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'THE SIXTH RIGHT AND WRONG'

IT is probably true to say that the 6th is the most talked of bell in the scale. From Minor (where its relation to the 5th is always carefully considered) right up to Maximus this bell has some important bearing on the musical construction of compositions, and in discussions on the properties of compositions the 6th will almost certainly be mentioned. Two hundred years ago John Martin, of Leicester, was singing the praises of the 6th behind the 9th in Grandsire Caters, and a little later Shipway was pointing out how by the use of Singles more courses with the 6th in fifths could be obtained. In the great outbreak of composition fever at the end of the last century the chief aim was 'the 6th her extent right and wrong,' and most peal figures bore some reference to, and were judged by, the manipulation of this particular bell.

The function of the 6th in change ringing is indeed interesting, for although regarded to some extent as a fixed bell, yet it is in a measure independent, and may be made to attach itself to the fixed bells in a number of ways and for a number of musical purposes.

The importance of the 6th in the construction of musical compositions is indisputable, but its influence and its value are not by any means the same on all numbers of bells. For the 6th on eight bells is the Mediant of the scale, the 6th on ten bells is the Dominant, and the 6th on twelve bells is the Leading Note, the note below the Tonic. It follows, therefore, that the 6th in Triples or Major is a different bell from the 6th in Caters or Royal and in Cinques it is again a different bell. Indeed, with the increasing number of bells it will be found that it first assumes a growing importance and then suffers a decline.

In Triples the value of the 6th lies in its partnership with the 7th and the 4th to give the attractive terminations 46, 67, and their inversions 64, 76. In Major its effective places are as fifths-place bell or sixths-place bell, and the latter is the more generally useful. As fifths-place bell the 6th is perhaps at its best in a simple method like Plain Bob, where the unbroken coursing of the bells allows the inverted tittums to be very effective. In methods where the coursing order is broken inside the lead no tittum effect can be maintained, and the only value of the 6th in fifths is that 867 occurs behind at intervals. In the more involved methods, therefore, it may be argued that the 6th in sixths, or the 4th in sixths, is more generally satisfactory.

On ten bells the 6th really assumes great importance, particularly in Caters. Here, again, its placing for effect depends on the method rung. The Major plan is completely reversed, for in the simple methods the 6th at home is very effective, while in the more complex methods the 6th in fifths is the more useful. The regular coursing of Grandsire Caters will, with the 6th at home, allow a majestic rolling down to lead of 6, 7, 8, 9, but the broken work of Double Norwich Caters and Stedman Caters destroys this effect. In the latter method, it may be observed, the only value of the 6th in sixths is that an 86 termination is produced in the middle of the course, but a far better effect may be secured by fixing the 6th in seconds place, a plan inaugurated by Hubbard and strongly supported by Sir Arthur Heywood. This gives a 96 and a 68 in each course.

The finest Cater plan is admittedly to fix the 6th in fifths, for then we secure the magnificence of the 7689 terminations; and to most ringers nothing can compensate for the loss of this beauty. Of the Handstroke Home it may be said that the placing 879 without the 6th in fifths is flat, stale and unprofitable.

In Royal the 6th is still of some importance, providing, when at home, the termination 86, and also assisting at a very satisfactory rolling up of the big bells. It has not the scope or the power that it has in Caters. It is when we come to Cinques, however, that we find how the mighty has fallen. No longer does the 6th dominate the music of the peal as it did on lesser numbers. In the Handstroke Home it may, of course, be said to assist the long roll-ups at the course end, but in Stedman Cinques, at least, its tittum value is not great, and most ringers would prefer the 5th in fifths place, for the 5th on twelve bells is the Tonic note and has distinct musical possibilities.

In Maximus the musical decline of the 6th is complete, and the chief virtue of the 6th at home would appear to be in preserving one more fixed bell, and so assisting the ropesight, and consequently the striking. There certainly can be little point in advertising the beauties of a peal of Maximus by reference to the 6th 'so many times right and wrong.'

One interesting thought remains. The ringing of Spliced Surprise Major brings a demand for compositions that are more and more mathematically complex, and it may be that these peals are paying less and less attention to the placing of the 6th. If that is so, the question of a musical decline in Major ringing provides speculation for all those interested in the matter.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	FRED NEWTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
ANTHONY AGER	5	JOHN PINFOLD	11
FRANK E. HAYNES	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	7
LEONARD STILWELL	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	8
MRS. PAT. LEWINGTON	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	9
MARGARET L. TUTT	4	ALAN R. PINK	10
WILLIAM C. PORTER	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
REGINALD L. SILLS	6	ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

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

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

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	E. TREVOR NEWBREY	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
Rung in honour of a visit by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Rupert De La Bere, M.P., to receive the freedom of the borough of Evesham.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ROGER A. BEALE	*Treble*	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	ALBERT W. BOND	7
FRANK BENNETT	3	RAYMOND WOOD	8
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	4	FREDERICK PAGE	9
FREDERICK S. MACEY	5	†CHARLES RIDDLESTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal.
An 84th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	JAMES BENNETT	8
HARRY D. LISTER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
Composition rung for the first time.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ANNE B. SPEED (Girt.)	*Treble*	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	3	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	8
A. R. GUY (Jesus)	4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	9
*R. D. EDGE (Queens')	5	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5184 TROWBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
The first peal in the method. Rung on the centenary of the birth of Dr. Charles Gore, first Bishop of Birmingham.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 WESTMINSTER IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 200th peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 203).

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*C. KEITH BREWER	*Treble*	DENNIS ROE	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	JAMES P. BLOND	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	4	†DOUGLAS BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight. First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung on the Eve of the Conversion of St. Paul.

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SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
*MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HARRY PARKES	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of London. 200th peal as conductor.

UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
*ELIZABETH BROWN	2	HENRY G. KEELEY	6
*E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*FREDERICK WREFORD	4	†G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the 'Ilkeston' Variation. † 350th peal. The first peal in this Variation for the Guild.
Rung on the Eve of the Conversion of St. Paul.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	FREDERICK H. CROOK	6
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	7
EDWIN J. UPTON	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal on eight.
Rung within the octave of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	RICHARD GRANT	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. T. S. Hele, Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,-
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung in memoriam George Hatton, 57 years a ringer at Ashby Parish Church. Interred at Packington this day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
*MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 300th peal. A compliment to John B. Bennett on his coming of age.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

DAVID A. EDWARDS	*Treble*	GORDON C. BRIGGS	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS
* 150th peal. The conductor's first peal of Yorkshire, first peal of Surprise as conductor and 100th peal.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN W. BEST	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
*MRS. M. M. GODLEY	2	†HENRY G. KEELEY	6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
WILLIAM E. TURNER	4	J. LEONARD GLYDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

RONALD I. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
WALTER A. PECK	2	ANTONY H. BATES	6
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
*DEREK W. STONE	4	JOHN GREENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to John Greenough.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY DAVIS	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
EWART A. ANDREWS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
PATRICK HARRIS	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
MRS. PATRICK HARRIS	4	ALBERT H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. V. Cook, who, through the teaching profession was connected with Great Hampton and Hinton-on-the-Green for 40 years. She taught the ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor at Hampton School, and the ringers of 3rd and 4th at Hinton-on-the-Green School.

