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A NOTABLE CLERIC

IN that monumental work, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Mr. Ernest Morris opens his section on clerical ringers by deploring the fact that so few parish priests take a real interest in their bells and ringers. And it is indeed true that even in these days when ringers have won for themselves the position of office bearers in the Church many incumbents are either neglectful or else patronising and barely tolerant.

Despite this the ringing Exercise has reason to be thankful for the appreciation and understanding of no small part of the clergy, and it owes debts of gratitude to a number of outstanding clerical ringers both for their practical and theoretical contributions to the art. No one can forget the remarkable achievements of F. E. Robinson in the belfry, the unceasing labours of Law James in the systematisation of methods, the genius of his brother Bankes James, and the researches of Davies and Bulwer. The dignity and integrity of Canon Papillon commanded great respect and were of inestimable value in days when men's tongues were rough and their pens dipped in gall. The influence and work of C. W. O. Jenkyn have borne valuable fruit, and it is impossible to estimate to the full the benefit that has accrued to the Exercise from the life and example of that grand Christian gentleman, Canon Coleridge.

As thoughts go back to earlier days the names of two notable ringing clerics come immediately to mind. One is Richard Duckworth, now believed to be the author of 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668. The other is Samuel Scattergood, friend of Fabian Stedman and contributor to 'Campanalogia.' These men were important figures in the Church, particularly Scattergood, who had a great reputation as a preacher and writer. Neither Scattergood nor Duckworth, however, had such a reputation or remarkable career as Dr. Samuel Parr, who was born at Harrow in 1747. Parr entered Holy Orders in 1769, and after an unsuccessful application for the headmastership at Harrow, opened a private school, from which he moved to be headmaster of the Grammar School at Colchester. This led him to the headmastership of Norwich Grammar School. It is in connection with his Norwich days that we first find him quoted as an authority on bells and bell-ringing, although Leigh Coville tells us that Parr rang at Harrow. The 'Lines on the Bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich,' open thus:—

'The celebrated Dr. Parr averred
That he more scientific ringing never heard
Than at St. Peter's; and quite well he knew
The art in theory and practice too.'

In 1783 Parr became Rector of Hatton in Warwickshire, and went to live there. In addition to his ordinary parish duties he taught private pupils, and many of the young aristocrats of the neighbourhood learnt their Latin from him. He had developed what were known as extreme Radical views, being a strong supporter of the French Revolution and a great friend of Dr. Priestly. Thus during the Priestly riots in Birmingham the mob threatened to visit Hatton and burn down the Rectory. His tongue and pen were strong and at times bitter, and he gained the reputation of being rough and bad-tempered. His learning was, nevertheless, profound, as all his contemporaries remark, and his command of the English language led Archdeacon Butler to observe: 'He has left a chasm in English literature which none of us shall ever see filled up.' There is a suggestion of exaggeration here, but it is indeed true that most of Parr's writings are distinguished by excellence of construction and nobility of expression.

In 1820 he took a great interest in the defence of Queen Caroline, and when her name was ordered to be struck out of the Liturgy, he wrote:—

'It is my duty as a subject and ecclesiastic to read what is prescribed by my Sovereign as head of the Church of England; but it is not my duty to express my approbation as well as yield obedience when my fellings as a man, and my principles as a Christian, compel me to disapprove and deplore.'

What example and guidance here for all of us who at times are compelled to comply with conditions we feel to be wrong or unjust!

Of Dr. Parr's ringing activities we get glimpses here and there. At Hatton he is said to have caused the bells to chime 'thrice as long.' He was constantly calling on the generosity of his friends for their repair and maintenance, and he himself took part in the ringing, in which, says Ellacombe, 'his hard pedantry softened under its melody.' The same writer also tells us that the celebrated doctor once conceived the idea of writing a text book on ringing.

The hard pedantry was to some extent a cloak for a humanity unsuspected by the reader of Parr's heavier works, and the letter written from Hatton to Lord Ched-

worth in 1801, in which Dr. Parr pleads for assistance for his friend, James Eyre, the schoolmaster at Solihull, is a noble piece of work.

In late life the great cleric conceived an affection for Miss Eyre, sister of James Eyre, and out of the small stir caused locally by this turn of events came this verse, written by Parr's pupils and placed on his desk:

'When Madame Eyre prefers her prayer
Safe from the eyes of men,
'Tis thus alone her lips make known
"Parr—Donnez moi! Amen."'

In his 70th year Parr married Miss Eyre, and the good lady made his remaining years very happy ones. This most remarkable man died and was buried at Hatton in 1825.

Parr's direct contribution to the art of ringing seems to have been small, but there can be little doubt of his great knowledge and love of bells and ringing, and his name must find a place in that long list of distinguished clerics who have honoured the Exercise. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	*GODFREY N. DODD	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	10
*RICHARD M. CURRIE	5	REGINALD A. REED	11
*REGINALD W. REX	6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits A.W. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	*WILLIAM BUTLER	8
THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and 9th.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	*RICHARD M. CURRIE	6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	2	*NOEL J. DISERENS	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	*REGINALD A. REED	9
*PATRICK PAGE	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
*†MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
†HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*BRYAN S. COPE	9
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 300th tower bell peal together.
A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*ERIC EDMONDSON	*Treble*	†OLIVE M. JOHNSON	6
†DEREK J. WILSDEN	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	J. MARTIN PAGE	8
†EDWARD G. BENNETT	4	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
†WILLIAM T. HOLMES	5	†STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles, the Duke of Cornwall.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 17, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*MRS. L. DICKINSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	7
BETTY BROWN	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	8
JOHN WALDEN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
JOHN FREEMAN	5	ARCHER T. LOWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. The first peal of Caters on the bells. Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1953, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEORGE BAILEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*EDWARD C. CURSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. G. Lofty on completing 25 years as a Sunday service ringer.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
†BETTY BROWN	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
*DENIS A. FRITH	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
‡LOUIS WILLDERS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.
‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	5
FREDERICK HAWKES	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
EDWARD MAUND	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
MURIEL WILLETT	4	LEN DOVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
Rung as a compliment on the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Willett.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	5
*AUDREY WHITE	2	*COLIN A. HOPPER	6
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
T. MARK WHITE	4	*JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 10, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. FISHER	*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	RUSSELL G. PARKER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Button on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	DAVID HARRIMAN	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day to the glorious memory of those who gave their lives for others.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	WINIFRED M. BURTON	5
HAROLD KILBY	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*JOHN M. JELLEY	4	†JOHN R. NORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled for the rededication of the enlarged war memorial by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lockley, on November 8th.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
FRANK E. WALKER	2	PETER F. BORER	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
VICTOR A. JARRETT	4	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. RAYFIELD.
First peal of Major as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Canon Elliott Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford. Also compliment to parents of F. E. Walker on the 64th anniversary of their wedding day.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CHARLES HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
BRYAN F. PATTISON	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
DEREK JONES	3	RONALD J. SHARP	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 of London, 1,440 of Rutland, 480 of Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*WILFRED W. RING	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of eight Spliced Surprise. First peal of eight Spliced Surprise for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Charles, and to celebrate 50 years as a service ringer at this church of Mr. Harold Gorton.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. AUDREY A. BUTLER	*Treble*	*RONALD I. SHEPHERD	5
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	HAROLD SMITH	6
‡RONALD F. DISERENS	3	‡ANTHONY R. BATES	7
WALTER HUNT	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal of Kent.
Rung half-muffled for M. A. Blamey, P. Blamey, R.A.F., Bryan O'Neill (local band) and Eric G. Gilbert, R.E.M.E.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*PATRICIA H. JONES (15)	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROGER O. FRY	6
ROBERT E. COLES	3	DAVID J. KING	7
†CEDRIC L. BROWN	4	*CLIVE G. BRYANT (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

