	SGT. H. FURMINGER	5
JANET R. WELLS	3	GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RUCK.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal of Plain Bob by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to Sgt. Furminger, who returns to Germany to continue his service there.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ERNEST MASTIN	*Treble*	JOHN FOX	4
CYRIL COUSINS	2	HARRY FOLLEN	5
*STANLEY ELSEY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

* 50th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	*Treble*	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) ..	4
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') ..	5
R. D. EDGE (Queens') ..	3	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Minor.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON ..	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
†R. JAMES COOK	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
PETER BORDER	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First tower bell peal as conductor.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALBERT W. KELVIE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	4
FREDERICK S. MACEY ..	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	3	TOM SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SAUNDERS.
A birthday compliment to the conductor. W. R. Manser has now 'circled' the tower.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Reverse St. Bartholomew (two callings), 1,200 April Day (four callings), 1,200 Plain Bob (four callings) and 2,160 Grandsire (ten callings, including a 240 each of Morris's and Lindoff's).
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROY HALL	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER ..	4
DENIS ALLSOP	2	PETER J. THOMAS	5
KENNETH H. ROWLAND ..	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK E. BARKER ..	*Treble*	JOHN M. KEMP	4
ROBERT HOWARD	2	PHILIP J. COWARD	5
ARTHUR J. BULL	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
First peal on the recently retuned and rehung bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 15 methods with 86 changes of method, viz. (1) College Exercise Treble Bob, (2) Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ..	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

MARY FULLER	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD ..	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	5
*COLIN J. CHAMPION ..	3	†RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.
* First peal in four methods. † 200th peal.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the church.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	*Treble*	*W. ALAN MUDDELL ..	4
ANTHONY W. BARLEY ..	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	5
SIMON L. BARLEY	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: One of Cambridge and Primrose Spliced, one of Cambridge and Ipswich Spliced, two of Primrose, two of Ipswich and one of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*NEVILLE WHITNEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. OLDMAN ..	4
*JOHN NICHOLS	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal of Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG	1—2	ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
A birthday compliment by his fellow veterans to William J. Thyng, 80 on this date.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT 147, KINGSTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER BORDER	5—6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3—4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	7—8
FRANK P. WRIGHT ..	9—10		

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.
* First peal in the method and 100th peal.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 10, RICHMOND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER C. WRIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	3—4	FRANCES EDGAR	7—8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT 10, STOCKMORE STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5—6
PETER BORDER	3—4	FRANK P. WRIGHT ..	7—8
R. JAMES COOK	9—10		

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. No bobs called.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED HINDLE

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest members in the death of Mr. Fred Hindle, of 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn. He was a ringer at Blackburn Cathedral and joined the Association in 1907.

Mr. Hindle was also secretary of the Branch for many years, carrying out his duties in a most efficient and cheerful manner. One of the most even-tempered of men, he was always a great help to beginners. Of late years, owing to his illness and his inability to climb the belfry steps, he has done very little ringing. In all he rang about 120 peals.

He was laid to rest in Plessington Cemetery on December 1st.

MR. CHARLES WILLIAMS

One of the oldest ringers of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Charles Williams, died on November 30th in his 82nd year. The funeral service was at Harborne Parish Church on December 4th and cremation took place at Perry Barr.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World,' December 20th, 1912

LONG STANTON, CAMBS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 12th, 1912, in 3 hours and 16 minutes

At the Church of All Saints

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Rev. H. Law James	Treble
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	2
Rev. W. C. Pearson	3
William D. James	4
T. Reginald Dennis	5
William B. Kempton	6
Frederick Pitstow	7
*Rev. H. B. Woolley	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

[They had just been augmented from three to eight. The Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, was the father of one of the most able ringers of the present day, Mr. C. W. Woolley, and taking part in the dedication service was the Rev. H. G. Hooton, father of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton. The peal was also the 200th by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley, Suffolk, and founder of the Cambridge University Guild, 93 of them having been on his own bells.]

ISLEWORTH, MIDLX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. S. E. Charnley 1, Miss E. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, F. D. Bishop 5, T. E. Davies 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

WEATHER HAZARDS IN LONDON

Joint Meeting of Middlesex Association and Cumberland Youths

The South and West District of the Middlesex Association was to have joined forces with the Cumberland Youths on December 6th for a meeting in London. Steeplekeepers kindly co-operated but the weather was forgotten. Keen frost and thick fog were a splendid combination to upset anyone's plans and the only ringers who ventured in from the south and west suburbs (and beyond) were the Ringing Master (Mr. R. D. Price), the secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and Mr. Sansom, of Heston!

That is not to say the meeting was a fiasco. Far from it. There was a good sprinkling of Youths and many provincial visitors, bringing the total attendance to 40 or so. In the absence of Mr. George Cross through illness, ringing was in charge of Mr. T. H. Francis for the Youths, and Mr. Price for the County Association, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise on eight, ten and twelve bells.

Thanks were accorded to the steeplekeepers for meeting the visitors, and it was a great honour to shake hands with England's newest film star, the Wizard of Westminster—William H. Hewett. Due notice of the première of his film will appear later.

Ringing took place at St. Giles' and St. Martin's—both 'in-the-Fields,' and it was almost believable in that fog—and at St. Margaret's, Westminster. F. W. G.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 Norfolk, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire: C. N. Bennett 1, P. J. Thomas (cond.) 2, J. S. Haines 3, K. H. Rowland 4, D. Allsop 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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Next week 'The Ringing World' will be on sale on Wednesday. Notices for insertion in that issue must reach 'The Ringing World' office by Saturday, December 20th. If necessary, phone Guildford 5028.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers' Society, Christchurch, New Zealand, have forwarded to the Editor a Christmas card with their good wishes to all ringers in this country.

The clock at Chester Cathedral has neither hands nor face—'only bowels.'—Clockwise.

Oxford University Society's annual lunch will be held on February 7th, 1953.

Heard in a Gloucestershire tower:—The new recruit having broken the treble stay moves on to the secontd, looks round and says 'Look, **three** seconds going—gone.'

Mr. W. Kingscott, of Wrington, has had the unusual distinction of ringing the tenor of Exeter Cathedral from both positions—as a 'strapper' and now as the tenor man.