HEMSWORTH, NR. PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

WILLIE GREEN	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SANDERSON	5
ARNOLD COLE	2	*ERNEST SHORT	6
HAROLD CHANT	3	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
*DOREEN SMYTHE	4	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
* First peal of Major in the method.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLTYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD I. HULBERT	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
*JEAN POWELL	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
FREDK. R. EVANS	3	JOHN A. EVANS	7
DILLYS I. HULBERT	4	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.
A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th; also a welcome to Mr. Fredk. R. Evans, Master of the North Wales Association.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON	*Treble*	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
JACK BAILEY	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	DENIS CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Winnie Hodginson and Mr. Walter G. Soar on their engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

JOHN R. MUNNINGS	*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	5
BERT CHILVERS	2	KEITH W. WHITTELL	6
LESLIE FORSTER	3	CLAUDE W. J. WOODWARD	7
*MAX P. PAGE	4	SIDNEY W. ARBON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
* 50th peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*C. FREDERICK JUKES	*Treble*	SAMUEL BIRCH	5
RODERICK J. LEES	2	WILLIAM DAVIES	6
*R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
†ERNEST STITCH	4	†HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Major and in the method. † 100th peal together.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ROY V. WEBB	*Treble*	*HORACE E. WERRETT	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	FRANK W. CROFT	6
PETER CROFT	3	*JACK S. DEAR	7
*EDGAR W. WINTERS	4	*WALTER D. POOLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in method on the bells.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN MCDONALD	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. JEFFS	*Treble*	*JOHN E. SKERRITT	4
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in eight methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and a 240 Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	3
FREDERICK WATSON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4

PETER J. THOMAS *Tenor*
Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

CADOXTON, NR. NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DAVID G. LEWIS	*Treble*	DAVID J. LEWIS	4
GWYN I. LEWIS	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	*LYNN JEFFREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal. A birthday peal for ringers of treble and 3rd. The ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th are three generations.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of St. Simon's and twelve each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*DOREEN M. SPOKES	*Treble*	*K. MARY COWLEY	3
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	2	*FREDERICK VICKERS	4

WILLIAM YATES *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, recently augmented by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*KEITH E. PERRITT	*Treble*	GEORGE A. BELL	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
†FRANK J. MAUDE	3	FRANK REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SANDAL MAGNA, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. NORA CHADWICK	*Treble*	†JOHN E. KIRBY	4
*JAMES REED	2	*DAVID CUBITT	5
†JAMES H. KIRBY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor, and have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Rung as a compliment to Col. and Mrs. T. Chadwick, of Sandal, on their silver wedding.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Plain Bob and Hereward Bob, (2) Fulbeck and Reverse Canterbury, (3) Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (4) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (5) London Bob and Double Court, (6) St. Clement's College and Double Oxford Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 132 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 14 methods on the bells.

HORSELL. SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANTHONY SIBBICK	*Treble*	DAVID SLEET	4
*JOHN A. MARTIN	2	ERNEST R. WARNER	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

RIPPINGALE. LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court and Single Court, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
†JOHN NICHOLS	2	†NEVILLE WHITNEY	5
‡JAMES W. HAW	3	§JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. ‡ 25th peal. § 125th peal.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Rung on the front six.

*ERIC ROUGHLEY	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
*RICHARD G. LATHAM	2	*STUART BRACEGIRDLE	5
*FRANCIS H. HENNIN	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Kent as conductor.

FRYERNING. ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	JOHN WEST	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

First peal as conductor.

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HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DOROTHY M. PALMER	*Treble*	DOUGLAS HARRISON	4
MARY M. MIDDLEMISS	2	HARRY M. WINDSOR	5
GORDON SMITH (13)	3	ANTHONY A. UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY M. WINDSOR.
First peal by all the band, average age 18½ years.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising four extents each of: All Saints (4 callings), St. Simon (4 callings), St. Martin (4 callings). Reverse St. Bartholomew (3 callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (4 callings), Southrepps Pleasure (2 callings), Plain Bob (4 callings), April Day (3 callings), Old (3 callings), and 6 extents of Grandsire (6 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	*JOHN HARROLD	3
KENNETH D. PERKINS	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Doubles in ten methods.
Rung immediately after Confirmation Service.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods; being one extent each of: (i) Lightfoot, (ii) York, (iii) Netherseale, (iv) Bourne, (v) London, (vi.) Cambridge, (vii) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lbs.

REGINALD ROWLEY	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	4
PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung in the octave of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and seven extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*SHEILAGH JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
RHODA HEMMINGS	3	WILLIAM E. MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
* First peal. First peal in eight methods by all the band.

LYNCOMBE, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GORDON EYLES	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	4
MRS. DORA EVANS	2	†MAURICE HELPS	5
HARRY C. NEWMAN	3	REGINALD W. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE HELPS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to the Glory of God, also for the birth of a son to the conductor, and the engagement of Gordon Eyles to Miss Jill Lander.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BARBARA HALDANE (13)	*Treble*	RONNIE KENRICK	4
†DOREEN BUTTON	2	ROBERT CRITCHLEY	5
JACK POUNDS	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Mary Ackers, once a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours,
AT 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

*PAULINE MANNING	1—2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3—4
*H. JEAN HOLLOWAY	5—6		

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal on handbells.

DROGHEDA, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1953, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT 26, WILLIAM STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JAMES TAYLOR (15)	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3—4
*JOHN HUBER	5—6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. All ringers members of electrical profession.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in A.

ANNE B. SPEED (Girt.)	1—2	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	5—6
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	3—4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7—8
*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	9—10		

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's.). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CATHEDRAL RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES	1—2	FRANK E. PERVIN	7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3—4	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	9—10
ALBERT WALKER	5—6	GEORGE E. FEARN	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1953, in 6 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 13139 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Umpire: ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
This is the longest peal of Grandsire Caters yet rung on handbells, and the greatest number of changes yet rung on either tower- or handbells by any lady ringers.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
IN SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Cantab.)	1—2	R. G. TURNER (Oxon.)	3—4
R. J. COOK (Oxon.)	5—6		

Conducted by R. G. TURNER.
* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in A.

F. E. ROBERTS (Cantab.)	1—2	R. J. COOK (Oxon.)	5—6
R. G. TURNER (Oxon.)	3—4	E. J. LINDLEY (Cantab.)	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (Cantab.). Conducted by R. G. TURNER.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th. 1.260 Doubles (Canterbury. Grandsire. April Day, Plain Bob): S. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, G. Atkins 3, G. Webb 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. First in 4 methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to E. J. Lambert.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb 1st. 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. C. Ayres 2, R. Blabey 3, C. Chalwin 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 20th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, this being his first quarter of Minor.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. Absolom 1, F. Smith 2, T. Bowles (first quarter) 3, J. Berry 4, J. Godman 5, R. D. Wells (first quarter) 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, J. Douglas (first quarter) 8.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob, on Jan. 22nd. 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, A. E. Reeves 3, E. J. Brown (cond.) 4, E. Chivers 5, R. G. Bryant 6, W. H. Parker 7, R. C. Seager 8. Also at St. Werburgh's, on Jan. 25th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Clash 1, Miss S. Arnold 2, E. Beddoe 3, S. Riches (cond.) 4, H. Payne 5, A. True 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. Paul's, on Jan. 18th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: B. Deakin 1, W. J. Leach 2, H. E. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the commemoration service for the Bishop of Lichfield.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bennett 1, H. Baber 2, P. Gallop 3, T. Rogers (first quarter) 4, A. G. Hazzard 5, R. Dudden 6, J. Bartlett (cond.) 7, D. Dando 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' on Feb. 1st. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Leaning (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, E. F. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. H. Begric (cond.) 6, W. D. Prockson 7, H. W. Barnard 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. V. I. Begric and Miss D. A. Deverell.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 27th. 1.260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Sutton 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, Miss M. Page 3, Miss Y. Eloie 4, W. C. Shute 5, J. Mussell 6, J. Hartless (first in method as cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. First in method for all except 6 and 7.

QUARTER PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hill (14) 1, R. Crago (12) 2, A. J. Sanger (13) 3, R. March (15) 4, D. Lee 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Payne 1, F. T. Robinson 2, B. E. Frost 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, W. R. Hammons 5, F. Benfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. S. Ryder-Mitchell (Rector).