JUDY DODSON	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	5
COLIN J. CHAMPION	2	JAMES F. DODSON	6
*HERBERT COLCOMBE	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	7
ROLAND W. MORANT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and the first peal of Major since 1922.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	‡THOMAS E. SONE	6
*LEONARD STILWELL	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
†JOHN L. MORRIS	4	‡FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. No. 12).
Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 450th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	*Treble*	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	5
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	6
A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn)	3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	7
R. F. E. AXFORD (St. John's)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn).
Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

ERNEST BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	MAX P. PAGE	5
PALMER WHITTELL	2	KEITH WHITTELL	6
CHARLES WOODCOCK	3	SIDNEY ARBON	7
JACK MUNNINGS	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*GERALD BOWEN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	CYRIL TANSELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.
A fifth birthday greeting to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. KELHAM DEACON	*Treble*	JOHN RAWSON	5
NANCY E. MARKLEW	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
BARBARA COLVER	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
ALAN HOUGH	4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss K. Ensor.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

RALPH W. CARLISLE	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	JACK BAILEY	6
GORDON HALL	3	MARK BARKER	7
*DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*LESLIE H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*JOHN P. MORRISS	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	JOHN R. YOUNG	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	7
*GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

*SIMON L. BARLEY (15)	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
W. NEVILLE BROWN	3	ARTHUR E. CHILTON	7
†FREDERICK W. PICKARD	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
M. ANGELA CARTER	2	CHARLES COLES	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
25th peal as conductor.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's (3 callings) and 30 120's (10 callings).
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*MADELEINE CHAPPLE	*Treble*	†JAMES E. F. EASLEY	4
F. STEDMAN POOLE	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
KATHLEEN GLENISTER	3	*LESLIE SEABROOK	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The first peal by a local band for 18 years.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Day.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob and three of Pitman's and six Morris's 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	4
E. JOHN BAXTER	2	HERBERT G. GODDARD	5
FRANCIS R. GODDARD	3	FREDERICK BLATCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN BAXTER.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. (3) York and Durham, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) York and Durham. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN POLLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE	4
CECIL WADE	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

JAMES TERRY	*Treble*	KENNETH C. S. WOOD	4
ALFRED A. LIVINGS	2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON	5
CHARLES W. SAMS	3	CHARLES CLAYDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. SAMS.
Rung for Patronal Festival.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 14 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*DAWN V. ELSON	*Treble*	DONALD S. PAYNE	3
*ROBIN WILSON	2	*WILLIAM J. KINCHIN	4

MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. *Tenor*
Conducted by MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN.
* First peal.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	†COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4
†K. PATRICIA HUTTON	2	§JACK S. DEAR	5
‡DAVID SUTCLIFFE	3	§EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal 'inside.' § 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to the Rt. Rev. Claude Woods, Bishop of Bedford, who retired on October 31st.

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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
JOHN S. WYBREW	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MARGARET A. LEWIS	*Treble*	‡GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4
†EVELYN A. KILLINGTON	2	‡STANLEY W. COPLING	5
‡CHARLES BAILEY	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Stepney Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Spliced Thelwall and Childwall, combined Double Court and College Bob, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court, and Spliced Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	BERT GOGLE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, who rang the treble faultlessly.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT SHERLOCK	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	4
LEONARD A. TIDY	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	FREDK. W. BUDGEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BUDGEN.

Rung on St. Martin's Day, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Harry H. Bond, father of the ringer of the 4th.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents and five callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS	*Treble*	A. CHARLES MORRIS	4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
*ANTHONY A. UPTON	3	DOUGLAS HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
EDWIN BROMLEY	2	ALAN BROMLEY	5
FRANCIS BROMLEY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. J. Lambert, a valued and faithful fellow ringer and captain.

BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's of Kingston, two 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

W. BOURNE	*Treble*	G. H. HALL	4
W. P. DEANE	2	A. COTTRELL	5
F. HOLDCROFT	3	R. CUMBERLIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. HALL.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at Brown Edge.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHUROH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*DOREEN M. GIBBONS	*Treble*	†EDWARD J. BRAGG	4
†EILEEN M. TURNER	2	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	5
†ANNE M. COX	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Old and Grandsire.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*BRIAN LINNELL	*Treble*	ALAN C. COZENS	4
ROGER E. OLD	2	IVOR J. DICKIN	5
KENNETH D. PERKINS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Harlestone, the Rev. C. J. Faulkner, and Mrs. Faulkner. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hammons, and a birthday compliment to Miss Delia Miller.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 24 extents of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERIC M. BAKER	*Treble*	*WALTER G. WRIGHT	3
MAURICE BAKER	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
CHARLES E. HILL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MAURICE BAKER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Judith D. Shedel, a keen ringer at this church.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	*MRS. P. W. CAMPLING	4
*JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	†PETER G. BUTLER	5
G. R. G. BUTLER	3	*PETER W. CAMPLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal since installation of new treble bell.

Rung by Sunday service ringers, who all hold other church offices.

A fifth birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wellingborough Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*ERIC CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN KING	4
MAUREEN MABBUTT	2	†MALCOLM KING	5
HARRY WOODING	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H Prince Charles.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. On front six.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

BRIAN BUSWELL	..*Treble*	WALTER NICHOLS	4
*JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	*ALLAN SIMPSON	5
GEORGE CLIFT	3	†ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD C. BARTON	..*Treble*	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as birthday compliments to H.R.H. Prince Charles and Stanley V. Rayfield.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., Nov. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt

*GRAHAM BALL (14)	..*Treble*	†ROGER HAYWARD	4
ROY HALL	2	JOHN VERNON	5
CHRISTINE STRATFORD (13	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Average age 17 years 10 months.

HANDBELL PEALS

AMBLESIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT KIRKWOOD, MILLANS PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's.

*CHARLES V. HALES	1—2	*ALAN CAPSTICK	3—4
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.
Witness: MRS. A. CAPSTICK.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Oxford, Hereward and St. Clement's, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

*HOWARD SCOTT	..1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3—4
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5—6		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in ten methods on handbells.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*JEAN STEWART	1—2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3—4
*WILLIAM HALL	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in these two methods.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

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The name of Mr. Clement Glenn was inadvertently omitted from those of over 50 years' standing who attended the College Youths' dinner and had the honour of taking wine with the Master. Mr. Glenn rang a peal of Plain Bob Major for the College Youths at Norton, near Sheffield, on May 30th, 1903. We wish him many more peals with the Ancient Society.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Instead of a sixpenny peal levy, members of the Suffolk Guild, meeting at Halesworth, recommended an annual subscription of 4s. It will be interesting to see the reactions to this at the Guild annual meeting.

Miss Doreen M. Gibbons, who has only been ringing for ten months, made a promising debut as a peal ringer at Chobham, Surrey, on November 14th. Mr. Jack R. Worrall, who conducted, congratulates her on good ringing.

Slough ringers have lost a highly valued friend by the death of Mr. S. Symons, the churchwarden. He did much for the belfry and worked hard as treasurer when money was being raised for two new trebles. The 'in memoriam' quarter peal for his funeral was almost perfect.

Mr. H. W. Lidbetter celebrated his 81st birthday by ringing the treble to a peal of Minor in twelve methods at Acle, Norfolk, on November 10th, and he made a first-class job of it. He and his daughter entertained the rest of the band to supper and tune ringing on handbells afterwards.

