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THE GALLANT ATTEMPT

THE public imagination in various forms was captured by the gallant attempt at Loughborough, reported in our last issue, to ring the extent of Major. It was turned into a popular story for the jaded palates of the public at large. From some of the Press there came ridicule; it was good fodder for those who dislike bells, but to some of our journals the feat was placed in its true perspective of human endeavour. This is how 'The Times' sums up the attempt:—

'Ringing "the extent" on eight bells was,' they claimed, 'like climbing Everest, something to be done because it was there. Roughly, they had reached the South Col, and the going had not been so hard or the unconquered terrain so difficult. At all events, this is one world record an Englishman can be somewhat leisurely in achieving. The Americans and Russians are not so keen on ringing bells.'

'The Manchester Guardian' had this to say:—

'The attempt failed after ten hours' ringing, which to the lay ear sounds as impressive as success. Not that the lay ear heard any bells. The tower in which the marathon peal was rung was boxed and insulated so that Loughborough's sleep might not be disturbed. The bells boomed inwardly, arguing through the long hours with themselves. This monumental act of introversion—as if an orchestra were to play every item in the repertory in a sound-proof hall from which the public had been excluded—might have been thought the outstanding example of campanomania since Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, first introduced the heartening clamour into the customs of the Christian Church. . . .

'So it went on, through half a silent night and half a day. The satisfying complications of the English art had been carried a further, if tongueless, stage. Not to be compared, no doubt, are the casual jangle of Europe's bells, or the automatic carillons, or the tree-top tinkling of mission churches in Africa, or the banging temple bells of the East thwacked with chunks of wood, even if these can be heard. And this morning, when the ancient and incompetitive parish church broke into silver voice like a rumour of Christmas, it sounded like some curious indiscretion.'

And what does the average English ringer think of this attempt? The prodigious feat of James Barham at Leeds

Parish Church, near Maidstone, in 1761 is still held in veneration else the Kent County Association would not have restored the grave of this old worthy. As to the authenticity of this performance, it certainly cannot be questioned in this age, but according to the canons of peal ringing to-day it would not be recognised as a performance by the Peal Analysis Committee. When the attempt was first mooted one of our 1,000 peal ringers referred to the attempt as 'madness.' Another old veteran who had a number of record lengths to his credit discussed the event with a glint of enthusiasm in his eye.

There was throughout the country a feeling that Mr. Eric Critchley and his band were not attempting the impossible. Long length ringers regarded the attempt as within the compass of human endeavour. The necessary qualifications of those participating is not only physical fitness but a mentality to withstand the monotony. Would a more complicated method have been an antidote to the drugging effect of hour after hour of Plain Bob Major? Before making the attempt Mr. Critchley studied this question and he firmly held the view that his best chance of success was with Plain Bob. We are promised another attempt next year. There will be no shortage of recruits; a score or more ringers would volunteer to add another laurel to English ringing.

We feel certain that not only those who made the attempt but the Exercise generally is indebted to Mr. Paul Taylor for permitting the use of the bells and making such comprehensive arrangements at the Bell Foundry Campanile. That the attempt was made on secular bells removes an objection; also that as far as noise was concerned the bells could hardly be heard outside the foundry dismisses another possible source of criticism.

Opinions are divided upon whether such peal attempts harm the Exercise at large. With the careful precautions taken at Loughborough there can be no criticism. The attempt focused attention upon our craft, and when once the curiosity of the public is engendered there develops from some inquiring minds the question: What is this change ringing? This is the first step towards recruitment. As our readers know, ringing, once the elementary stages have been mastered, has a peculiar fascination. And it is not necessary to have the stamina and grit of Mr. Critchley and his colleagues to enjoy to the full the practising of our craft and make a humble contribution towards a higher motive than mere secular enjoyment.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	*PETER BAKER 7
MARY BLISS 2	FREDERICK HAWKES 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 9
*AUDREY BAILEY 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 10
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. 11
*IVOR GOULTER 6	†LESLIE E. ASTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