Owing to masonry work in the bell chamber at St. Margaret's, Leicester, there will be no further practice or Sunday service ringing until early New Year.

Mr. William Rose has had to wait 30 years to get his first peal at Walpole St. Andrew, Norfolk. His previous attempt to the successful one on December 1st was in 1920. This peal was lost in the last 720.

The peal at Lamberhurst, Kent, on November 29th, was arranged as a triple birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett and Mr. Albert Relfe. The bereavement of the Vicar by the death of his brother necessitated the ringing being half-muffled.

A small number of Mid-Devon members spent a very pleasant evening on a recent Wednesday when they visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, which is at Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot. Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor were creditably rung on handbells after which Mr. and Mrs. Lilley kindly provided light refreshments.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral by the Society of Roving Ringers was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Southam. The band would like to express its grateful thanks to Mr. Fred Wreford and Mr. Cyril Deem for their trouble in arranging the attempt and preparing the bells.

The handbell table of the Peals Analysis Committee for 1951 will be published in our next issue.

'Tis said that Mr. Harold J. Poole had to dial 999 to invoke the aid of the police in ringing his 999th peal. The 1,000th has duly followed. Congratulations on a unique record.

Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, Master of the Evesham Guild of Ringers, is in Evesham Hospital undergoing an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. E. Jeater is spending Christmas in France from December 22nd to December 30th. Remittances arriving at his address between these dates will not be acknowledged until his return.

Mr. C. Woodcock, of Ipswich, informs us that the clock in the church tower at Stoke-by-Clare was, according to tradition, built by the village blacksmith about 1490. It keeps good time and has an hour hand only.

Mr. John Checksfield, of The Firs Farm, Tenterden, who has been sidesman and churchworker for several years, wishes to thank the Ashford band of ringers who so kindly rang for his 101st birthday on December 6th.

The band that rang the peal at Heanor on December 8th are indebted to the local ringers, who although not yet peal ringers themselves, gave the visitors a warm welcome and provided cups of tea and cakes after the peal. It was a grand gesture and very acceptable on a cold December night.

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TWO RINGS RESTORED IN LONDON

St. Mary's, Bow—St. Dunstan's, Stepney

LONDON, as is well known, suffered more in proportion to any other large city in loss of bells as a result of enemy action. This has considerably retarded progress in the art and has severely crippled the activities of the College Youths. Facilities for practice and peals have been very limited—only three practices per month being possible and opportunities for peals very few.

There are indications that a more hopeful state of things is coming about and on Sunday, November 30th, the Bishop of London re-dedicated a very nice ring of eight at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E. The church was crowded to capacity and there are signs that the sound of the new bells has reawakened interest in church life.

The tower of this church received a direct hit in 1940 and the bells, which came from the Whitechapel foundry in 1760, were irreparably damaged. Recently the top position of the tower has been rebuilt and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have installed a delightful new ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), hung with modern fittings in a teak frame. The ringing room is now on the ground floor and the bells are easily handled from that position.

Arrangements are being made to control the volume of sound heard in the vicinity so that the bells will not cause any inconvenience to people living nearby. During the ringing for the dedication, people living in large blocks of flats near the church threw open their windows so as to appreciate the full beauty of the tone of the new bells.

Another restoration, which has been much appreciated by London ringers in general and the residents in particular, is that of the famous ring of ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

The church was founded 1,000 years ago by St. Dunstan and the parish extended from the eastern boundary of the city to Barking. It included the parishes of Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Whitechapel, Bow and what is now Limehouse and Poplar. Incidentally, the parish of St. Mary Bow, East, was one of the first to be carved out of the old parish of Stepney. The present church is a fine example of 15th century architecture and in the chancel is preserved a stone carving of the Crucifixion dating from the latter part of the 12th century.

The tower contains a ring of ten bells cast at the Whitechapel foundry in 1806 to replace a heavy ring of eight. The tenor was originally given to the Priory of Holy Trinity, Aldgate, in the 14th century and was sold with three others to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, about 1540.

The church was badly damaged by bomb blast on more than one occasion and the upper part of the tower was found to be unsafe. The treble, 4th and 8th bells were found to be cracked. These have been recast. The others have been sandblast and retuned and the whole ring rehung with completely new fittings in cast iron framework. The upper part of the tower has been completely rebuilt. The weight of the tenor is 29 cwt.

At a recent meeting of the College Youths great satisfaction was expressed by all at the improvement in the tone and 'go' of the bells. The work was done by the Whitechapel foundry.

Opportunities for the College Youths to practise on these two restored rings will provide greater scope for advancement in the art.

J. F. S.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The following officers have been elected for the Oxford University Society:—

Master, R. G. Turner (Jesus); secretaries, J. M. Wilson (Trinity) and S. M. Clayton (Somerville); treasurer, R. J. Cook (University).

TRIPLES AT NEWPORT (SALOP)

After a Lapse of 22 Years

The rededication of the eight bells of St. Nicholas', Newport, took place at a special choral evensong conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. H. L. Bradley).

The second and sixth bells of the octave have been recast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the bells have been rehung on ball bearings, the old oak frame has been strengthened and J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., of Whitchurch, have installed new hammerwork for the clock chimes, the whole work costing about £550.

During the service the Rector gave a brief address in which he said that it was a happy coincidence for the bells to have been prepared in time for the celebration of the patronal festival that same evening. St. Nicholas was not only the patron saint of children, but also of those engaged in fishing and sailing the seas, and seeing that Newport, many centuries ago, was a small fishing port situated by a great inland lake, long since dried up, it was only natural that St. Nicholas should have been chosen as patron saint of the Parish Church. He concluded by thanking the bellringers for their loyal services over the years and all those who had subscribed towards the cost of the bells. 'People will bless this work for years to come.'

During the hymn 'For all the Saints' the choir proceeded to the west end of the church under the tower for the blessing of the bells by the Rector, who, immediately this had been done, chimed the second bell for a few moments. As an act of thanksgiving the choir, ranged in front of the altar steps, sang the 'Te Deum.'