Mr. Albert E. Jarman, who was a ringer at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, for 42 years and conductor in the tower for 20 years, has retired from his post as blacksmith at Ramsgate Harbour. His father held a similar appointment before him. During the first world war he was for 3½ years in France with the Army Ordnance Corps.

After an absence in Canada for 44 years, Miss Violet McNaughton, of Saskatoon, paid a visit to her native village, Borden, Kent. She wrote a letter of thanks to the captain of Borden Bell Ringers 'for giving me the privilege of hearing Borden bells again. To me there is none like them.' She accompanied the letter with a small gift for the toast: 'To Borden bells —may they never grow less.'

The two first-pealers in the recent peal at Chepstow, Mon, Patricia Jones and Clive Bryant, rang so magnificently that mention must be made of their efforts. In just under two years they have made rapid strides and are a credit to their teacher. Clive, a thin slip of a lad, rang the 21-cwt. tenor like a veteran, with never a bad blow. Unfortunately he is the possessor of 'unruly, carroty locks' and these were firmly pinned back before starting with two of his mother's hair clips! Is he the first male to ring a peal in hair clips?

We regret to learn that Mr. J. A. Freeman, the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, has entered St. George's Hospital, Lincoln, for an operation. The Exercise will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole have rung their 300th tower bell peal together and they still have something in hand! Congratulations from all of us. Has any other ringing couple a better record?

A correspondent informs us that apart from the three mentioned, there are other holders of the campanologist's badge of the Girl Guides in Middlesex. A holder of the badge was a member of the Isleworth Company, and awards have been made at Twickenham and elsewhere.

To mark the fifth anniversary of the dedication of Cromhall (Glos) bells, a special service was held on Sunday, November 15th, when the lessons were read by two of the ringers. The sermon was abbreviated and handbells were rung in front of the altar rails by members of the local band. A quarter peal was rung after the service in which three of those who rang the opening touch in 1948 took part.

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CHURCH ASSEMBLY AND RECORDED RINGING

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BELL RECORDINGS DISCUSSED AT CHURCH ASSEMBLY

The view that bell recordings were 'basically fraudulent' was a view expressed at the Church Assembly on November 13th, when Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas (London) introduced a motion deprecating 'the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.'

'There must be very few sounds,' he said, 'that cause greater pleasure to the human ear than church bells: but I wonder how many people have had the experience of admiring some sweet little tower and then suddenly hear it give forth sounds that would do justice to the carillon of Canterbury Cathedral?'

This was a growing evil. Instruments of that character were basically fraudulent: they were not what they pretended to be. The introduction of such instruments was bound to strike a deadly blow at the fine British tradition of bell ringing. Instead of training a team of bell ringers, all they did was to turn a knob. It was a great danger in this push-button age if they were to have synthetic bells. And why should it stop there?

Mr. Bulmer Thomas envisaged the prospect of the Archbishop's voice being imitated by some electronic device in every church throughout the land. It was necessary to act quickly before the manufacture of these things became a vested interest.

Mrs. W. L. Miller (Southwark) opposed the motion, instancing St. Bride's, Fleet Street, a church whose incumbent was very jealous of its reputation and would not tolerate anything second rate. She deprecated poor recordings and said she was a sufferer in a parish where they had real bells and the ringers practised for 'hours and hours.'

The Archdeacon of Manchester (the Ven. A. Selwyn Bean) said that the installation of these various systems required a faculty and this was a check upon unsuitable schemes.

The House decided that the question be not now put, and adjourned until the next session.

CANNED CARILLONS

Mr. J. Marten Page, of Hatfield, sent the following letter to the Editor of the 'Manchester Guardian' on this subject:—

Sir,—As a churchman and a bellringer I have read your report of the Church Assembly proceedings with interest.

The function of bells in churches is to announce to the parishioners that the work of the church goes on, keeping communion in spirit with the sick or prodding the consciences of the laggards.

In the services of the church does one listen to a recording of the choir, the organ or the parson? Why then should we hear recordings of bells played where it is possible to install ringable peals.

Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis to-day, in his second paragraph, confuses the widespread dissemination of a service from one church at one time with a hackneyed hurdy-gurdy produced, needle willing, from the canned sounds of an earlier service at some distant spot.

In another respect it is as incongruous to hear a record of York Minster bells from a 'tin tabernacle' as to expect the whole Halle Orchestra to play in a small bandstand.

Bellringing in this country has developed to a highly skilled art over the past 400 years, with the aim always being to produce the best that is possible. If the recording ousted the ringer this art would die. Who then would produce the new records?

There are good recordings of bells in existence, especially those played by the B.B.C. before 8 a.m. each Sunday as a prelude to their Light Programme. If more recordings are wanted then might I suggest consultations with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, the body representing all ringers.

SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is a far cry from a Church Assembly debate (London), Friday, November 13th, to Melbourne, Australia, October 4th, 1953, but the parallel expression is the same.

Would that the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert) had applied his remarks about the state of some churchyards to synthetic bells also. The Bishop spoke of the 'deplorable and even offensive state of some churchyards.' He himself had advocated the use of sheep as a means of keeping the grass down.

What was said about synthetic bells was said by Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas (London) in introducing a motion deprecating 'the introduction into churches of recordings of bells and instruments simulating the sound of bells.' 'There must be very few sounds,' he said, 'that cause greater pleasure to the human ear than church bells; but I wonder how many people have had the experience of admiring some sweet little tower and then suddenly hear it give forth sounds that would do justice to the carillon of Canterbury Cathedral.'

This was a growing evil. Instruments of that character were basically fraudulent; they were not what they pretended to be. The introduction of such instruments was bound to strike a deadly blow at the fine British tradition of bell ringing (change ringing). Instead of training a team of bell ringers, all they did was to turn a knob.

It was a great danger in this push-button age if they were to have synthetic bells; and why should it stop there? It was necessary to act quickly before the manufacture of these things became a vested interest.

Here is the parallel expression, from Major Alan B. Stretton, of the Australian Army, who came over December 9th, 1950, to Marchington, Staffordshire, to see where his father was born—the Dog and Partridge. His visit coincided with a peal, being rung that day at St. Peter's, Marchington, as a compliment to 'the boy who left Marchington 74 years ago,' John Stretton, Major Stretton's father.

Major Stretton, from Melbourne, this week writes: 'Unfortunately bell ringing is an art which is forgotten in Australia. I would love to hear your team at work at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. It really would provide a treat for the local residents.'

We ringers have reason to be—and are—most grateful to Mr. I. Bulmer-Thomas for his most valuable services to change ringing; and, after all, what is nicer than a well struck touch or peal, especially with the tenor covering?

If 'Stedman,' which is extensively used at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was rung for Her Majesty's Coronation at Westminster Abbey, is good enough for London, then it will do for Staffordshire—and Cheshire.—Yours, etc.,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Wotton Branch was held at Upper Cam. Numbers were perhaps disappointing but those present enjoyed a good tea and ringing in a number of methods up to Cambridge. There was a good number of learners, and evidence was forthcoming of progress being made. Visitors came from North Somerset and Gloucester. C. R.

SUFFOLK GUILD

4s. Subscription Instead of Peal Levy Suggested

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on November 14th and, although the attendance was poor, some local members received valuable practice in Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Stedman.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. D. Hulbert, followed by tea and business. The desirability of changing the date of the annual general meeting from Easter Monday to a Saturday was discussed, and a resolution, 'This meeting recommends the annual meeting be held on the first Saturday after Easter Monday each year,' was unanimously carried.

The General Secretary informed the members that the cost of the annual reports amounted to more than the receipts for subscriptions, and he had been advised by several members that a peal levy should be considered. He had never been in favour of a levy, chiefly due to the secretarial work involved, but he was forced to the conclusion that as peals ran the Guild into considerable expense, those who incurred that expense should help to meet it.