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Haynes 1, E. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, W. Yates (cond.) 4, M. Saunders 5, H. Batchlor 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Dr. J. C. Morrice, late Rector of the parish, whose ashes were buried at Helmdon on that day.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chew 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, J. Davies 3, T. H. Huddleston 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2 and 4. Also 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chew 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, H. Parker (cond.) 3, J. Davies 4, J. A. Parker 5, T. H. Huddleston 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 1st. 1.280 Pudsey Surprise Major: F. D. Bishop 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, A. L. Pearson 6, T. E. Davies 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. E. Pugh 1, F. T. Warrington (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. W. Barr 3, A. G. Isaacson 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, Mary Wallace 6. First quarter in the method by all and on the bells.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At St. Columb's Cathedral, on Jan. 9th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Shields 1, A. Fielding 2, W. Young 3, J. J. Fielding 4, L. Hughes 5, J. Campbell (cond.) 6, D. Dunseith 7. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 3 and by a local service band.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Marks 1, V. Payne 2, L. Hine 3, C. C. Turner 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, G. Burrows 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung for Plough Sunday service.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd. 1.260 Doubles (New, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, All Saints'): Miss R. P. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, M. J. Martin 4, J. R. Cooper 5, J. E. Chittenden 6. First in 11 methods for all and on the bells.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Ford 1, O. Pole 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4, J. Ford 5, H. Cavill 6. First quarter by ringers of 1, 5 and 6. Believed first quarter on the bells, which have recently been rehung. Also on Jan. 15th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: B. T. Jeanes 1, Sid Baker 2, P. Tucker 3, G. Burge 4, T. Chapple (cond.) 5, Sam Baker 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on Jan. 25th. 1.311 Stedman Cinques: G. H. Cross 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, L. Pearson 7, W. R. Winterton 8, W. Williams 9, W. Prockson 10, F. J. Matthews 11, T. J. Lock 12. First quarter on twelve for 3 and 10. Rung for Confirmation service.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 25th. 1,320 Spliced Doubles (2 extents Plain and Reverse Canterbury, 3 of Plain, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 3 of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 3 of Plain and St. Martin's): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3, K. Frith 4, R. A. Smith 5, Doris Thompson. Also 1.260 Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Frith 1, A. Cooke (first 'inside') 2, G. Ingham 3, R. A. Smith 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 10th. 1.260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss L. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, T. Bowles 2, F. Smith 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, J. Berry 6. Also on Jan. 11th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Jeffries (first quarter) 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Smith 3, R. Cobb 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Absolom 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Simms 1, W. S. Butler 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. H. P. Mellin 4, Miss M. Godfrey (aged 14, first quarter) 5, A. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. Also 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Evers (aged 74, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Simms (first of Minor) 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, S. Bones 4, W. S. Butler (cond.) 5, E. Bright 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Mrs. Nora Chadwick has the unique distinction of ringing her first peal for her own silver wedding. We doubt whether such an event has ever occurred in the Exercise before. She is a member of the Wakefield Cathedral Church Sunday service band and it was with her fellow members she rang the peal at Sandal Magna, Yorks.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs Olive Mary Jenkyn, of Caversham, Reading, widow of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who died last December, left £49,791 (duty paid £17.344). She left £500 each to the S.P.G. Medical Missions and the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, of which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was at one time Master. To her housekeeper, Miss Betty Lawrence, she left £2.000.

February 14th is the 50th anniversary of the North Wales Association.

A first peal by a whole band is a matter of warm congratulation. This took place at Hatton, Warwickshire, on January 31st at the second attempt. The average age of the band was 18½ years.

A welcome visitor to Woodford, Essex, recently, was Mr. Nelder, of Wanstead, who is now over 80 and unable to ring very often because of his health. It was a pleasure to see him joining in the ringing at Woodford.

We are pleased to see Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, again in our peal columns. He called a peal for his 84th birthday, his 677th for the Sussex Association. 'I wonder if I am the oldest ringer living to conduct a peal?' he inquires.

We regret that through a typographical error the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Chichester on January 24th, reported in our last issue, had the name of the wrong conductor. The peal at Chichester was composed by Mr. James Topp and conducted by Mr. John H. Hunt.

The 13th issue of 'The Belfry,' the quarterly publication of the Maidstone District, maintains the excellence of previous numbers. Among the contributors are Mr. A. York-Bramble, who concludes his notes on 'Method Structure' and Mr. B. J. Luck, who gives some inside information as to the popularity of Canterbury District meetings.

Finchingfield (Essex) bells are now ringing again after their recent overhaul by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The work carried out includes the recasting of the seventh bell and rehanging on ball bearings. The church has recently undergone a major repair of the roof, something like £5,000 being spent. In view of this the seventh bell was dedicated after its return from the foundry whilst it stood in the church, and a service of thanksgiving for all this work will be held in April, when the former Bishop of Chelmsford will be the preacher. Details of the service will be published in our columns later.

We are asked to state that the peal of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne was not rung by the Ashton Society.

Mr. H. Evers, of Witham, Essex, who, previous to his 73rd birthday had never handled a bell, has rung his first quarter at the age of 74. We think Mr. Evers must be one of the oldest starters in the Exercise and we wish him many happy years of ringing.

Miss Mildred Dwerryhouse, of Farnworth, Lancs, has accepted a teaching post in Germany. In bidding her au revoir the Parish Magazine records: 'Among the many ways in which she has helped forward the work of the church, it is especially as a bellringer that she will be missed. Most of the present team first joined through her influence, and her own enthusiasm has been an inspiration to all.'

Writes a correspondent, E. L. H.: 'We need two councils, one to meet at York and one at Winchester. Our aim should be not peals but to get all the bells ringing all over the country. Side-tracking the real problems with "What is and what isn't" is a dead loss to Sunday service ringing. A committee in London could do the real work of co-ordinating far more efficiently than the Council.'

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SERVICE TOUCH ON HANDBELLS

At Consecration of Newcastle Church

St. Peter's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the first permanent church to be built in the Diocese of Newcastle since before the late war, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle on Saturday, January 31st, in the presence of a large congregation of local clergy and laity, including the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle. This new church replaces a timber-built mission of the Parish Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, and is to serve the newly-developed urban areas of Cowgate and Blakelaw, which will eventually become the boundaries of a separate parish.

Although at present without the bell tower allowed for in the plans, the church was not without bells and ringers on this great occasion, for a service touch on handbells of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung in front of the chancel steps by the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association: J. Anderson (Newcastle Cathedral) 1-2, K. Arthur (SS. James and Basil's) 3-4, D. A. Bayles (SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street) 5-6, E. N. Harrison (SS. James and Basil's) 7-8. After the service several worshippers expressed their appreciation of the ringing, and one gentleman was so delighted by 'your harmony' that he insisted on shaking the hand of each ringer in turn.

Many of the post-war brick-built church edifices like St. Peter's, Cowgate, do not allow for the installation of rings of bells, and it is felt that the use of handbells in these churches on special occasions is more than justified. Not only does it show the desire of ringers to be recognised as church workers, but it stimulates a public interest in the ringing art, which is all too often unknown to the congregation 'downstairs.'

During the afternoon prior to the service of consecration, the ringers of the mother Church of SS. James and Basil took their part in the parish thanksgiving by ringing 1,260 Stedman Triples as follows: E. N. Harrison 1, T. W. Crowe 2, K. Arthur (conductor) 3, T. Sewell (first in the method) 4, N. H. Hewett (first in the method) 5, J. Roach 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, J. Heal 8. K. A.

Miss Norah M. Bibby's 150 Peals

Miss Norah M. Bibby has an interesting list in her 150 peals which, as she explains, represents the result of 25 years spent by a ringer who just 'makes up the band' occasionally. The list includes record peals by four fathers and four daughters and five fathers and five daughters:—

Minor.—Bob 1, Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 8.

Major.—Bob 12, Double Norwich 5, Oswald Delight 1, Double Mancroft 1, Marlborough Bob 1, Winchester Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Loughborough Bob 1, Buckley Imperial Bob 1, Daresbury Imperial Bob 1, Grosvenor Imperial Bob 1, Liscard Imperial Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 11, Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 23, Superlative 6, Yorkshire 3, Rutland 2, London 19, Bristol 11, Liverpool 1, Cheshire 1, Rochester 1, Ipswich 1, Lincolnshire 1, Spliced Surprise (4 methods) 2, (6 methods) 1, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 3, Double Norwich 2.

Royal.—Bob 3 (1 'in hand'), Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 5, Little Bob 2 (1 'in hand').

Mr. Brian Harris points out that the composition rung at Liscard, Cheshire, to Liscard Imperial Bob was by Sir A. P. Heywood and not by H. W. Wilde.

RECORD LENGTH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 'IN HAND'

Two Ladies in 13,139 Changes Peal

A new record length in Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was established at Bournemouth on Saturday, January 31st, by the well-known local band conducted by Mr. Daniel T. Matkin. The peal rung, 13,139 changes, was composed by the conductor. The previous record of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung in 1912.

The band consisted of Mr. W. G. Young 1-2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4, Mr. D. T. Matkin 5-6, Mr. Roy C. Hurst 7-8, Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher 9-10.

The band assembled at 26, Wellington Road, and went into changes at 2.37 p.m. 'This is all' came at 9.11 p.m. The rate of changes per minute was 33.35.

The umpire, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, checked the calling and every course end throughout the peal, and the band desire to thank him for doing his job most efficiently. He also timed every four courses and there was hardly any variation.

The two ladies are to be congratulated on the way they stuck to their jobs. Neither of them was in the least perturbed and would have gone on much longer if necessary.