The bells were soon pealing out their merry sounds throughout the small market town situated in the Shropshire plain. Visiting ringers were welcomed from Market Drayton, Gnosall, Lilleshall, Hadley and Chetwynd, including Mr. G. L. Hewitt, of the Shropshire Association, and all paid complimentary remarks on the 'go' of the bells—a fine tribute to Horace Myatt and Roy Marsden, of Messrs. Taylor and Co. Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Mr. Tom Talbot, the tower captain, and his brother, Mr. Sam Talbot, will long remember this occasion as it presented them with the opportunity of ringing Grandsire Triples after a lapse of 22 years.

The inscriptions on the two recast bells are:

Second.—Commemorating Golden Wedding George and Mary Jones. P. H. L. Bradley, Rector. A. O. Talbott, I. Armstrong, Churchwardens. D. Keddie, Hon. Sec. P.C.C. Recast 1952.—Taylor, Loughboro'.

Sixth.—
Ring out the darkness of the land
Ring in the Christ that is to be
Ring on in happy memory of Charles Hughes Lomax
And Ann his wife who died February A.D. 1949.
Recast 1952.—Taylor, Loughboro'.

L. C. I. W

BELLS OF MAGDALEN, OXFORD

John Betjeman has written a poem on 'The Bells of Magdalen' which has been published in the winter number of the Cornhill Magazine. It was inspired by hearing the bells from the Botanic Garden, Oxford, on St. Mary Magdalen's day (July 22nd). Two of the eight stanzas are:—

'A grassy kingdom sweet to view
With tiger lilies still in flower
And beds of umbelliferae
Ranged in Linnaean symmetry
All in the sound of Magdalen tower.

Before the spell began to fail,
Before the bells have lost their power,
Before the grassy kingdom fade
And Oxford traffic roar invade,
I thank the bells of Magdalen tower.'

YOUNG RINGERS JOINING THE NORTH STAFFS

Association's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on December 6th and was attended by representatives from the following towers:—Astbury, Bucknall, Cannock, Newcastle, Stafford, Wolstanton, Norton, Broughton, Hanley, Brown Edge, Leek, Biddulph, Kinsley, Stoke, Longton, University College, Keele.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall at the invitation of the president, the Ven. P. Harthill, Rector of Stoke. He was supported by Mr. R. S. Anderson (chairman) and Mr. W. Carnell (secretary).

The annual business was conducted after tea and the secretary reported that twelve ringing meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 35. Thirty-nine peals had been rung, 19 on tower bells and 20 on handbells. The conducting had been shared by the following ringers.—F. W. Grocott 19, M. O. Slaney 5, F. W. Wilshaw 3, W. P. Deane, W. Hazeldene, G. H. Hall, Miss J. M. Henshaw, D. Knox, C. H. Page and P. Border one each.

Congratulations were offered to the band who took part in a peal of Royal in eleven methods on handbells.

The following officers were elected:—President, Archdeacon P. Harthill; chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Hall; secretary, Mr. W. Carnell; Ringing Master (6 bells), Mr. W. Hazeldene; Ringing Master (8 bells), Mr. A. Moore. A tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the late Alfred Ryder, who had been a regular member of St. Edward's, Leek, for 47 years.

The following towers are to be visited during 1953:—January, Longton; February, Burslem; March, Wolstanton; April, Cheddleton; May, Leek; June, Swynnerton; July, Broughton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Hanley; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke (annual meeting).

The president, in welcoming the ringers, said that this year he noticed an appreciable increase in the membership of the association and was pleased to note that this was mostly among the younger generation. This was the largest attendance that had been at Stoke during the period of his presidency which had now lasted 18 years.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his very kind welcome, which was seconded by Mr. D. R. Whalley.

The company was entertained after tea by the following junior handbell ringers.—A. Pessall, A. Lambert, J. Wootton and J. Ratcliffe, who reminded us of Christmastide by the tunes of the usual carols. Much credit is due to Mr. F. Wilshaw for their training.

Ringing continued on the tower bells under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Arnold Moore, until 9.15 p.m.

D. R. W.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Sedgley on November 29th in very wintry weather but in spite of this 25 members attended. The curate (the Rev. D. Skelding) conducted the service in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

After tea Mr. Fred Bennett presided at the meeting. The appointment of a new secretary was again postponed until the annual meeting in April. Mr. Colclough, the present secretary, would be pleased to receive nominations for same.

Members then returned to the belfry for further ringing. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Ben Fullwood for making all the arrangements.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District Annual Meeting

Over 30 members and visitors attended the Southern District annual meeting at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on December 6th. The members represented Aberavon, Porthcawl, Cadoxton, Neath, Sketty, Llandilo, Cefn-Coed, Gorseinon, Duffryn, and the visitors were from Winchester and Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. Slaney, who is now teaching at Llandovery College, was accorded a special welcome.

The service was fully choral with some of the young ringers in the choir. The Rev. J. E. Lewis conducted the service and gave a very suitable address.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and as usual all were pleased with the good things provided. A vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for preparing the food and service.

The chair was taken at the meeting by the Rev. J. E. Lewis, who welcomed the ringers to St. Catherine's. Mr. Arthur Hoare, hon. District secretary, and Mr. Trevor M. Roderick, hon. District auditor, were again elected for the ensuing year.

After much discussion it was decided to accept an invitation to Aberavon for an open practice to commence at 3 p.m. on March 1st. This is to take the place of the usual Guild meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to go on with the outing for 1953, and a proposal by Mr. Roderick to hold it on June 20th was carried. The route and chartering of bus were left to the committee.

With the object of encouraging young ringers Mr. Roderick proposed that after they had passed certain elementary preliminaries they should be introduced to the Master of the Guild at a quarterly meeting and that their names should be entered in a minute book. A rider that a suitable ringing book should be given to members was also carried.

Four life members and one ordinary member were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. E. Lewis for presiding and for conducting the service, and to the organist and choir for assisting at the service.

It was regretted that Canon W. J. Thomas was unable, through illness, to be present. This was supported by Mr. J. T. Williams.

The Rev. J. E. Lewis, in his reply, said he would convey their sincere wishes to Canon Thomas.