The General Secretary also pointed that that, if the annual subscription was increased, those members who never rang peals, especially the aged and the sick who kept up their membership, would be subsidising the peal ringers, and he did not think that was very fair. He thought a sixpenny peal levy was the only right course to adopt.

It was intimated that, if a peal levy were imposed, the peal ringers, who were the life blood of the Guild, would suffer, and if no peals were rung the Guild and ringing in general would fade out.

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Leslie G. Brett that the annual subscription be increased to 4s.—This was seconded and carried.

It was agreed that a general meeting be held at Bury St. Edmunds on February 6th, when the above resolutions may or may not be adopted.

Mr. John Blythe stated that several districts were without secretaries, and he proposed that the committee should meet in order to settle the absorbing of those districts. — Carried unanimously.

Mr. R. S. Payne asked the Halesworth district members to decide on the next place for a district meeting, and it was agreed to go to Blythburgh on May 1st.

The usual votes of thanks were made, and the meeting closed when further spade work was put in on the bells, a good going, slow moving, old fashioned ring which sound better inside the tower than in the town. C. W. P.

North Somerset Visit London

On November 14th an outing touring London was much enjoyed by a party of North Somerset ringers drawn from Keynsham, Publow, Locking, Wrington, Mark, Yatton and Kingston Seymour.

The towers visited were St. Mary's, Lambeth; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster; St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Islington; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

Methods rung were:—Triples: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Erin; Major: Plain Bob and Cambridge.

An excellent meal was arranged at The Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.

The party are indebted to Mears and Stainbank's Bell Foundry for the excellent organisation of the arrangements, to the incumbents, and to those ringers who welcomed the visitors.

H. A. T. P.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

No Sponsored Ringing

The second annual dinner took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, November 14th. Accommodation was limited to 102, and all tickets were disposed of three weeks before the date of the function.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. W. A. Parker) presided, and was supported by Mrs. Parker, Canon A. S. Jenkins (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Jenkins. Other visitors included Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley), Rev. F. Insull (priest-in-charge of Bentley and formerly of St. Saviour's, Suez), Messrs. C. Skidmore and J. D. Johnson (Ringing Master and General Secretary respectively of the Worcestershire Association) and Mr. J. R. Garner-Hayward, of Coventry, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from Rev. C. Holroyd Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. F. Colclough, both of whom were unwell, and Mr. G. Oliver.

EXAMPLE OF ST. PAUL'S

Followking an excellent meal, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks afterwards the Ven. W. A. Parker told how he had an opportunity recently of hearing the excellent ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The Archdeacon went on to say that other Associations, including the 'Staffords,' should endeavour to emulate St. Paul's ringers in the high standard of ringing they maintained.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. R. Garner-Hayward said the Coronation this year had given ringers a wonderful opportunity of ringing for a State occasion and paying tribute to a beautiful young Queen. He reminded ringers of their obligations to the Church, and said it was regrettable that if he wanted ringers to help a struggling band of learners in some country district he would be hard pressed to get sufficient volunteers to accompany him, yet if he asked for a band to ring 'Yorkshire' he would be inundated with applicants,

Replying to the toast, Canon Jenkins was in humorous mood. He said we had been hearing a lot about sponsored television. He hoped we never had sponsored bell ringing, otherwise we might hear the bells, they would stop, and a loudspeaker from the tower would appeal for funds for the Church. The Canon went on to say that the ringing of bells was an essential feature of our Church and national life.

TOWERS WELL MANNED

Mr. J. D. Johnson, proposing the toast of 'The Society,' referred to the close links existing between the 'Staffords' and the 'Worcesters.' He noticed on perusing the annual report, how well manned the various towers in the Archdeaconry appeared to be. Mr. Johnson stated that the Society could survey its past record with pride and look to the future with confidence.

In his reply to the toast, Mr. Derek Tranter, of Wednesbury, one of the Society's younger members, said that in his earliest ringing days he thought ringers were divided into three groups—peal ringers, tower snatchers and service ringers. He had quickly discovered, however, that good fellowship was the thing which united ringers of all types. Referring to the problem of obtaining suitable recruits, Mr. Tranter said that far too many young people to-day were just content to be entertained and not do anything for themselves. Anything worth having, including learning to ring, could not be obtained without effort.

Mr. Eric Speake proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He remarked that ringers, from the neighbouring Associations could hardly be described as 'visitors,' as many of them rang peals with the 'Staffords' and regularly attended meetings.

Replying, Rev. F. Insull said he was not a ringer, but he had welcomed the opportunity of witnessing the goodwill which existed amongst ringers. He hoped he would receive an invitation to the Society's next dinner.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett, Lay Secretary, thanked the Archdeacon for so efficiently taking the chair, and the artistes for giving their services.

The company was then entertained by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers, under Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., Mr. J. Shirley-Hill (baritone) and Miss Lorna Oakes (soprano). Mr. R. G. Wagstaff (organist of Claverley Parish Church) was the accompanist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, H. Howell and E. E. Speake.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION HOLD THEIR FIRST DINNER

Five Members With Over 50 Years' Service

Nearly 80 members and friends attended the first dinner of the Bedfordshire Association held on November 7th at the Angel Hotel, Bedford.

Proposing a toast to the Association, Rev. H. John, Vicar of Kempston, spoke on attendance at services and the Association's membership number. From 29 founder members in 1882, this had now risen to 233, and the Association was proud to have five members who joined over 50 years ago. Rev. H. John also welcomed Mr. Manning of Otley.

The secretary, Mr. J. Michael Stephens, in replying, reminded those present of the original aims of the Association — belfry reform and the cultivation of scientific change ringing. He then spoke about the lady ringers. The Association's first two ladies, Misses E. and D. Steel, joined in 1910. Miss E. Steel is now president. After the first World War, however, ringing became more popular with the ladies. Quarter peals had been scored by lady members of the Association without assistance, and he hoped they would attempt a peal in the near future.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters then proposed the health of the ringing ladies and the non-ringing ladies. The latter group he then divided into those who waited for their husbands to come home from a peal, and knew from the look on their faces whether they had got it or not; those who entertained other ringers at home; and those who so nobly helped with the catering for the Association's monthly meetings. He wondered also whether the day would come when the husband and wife tossed up on Sunday morning as to who should cook the dinner and who should go ringing. He was afraid his effort on the dinner would be a very Spliced Surprise. Mrs. W. Izzard replied.

A toast to the president was followed by a social evening with handbell demonstrations, conjuring by Mr. E. Pearce, a member of the Inner Magic Circle, mimes by Kempston young ringers, songs by Mrs. Izzard and games. The pianist and M.C. was Mr. W. A. L. Osborn. The evening finished with a vote of thanks to Mr. Stephens, the organiser, and his committee.

S. O.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the conclusion of the ordinary business on November 21st the retiring Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, vacated the chair, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to install the incoming Master.

The elections were as follows:—Master, Mr. John E. Chilcott; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. C. J. Watts; junior steward, Mr. John S. Mason; trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. W. H. Passmore.

The Chairman then proceeded to install the new Master, and said, when investing him with the Master's badge, that it was one of the happiest experiences of his life to have that pleasure. Addressing the new Master, he said the Society was bestowing upon him its highest honour because they felt sure he would conduct their affairs with dignity and fairness, and he believed he would rank as a great Master. He could feel confident that all members of the Society would support him in the important position to which he was now elected, and that he had their respect and admiration. Mr. Smallwood placed the gavel in the Master's hand, reminding him of its purpose, and then led him to the chair.