MR. DANIEL T. MATKIN

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who umpired the peal, writes: The bells went into changes at 2.37 p.m. and came round at 9.11 p.m., so that the performance occupied 6 hours 34 minutes. This represents an average of between 35 and 36 changes a minute and a steady pace was maintained throughout. The peal is composed of blocks of four short courses, each representing 360 changes, and the quickest time recorded for one of these blocks was ten minutes exactly and the slowest was eleven minutes.

There was no trip throughout. One or two periods (very short) of hesitancy were the only blemishes on what must rank as a first-class performance. Congratulations are due to all taking part, especially the ladies, who seemed ready for another lot at the conclusion. Some of the best ringing was heard in the concluding handstroke position, but the 'beat' was excellent throughout. I may add that I checked every call and every course-end throughout the peal and, as the composition has already been checked by competent authority, Mr. D. T. Matkin and his band may be congratulated upon a first-class performance.

Appended is the composition that was rung.

13,139 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By DANIEL T. MATKIN

23456789	1	2	3	4	
62354987	—		—		
35264		—	—	S	
23564	—	—	—		
42365	—	—	S		
54263	—	—	S		A
25463	—	—	—		A
32564	—	—	S		A
43265	—	—	S		A
54362	—	—	S		B
35462	—	—	—		B
43562	—	—	—		B
24365	—	—	S		B
32465	B				
53264	—	—	S		
45362	—	—	S		
34562	—	—	—		
23465	—	—	S		
56324		—	—		
35624	—	—	—		
43526	—	—	S		
62345		—	—		
36245978	—	S	—		
23645	—	—	—		
52346	—	—	S		
53246	A				
25346	B				
32546	B				
35246	A				
23546	B				
34526		—	—	—	
63425	—	—	S		
56324	—	—	S		
62354		—	—	—	C
36254	—	—	—		C
23654	—	—	—		C
42356	—	—	S		C
D 43256	A				C
24356	B				C
32456	B				C
34256	A				C
23456	B				C
65324		—	—		
23465	C				
56324879		S	—		
23456	C				
65324		—	—		
34265	D				

Rung on handbells at Bournemouth, Saturday, January 31st, 1953, in 6 hours and 34 minutes, conducted by the composer.

The 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Worcester on January 17th (published in our issue of January 30th) was the 500th peal for the Worcestershire Association by Sidney T. Holt.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Record Attendance at Shrewsbury

WHETHER by accident or design, the Shropshire Association annual meeting at Shrewsbury on January 31st coincided with the leading article in 'The Ringing World' which was devoted to Professor Samuel Lee, at one time a Shrewsbury ringer.

The record attendance could not be ascribed to this, however, as eighty names had been sent in reply to the invitation to tea which was issued by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's.

St. Mary's ringers had their bells in readiness, and standard eight and ten bell methods were rung with some difficulty, as belfry and staircase were crowded with ringers anxious to secure a rope. Shortly afterwards the last four of St. Chad's twelve were raised in turn, and the lighter ones rung up in peal in some style. Plain Bob. Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve were heard before all assembled in church for the service.

This was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, who said how pleased he was to welcome so large a gathering on the first such occasion since his arrival in Shrewsbury. He said that the parish was very proud of its fine bells and of its church. Both were worthy successors to the old church, the dramatic end of which he described. He further remarked that the programme was a very full one, and proposed to close the service with the new bell ringers' hymn from the last edition of 'Ancient and Modern.' A tangible form of welcome had been prepared in St. Chad's Parish Room.

The ringers found this was indeed the case, eighty plates of ham and incidentals being supplemented by numerous cups of tea brought round by Mrs. Chapman, the ladies of St. Chad's band, wives and mothers.

After tea the Vicar took his leave, being due at evensoing, as the parish is temporarily without a curate. Many willing hands cleared the tables and a considerable volume of business was executed with despatch.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard: Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. H. Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer; auditor, Mr. W. H. Hughes.

The Ringing Master's report indicated that 15 peals had been rung during 1952, with 28 'firsts' of some kind. Quarter peals were not numerous, but he mentioned that at Wrockwardine by the new band. Several restorations had taken place during the year, and presumably with the Coronation in mind, several others were either in progress or pending.

Grants were immediately made to Newport, Madeley, Shifnal and Bicton, the balance sheet showing a continued increase in reserves.

A representative committee, comprising Messrs. F. Price (Market Drayton), E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet), H. Hughes (Oswestry), E. Whitehead (Ellesmere), E. Fox (Much Wenlock), J. Stanier (Madeley), L. Watson (Newport), L. Hewitt (Wellington), L. Garbett (Broseley) and officers, was appointed, with a view to arranging some ringing during the Coronation period at towers which had no band of ringers.

Mr. A. Bayley voiced the members' thanks for the reception and hospitality, which they had so much enjoyed, and the company adjourned to the belfry, where standard methods and Cambridge were rung.

No such concourse of ringers has visited Shrewsbury since the last Central Council meeting, and several stayed overnight and helped with ringing for matins on Sunday. The following towers are recorded as being represented: Claverley, Wellington, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Clive, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Stockton, Broseley, Hodnet, Wem, Madeley, in Salop, and Birmingham, Heston, Crewe, Wednesbury, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Wistaston, Coventry, Barwell, Colehill, Leicester, Wigston Magna, Nottingham, Claines, Prestwich and Newcastle-under-Lyme. Mr. A. P. Cannon also journeyed from London.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By D. PARSONS

2314567890E	5	6	14	19
21536478E90				A
213465				2
314265		—		2
415263		—		3
412356	—		S	2
213456		—		2
314256		—		2
312456		S		2
214356		—		2
416352		—		3
413265	—		S	2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2
2134658709E				B
314265		—		2
412365		—		2
413265		S		2
312465		—		2
214365		—		2

A = 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, S13, 15, 16, 17.
B = 2, S9, S13, S15, 18.

First rung at St. James', Trowbridge, on April 29th, 1950.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Council President Visits Bicester Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch was held at Caversfield (St. Lawrence's) on January 31st. Ringing commenced on the five bells at 2.30 p.m., and these were rung to Grandsire and Stedman. The church (of which the lower portion of the tower is Saxon) is situated on the Bicester–Banbury road surrounded by trees next to Caversfield House.

The branch president (the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper) conducted the service, the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson, the new Rector of Launton (the Rev. S. Tarrent) preached a ringers' sermon, and Miss Elizabeth Sharpe was the organist.

Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, of Caversfield House, very kindly placed the library at the branch's disposal for the tea and business meeting which followed. The Deputy Master was in the chair, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Jones, of Ludgershall (Bucks). One new member for Bicester tower, Miss R. E. Stevens, was elected. The annual meeting was fixed for Kirtlington on April 25th subject to the dedication of the Cathedral bells.

The branch had very great pleasure in according the president of the Central Council a very warm and sincere welcome to the meeting. In his address, Mr. E. H. Lewis said that the Standing Committee were discussing the ringing activities for the Coronation and would be issuing a directive very shortly.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, the Rev. S. Tarrent, the branch president, the secretary and the organist.

Tunes were rung on the handbells and also courses of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob.

Guildford District Discuss Coronation Day Ringing

The main theme at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 31st, which was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, was ringing on Coronation Day. The Rev. A. C. Cook (Bramley) presided, supported by the hon. sec. (Mr. R. Kenward), over 50 ringers attending.

Mr. L. Hunter said that in view of television, ringing on Coronation Day would have to be arranged so as not to coincide with the service. He felt that it was very desirable that all towers should make some effort to ring on that day.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden commented that his recollection of the 1937 Coronation was that each parish church made arrangements for its own service, and ringing took place in conjunction with that service. Whatever the Guild wished to do, the decision would rest with the Vicar and the parish.

Mr. T. Mark White advocated the formation of a pool of ringers to give assistance to those towers which were short.

Mr. A. H. Pulling recalled the Coronation of King George V., when a peal of London Surprise was started at Guildford at 5 a.m. and completed by 8 a.m.

It was eventually decided to send a questionnaire to each tower to find out if they were ringing on Coronation Day and if assistance was required: and if the local company was unable to ring, would the services of visiting ringers be appreciated?

The meeting favoured the holding of a district outing, and Mr. T. Mark White agreed to act as organiser with the assistance of the officers of the Guild.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Robinson: hon. secretary, Mr. R. Kenward: assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. Morant: hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman. Mr. R. Whittington was re-elected to the committee for three years.

New members elected were: Non-resident life, Miss Sheila Collins; ringing members, Alan C. A. Hunter (Shalford), Miss Hazel Rose (Bramley), Mr. D. Redfern (Bramley), the Misses Ann Cox, Marigold Rule and Monica Collins (S. Nicolas', Guildford).