A return to the tower by all kept the bells ringing to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge until 8 p.m. J. A. H.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Lathey Retires After 21 Years as Secretary

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held on December 6th at Lyme Regis, it having been proved not practicable to hold it this year at Bridport; and though Lyme is at the western extremity of the District, over 30 attended and there was no fog in this county to impede transport or dull the proceedings.

An hour's ringing on St. Michael's eight (destined for the foundry early in the New Year) preceded the service. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. Wheeler, Vicar of Beaminster, and an address was given by the Vicar of Lyme Regis, Canon C. C. Cox, based on the words from Psalm 122, v. 8: 'For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity,' referring also to words from the lesson, I. Peter, 2: 'Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King.' He mentioned a talk given recently to ringers at a village meeting by the Bishop of Salisbury, when he spoke enthusiastically of the freemasonry and good fellowship among ringers and wished that the secret of its attainment could be passed on to other branches of Church work.

Tea followed at the Church Hall, arranged and served by Mrs. Cox and the wives of local ringers, and who succeeded in providing a very good meal at very nominal cost. Their efforts were very much appreciated by everyone.

A business meeting followed. On the proposition of the Rev. O. L. Willmott, Vicar of Loders, Canon Cox was unanimously re-elected chairman. The Rev. O. L. Willmott was re-elected as vice-chairman.

After 21 years' service to the Branch as secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey's resignation was very regretfully received. The chairman paid tribute to the efficient manner in which he had piloted the affairs of the Branch, expressing the thanks and good wishes of all members to him. In his place Mr. J. Barrett, of Beaminster, was unanimously elected.

Mr. H. D. W. Bishop was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. G. S. Morris and A. Scott were elected Deputy Ringing Masters. New members elected were Mr. F. Good (Loders) and Mr. J. Rattenbury (Lyme Regis).

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Netherbury, Hawkchurch, Evershot and Litton Cheney. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Beaminster. Thanks were accorded Mr. H. Sanders, organist, of Lyme Regis, for his accompaniment at the service.

Following the meeting a selection of carols was played on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers. Further ringing then followed on the tower bells, and later, at Axminster, call changes and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung.

JOINT MEETING AT BECCLES

About 40 members attended the joint meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association (East Norfolk Branch) and the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on November 15th. Ringing on the lovely ten bells consisted of Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and rounds for beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. P. F. Hares), with the Rev. A. S. St. J. Heard (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) reading the lessons.

After tea at the Co-operative Society's Assembly Rooms the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. E. R. Goate for arranging the tea. The next meeting (annual) of the East Norfolk Branch will be at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 28th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Thirty-two members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-West Branch held at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on December 6th. Full use was made of the glorious ring of ten bells and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. In addition, numerous plain courses of Grandsire Caters and lots of rounds were rung for the less experienced.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, conducted a service in St. Andrew's Chapel at 4.30 p.m. and gave a short and inspiring address based on the apostle Andrew. Tea was served at 5.15 p.m. in the lower Abbey Hall by Mrs. Chaff and her helpers.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas, Branch chairman. The hon. secretary's report and the balance sheet for 1952, showing a balance of £14 0s. 2d. in the General Account and £3 6s. in the Instruction Fund, were unanimously adopted. The election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-elections of Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman; Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers; hon. auditor, Mr. H. O. Thomas. Representatives to serve on the general committee, W. G. Lavers, J P. Sims and S. O'Shaughnessy. The Rev. J. D. Wakeling (Vicar of Emmanuel, Plymouth) was elected as a performing member.

The programme agreed upon for 1953-54 was: April 11th, Tavistock; Whit Monday, Annual Meeting of the Guild, in Exeter; June 27th, Joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch, at South Brent; September 26th, Kingsbridge; January 16th, 1954 (annual meeting of the Branch), Plympton St. Maurice; all subject to permission being obtained.

Mr. T. G. Myers raised a discussion about a booklet by F. S. Worth on 'The Rings of Church Bells in the City of Plymouth,' and considered the Branch should assist the sales. The result was a decision to purchase 24 copies at 2s. each to resell to members and friends at the same price.

The Ringing Master urged members to consider doing extra for Coronation Year and suggested a peal attempt in each of the towers in union with the Branch to include as many locals as were prepared to make the effort. A lengthy cross-talk, rather than discussion, ensued, and it was finally agreed the secretary make the necessary inquiries and arrangements.

The chairman moved a sincere and grateful vote of thanks to the Rev W. H. A. Cooper for allowing the Branch to hold its meeting at St. Andrew's. T. G. M.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT MITCHAM

Twenty-one ringers from eight towers attended the annual ringers' service at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 16th. The bells were rung from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. and for a short time after the service.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston) the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rush, of Tulse Hill, who also preached. The lessons were read by Mr. E. Jones and Mr. G. Pidwell, who were for many years members of Christ Church band. An appropriate carol, 'Ding, Dong, Dell,' was sung by the choir, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by members of the St. Leonard's band, Streatham.

In his address on bells Mr. Rush said the ringing of bells was a ministry. If St. Paul had been alive to-day he would have said: 'Some are called to be administrators, some are called to be bellringers and members of the choir and teachers, all for the work of the ministry and for the perfecting of the Saints.' Bell-ringing was a vocation done not only for one's pleasure and satisfaction, but for the glory of God and for the benefit of His Church and for the benefit of mankind.

After the service the ringers were kindly entertained to light refreshments at the Vicarage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION?

Dear Sir,—There is no need for Mr. Topp to apologise for having published a peal which someone else had produced; that has been done many times before and will, I suppose, be done again. An apology is really due from me for not having made my figures more public than just publishing them in a Yorkshire Association report. Incidentally, I make no claim to the composition which appears on page 780 of 'The Ringing World' but I shall be surprised if it is passed unchallenged—the scope of Lincolnshire Surprise is so small that I rather think all the possible peals on that plan will have been worked out.

Mr. Topp is to be commended for so graciously withdrawing his claim. Composers of bygone days were not always so ready to do that; they preferred to wrangle over the ownership of the peals they produced and their letters to 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' bitter and acrimonious though they sometimes were, provided interesting and amusing matter for the readers of the ringing press.