The new Master was received with enthusiasm and, on rising, said his first duty was to congratulate the retiring Master, Mr. Collins, on a very successful year of office, and to express the thanks of the Society to him for his hard and conscientious work.

Ringing afterwards took place at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and so ended a very happy meeting.

The new Master is one of the youngest to hold that high office, and his stewards are both comparatively young men. In their hands the welfare of the Ancient Society would seem to be assured.

AN IRTHLINGBOROUGH VETERAN

Featured in the 'Kettering Leader and Guardian' of November 13th is a half page portrait of Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, who, despite his 84 years of age, still shoes horses in his smithy in Jubilee Street.

To ringers in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild Mr. Anderson Tyler is well known. For many years he has been captain of the Irthlingborough band. This band made ringing history between 1900-1930 by the high standard of its peals. As long ago as 1901 Mr. Tyler conducted a peal of over 9,000 Superlative Surprise Major.

Next August he will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his first peal, and if he does not take part in the peal attempt to mark the occasion, he will certainly take a lively interest in it.

Mr Tyler is one of the great little men of the Exercise, being under 5ft. in height and never having weighed more than 9 stone. Nevertheless, he was the first to turn in the 28½ cwt. tenor at Wellingborough to a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the tenor is reputed to have been more of a brute in those far-off days than now.

The tale is still told of how, when short of a conductor for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at short notice Andy volunteered to call Holt's Original. When questioned afterwards, he blithely announced that he called it with the seventh as the observation bell!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARD VOTING?

Dear Sir, — Mr. Worrall, in his article on Central Council membership, fails to point out the outstanding anomaly, i.e. a ringer, through his representatives on the various associations to which he may belong, can vote for and against a motion simultaneously many times over. The remedy is obvious. An association's representation need not be disturbed; but on matters of policy, or as ruled, voting would be by card based on residential qualification, or, in the case of the non-territorial societies, as opted.—Yours faithfully,

C. CULLEN.

Farnborough, Kent.

5,076 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 5,076 Stedman Caters by S. Thurston might I suggest that the calling positions as set down in the old records were based on the sixes at which calls could be made without disturbing the big bells.

I suggest that what we now term a call at 4 was known to the ringers of those days as a call at 1, a call at 5 as a call at 2, a call at 6 as 3, a call at 15 as 4, and 16 as 5. This would make the peal as set down quite intelligible to the ringers of to-day.

I notice that the peal has a footnote saying bob on 7, 8, 9, and I have no doubt that this was the way in which they denoted their usual way of going off and bringing round. Do we not find peals of Grandsire Caters in which the last course is stated 'Rounds as usual'? (see Central Council Collection of Peals, Section I.).

I think there is no error in transcription as suggested by Mr. Roberts, but that it is in a different notation from that we use to-day. — Yours faithfully,

C. K. LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

STRANGERS NOT ALLOWED

Dear Sir,—'The Ringing World' has just been given to me by one of our ringers. With regard to the letter of Miss K. Jones in your paper of October 23rd I should like to give you the following facts. On September 20th, as I was going into church, I met Miss Jones and another person, and gave them a pew in front of my own. As I turned to go Miss Jones asked, 'Have you any bells?' and I replied, 'Yes, but unfortunately, we cannot have them every Sunday.' She then said, 'I am a ringer,' and I congratulated her. There were no ringers in the church that Sunday.

I left for the belfry, which is our Choir Vestry, as I look after the choir.

The statements made about my going to the ringing chamber to inquire and returning to say strangers were not allowed were never made by me. I am sure visitors would be as warmly welcomed here as anywhere.—Yours truly,

M. THOMPSON (MRS.).

The Rectory, Withington, Hereford.

SPLICED TRIPLES CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. Skidmore and his band on ringing the first peal of Spliced Triples in six methods on October 31st. I had the pleasure of ringing a good touch of Spliced Triples with them at Kingswinford on October 20th, while on a visit to Wolverhampton.

Seeing that Spliced Triples is very interesting to ring, I wonder there are not more peals of it rung.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

NOW PRACTISING CAMBRIDGE MINOR IN N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—The tower of St. James', Turramurra, still retains pride of place as the centre of Minor ringing for the keen ringers of Sydney. We now ring Cambridge with confidence and enjoyment. The enthusiasts of St. Mary's Cathedral and of All Saints', Parramatta, frequently join us at our weekly practice, although attendance entails a journey of some twelve to twenty miles each way.

We provide a light supper after practice, and the supper table is an excellent 'forum' for ringing problems and belfry gossip. Good ringing and good fellowship compensate for distance to be travelled. Unfortunately our two veterans, Mr. Parr (Ilfracombe) and Mr. Botting (Betchworth), are temporarily on the sick list.

We all enjoyed the articles which you published in March from the pen of Miss Joan Hills—an excellent survey of ringing and ringers in Australia, the best visitor's report since Mr. Goldsmith published 'The Great Adventure.' Joan and her friend, Margaret Winter, are frequent visitors at Turramurra. Recent visitors were Philip and Joan Gray from Melbourne.

Another recent visitor was the well-known English ringer, Mr. Stafford Green, who thoroughly enjoyed his touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge, and complimented me upon the real English atmosphere of the belfry. I explained to him that our progress in Minor is largely due to the help of our mutual Leicester friend—Ernest Morris. My interest in Surprise methods was aroused by John Oldham, of Loughborough.

May I remind Mr. Green, through you, that he promised to write a second letter to 'The Ringing World' of his impressions of ringing at Sydney. We look forward to reading his further comments, criticism and message of encouragement.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

IN LIGHTER VEIN—BUT THERE IS A MORAL BEHIND IT

Dear Sir,—As it seems all kinds of records are being perpetuated in 'The Ringing World,' I should like to submit to you the attached report of 'the roughest peal ever rung on the bells' by the ringers at Much Bangem.

The treble ringer was too old to have a 21st birthday compliment herself, so it had to be for the cat.—Yours, etc.,

W. OLIVER.

Guildford.

MUCH BANGEM ON THE RAZZLE, DONGSHIRE

THE DART AND WALLOP ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Sol. 13, 1963, in 3 hours (near enough).

At The Flower Pot Factory's Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5039¼ CHURCHYARD BOB TRIPLES.

Tenor (reputed) 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. 1 oz.

May K. Noyes	Treble
I. Ittem	2
Belle Basher	3
A. Tryer	4
Wat A. Muddle	5
N. Otto Klew	6
K. E. Pemwright	7
O. M. Y. Blister	Tenor

Composed by Stedman Fudger. Conducted by K. E. Pemwright.

Roughest peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer's cat.

The last half change is missing because the four front bells came round the wrong end of the rope.

MATHEMATICAL APPROACH TO EXTENDED GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—We note with some joy that the method known here as extended Grandsire has at last been recognised in your columns. It will be realised by all who have spent some time in diligent study of this method that its basic principle lies in the ringing of n bells with an (n+m) bell beat, where n and m are both positive integers.

The contraction of Grandsire by ringing it with an (n-m) bell beat is, however, the more common of the two. For example, we have:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	(3/5)	4	(7/6)	9	8		0	
2	(3/1)	4	5	6	(7/8)	9	0		
3	2	4	(1/6)	5	8	(7/9)	0		
3	(1/4)	6	1	8	(7/5)	7	0		
4	3	6	2	(8/1)	9	(5/7)	0		
4	(6/3)	8	2	9	(1/7)	5	0		
(6/4)	8	(3/9)	2	7	1	5	0		
6	(8/4)	9	3	(7/2)	5	1	0		

The musical quality of this method will be noted in the (42)s, (57)s, etc.