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

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN S. GASON 8
BASIL JONES 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. 11
JOHN WORTH 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 10
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 5	CECIL W. PIPE 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 64 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	*D. KAY ADKINS 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 8
*J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	†G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 9
JOHN A. ACRES 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

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

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*MARIELLA E. MUNDY .. Treble	RONALD D. SHORT 6
ROGER O. FRY 2	HAROLD L. PALFREY .. 7
ELIZABETH M. PARFREY .. 3	FREDERICK WRE福德 .. 8
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 9
†NORMAN MALLETT 5	*JAMES D. UPTON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb in D.

*CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH 6
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 7
*GWEN I. RUSBY 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 8
JACK MILLHOUSE 4	*JOHN A. WALDEN 9
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Oakham Surprise Royal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

JOHN R. MAYNE .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 6
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 8
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 9
*JAMES BENNETT 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 1,200th peal.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ROBERT DAWE .. Treble	†HERBERT S. JAMES .. 6
*MRS. BETTY PERCY .. 2	†RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 7
†HAROLD G. REYNOLDS .. 3	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY .. 8
*GEORGE BEENEY 4	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 9
†GEORGE P. ELPHICK .. 5	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. § 140th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. J. Norris for their 40th wedding anniversary on December 19th, 1954.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5504 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 204 cwt. in E flat.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON .. Treble	†EILEEN M. TURNER .. 5
*BRIAN T. HALE 2	JAMES F. DODSON 6
†ANN M. COX 3	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 7
*PETER MINCHIN 4	†E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon G. N. Selby-Lowndes.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

F. JOHN STIMSON .. Treble	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY 2	†PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
†MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 100th peal and first in the method. † 114th peal this year (record for a lady). ‡ 50th peal this year. § 500th peal.



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BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6
DAVID W. BEARD 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
FRANK V. GANT 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN E. CANNELL Treble	† STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	RALPH BIRD 6
* TREVOR A. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
† RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Nov. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES H. EDWARDS Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	SAMUEL TWITCHETT 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	RONALD G. BUGG 7
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 11 cwt.
* BARBARA J. BEESON Treble	* JOHN J. L. ROPER 5
† JOAN GRAY 2	* GERALD WESTON 6
VALERIE W. WILLARD .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7
* BRENDA L. SHEPPARD .. 4	* CYRIL R. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman ever rung in Australia by a resident band.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	RALPH BIRD 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's.	Tenor 22 cwt.
A. E. LOCK Treble	D. JORDAN 5
A. H. WEBB 2	J. GORDON 6
M. BISHOP 3	G. BISHOP 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	J. NAPPER Tenor

Conducted by M. BISHOP.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
TERRY EARLE 3	THOMAS BIRD 7
* JACK BRETT 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major and first 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the Prime Minister, Sir Winston S. Churchill.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	M. R. REED 5
E. S. PARSONS 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
T. A. BEVIS 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
LESLIE HOUGHTON 4	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung as a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 1, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation No. 1.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
JOHN A. ACRES Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
PETER J. STAINFORTH .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
JOHN J. JELLEY 4	ALAN CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STAINFORTH.

Rung as a 74th birthday and golden wedding compliment to Edgar W. Higgs, who has served 60 years as chorister and ringer at the above church.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRERETON BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble	DEREK E. LUTCHFORD .. 5
TERENCE G. MORTON .. 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT .. 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3	* BRIAN M. BARKER .. 7
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' The first peal in the method, C.C.C. 105. Named after the original name of the conductor's birthplace.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Pudsey and 576 Alderman, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
* BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of seven spliced.

This is the first peal of Surprise Major rung in which all the bells do all the work of seven methods.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE A. FLEMING .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JOHN W. BLYTHE 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 43). Conducted by GEO. W. PIPE.