In at least one instance the rival claims to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major broke a long friendship between two eminent composers and the estrangement lasted a lifetime. Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley claimed that a 5,056 23-course block of Superlative produced by Mr. Arthur Craven was a variation of one of his peals. Mr. Craven objected on the grounds that his peal could not be extended whereas Mr. Hattersley's peal could be lengthened by the insertion of either one or two sets of three bobs at Home, and the same musical qualities maintained, as Mr. Hattersley's 'packing courses' were not of the same nature. The argument was carried on by a series of letters through the post, not in the columns of the ringing press, and some years afterwards I was privileged to read the letters which Mr. Craven had received—there were seven or eight of them. An indication of how the friendship between these two very likeable men deteriorated is provided by the type of address which Mr. Hattersley used: the first letter opened 'My dear Arthur,' the last one just 'Sir.' I think it was the reading of those letters which made me realise how right two men with opposite views can be and how difficult to say whether a composition is original or not.

One of the most difficult tasks I had to undertake in my long period as peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association was to decide whether certain compositions should be credited to the composers named or whether they should be classed as variations of some other men's work. I have always maintained that there can be no hard and fast rule on what constitutes an original composition and what is a variation.

Mr. Speed and Mr. Golden seem to suggest that all peals of a certain nature should be credited to the composer who produced the first one. If that is done the whole system of peal classification will break down: most twin-bob peals of Stedman Triples will have to be credited to Thomas Thurstans—or should it be William Hudson? Benjamin Annable's name will claim all the 82 variations his three-part peal of Bob Major is capable of producing: the Bob and Single peals of Grandsire Triples will belong to Vicars, perhaps John Garthon; and John Carter will no longer be entitled to the peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques which appear in his broadsheet. Who will be named as the owner of all the many 5,056 23-course peals of Surprise Major (Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc.) that have the basic calling W.M.B. wrapped up in Q sets I do not know, and when we come to Treble Bob Major it seems to me that someone is going to be credited with a terrific amount of compositions he never saw and never even thought of.

If such a scheme is allowed to become operative all that a composer will need to do, provided he has the ability, is to produce one peal in one of the few channels still left unexplored and then sit back and let other people produce the variations of that peal, then he claims the lot. What the late Mr. Arthur Knights, that delightful personality whom I always regarded as one of the most able, certainly the most prolific, of composers the Exercise has ever known, would have said to such a suggestion I hesitate to think; by it, most of his life's work in peal composition would be taken from him.

It has been suggested that compositions should be numbered and not named; that would be one way out of the difficulty of course, but what a loss of tradition and personality there will be if ever that course is adopted.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey.

TANS, SINES AND COSINES

Dear Sir,—Reading of the Mirfield Tan being used as a call, I would like to point out that the call of 'Tan' has been in use in our Society for a number of years, though it is usually preceded by the call 'Black and.'

You may be interested to learn that we also find it useful to employ 'Sines' in appropriate situations in the belfry, with the usual response of 'Cosine,' but we have never yet been driven so deep into the trigonometry textbooks as to have to use 'Cosecants'; it is probably felt that this would be unfair on the members who read subjects other than mathematics.—Yours faithfully, R. J. COOK.

Oxford.

AN EXTREME

Dear Sir,—Regarding the 'Mirfield Tan.' Another call sometimes inserted in these parts is an 'Extreme.' With treble at lead the bell in 5-6 up makes a Double Norwich Bob and the two back bells, normally the tenors, make three dodges.

Also there is the 'Treble Extreme' where the Treble turns back at 5-6. No doubt these variations may be useful when no other method but Kent is rung. Far better, however, to learn the elementary principles of Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Norwich, Grandsire or Stedman and then follow and fit in for service or practice ringing. We must appreciate the fact that all parties of ringers are made really welcome at Mirfield and it is only fair to let the older generation carry on in the old sweet way. In fairness to the younger generation, the better plan would be to teach them in a manner to stand their ground with other ringers instead of staying at home with an inferiority complex.—Yours faithfully, A. W. BOND.

Lindley, Yorks.

ROTHERWICK CHURCH AND CHERTSEY ABBEY

Mr. J. Morley, of Reading, calls our attention to a possible association between Chertsey Abbey and Rotherwick Church, Hampshire.

The third of the six bells at Rotherwick is of the 14th century and is believed to be the second oldest bell in Hampshire.

The lettering resembles that seen on bells cast at the famous Wokingham Foundry, of which the Chertsey Abbey Foundry was the parent. John de Rutherwyk was Abbot of Chertsey from 1307 to 1346, and possibly he sent this bell as a present to his native village.

When Burghfield ringers had their annual outing this year they rang at Rotherwick. Our correspondent writes: 'We didn't stop very long as the bells went badly, the ropes cracked like whips and bits of dust and twigs dropped down our necks, presumably from jackdaws' nests.'

BREDON WITH BREDONS NORTON

Dear Sir,—Much as I used to love to hear the bells of Bredons Norton when I was a curate-in-charge (1919-1923), I must correct the dedication given in your report of a peal there on November 28th which was conducted by my good friend and parishioner, Mr. J. Thomas. I do so not that I want to quibble, but because the mistake opens up a matter of interest. The dedication of the chapel of Bredons Norton is unknown; it is one of those rare instances, and I believe the only one in Worcestershire.

It is the Parish Church of Bredon which is dedicated to St. Giles, where as far back as 1624 there was a ring of five.

The treble was by Abraham Rudhall, so was the 4th, but the 2nd, 3rd and 5th are interesting inasmuch as they were cast by William Whitmore in 1624. William Whitmore also, in 1639, cast bells for Frocester, Glos, but whether he was an itinerant founder or had a foundry I have not succeeded in tracing. (Can anyone enlighten me, please?) In my Bredon days these bells were rung but it always sounded as if the tenor was too heavy for the ring and was out of tune.

During my time there, however, there arose a new Rector, who did away with a rood screen in the making, which led to the approach to the belfry, and put a monkey ladder up the tower wall to a trap door on the belfry floor, making it, therefore, impossible for any ringer save the most virile to ascend to the ringing chamber. I believe the bells are merely chimed now, so no more do Bredon bells ring out across the nearby Avon and its lovely meadows. We used to hear the sweet-toned bells of Strensham across the river in my day but these are, alas, now silent.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (Rev.).

Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

THE DAYS OF EYE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Claud Rush's account of the Days of Eye is very interesting to me as it was through George Day rehanging the five bells at Brome, Suffolk, in 1886, that I started to ring. There the ringing chamber is so near the bells that the sallies go on the wheels at backstroke.

George was a very enthusiastic ringer in those far-off days. On most Sundays he would travel by train from Eye to Ipswich to ring for matins at St. Mary-le-Tower's, afterwards going to St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for Stedman Cinques in the afternoon.

It is noteworthy that he used expressions many times in conversation. When a lad was rescued from a pond he repeated 'Is he wet?' over and over again.

He also did repairs to pumps but did not like doing so and would say, 'I would rather get killed up a steeple than die down a well.'

The writer contacted him in his later days. On matters of business he would always remark, 'I now leave everything to the boy Fred.' Fred was then about 60 years of age.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE E SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CLACTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The peal of Clacton Surprise Major rung at Helmingham on February 16th, 1938 (method and composition by the late G. Lindoff), is false. This has been proved by Mr. C. J. Sedgley. Consequently the peal has been withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

L. G. BRETT.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

The fifth issue of this popular publication is now in circulation. From a typographical point of view this year's issue is an improvement on previous annuals. The concise manner in which essential information is provided makes this little notebook and diary the constant companion of all ringers who have aspirations in widening their knowledge of change ringing. It is an ideal Christmas gift.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE, LANCS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, F. Popplewell 2, A. Rogers 3, W. Dransfield 4, F. Linfoot 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8. Rung by visitors from Yorkshire. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Schoolden 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, A. W. Stone 3, Miss B. A. Carter 4, W. Howard 5, W. Harrison 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for 1 and 2. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, C. Fenn 2, H. Worboys 3, A. W. Beard 4, C. Wardell 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, P. J. Dawe 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Fenn.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,680 changes in seven Surprise methods (London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, J. Stanway, sen. (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, W. S.. Devenport (first quarter of Surprise Minor) 5, W. Hazeldine 6. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,680 changes in seven Surprise methods (being 240 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, A. H. Cottrell 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen., 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.), 6. In memory of Russell Hall, aged 25, a sidesman at this church.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freeston 4, G. Dawson 5, F. P. Harwood 6, F. Dewey 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, W. E. Clarke 10. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

EALING, MIDLX. — On Dec. 2nd, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Ball 1, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, J. Edward Churchill 3, Daphne Luke (first 'inside') 4, Beryl R Cowlin 5, H. J. Eldred 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Audrey Palmer 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Churchill.

EWELME, OXON.—On Dec. 2nd, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire: D. Absolom (first in three methods) 1, F. Smith (first in three methods) 2, B. Tuckwell (first quarter) 3, J. Goodman 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. D. Wells 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Marshall 1, J. Salway 2, C. G. Turner 3, R. Woodley 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Arbury 6, E. W. Rowe 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major on the bells since re-hanging.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, Miss P. Manning 2, C. Savage 3, T. Stone 4, F. Read 5, A. Palmer 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, V. Gilbert 8.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Busby 1, H. Mair (first 'inside') 2, C. Bennett 3, W. Fern 4, J. Adams 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6.

ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS

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MINOR

ASSOCIATION	201-126 Methods	21-200 Methods	20 Methods	17 Methods	16 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	Min. (6) & Doubles (6)
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	1	2	3	1	11	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	5	—
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Chester Diocesan	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	4	2	7	11	3	—	26	—
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cumberland & West.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	—	4	—
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
East Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
East Grinstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	6	—	3	3	4	—	10	—
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	2	4	1	8	—
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	12	—
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	6	—
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	2	—	1	—	5	—
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	11	1	1	3	8	3	19	—
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	7	3	16	—
Leicester Dio. Guild	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	2	2	27	—
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	—	—	1	29	3	5	8	17	3	21	—
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	—
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	4	—
North Wales Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	5	2	4	3	3	3	13	—
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	12	1
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	2	2	2	8	—
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	—
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	1	2	2	4	1	8	—
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	4	—
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	5	7	6	5	2	8	—
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	10	—
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	4	2	2	7	—
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	2	—
TOTAL	3	5	1	1	2	1	7	2	6	2	4	8	141	21	46	63	84	28	296	1

DOUBLES

ASSOCIATION	15-21 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	Total
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	5	2	—	18	56
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	13
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	4	5	76
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Cumberland & West.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	9
East Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
East Grinstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	31
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	30
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	8	33
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	9	18	41
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	17
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	5	55
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	38
Leicester Dio. Guild	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	2	4	1	7	4	2	10	78
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	5	—	—	4	107
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	11
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	9
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	10
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	11
North Wales Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	39
Oxford Dio. Guild	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	1	1	1	11	53
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Peterborough Diocesan	—	1	—	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	2	2	1	40
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	10
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	32
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	16
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	44
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	30
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	7	20
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10
TOTAL	3	3	1	3	6	6	3	11	10	11	30	2	33	138	1008

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: W. S. Oakley 1, R. J. Edden 2, E. H. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, H. C. Burt 5, C. H. Grindley (first of Bob Major) 6, H. Huxley 7, J. R. Ball (cond.) 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mark Lewis (aged 12, first quarter) 1, S. L. Barley 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, F. W. Midwinter (cond.), 4, R. J. C. Copp 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen Church, for St. Hugh's Day, Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Niblett 1, R. G. Turner 2, P. C. Wright 3, P. Border 4, F. P. Wright 5, R. J. Cook (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDLX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,279 Doubles (Old, Norfolk, Plain, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Norfolk, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas): Alan Cooke 1, Rita Thompson (first of twelve 'inside') 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. For Advent Sunday.

STEEPLE LANGFORD, WILTS.—On Dec 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, Miss J. Gray 2, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow 5. A wedding compliment to Leslie Page, a Salisbury ringer, and Kathleen Briant, who were married in this church this day.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Morris 1, G. Bowen 2, P. L. Blissett 3, D. R. Sayers 4, N. Haile 5, W. Lewis 6, A. Morgan 7, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 8, C. Tancell 9, F. C. Pugh 10.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Single Oxford): B. V. Collison 1, S. G. Ponting (first in method) 2, A. Relfe (cond.) 3, C. A. Bassett 4, E. J. Ladd 5, W. A. Kitchenside 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Brooks 1, M. Stone 2, B. Chappell 3, E. Norman 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Short, mother of R. D. Short, a local ringer.