It is, of course, a simple step to extend m to non-integer values, but by far the most interesting is when m is a periodic function of L the number of changes rung, i.e.

$$m = A \sin (L/j)\pi$$

where A and j are constants.

We are at present engaged on working out a general theory and, following the line of reasoning of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, we have introduced a function ψ (not necessarily real), whose product with its complex conjugate $\psi\psi^*$ give us the probability of hearing a given bell. Thus we are now in a position to give a general definition of a peal, i.e.

$$\int_T \psi_i \psi_i^* \, dt > 5{,}000 \qquad i = 1, 2, \cdots n$$

where T is the duration of the peal. — Yours unquestioningly,

DEREK V. MORETON.

Manchester University.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to notice, whilst reading through the peal columns of this journal, the large number of peals rung, obviously for the ringers concerned own selfish pleasures, as they do not bear a footnote of reason for ringing. I feel out of common decency and respect to our clergy for allowing us the use of the bells we should dedicate our peals at least to the Church Festivals.

I agree, we must advance in our art, namely, from 'Standard' to 'Surprise,' but it seems the latter are the chief offenders, and tend to forget our bells are dedicated to the glory of God.

So often we read a footnote, 'First peal in the method,' etc., usually a 'Surprise' peal, agreed, a step further in our art, but without dedicating the peal to 'His Glory,' we must ask ourselves, 'Have we really taken a step in the right direction?'—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

NOTE.—It must not be assumed that the absence of an appropriate footnote means that the peal in question has no 'religious' significance. There was a time when all footnotes, unless a 'first,' were expunged on account of space. While of late the Editor has given a reasonable degree of latitude, circumstances might arise when abbreviation is necessary. Peals rung at Christmas and Easter are assumed to be in association with these festivals,

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. HARVEY

With deep regret we receive the news of the death of James Frederick Harvey, a highly respected member of the St. Martin's Guild, who passed away on November 17th at the age of 76. He commenced his ringing career at Hertford, but lived in Yorkshire for the greater portion of his life, where he rang, chiefly, at Bradford Cathedral. After retiring from his position in the County Court offices he came to reside in Birmingham with his daughter, and from the commencement closely identified himself with the St. Martin's Guild.

As a ringer Jim Harvey was a useful acquisition to any band; a good striker, and one who was always ready to try a new method. He derived much pleasure from constructing methods and proving them. Having time at his disposal, he would enjoy a five- or six-mile walk to a ringing practice.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will recall his well-written articles entitled 'A Ringer in the Cotswolds.'

Some twelve months ago Jim was warned by his medical practitioner to live a quieter life, so for some time his ringing activities had lessened, but the members of the Guild were very pleased to see him at their last meeting ringing Spliced Surprise Major.

His gentlemanly nature endeared him to all his friends. He passed away in a beautiful manner—he died in his sleep.

At the Crematorium the St. Martin's Guild were represented by the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) and Mr. Arthur Jones. G. E. F.

MR. F. J. LAMBERT

The death occurred on November 6th at his home in Horsmonden, Kent, of Mr. Frederick John Lambert, at the age of 86 years. The funeral was on November 12th at the Church of St. Margaret, Horsmonden, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. C. Barker), and the Rev. Mr. Peareth (Vicar of Lamberhurst) was at the organ. The Rector gave a short address and as the cortege left the church Psalm 23 was chanted.

At the end of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on the family handbells by H. R. French 1-2, A. Relfe 3-4, T. E. Sone 5-6, R. E. Lambert 7-8. During the evening a half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Margaret's by his three sons and three nephews to his memory.

By the death of Mr. F. J. Lambert the Kent County Association has lost one of its oldest and most valued members. He was captain of the Horsmonden ringers for 33 years, as was his father for 60 years before him. He was a keen ringer and good striker and in his young days walked many miles for service ringing, to say nothing of his adventures when out peal ringing. He was responsible for introducing change ringing at Horsmonden, Kilndown, Lamberhurst and in the Brenchley district.

Besides his keenness for ringing, he was also in his young days a good cricketer and footballer and was a foundation member of the Horsmonden Gardeners' Society. He played the circular bass in the Horsmonden Brass Band and was also a good swimmer.

His motto in life was 'Keep Smiling,' and when ringing he never hesitated to call for good striking and 'Strike them, chaps' was often heard. He made many friends—Mr. F. White and Mr. S. H. Green were outstanding amongst them.

Mr. Lambert had rung 254 peals, chiefly in Kent and Sussex. His most treasured peals were the all-Lambert peal at Mitcham, Surrey, on November 2nd, 1921, also one at Tenterden, this being the first peal of Major on the bells, to which he rang the seventh. His list of peals is as follows:—

Doubles.—One method 2, three methods 1.

Minor.—One to seven methods 81, including London and Cambridge Surprise, 14 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 40, Stedman 6, Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 32, Double Bob 1, Oxford Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 11, Kent Treble Bob 19, Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 18, Cambridge 12, New Cambridge 1, Norfolk 4, Yorkshire 4, Ashtead 1, Bristol 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 3.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 5.

MR. ERNEST F. WHITE

By the passing of Mr. E. F. White, the Warminster band of ringers has lost one of its oldest members, and the Salisbury Guild a loyal and faithful member. He was a member of the tower at the time when to ring a six-score of Doubles was an achievement. Scores of ringers have passed through his hands to become members of towers throughout the country, and some still ringing with him until the last.

Mr. White was vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch in 1931, becoming chairman in 1934, a position he held for 12 years when he resigned and was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

He was not a great peal ringer but was always willing to take a rope if wanted. He 'completed the circle' of his tower and rang peals in all the standard methods. It was always a joy to him to pilot a ringer through his first peal. He was a man of exceptionally firm character, very quiet and unassuming, and it was a privilege to have him as a friend.

At his interment, which was in a corner of the churchyard, beneath the tower and bells which he loved so well, members of the Salisbury Branch joined with those of the Devizes Branch in homage to one who will be remembered whenever Warminster bells are rung.

Some well-struck muffled ringing took place immediately after the interment and an 'in memoriam' peal will be attempted in the near future. W. C. W.

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LOCALS CONQUER SOUTHWELL

The locals of Southwell Minster are justly proud of themselves by their peal on November 14th, which is believed to be the first to be rung on the bells by a local band from the Newark District.

Mr. F. Pickard has been a ringer at Southwell for nearly 50 years and this was his first peal on the bells after numerous attempts.

Fifteen-year-old Simon Barley now becomes the youngest person to ring a peal in this rather unusual tower

Mr. F. W. Midwinter has rung the tenor as a cover bell for over 11 hours on various occasions before finally hearing 'That's all.'

THE BELLS OF COBHAM, SURREY

The fine south doorway of St. Andrew's Church is Norman, so is the tower, built of rubble in pudding-stone with walls 3½ feet thick. The N.E. chantry, built about 1200, was probably the work of the monks of Chertsey Abbey for use in special Masses. In 1292 Pope Innocent ordered that all the tithes of Cobham Church were to be paid to the Abbey.

In 1552 Cobham had 'iij belles in the steple,' but there seems no record of when they were made a ring of five. Probably this was in 1687, when William Eldridge was entrusted with the work, but since then there has been some recasting, also a new tenor by Taylor's in 1902 to make the ring up to six, which are as follows:—

Treble. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1903.
2. T. Swain, 1767.
3. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1903.
4. W. Eldridge, 1687. Recast, Taylor, 1910.
5. Pack and Chapman, 1773.
Tenor. Taylor, 1902. 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Ringing is done from the ground floor at the west end, and the ringers maintain Sunday service ringing, also a regular weekly practice. In addition, there is a tune-ringing team which actively supports events connected with the parish, and one of their special interests is to raise funds for the purpose of increasing the ring from six to eight. This will probably take years of hard work, but with keen teamwork and perseverance their efforts should meet with success, and it will be a great day for Cobham when the scheme reaches fruition.