First attempt for a peal in the method by all the band.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK Treble	PETER COXALL 5
JEAN MARSHALL 2	ERIC COOK 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 7
LAURENCE L. WALMSLEY .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. Marshall, mother of Tom Marshall and grandmother of Jean, and donor of the second bell, who was interred at Parbold on December 1st, 1954.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER.. 5
MICHAEL FULLER 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
JOHN E. CANNELL 3	RALPH BIRD 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all and by the Association.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. Treble	ALBERT PRYKE 5
JOAN HILL 2	JOHN H. SITCH 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 3	BERTRAM C. HINES .. 7
HERBERT G. GODDARD .. 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	*ROGER BALDWIN 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY.. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS.. 7
*NORMAN J. SMITH 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD.. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. 250th peal as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the completion of 25 years as Dean of this Cathedral by the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE .. Treble	*DOREEN COKER 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	†WILLIAM BUTLER 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM H. BIRMINGHAM 7
WALTER AVERY 4	PERCY NEWTON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

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

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' on the new bells.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
DAVID R. REED 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT BELL .. Treble	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.. 5
CHARLES MC GUINNESS .. 2	ALAN M. BROWN 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON 3	ROLAND PARK 7
†ROBIN G. LEALE 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal of Bristol. † First peal of Bristol 'inside.'

Rung to mark Mr. J. Pickering's 50 years of membership of this tower.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*BARRIE HENDRY .. Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
ANTHONY E. COX 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
ARTHUR NEWTON 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
JOHN KING 4	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

RONALD G. BECK .. Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
A. GEORGE CLARE 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 5
ERIC NAYLOR 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. Treble	*THOMAS W. CHARITY .. 4
DENIS A. FRITH 2	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 5
HENRY SQUIRES 3	H. LESLIE SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Jack Lincoln Heygat to the parish as Rector.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

TREVOR E. MARKS .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) Double and Reverse, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BRIAN M. BARKER .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
*ROY L. SHUTTER 2	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in 12 methods. † 75th peal. The conductor's 350th peal for this Association.

Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day and as a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and St. Clement's Bob.

MARGARET A. LEWIS .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. 4
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	GODFREY C. WALPOLE .. 5
JAMES W. FORDER .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Kenneth M. Lewis following his induction as Rector of Ditchingham-with-Pirnough. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROBERT J. BROCKLEHURST Treble	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4
ENID L. ROBERTS .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal.

A compliment to the Chancellor of the University, Sir Winston Churchill, on his 80th birthday.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts District.)

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. Treble	*WILFRED RILEY .. 4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	ALBERT WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

COTLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 4 Pitman's, 4 Morris', 6 Variation Morris' and 14 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK PARR Treble	*WILLIAM SPARKS .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER WEBB .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB .. 5
*ALAN HODGE 3	*JOHN REAL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal (Christopher Webb age 15). First peal as conductor.

First peal on the bells.

Rung in honour of Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JILL MARTIN Treble	DAVID STUBBINGS .. 4
†JANE THORPE 2	WILLIAM T. RIDGMAN .. 5
RICHARD HOUSDEN .. 3	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.

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

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*BERNARD FAIRHEAD .. Treble	JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 4
†PAULINE A. NICE .. 2	FRANK G. OLIVER .. 5
†A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day in honour of the 80th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill.



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On Wed., Dec. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 960 changes each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 1,200 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) Treble | B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') 3
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 2 | R. B. MORRIS (Clare) .. 4
W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

COWLEY, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.
*R. J. NASH (St. John's) .. Treble | JOHN H. SMART (Pembroke) 4
*GEORGE HARPER (Hertford) 2 | D. H. NIBLETT (Pembroke) 5
*D. HODGSON (Brasenose) 3 | GLYN L. JENKINS (Kemble) .. Tenor

Conducted by GLYN F. JENKINS.