FOR BEGINNERS—
And a Word to the Older Hands

XXV.

GRANDSIRE IN THREE-LEAD COURSES

Some of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples were composed on what is known as the three-lead course plan, that is a plan by which the observation bell comes back to its plain course position every third lead. Such peals are not now much in favour, principally on the ground, we believe, that the observation bell never does the whole of the work included in a plain course.

There are only three positions in which it can fall, and these are Wrong (7-6 down), Middle (4-5 up) and Before (3rds place). The observation bell never goes into the hunt or dodges in 5-4 down or 6-7 up, and many people, therefore, look upon such peals as lacking in interest.

Nevertheless, this short-course plan provides excellent music for touches, for it is possible, for instance, by this means to get the full extent of 6-7 together at course-ends in a touch of only 1,008 changes.

Peals on these lines have usually the 6th as the observation bell, but the 5th or 3rd is sometimes used. If you want to keep the 6-7 together throughout your touch you must keep both these bells fixed and you do it by calling a Single at the first lead (bringing the 6th into 4-5 up, and the 7th to make the long 3rds). A three-lead course also necessitates a call to bring 6-7 together behind—it is that, indeed, which makes the three-lead course.

It is easy to call from any bell. Note the course-end, call a Single the next lead; have a plain lead when the 6th comes Before (unless your composition, as it may, provides for a Bob), and call a Bob or Single next lead as required.

When written out the calls may be noted as M., B., W., or 1, 2, 3, the figures denoting the lead of the course. Thus a touch of 168 can be written in either of the following ways:—

234567	M	B	W
345267	S	—	
452367	S	—	
523467	S	—	
234567	S	—	

234567	1	2	3
345267	S		—
452367	S		—
523467	S		—
234567	S		—

This touch can be doubled in length by calling a Single for either of the Bobs, and lengthened again by calling a Single for one of the other Bobs in alternate parts.

You can make up a great variety of touches for yourself, and you can get the 1,008 to which we have referred by using the following:—

234567	1	3
435267	S	S
352467	S	—
524367	S	—
423567	S	S

Repeat this five times with a Bob for Single at the end of the third and sixth parts.

If you want a 504 with twelve 6-7s, call the four course three times exactly as set out.

A very symmetrical five-part peal on this plan was composed by Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, for ever famous for his Four-Part peal of Stedman Triples. It is based on these four-course blocks.

In the first block a Bob at 2 (the 6th Before) is called. The rest is like the touch of 1,008. It brings up the part-end 7 2 3 4 6 5, and that is one-fifth of the peal.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Dec. 7th, 1,360 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, J. Witney 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Todd 1, P. Croft 2, E. Winters 3, H. D. Harris 4, D. Gullick 5, P. Mehew 6, D. Jones 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
North-West District

Despite the clerk of the weather's efforts to black out the south-west of London with fog on December 6th, 19 members of the Surrey Association, representing ten towers, found their way to Benhilton (Sutton) tower and by three o'clock the bells were in changes.

At a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar, a very warm welcome was offered. Tea provided by wives of the local band was heartily enjoyed and exceeded the demands of the company as double the number had intimated their intention of being present. The business meeting followed and had to take place without the minutes as the secretary was fog-bound at Walton.

The following nominations for the District officers for 1953 were received: Master, F. E. Collins; secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, G. Peters and R. F. Layton; committee, E. J. Lindley, A. J. Adams, R. Davies, E. Gosden and Miss J. Smith.

Members are reminded that further nominations, in writing, may be sent to the District secretary up to January 3rd, in accordance with Rule 16.

Two new members were elected and the election of four others prior to peals was notified.

A proposal was put forward for practice meetings to be held in the months when no business meeting is being held and it was left to the committee to give this further detailed consideration at their next meeting.

The Vicar, replying to the vote of thanks for use of the bells and conducting the service, said he remembered very clearly a previous meeting he attended at Benhilton when tongue was served at tea. The next day he had to read the first lesson, which began, 'And he was given tongue.' He always associated the two and was happy to be with the company. He thought they should most heartily thank the local ladies, who had again provided such a sumptuous repast.

Further ringing took place after the meeting when the company was joined by that jovial character, W. J. Rawlings, who was not with them at tea because he could not find the place in the fog. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. W. F. O.

5,184 ALBURGH COURT MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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M	3rds	B	5ths	W	H	23456
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*Second call a single.

Eleven times repeated substituting bob for the single home in all parts except the seventh. Contains the extent of 5-6 in 5-6. Rung at Saxlingham Nethergate, November 19th, 1952.

THE RINGER'S HYMN

By J. Campbell, Captain of St. Columb's Cathedral Ringers, Londonderry.

O Thou, who from the call 'Look-To'
And 'Treble's Going—Gone,'
Grant us no false course to pursue
But a true peal to win.

Help us to learn the rules aright,
See that the Treble man
Be one whose power is infinite,
Then lean on him we can.

Lord, hunting up help us to see
Who follows at each pull,
And when we dodge let all be free
From doubt, and strike not ill.

Then when we've run out to the back
And laid the blows behind,
Be Thou our course bell, mark the track
To lead our way we'll find.

Our God the Great Conductor shall
Make all the calls full dear,
We pray Thy help, we may not fall
Nor falter even here.

Then when the great 'That's All' shall sound
And we are all brought 'Home,'
Let each in his own place be found
Lest one of us shall roam.

With Thee as guide and stay through all,
Upholding to the end,
When at the last we're called to 'Fall,'
Then hail us each as Friend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Eastern District at Howden

About 25 members from 14 towers attended the winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District at Howden on November 29th in cold, foggy weather. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. G. Richards).

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers. Miss S. Kingdom (York) and Mr. Cromack (Carlton) were elected new members. Goole was selected for the next meeting, in March.