At the outskirts of Cobham, by the side of the River Mole, is Stoke D'Abernon Church, one of the oldest in Surrey and well worth a visit, even though change ringing has never been a feature. History is silent regarding the bells of early days, but in 1552 the number was two. The same year (1687), when Eldridge aecast the bells of the Parish Church, he added a small bell at Stoke D'Abernon, which made the number up to three as follows:—

1. W. Eldridge, 1687.
2. Pre-Reformation. Recast, Warner, 1866.
3. Pre-Reformation, circa 1450.

The largest of the three has a diameter of 22 inches only, and the casting is ascribed to Joanna Sturdy, a unique bell foundress, who was not only the wife of two bell-founders, but mother-in-law of a third. She continued founding on her own account after the loss of each husband!

As we leave the ancient church and glance at its walls, still showing some Roman tiles of an early pagan temple, we realise that history can unfold much in this peaceful corner of Surrey. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A Half-Day in Leicestershire

On October 31st a very pleasant half-day was spent in Leicestershire by eight ringers representing counties of Berkshire, Northants, Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Towers visited were: Aylestone (8), Kirby Muxloe (5), Groby (6), Markfield (6), formerly a minor five, where a new tenor was added in 1948, and Copt Oak (6).

Tea at Loughborough was followed by visits to the Bell Foundry Campanile (where the party acquitted themselves well, especially on the front six), Mountsorrel (8), and All Saints', Leicester (8).

The party were met at the latter tower by Alan Cattell and an hour of good ringing was enjoyed, Alan demonstrating how to ring an inside pair to Cambridge and Stedman.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Miss W. Burton, and the party would like to express thanks to all concerned. K. R. H.

QUARTER PEALS

BORDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily B. P. Walker 1, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 2, D. Jarrett 3, T. Barton 4, A. J. Dunk 5, E. C. Barton 6, G. Kenward 7, J. Spice 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. First quarter for 3 and 4. For All Saints' Day, and to fulfil a wish for Violet McNaughton, an old Bordenian, on a visit from Canada after 44 years.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Latham 1, T. Norris (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Nash 3, A. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, N. Jenkins 6, L. North 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. Foskett.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Fountain (first quarter) 1, M. Legg 2, J. Weadon 3, S. Body 4, K. Medwey 5, E. C. Wickham 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, E. Hudson 8.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): C. Rouse (cond.) 1, Miss M. Drew 2, Miss J. Barbrook 3, H. Robinson 4, F. Roberts 5, R. Holpin 6. Rung for Evensong on the fifth anniversary of the bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples R. Bovce 1, G. Ashdowr (cond.) 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Daftus 4, G. Daynes 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Warner 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung on the occasion of the Woolwich Deanery Choir Festival, also for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, and a welcome to W. Daynes on joining the Eltham band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,680 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Conduct 1, Mrs. C. Silke 2, W. J. Meers (cond.) 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, G. N. Lane 7, W. T. Shelton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hailstone.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: C. Rigby 1, Betty Mansfield 2, A. Booth 3, C. Massingham 4, N. Cox 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: A. Booth 1, Betty Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, C. Massingham 4, A. Mansfield 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 8th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Copping 1, Miss P. Lord 2, Miss S. Taylor 3, J. F. Bryant 4, V. Bottomley 5, K. Palmer 6, F. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, R. M. Mann 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3, and as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, B. W. Huntley 2, Miss M. C. Howe (first quarter) 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade 5, J. Schofield (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Spencer 1, N. Genna 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, F. Baldwin 4, P. J. Coles (first in the method) 5, A. W. Coles 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hart, mother of the tenor ringer.

HENDON, N.W.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, N. Fudge 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Arnold 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, also a birthday compliment to Miss Bernice Martin, a St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, ringer, and a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, R. G. Townsend 2, Miss P. Manning 3, D. Beacham 4, F. G. Wilton 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, S. H. Chivers 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Webb), who is leaving for Cold Aston, Glos. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Cheesley 1, J. T. Sawyer 2, L. Woodwards 3, H. Pope 4, T. Stone (cond.) 5, T. Boulton 6. A token of appreciation to the Rev. F. R. Webb after preaching his farewell sermon at the conclusion of 21 years as Vicar of this parish.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss R. Lake 4, J. Salway 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. F. Mayne.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Harding 1, J. Adams 2, H. Mair 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, T. Bowles (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Rung by the Sunday service band for Confirmation service.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Lane (cond.) 1, L. Wood 2, W. G. Lane 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, D. K. Lane 5.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Bamber 1, F. Bishop 2, Miss R. Brown 3, H. Young 4, D. White 5, H. E. Flatters 6, R. Brown 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by 1 and 2.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Terry 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, R. Prior (first quarter) 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, Miss A. Boulden 8. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Terry 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss O. Boulden 3, R. Swift 4, J. R. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, Miss A. Boulden 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: H. G. Hart 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, A. King 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, M. Stacey 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, N. Genna 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, A. W. Coles 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. King.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, H. Mansfield 2, S. Linnett 3, F. Lewis 4, S. Easter 5, H. Appleton (first quarter in method) 6, A. Hubble (first as cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, G. Perrin 5, K. Ager 6, J. Radcliffe 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung for the conductor's 80th birthday.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Simpson 1, A. E. Chilton 2, C. F. Briggs 3, N. Parker 4, F. W. Vernon 5, H. Stevenson 6, J. W. Rathby (cond.), W. L. Exton 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on front six: C. Barnes 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, B. Buswell 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, W. Nichols 6. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Delderfield 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3 Gillian Flitton (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Rootes 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6.

PADWORTH, BERKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Allen 1, W. J. Johnson 2, Mrs. G. Burgess 3, A. Atkins 4, J. Harmsworth 5, J. K. Morley (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the birthday of Prince Charles.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: B. Atkinson 1, P. S. Barrett 2, O. W. Barrett 3, J. K. Barrett 4, B. Hall 5, W. R. Cowell (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Day.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Patricia D. Prowse 1, A. Carveth 2, H. Harper 3, C. A. Wratten 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. H. Eplett 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, D. Burnett 8. Longest length of Plain Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Wratten 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Patricia D. Prowse (first 'inside') 4, D. Burnett 5, A. H. Eplett 6, H. Harper 7, C. W. Jose 8. Rung on the birthday of Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): F. V. Sinkins 1, W. Welling 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, W. E. Judd 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. For the funeral of Mr S. Symons, O.B.E. (churchwarden).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Double Norwich: S. Cox 1, H. Kilby 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, G. H. Bray 4, J. M. Jelley 5, B. G. Warwick 6, E. J. Jelley 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, K. Clarke 3, R. Woodley 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Reeks 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 8th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Cookson 1, C. W. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. N. Layton 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung for Remembrance Sunday, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fellows for the gift of a son.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Rix 1, W. W. Cousins 2, W. Hammond 3, H. Follen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel, who were married at this church earlier in the day. Also at St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Spliced Plain and St. Clement's): C. Cousins, jun., 1, E. Barker 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Reed 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Fox and Miss Pamela Peel.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: E. H. Durrant 1, J. Schofield 2, R. Rowley 3, W. Wenban 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. G. Bell 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Pearson (first in method) 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, R. Allred 3, I. McEwan 4, G. Pearson 5, A. Pendlebury 6, F. Grundy (cond.) 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8. Farewell to the 6th ringer, who is going to Guildford for a six months' course.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov 8th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Munden and 576 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, Mary Fuller 2, M. Fuller 3, J. E. Cannell 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. First extent of Munden for all.