Meeting places suggested for 1953 were Haslemere, Witley, Godalming, Ewhurst, Wonersh and Shere.

The service was held in S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. A. C. Cook, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. P. Denham (Dunsfold). Singing was led by a ladies' choir. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Guildford churches.

5,031 STEDMAN CATERS

By NOLAN GOLDEN

5	16	231456789
	A	315462879
2	3	213465
—	2	314265
—	3	415263
—	—	514362
	B	415362978
C —	3	512364
C —	3	214365
C —	2	413265
C —	3	315264
S	—	315462
	C	415263978
	B	514263879
	C	214635

A = S1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18
B = 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14

Rung at Stradbroke, Suffolk, November 1st, 1952.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE 1951 PEALS ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—The letter written by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, and published in your issue of January 30th, 1953, calls for a reply.

In the first place, I do not think his simile is very apt. A judge or magistrate administers the law as he finds it, but his observations on the law, even if generally acceptable, would take many months, perhaps years, of work before they could become effective. The position at Lincoln was very different. Within a matter of hours the Council passed two resolutions, the second of which cancelled out the first. It is not a matter of paradoxes, but of ordinary committee procedure, and the common ringer (I use this term in no derogatory sense) is entitled to expect that members of the Council are familiar with this procedure.

I assure Mr. Felstead and all who think as he does that the General Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild did not regard its resolution as a bit of 'cheek.' The introductory reasons given by the Guild's representatives should have convinced all those who heard them that the Guild was seriously concerned with the present administration of change ringing by the Council. The Guild Committee looked at the problem objectively. It found that ever since the passing of the decision accepting only Plain Bob lead ends this decision had never been enforced, and regular and irregular methods alike had been published annually by the Peals Analysis Committee. The Council has, therefore, connived at this deception and even aggravated it by persuading the common ringer to buy its publications containing some of these methods with instructions for ringing them. Is it then 'cheek' to ask the Council to re-examine this question of the so-called irregular methods?

It is well known that a considerable number of ringers do not see eye to eye with the Council over the existing rule and there are weighty arguments for its abolition which the Oxford Guild thinks should be carefully examined. I am astonished that Mr. Felstead thinks the Methods Committee is competent to decide this question for the whole of the Exercise. I saw nothing in the report of the Central Council proceedings at Lincoln which suggested that the question had been remitted to the Methods Committee for a decision. I certainly saw the Methods Committee's decision published a few weeks ago, but did not attach any undue importance to it. I very much doubt if the Oxford Guild Committee would consider that such an opinion, if accepted by the Council in due course with no additional evidence, satisfied the terms of the resolution passed at Lincoln. In my view this problem is now so important that it should be remitted to each association in membership with the Council for a full discussion. The answers, when received, could be collated, and we should then have a representative opinion of the general body of ringers.—Yours sincerely, A. R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

IRREGULAR LEAD ENDS

Dear Sir,—Over 25 years ago I asked a well-known ringer and composer, who first taught me how to prove Plain and Treble Bob Major, why it was that objections were raised to irregular lead ends (heads) in Minor ringing.

His reply was that so far as he could discover there was no reason, but plenty of prejudice!

Since that time I have endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to discover one for myself. Perhaps now that the Methods Committee are unanimously agreed on the subject, Mr. K. W. H. Felstead could enlighten me?

But, please, sir, REASONS, not prejudices.—Yours faithfully, H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

B.B.C. RECORDING

Dear Sir,—I heard the new record in the B.B.C. Light Programme on Sunday, February 1st, at 7.57 a.m. for the first time. It was a real treat. If this is the recording referred to by Dr. Taylor some weeks ago, congratulations to the Evercreech band.—Yours,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

THE OXFORD GUILD RESOLUTION

Dear Sir,—I was under the impression that the Oxford Guild resolution was carried at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln.

This being so, and without resorting to Latin, it meant that peals which had been recognised for the last dozen years or so should again be so recognised, at least for 1951.

A simple and straightforward ruling which the ordinary ringer could easily understand and which the Rev. Kenneth Felstead and the members of the Methods Committee would do well to remember.—Yours sincerely.

ALBERT E. LOCK,
Oxford Diocesan Guild
representative.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch Branch

The Christchurch Branch held its annual meeting at Christchurch recently. Good use of the Priory bells (12) was made during the afternoon and evening. The service was held in the choir of the Priory, conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. P. Price, M.A.

At the business meeting held after tea all the officers were re-elected and several new members were elected.

The hon. secretary reported the loss through death of Messrs. J. M. Turner, E. Hinton (Christchurch) and E. Kerley (Lymington), and the meeting stood for a moment in respectful silence.

Mrs. J. M. Turner asked the district to accept a model bell in memory of her late husband. The members did so, thanking Mrs. Turner for the gift, and decided to house the model in the Priory tower suitably inscribed. Mr. G. Preston was elected custodian of the bell.

It was resolved to hold the 1953 quarterly meetings on March 14th, June 13th, September 12th and December 12th, and the Bournemouth Ringers' Rally and 'George Williams' Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, May 23rd, to coincide with the visit of the Central Council to Bournemouth.

Portsmouth District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on January 31st, when about 50 members, friends and visitors from a wide area attended. Range of ringing during the afternoon and evening was up to Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major, with plenty of rounds for beginners.

The service in the Parish Church of St. Mary was conducted by the Rector, Canon Windsor Roberts, and tea and business meeting took place in the Brodrick Hall.

District officers elected for the year were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Nobes (Alverstoke); secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt (Titchfield); auditor, Mr. P. Page (Titchfield); Central Committee representative, Mr. A. H. Sturgess (Fareham). Retiring officers were: Mr. W. Linter (chairman), Mr. J. H. Hunt (secretary), Mr. F. W. Burnett (auditor), Mr. S. J. Harding (C.C. representative).

New members elected were two honorary, two compounding (one a ratification) and 10 ringing.

The new three-year rota of district meetings prepared by the secretary was adopted on Mr. Hunt's proposal, seconded by Mr. Love.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Feb. 14th, 1913

RETFORD, NOTTS.
The North Notts Association
On Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 1913, in 2 hours and 43 minutes
At Alma Villa
A PEAL OF MINOR, 7,200 CHANGES
Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Single and Double Court, Single and Double Oxford, Hereward, Reverse Hereward
Tapped on handbells by John Segar, jun.

[The above was one of a series of peals tapped around this time by Mr. Segar, and Mr. Olave E. Broyd, then of Gestingthorpe, Essex.]

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE
The Worcestershire and Districts Association
On Thursday, February 6th, 1913, in 2 hours and 50 minutes
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5,040 CHANGES
Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury, Grandsire, and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Samuel I. Eaton ..	..Treble
Ernest E. Barber ..	2
Rev. J. F. Hastings ..	3
William Ranford ..	4
William Short	5
Ernest Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by William Short

[The Rev. J. F. Hastings was curate of Martley from 1891 to 1907, and succeeded his father to the living in that year. He resigned on account of advanced age in 1944. His great-grandfather, a relative of the famous Warren Hastings, held the living from 1797 to 1856, and was 101 when he died. Mr. Hastings' grandfather succeeded him until his death in 1875, being followed by his son. The four generations thus spanned nearly 150 years as incumbents.]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Pudsey's Redecorations Impress Visitors

The Society's first meeting in 1953 was held at Pudsey on January 31st. The nation-wide gale was very much in evidence, but this did not affect the warmth of welcome extended to the Society.

The church has been recently redecorated and the tower was included in the scheme which produced many improvements. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the nearby schoolrooms.

The president (Mr. J. W. Benten) presided at the business meeting, and members were present from Armley, Calverley, Collingham, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Thorner, Woodlesford and York. Later arrivals were from Bramley, Batley, Bradford, Halifax, Idle, Tong and Ossett.

The usual business meeting details were quickly dealt with. One new member, Mr. D. Mann, of St. Chad's, Headingley, was elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by the president, who specially stressed the thanks to the members who had arranged and served tea. This was seconded by the secretary, who said he thought the visitors were too full for words, but he hoped the local ringers would not judge their shyness in giving voice to the fact that their thanks were not sincere. Mr. J. W. Gibson acknowledged the thanks and said if the visitors had enjoyed their visit the local company had enjoyed their company and in preparing for them.

The next meeting is due to be held at Birstall on February 28th.