Mr. C. Barker asked those present to keep open January 31st, the date of the Beverley and District Society's annual dinner. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 14s. 6d.

The fine ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following appeared in the 'Birmingham Weekly Post' under the heading of 'A Hundred Years Ago.' It was taken from the 'Birmingham Journal' of December 4th, 1852.

Change Ringing

On Sunday evening last, eight members of the Society of Change Ringers of this town ascended the tower of the Parish Church, King's Norton, and succeeded in ringing in three hours and nine minutes a complete peal of Triple Bob Major, in the Kent variations, comprising 5,088 changes, being the first peal in that method rung on those bells. After the falling of the bells the performers were met by Mr. G. E. Clulee, who presented them with a sovereign and complimented them for their talent in striking and their exactness in the compass of the bells. John Perks was treble; John Bannister 2nd; Joseph Spencer 3rd; Robert Yates 4th; Robert Wright 5th; John Robinson 6th; John Day 7th; and William Chattell tenor. The peal was composed by Mr. Thomas Day and conducted by Mr. John Day.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, A. S. Read (first quarter) 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, K. F. Medway 6.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL RINGERS

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all members of Eastern District Yorkshire Association, from Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 1842

To all friends, sincere greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the coming year from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian, Stithians, Truro. 1836

To all our ringing friends, best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. —Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 1834

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 1833

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS send seasonal greetings to all friends of the Cathedral Band and invite visitors to join them on Christmas morning at 9.45. 1832

Best wishes for Christmas, health and happiness to all our ringing friends for 1953.—Mr. and Mrs. R. LATHBURY and Miss N. SHORTER. 1830

Christmas greetings and all good wishes for the coming year to friends of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow. 1828

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. BARKER, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. 1825

The season's greetings for Christmas and every good wish for the New Year to all friends from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 1824

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 1840

The BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS send greetings to their ringing friends in Devonshire. May we all ring in the Coronation Year with scientific and call change ringing of the highest quality. 1839

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS send hearty Christmas greetings with best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially Beverley and District Society.—3 Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 1841

To all our ringing friends, wherever they may be, a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from Mr. and Mrs. William D. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon. 1823

To all friends—A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 1807

To all ringing friends, old and new, Christmas greetings, sincere and true.—Mr. and Mrs. R. BULLEN, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire. 1879

Mr. I. EMERY extends his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, and especially to his octogenarian colleagues—those who rang in the peal, and those unable to do so. 1880

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends, old and new, together with prosperity to 'The Ringing World.'—Wm. SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 1882

APSLEY ST. MARY'S ringers wish all their friends a Happy Christmas and the best striking ever during Coronation Year. 1884

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE, of Paddock Wood, Kent, send greetings to all ringing friends wishing them a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. 1885

To all our ringing friends far and near, a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year from Mr. and Mrs. John WHEADON, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 1886

A very Happy Christmas and 1953 to our many friends.—Grace & Fred GOODFELLOW, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath. (Note.—After seven years' waiting, we have it! Phone Iver 1039.)

Mr. and Mrs. BRADLEY, Abbeydale, Poltisko Terrace, Penrhyn, Falmouth, Cornwall (late 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham), send hearty Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends. 1814

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 1815

From East Africa. Michael and Jean CAUSLEY send sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all their ringing friends at home.—Box 543, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika. 1820

Inst.-Cdr. and Mrs. Gordon CROSS and family send seasonal greetings to all ringing friends. 1821

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends in Kent and Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT and Ann. 1817

May all ringing friends have a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol. 1816

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends everywhere from Mr. and Mrs. G. R. NEWTON, 57, Ampthill Road, Liverpool, 17. 1844

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all my friends at home and overseas.—EVELYN STEEL. 1845

To all ringing friends, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — J. B. HESSEY, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey. 1846

To all ringing friends good fortune, good health and good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — Frederick WHITE, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 1847

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends. — Rosemary and Denis HOWARD, 8H Block, M.Q., Bulford Camp, Wiltshire. 1850

Mr. and Mrs. W. BOTTRILL wish all their ringer friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—11, Kingston Road, Luton, Beds. 1848

To all ringers and friends the season's greetings, good ringing and records for the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. BRETT. 1851

Sincere greetings and good wishes to all friends near and far.—From Mr. and Mrs. T. M. RODERICK, Porthcawl. 1852

Seasonal greetings to all our ringing friends. —From Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, The Stores, Lee Ground, Titchfield, Hants (Tel. Titchfield 2238). 1854

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LONDON.—At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Nov. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Chilcott 1, R. G. Lay 2, Janet S. Bailey 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. D. Rock 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, R. E. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1881

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Annual meeting, Staveley. Dec. 20th. Business important. 1800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives (8), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also please note A.G.M. at Huntingdon, Jan. 17th.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1878

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet (8), Dec. 20th, 2.45 to 8. Tea 5.—W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Biddenden, Dec. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea at Chequers. Notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 1783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting is at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Nominations for Branch officials should be in at this meeting.—J. Porter. 1883

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 1804

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Eastwood (8), Dec. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The church is five minutes' walk out of Rotherham.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1811

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Walton-on-Thames, Dec. 26th. Bells (8) from 11 a.m All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Sec. 1831

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 27th, 6.45 p.m. Ringer's Diaries available at meeting.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 1826

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 7.15 p.m., advanced method practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Saturday, Jan. 3rd, general meeting, St. Mary's, Putney, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, Gordon Restaurant, 5 p.m. Business and nominations 5.45. Ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5th, 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Annual general meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Everyone welcome. — Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Hou 3921. 1853

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A.G.M. will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 1819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Walthamstow, St. Mary's (10), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E.17. 1827

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 3rd, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6 o'clock. Bells available:—Cathedral (12) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.-5.45 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1812

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District annual meeting.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 1818

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, January 3rd. Bells: Cathedral (12) 1-2, 6-7; St. Maurice's (6) 7-8.30; other towers if wanted. Meeting and tea St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, 2.30. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1822

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, All Saints' (8), Jan. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Special tea arrangements with concession for fully paid Branch members later.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 1843

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual lunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1953. Members wishing to come, please notify David Gallop, Magdalen College, as soon as possible. 1837

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