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From 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 28th, 1913

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Eleven times repeated with bobs at * in even parts and singles at † in 6th and 12th parts.

A rearrangement of a peal by John Holt, which appeared in the 'Clavis.'

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The annual district meeting was held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bexley, on October 31st, where 52 members attended.

Ringing during the afternoon preceded service held in church, at which the Vicar (Rev. S. Hooper) extended a warm welcome to Bexley. Mrs. A. Milne was the organist. The lesson was read by Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford). A collection was made to support the appeal for the restoration fund.

After the service, tea was taken in St. John's Hall, in the contiguous parish, the catering being excellently managed by St. Mary's ringers.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) presided at the business meeting.

One practising and one non-resident member were elected into the Association.

The district secretary's annual report was given a kind reception and provoked one or two questions and expressions of opinion on affairs in the district, whose membership has suffered a small nett decline during the past year.

The district secretary and representatives, Messrs. A. G. Hill, A. S. Richards and J. Dafters, were re-elected for another year. Mr. P. Brown (Sidcup and Bexley) was elected ringing master in succession to Mr. E. Jones, of Lewisham, who was cordially thanked for his services during his year of office.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen as the place for the January meeting, in response to an invitation from the Vicar and ringers of that tower. Unfortunately, this tower is not available for the annual meeting.

Motions submitted by other districts were then considered and the district representatives informed of the members' opinions.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed congratulations to Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley, on completing 66 years since his first ringing at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. This was cordially accorded.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and ringers of St. Mary's, to the Vicar of St. John's for the use of the hall, to the ladies for help at tea and to the chairman concluded the meeting. Further ringing followed.

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. F. GOBEY

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Also goes to New Cambridge and Superlative. Rung at Old Basford, Notts, Nov. 14th, 1953.

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ENGAGEMENT

HOOTON—FARMER.—The engagement is announced between Malcolm, youngest son of Mrs. R. and Mr. G. Hooton, of Walton, Bucks, and Lilian, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. and the late Mr. J. Farmer, of Wavenden, Bucks. 3535

DEATH

HARVEY.—Suddenly, at 6, Hazeloak Road, Shirley, Birmingham, James Frederick Harvey, aged 76, some time member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and of the Yorkshire Association. 3553

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter), November 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 3508

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 3495

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Abbey Hotel 5.15 p.m. Meeting in tower immediately after tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Teesta, Jack's Hatch, Epping Upland, Essex. 3450

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Nov. 28th. St. Mary's (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall 5 p.m. Shalford (8) available 7 p.m. NOTE: There will be no further ringing in Guildford after the service. 3478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, November 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Albion Treble Bob.—E. Buck. Dis. Sec. 3480

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Narborough, November 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Rooms, 5. 3490

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Elmham, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 3504

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 28th, 3.30 p.m. 3489

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Mitcham. SS. Peter and Paul bells (8), 2.30 to 4.20. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Fortescue School, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, 5.30. Christ Church bells (6) after meeting. Nominations for district officers. Notice for tea to Mr. S. Howard, 45, Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3453

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Annual dinner at Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 6.30. Bells, Cathedral (12), 2 to 2.45, St. Maurice's (6), 3.30 to 5.15. Choral Evensong at St. Maurice's, 5.15. All tickets sold.—J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3499

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. All Saints', Fulham. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Southwark Cathedral. Everyone welcome. 3509

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Martock, December 5th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3501

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3486

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wrington, December 5th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3530

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedfordshire District.—Meeting, Cople, December 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Munden Surprise Minor. — Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 3517

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Clyst St. George, December 5th. Names for tea by December 1st to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 3496

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Netherton, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 3510

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, December 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting, Stretham (6), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3547

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 5th, St. Mary, Redcliff (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3529

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, December 5th, Watermoor (8), from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Cirencester (12) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by December 3rd to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, near Cirencester, Glos. 3542

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Lydney, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3521

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by December 2nd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3531

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting at Dorking, December 5th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5, followed by business meeting, including nomination of district officers for 1954. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 2nd. 3488

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination and tower captain's meetings at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meetings immediately after tea. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Major J. Bragg, 15, Ainger Close, Aldershot. 3514

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, December 5th, Oxhey (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. 3533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Much Hadham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 3552

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District. — Meeting at St. John's Church, Knutsford, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Miss Doreen Edwards, 18, Acacia Avenue, Knutsford, Cheshire. 3549

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington, December 5th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea before Thursday, December 3rd, to Mr. R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Charge for tea 1s. No names, no tea. All ringers welcome to this new major ring dedicated a month ago.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Secretary. 3548

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting on December 5th at Lancaster (St. Peter's Cathedral, 10 bells). Ringing 2 to 5.30 and after tea at Lancaster Priory (8 bells). Tea at 5.30. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3524

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Standish Parish Church on Sat., December 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Names, please, to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan, before Dec. 3rd. Meeting to follow tea.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary. 3522

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, December 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by December 2nd to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe. 3526

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 5th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business in belfry 6 p.m., including nomination of officers. Further ringing after.—Boyack, Dis. Sec. 3545

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, December 5th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3513

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee, December 5th. Ringing, St. George's, Colegate, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich, 4. Agenda, Annual General Meeting. Names for tea by November 28th to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 67a, The Close, Norwich. 3485

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, December 5th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 30th to T. S. Bowles, 6, Kempson Crescent, Littlemore, Oxon. 3500

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by November 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3491

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on December 5th at 6.30. —B. C. Castle. 3516

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — Meeting at Shrivenham, Saturday, December 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd, to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon, Berks. 3519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, December 5th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before December 1st, please. Note: No name, no tea. 3518

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice, December 5th, Britford (6), 2.15 to 4.30, Downton (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Youth Club, Downton, 5 p.m., for those who send names by December 1st to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3481

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual general business meeting at Beaminster on December 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Netherbury (6) and Stoke Abbott (5) towers open. Names for tea by November 30th, please, to Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3484

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Practice meeting at Rowde (6), Saturday, December 5th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3532

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, December 5th, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 3.30 to 5. Tea 5.15. Names, please. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7 to 9.—F. W. Goodfellow and K. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, S.W.18, Hon. Secs. 3536

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), December 5th. Bells from 2.30. Tea, moderate charge, 5 p.m., in Parish Room, adjoining church, but essential to notify by Tuesday, December 1st, Rev. A. Doxey, Greasley Vicarage, Newthorpe, Notts. 3479

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District. — Meeting, Newmarket, St. Mary's Church, Saturday, December 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3546

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern. — Quarterly meeting, Hammerwood (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, December 5th. After tea and business, ringing at East Grinstead till 8 p.m. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3541

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 5th. Bells open for ringing after rehanging. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Refreshments can be obtained at nearby cafes. 3515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Full attendance, please. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd. — A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3540

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Buriton (6), Dec. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at The Five Bells. Numbers for tea by Dec. 2nd. — C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3554

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 3543

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Timberscombe, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 5th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 3555

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Broomfield (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Borcham. 3523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Prestbury (8), December 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3494

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 9th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. 3538

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash please, to Mr. L. H. Bennett, 1, Box Tree Cottages, Bolts Hill, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 3539

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis (6) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 8th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3511

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting at Haverfordwest (8), Saturday, December 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 3520

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, December 12th. Cafes close to church for own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 3544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone, December 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Business includes nomination of district officers for 1954. Names for tea, by December 9th, to A. K. Wood, Hughenden, Hickmans Road, Godstone. 3527

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—Dedication of two new trebles, Saturday, December 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. Everyone welcome. 3537

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