Handbell ringing was enjoyed before a return to the tower.

RINGERS I HAVE MET

JAMES (JIMMIE) MOTTS, 1859—1923

When I was a boy and learning to ring at King's Lynn, round about 1900, James Motts was looked up to in East Anglia with veneration, and by those who had never met him, almost with awe. We had heard so much about his insistence on good striking and his insufferance of fools gladly. Yet he was always ready to help and encourage a young ringer, as I found out later when I had settled in Ipswich, for he called—to my great satisfaction—the first composition of mine ever rung.

He was born in 1879 at Fressingfield, a village in High Suffolk, that same village which had given birth to Sancroft, Archbishop of Canterbury, and to which the latter retired to end his days on his resignation in 1685. Motts came of a ringing family, his father and uncles being ringers; it was a hard school, their ringing was learned the hard way, but they made good strikers.

In those far-off days Oxford Treble Bob was the height of a man's ambition and each man vied with his neighbour in the art of placing his bell; a bad striker was simply not tolerated. Hence his demand all his life for good striking. He was a man of about average build, dark, keen-eyed and in his early days wore what used to be called 'mutton-chop' side-whiskers. (There is an engraving of him thus in 'Bell News,' January 21st, 1891.) Later he was clean-shaven. He remained a bachelor, never smoked and seldom drank more than a glass of ale.

He came to Ipswich in 1882 and was in business as a painter and decorator: he naturally gravitated to St. Mary-le-Tower's, soon became its recognised leader, and with the help of the late William L. Catchpole built the Society to a position of eminence. He was of a progressive nature and under his leadership many peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and—the crowning point—the first two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were scored. These latter undoubtedly opened up a new era in Maximus ringing.

He used to ride an old 'penny-farthing' cycle and he rode it to Debenham, a distance of 14 miles, when he called Day's 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major there on Whit Monday, 1892. He used an ordinary cycle later, which he used to push along fairly fast, as I, who have cycled many miles with him, know full well. Besides the long peal mentioned above he conducted six other peals of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob of over 7,000; he also took part in the 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton in 1903.

Most of his ringing was done with the old Norwich Diocesan Association for which he rang on tower bells 530 peals, of which he conducted the extraordinary number of 417, simply explained by the fact that when he was present nobody else thought of conducting. He also rang on handbells 29 peals, conducting 22; amongst these were two of Double Norwich Major, in 1893, one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Holt's Original. He rang peals for other Associations but as he kept no peal book it is hardly possible to get his complete record. His last year of active ringing was 1921, when at St. Mary-le-Tower's he conducted peals of Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus and Stedman Cinques, the latter coming into rounds just after midnight in the New Year, and this was his last peal.

He was in poor health all the following year and passed away January 21st, 1923. He was laid to his last rest on a cold wintry day in Ipswich Cemetery, some of his companions ringing handbells at the graveside. In St. Mary-le-Tower's belfry is a handsome stone memorial, subscribed for by ringers throughout the country, to him and his ringing comrade for many year, William L. Catchpole.

Motts was a member of the Central Council for a number of years but I don't think he really felt at home in that assembly. He was too much the man of action to talk a lot. Such was he who was one of the giants of the Exercise in his day. There are not many who will remember Jimmy Motts to-day, but those who do will retain memories of a great ringer, an outstanding conductor, a kindly friend, and, withal, a quiet and most unassuming man.

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

On January 31st, the eve of the disastrous East Coast floods, five keen ringers from Lincoln and neighbouring towers spent a very enjoyable afternoon in visiting seven towers on the borders of Fenland.

The party left Lincoln about 1,15, and the first call was at the five-bell tower of Ashby-de-la-Launde (tenor 7 cwt.). Ringing here was difficult; the fourth bell took the combined efforts of two of the party to raise, and the second showed a strong propensity to slip wheel despite G. P.'s valiant efforts! However, touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round before going on to North Rauceby. Here we found a grand ring of five (tenor 12 cwt.) hung from the ground floor, which went well and sounded very fine; it was generally agreed that the tenor (a Taylor recast of 1935) 'made' the ring.

Next came a visit to the fine six-bell tower of Sempringham Abbey, which stands alone in a field remote from any houses (an ideal peal ringing tower, we felt!). After various excursions in search of the tower key, the back five (tenor 8 cwt.) were raised and further Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles sounded out across the fields. These bells sound very fine and the 'go' is excellent despite the fact that the church is disused during the winter months.

A visit to the rather tired looking tower of Horbling followed. Here the fine six (tenor 9 cwt.) are rung from the centre of the church. The walls of the tower appear to lean in one direction and the piers supporting it in another. However, this does not affect the 'go' of the bells, which went so well that the writer was able to turn in the tenor to a well-struck 120 Grandsire while seated in the back row of the choir stalls!

After a good lower, the long-suffering car carried the party on (despite a wrong turning being taken—black mark, navigator!) to the magnificent tower and spire of Helpringham. The five bells here, also rung from the ground floor with a very long draught of rope, go very well, having been rehung by the Croydon Foundry in 1946, but their tone is most peculiar; the melodic interval between the notes of the back three almost defies description! However, we felt that our striking was of quite a good standard!

A mile or two north of Helpringham stands the very fine 10 century tower of Great Hale, which contains a ring of six, tenor 10 cwt. The tone is good, but the 'go' only fair, and a visit from a bell hanger would not come amiss.

Ruskington has a fine massive tower containing a good ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), hung in a most peculiar cast-iron frame, which appears to be a cross between an 'A' and an 'H.'! The six ropes fall in two straight lines and very close together! However, despite all this, ringing on the back five was much enjoyed before the final run back into Lincoln, which was reached at 8.30 p.m.

P. N. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch at Wolborough

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Jan. 31st, when members and friends attended from Exeter, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes, Plympton and Plymouth, etc.

The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon, and the service in St. Leonard's Church was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, assistant priest, who gave a short address as well as acting as organist.

After tea in a nearby cafe, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Three apologies for absence were received, a discussion arising from one of them on the question of the clash of meetings. It was left to the representatives to raise the matter at the next general committee meeting.

The secretary's report, in printed form, was produced and adopted. The treasurer's report was adopted and this showed a decreased balance in hand in the general fund. It was subsequently recommended that treasurer's reports should if possible be in printed form in future.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Harvey; three members to serve on the General Committee, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley.

Subject to the usual permission being obtained, the next meeting is to be at Cockington and Upton, Torquay, on April 25th. Ringing arrangements for the Coronation were fully discussed, no decision being reached as to what should be done during Coronation week.

The bells of St. Leonard's tower also came up for discussion, it being mentioned that a sum of money was raised some time ago with a view to repairs being carried out.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Wolborough, to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, and to the branch officials for their past services. Further ringing took place after the meeting.

BUNBURY CHURCH, CHESHIRE

Bunbury Church, Cheshire, where a peal was rung on January 31st, is one of the most beautiful in Cheshire. Although in a rural area, writes Mr. J. W. Griffiths, it suffered severely owing to the explosion of a land mine during the war. Many of the windows were blown out and the roof was severely damaged and had to be removed in 1941. Happily, work on its restoration is proceeding and a new roof has been put over the nave, but many of the windows are wanting glass.

With the exception of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings, which has been continued in the church throughout, the services are being maintained in the Parish Room.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By EDWIN TIMBRELL

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
52436			2	2
35426			1	
52643	1		2	
54326		—	2	1
53246			1	2
36245	1			2
Repeat from 34256				
35264				
62534			2	2
65324			1	2
63254			1	2
23456	1			

Contains 4, 5, 6 extent in 6ths. No 82s in Kent and Bristol.

Rung at Sefton on December 11th, 1952.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF LEICESTERSHIRE

By ERNEST MORRIS

THERE are in the Leicester Diocese, which includes the whole county and the villages of Stanford-on-Avon (Warwickshire) and Little Bowden (Northants), 1,320 church bells. All these have now been tabulated, their history and inscriptions transcribed up to the end of 1952. In 1876 the late Thomas North, F.S.A., published his book on Leicestershire bells and at that time there were 994. Although a fine publication, it has many errors, especially as regards the inscriptions and setting of several rings. Mr. North was a cripple, consequently unable to climb up some of the very awkward—and often dangerous—ladders and other approaches to the bells. He was, therefore, forced to rely on incumbents, sextons and others to do this for him, and often their copies of inscriptions were not always correct. Nevertheless, the work is a very fine one. For the last 40 years of his ringing career the present writer has visited the bulk of the churches in the county and verified, rectified and brought up to date all the recastings, augmentations, etc., to the end of 1952. The 1,320 bells may thus be divided:—

Pre-1500	25
1500–1600	88
1600–1700	304
1700–1800	228
1800–1900	348
1900–1952	327
	1,320

and can be classified under founders thus:—

Ancient undated	58
Ancient blanks	12
Newcombe and Watts (Leicester)	233
Oldfield and Hedderley (Nottingham)	131
Hedderley and Halton (Nottingham)	6
Rudhall (Gloucester)	4
Norris (Stamford)	13
Rigby (Stamford)	3
Penn (Peterborough)	2
Brooks (Bromsgrove)	1
Osborn (Downham Market)	6
Bagley (Chacomb)	7
Eldridge (Chertsey)	2
Eayre (Kettering and St. Neots)	84
Arnold (St. Neots and Leicester)	32
Briant (Hertford)	26
Smith (Edgbaston)	1
Lester, Pack and Chapman (London)	9
C. and G. Mears (London)	1
T. Mears and Son (London)	42
Mears and Stainbank (London)	3
Barwell (Birmingham)	8
Carr (Smethwick)	3
Bowell (Ipswich)	2
Warner (London)	5
R. Taylor (St. Neots)	6
J. Taylor and Co. (Loughborough)	511
Modern odd and undated	50
Gillett and Johnston (Croydon)	29
Dated, but founders undecided	30

These are made up by:—

Single bells	80	80
Rings of 2	28	56
Rings of 3	66	198
Rings of 4	24	96
Rings of 5	34	170
Rings of 6	56	336
Rings of 8	41	328
Rings of 10	3	30
Rings of 13	2	26
		1,320

There are also three sets of eight tubes, the ring of ten at Loughborough Bell Foundry, and (horror of horrors!) a gramophone at Christ Church, Mountsorrel.

Owing to the enormous cost of printing, and especially the making of blocks to show the hundreds of founders' shields, initial crosses, stops, arabesques, etc., to say nothing of styles of lettering, Gothic, Old English, black letter, Roman and so on, it is very doubtful if this great work will be published. The Leicestershire Archæological Society and others have been approached and, while fully agreeing that this is a valuable and monumental work, it is beyond their means to reproduce in book form. It is of interest to note that Mr. Ernest Morris, in addition to collating this MS., has actually rung in peals of 5,000 changes and over at all the possible towers save two (St. Mary's, Leicester, and the new ring of Wanlip). The impossible towers at present are Stapleford (six hung 'dead'), the eight at Church Langton, and the two five-bell towers of Skeffington and Shawell, where the bells are unringable. Thus out of 137 towers with rings of five and over, Mr. Morris has rung peals in 131.

Besides the church bells history, inscriptions, etc., Mr. Morris has completely rewritten a full history of all the bell founders of Leicester and county from the time of 'Rog-le-Belleyetere' (1307) and 'Stephen-le-Bellyeter' (1328) down to the present John Taylor and Co. Many founders and their works have been traced and noted, and much interesting history has come to light through these researches, which elaborate and add considerably to that published by the late Mr. North.

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5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By JAMES TOPP

	23456	1	4	5	6
	42356				2
	26354	—	—	—	
	32654				2
	62534	—			2
	23564	—			3
	36524	—			3
'A'	25634	—			—
	35624	S			3
	65234	—			2
	53264	—			3
	23654	—			2
	43256		—		3
	54326		'A'		
	23456	—			—

Will conductors of peals please arrange for their peals to be submitted within a few days of the performance. Delay, which at times exceeds a month, complicates the work of the Peals Analysis Committee. There is serious consideration being given to the question whether a band ringing a peal and claiming it must submit it within a time limit.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Banks 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, Miss S. M. Wickens (first in method) 4, Miss C. A. West 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, R. J. W. Jurd 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers 1, J. Chambers 2, K. E. Lovett 3, B. Corbishley 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Feb 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. J. Fry 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, K. F. Medway 6, J. Hallett 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, C. D. Linch 4, J. Udall 5, N. Abell 6, W. A. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): W. C. Shute 1, C. E. Bishop 2, Miss W. M. Cox 3, D. French 4, D. R. Reed (cond.) 5, H. I. Pitman 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Maidment 1, Miss E. Kiernan 2, J. Rea 3, A. Tyers 4, T. Taffender 5, G. Lucas (cond.) 6, B. Braine 7, J. Tonkin 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. Wood 1, H. Rowley (cond.) 2, N. R. Hunt (first quarter) 3, A. Bowers 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson 6.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Watkins 1, Rev. C. P. Sherwood (first 'inside') 2, L. Fogg (cond.) 3, Miss M. Hart 4, C. Smith 5, D. Drayton 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss L. R. Mitchell, sometime churchwarden.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 All Saints, 240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): E. Bawden (first in six methods) 1, M. Stone (first in more than one method 'inside') 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, W. Keirle 6. First in six methods on the bells. To mark the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

NORTH CREAKE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Couzens (first quarter) 1 D. Emerson 2, T. Owen 3, J. Couzens 4, R. Allcock (first as cond.) 5.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Lock (cond.) 1, J. G. Hall (first quarter) 2, J. E. Lofty 3, A. Sherlock 4, P. J. Coles 5. First quarter of Doubles by all.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Shadrack 1, Miss B. Payne 2, B. Bover 3, P. J. Eves 4, G. P. Sollars (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. C. Thrift 6. First quarter of Minor for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. C. Thrift.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Jan 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Moore 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, T. L. Stock 3, T. Earle (cond.) 4, A. R. Syder 5, H. E. Sibley 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Porter 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, B. P. Morris (cond.) 4, L. G. Toseland 5. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Earl of Dalkeith and Miss Jane McNeill.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, W. W. Bailey 5, R. Ducker 6, W. D. Grainger 7, G. M. Harvey 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,399 Little Grandsire Caters: P. M. Mayne 1, C. C. Mayne 2, W. Wenban 3, R. G. Bell 4, D. K. Adkins 5, S. H. Hoare 6, H. G. Cashmore (cond.) 7, G. W. Seaman 8, T. W. Sheppard 9, F. H. Crook 10. First ever rung.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 London and 600 Ipswich): Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First extent of London for 3 and 4.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, E. A. Parish 2, J. Cooper 3, F. Pickering 4, W. A. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. S. Woods (Bishop of Lichfield).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Wooton (first quarter) 1, K. Mary Cowley 2, A. J. Green 3, J. Chambers (first quarter) 4, G. E. Green 5, G. W. Holland (first in method as cond.) 6, W. Yates 7, F. C. Case 8.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bebbington 1, F. W. Chapman 2, T. P. Barlow 3, T. P. Lloyd 4, J. E. Brough (cond.) 5, H. Heath 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Harry Overton, head ringer and councillor at St. Margaret's Church, Wrenbury.

OBITUARY

MR. P. A. L. STEVENSON

Mr. Peter Archibald Leonard Stevenson (80), who has died at 1, Frythe Crescent, Cranbrook, Kent, was a native of Burwash, Sussex. He was taught to handle a rope at Salehurst, Sussex, in 1888. Some years elapsed before opportunities arose for him to take up change ringing. He eventually crossed the border into Kent and rang at Hawkhurst in the days when efforts were being made to build up a change ringing party there.

In February, 1914, a local peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. It was a question whether Stevenson or Thomas Ashenden should ring the treble. A coin was tossed and Ashenden won. The ringers were T. Ashenden, F. Chapman, jun., J. H. Durrant, J. Blake, O. Waghorn, A. H. Wellard, G. Billenness, F. Chapman, sen. Six of these have passed on. Of the two survivors, Mr. G. Billenness rings regularly and Mr. T. Ashenden retired from the art some years ago.

Stevenson's chance for peal ringing did not present itself until some years after the first world war. He went to Benenden, Kent, where members of Hawkhurst tower congregated frequently and there made headway. When 58 years of age he rang his first peal, and his last in 1939. In all he rang 46 peals and conducted six. An excellent record for a man starting peal ringing late in life.

Here is his record of peals: Grandsire Doubles 1, Plain Bob Minor 10 (conducted 2), Minor (4 methods) 1, Grandsire Triples 24 (conducted 4), Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, total 46 (conducted 6).

On November 5th, 1938, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Salehurst on the 50th anniversary of his start in ringing in 1888. He rang the second, the same bell on which he was taught to handle a rope, and he also rang this bell in his first peal on December 6th, 1930.

Eventually arthritis developed in his system. A man of perseverance, he continued ringing all the time he was able to climb the belfry stairs at Benenden. He belonged to the Kent County Association, the Sussex County Association, Hastings and District Guild and Hawkhurst and District Guild. His ambition was to teach his grandson, Roy Ballard, to handle a rope. His incapacity prevented him doing this, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that his grandson entered ringing under Mr. J. Brown's tuition.

The funeral was at Benenden Church on Feb. 2nd. The Vicar (the Rev. V. B. Yearsley) officiated and played the organ for the hymn, 'Abide with me.' Mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Ballard, Miss D. Stevenson and Miss L. Stevenson (son-in-law and daughters), Mr. R. Ballard (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. F. Maybourne, Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. Onion. Mr. G. Billenness and Mr. J. Brown represented Hawkhurst and District Guild.

In the evening Benenden's bells were rung half-muffled. The following took part: Messrs. G. Billenness, J. G. Powell, A. H. Kemp, C. Baker, B. Harris, Mrs. J. Hannington and Miss A. Powell (Hawkhurst), Mr. J. Brown (Benenden) and Mr. H. Baker (Frittenden). His old friends from Hawkhurst sent a wreath, as also did Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown. Mr. W. Gorringe, who organised the ringing, and Mrs. R. Tappenden were unable to be in the ringing party.

EIGHT WORDS

The following eight words contained in a sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross before a representative gathering of ringers might well be remembered in all belfries:—

Ears open,
Eyes wide,
Feet steady,
Tongue tied.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS—MR. HARRY OVERTON

It is rather a coincidence that the obituaries of Mr. Charles Edwards and Mr. Harry Overton appeared in 'The Ringing World' side by side, and it recalled an incident which occurred while Mr. Edwards was 'mine host' at the New Inn, Fownhope.

Mr. Overton had organised a ringers' outing to the Upper Wye Valley, which included a call at the New Inn (for liquid refreshment), Harry having been brought up at Bridgnorth in the Hereford Guild and consequently knew Mr. Edwards quite well.

The motor-coach pulled into the yard of the New Inn, and after sorting ourselves out we made our way to a table, where sat mine host with twelve pints and twelve half-pints of beer ready drawn.

I sat down next to Mr. Edwards while he was waiting for someone to claim and pay for the beer. Finally he said to me, 'Who's going to pay for these?' I said I did not know and asked him who had ordered them. Mine host said, 'Why, you.' I must have looked surprised, as indeed I was, but said, 'I am sorry, it was not me. I do not drink beer when in Herefordshire.' However, intending to pay my 'footing,' or is it 'foot in?' I helped him to dispose of the refreshment and thought no more about the incident until some years after, when I was staying at Sale and went one Christmas for a pull at Bowdon, where one of the first to welcome me was Mr. Edwards, who had remembered me, although I am sorry to say I had not remembered him, until he whispered to me, 'You remember those twelve pints and twelve half-pints at the New Inn, Fownhope?'

Incidentally, he was always in my thoughts whenever I passed the ends of Fownhope Road and Fownhope Avenue, close to where I stayed in Sale. W. F. S.

5,021 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CHILCOTT

1234567890E	1	5	6	19
413265				A
31246578E90	—		—	2
215463			—	3
512364			—	—
213456		—		2
314256			—	2
412356			—	2
413256			S	2
312456			—	2
216453			—	3
612354			—	—
213465		—		2
314265			—	2
412365			—	2
3124658790E				B
3145628709E	S			2
413265			—	—
412365			S	2
213465			—	2
314265			—	2
324165			S18	.

Start with full slow six.

A = 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, S16, 17, 18, 21, 22.
B = 9, 10, S13, 15, 16, S18 22.

First rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, on December 10th, 1949.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. James', Clerkenwell. 2073

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Yates, 82, Hobson Street, Macclesfield. 2112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — February meeting, Bolsover. Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. All old friends specially welcome. 2068

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — **Cancellation.** The meeting at Honiton Clyst on February 14th will not take place.—B. H. Pidgeon. 2126

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Speldhurst (8). Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 2098

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Feb. 14th, Wilburton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 2108

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2091

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 2102

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Institute (2s.), followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 2056

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual. Feb. 14th. Service All Saints' 3.30. Bells All Saints' and St. Nicholas' after 6 p.m. —J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 2089

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Bearsted, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 2066

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —T. J. Lock. 2092

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. 2107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service St. Laurence's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting St. Mary's Church House. Bells available: St. Laurence's 3 p.m. and after meeting; St. Mary's 2-3 p.m.; St. Giles' 3-4; Caversham 7.30–8.45; Tilehurst 7.30–9. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 2077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, February 21st. 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2123

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, February 21st, 3 p.m. Cafes available for tea.—Dennis Knox. 2130

CHESTER DIOCESAN BRANCH—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 17th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 2118

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Birkenhead St. Mary's, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying, by 18th at latest, Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2135

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 2142

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District.—Meeting. Sat., Feb. 21st, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. L. Garner Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 2129

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dinner and social evening, Feb. 21st, at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, 6.30-11 p.m. Tickets priced 9s. 6d. Open ringing. All welcome. St. Luke's 3-5.30; St. Peter's 4-6 p.m.; St. Alkmund's 3-5.45 p.m. 2078

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Feb. 21st, Consett (Christ Church), 2.30 p.m. Names by Feb. 19th, to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2127

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 19th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 2115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2114

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 17th, to W. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 2021

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined meeting, Milnthorpe (6) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.50 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names to A. G. Thompson, Laburnum Cottage, Main Street, Milnthorpe, Westmorland — N. M. Newby, R. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, 3 p.m., Feb. 21st. Cups of tea provided. Buses from Victoria Bridge or Deansgate. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells of Parish Church and Foundry from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Fearon Hall at 5. Names, by Wednesday, 18th, please, to Mr. P. L. Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 2094

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Feb. 21st, St. Lawrence, Brentford (6) 3-5.15. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall. Stt Mary's, Ealing (8), 6.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. Iver 1039. 2128

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—All welcome at Adderbury (8), Feb. 21st. 2.30. Service 4. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 2101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kidlington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Notify for tea to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, Phone Eynsham 222. 2113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 16th, to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 2085

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Monthly meeting, Barnby Don, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge). Please notify, on or before 19th, Mr. J. Wardle, Stainforth Road, Barnby Don.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secc. 2122

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Keymer (6), Feb. 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Feb. 19th, P. F. Romney, 21, Woodsland Road, Hassocks. 2134

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bretforton on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Feb. 18th, please, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2133

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Annual dinner, entertainment and dance, Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5.45 p.m. to midnight. A few tickets (15s. each) still available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2136

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at Sawley (8) on Feb. 28th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. H. Whitaker, Highfield Lawn, Highfield Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Feb. 25th. 2140

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting of E. Norfolk Branch at Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at Queen's Cafe, Baker Street. All names or numbers to be sent to me by Wednesday, Feb. 25th.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 2116

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Coulsdon, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 25th, to Miss A. Read, 6, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. 2132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting Bishop's Sutton, Feb. 28th. Bells (5) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Monday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2090

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Calne, May 10th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 2141

QUARTER PEALS

BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, H. Hatfield 2, M. Skelton 3, H. Alexander 4, W. Baggetts 5, G. Burton 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Pearson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. Jones, of Piddington.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Snowden 1, C. Snowden 2, Mrs. Jarvis 3, H. Moore 4, Mrs. M. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, C. Barker 7, H. G. Snowden 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. A. Courtauld, a benefactor of St. Mary's.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Godby (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. Woollerton 3, M. Simpson 4, D. A. Frith 5, H. R. Woods (cond.) 6.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burton (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, G. Pearson 4, C. Wander (cond.) 5, S. V. Woods 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Maria Burton, grandmother of the treble ringer.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hurrell 1, F. Hurrell 2, B. Aldridge 3, G. Daynes (cond.) 4, F. Richardson 5, T. Culver 6, E. Warner 7, W. Rawlings 8. In 36 minutes, a record time for the tower. Rung for the Woolwich Deanery Mission.

FRIESTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob: B. Harrison 1, A. Pearson 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Mawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrison.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Biggs 1, R. Blaby 2, A. Newton 3, D. Borcham 4, A. Cox 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Grice 2, L. Mannering 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, J. Wallis 5, R. Rich 6, B. Baker 7, F. Hogan 8.

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