*First peal of Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Netherseale and Norwich, and two each of Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.
GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble | TOM BIRD .. 4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2 | SAM J. TWITCHETT .. 5
OWEN BALLARD .. 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

First peal in five Surprise methods by all.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD BUSBY .. Treble | *THOMAS COOKE .. 4
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2 | W. NORMAN PARK .. 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. 3 | ROLAND PARK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

*First peal of London Surprise Minor. In memoriam, George William Park.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble | THOMAS J. SETTER .. 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2 | SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 5
ALBERT W. DYER .. 3 | WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Also a compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*GEORGE FRY .. Treble | *KEVIN S. HOHL .. 4
*JOHN W. MEADE .. 2 | *IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 3 | ALBERT RELFE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

*First peal in seven Minor methods.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
*ROY HORNBY .. Treble | STANLEY HUCKLE .. 4
CHARLES W. SAMS .. 2 | BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
ALFRED A. LIVINGSTON .. 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

*First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat. Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.
*KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR .. Treble | *C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 4
RITA M. STRATFORD .. 2 | *MICHAEL VERNON .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD 3 | MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

*First peal of Surprise.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Allan Chapman to Sheila Stratford, both members of this church, Allan being a ringer.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON .. Treble | ROLAND W. MORANT .. 4
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2 | †GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3 | E. JOHN WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

*First peal in two methods. †First peal 'inside' in more than one method. ‡First peal on Minor. The fastest peal of Minor to be rung for the Guild.

WARBOYS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.
RALPH CHAPMAN .. Treble | FRANK W. LACK .. 4
*HERBERT GOAKES .. 2 | MICHAEL J. DYER .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3 | R. FRANK BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

*First Surprise peal.

A thanksgiving and golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, who were married in this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1954, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
MARION GRAIN .. 1-2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3-4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5-6
Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

LONDON, W.C.2.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

IN THE CRYPT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE .. 1-2 | CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 5-6
*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 3-4 | *MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS .. 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.
*First handbell peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 1-2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 3-4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5-6
Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1954, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT NO. 22, LONG STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN VERNON .. 1-2 | C. ROGER HAYWARD .. 3-4
*MICHAEL VERNON .. 5-6
Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
*First peal 'in hand' and as conductor.

BARNABY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Copp 1, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, R. T. Vessey 3, C. F. Briggs 4, W. L. Exton 5, F. W. Midwinter 6.

BEDFORD.—On Nov. 29th, at the Church of St. Paul, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor, on the front six: D. J. Thompson 1, H. J. Harlowe 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, P. J. Shipton (16) 4, G. Amor 5, J. R. Taylor (16, first as cond.) 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge (first away from tenor) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Miss J. Cox (first of Bob Minor) 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, Miss M. R. Andrews 5, I. H. Oram (first as cond.) 6.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 30th, at the Saviour's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Gorton 1, E. W. Webster 2, W. Tyson 3, J. Bolton 4, K. Roberts 5, Rev. St. John Smith 6, R. Eastham (cond.) 7, G. Collier 8. First on eight for 4, 5 and 8. Also for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Barbon).

DENTON, LINC's.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, H. Grocock (first quarter) 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, T. W. Charity 5. Also for St. Andrew's Day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (first in method as cond.) 3, C. Catchpole 4, T. C. Ford 5, H. Moss 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, A. E. Cook 8.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Parry 1, H. Morgan 2, S. Jones 3, G. Pugh 4, H. Thomas 5, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 6, G. Pugh 7, W. Ince 8. Rung on the middle six.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Knight (13) 1, Bridget Sanger (11) 2, M. Rose (15) 3, D. Lee 4, J. Badman 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

FOLKINGHAM, LINC's.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): J. Lindsey 1, D. H. Mettam 2, H. P. Collin 3, W. Weston 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6.

Sir Winston Churchill's 80th Birthday Quarter Peal Greetings

HALSALL, LANCs.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob): I. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Ruth Core 2, Ellen Parker 3, W. Core 4, C. Ackers (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsley 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cull 1, A. F. Cull 2, S. W. Cull 3, D. C. Wellington 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, D. J. Wilsden 6, E. Edmondson (cond.) 7, L. F. Cull 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Smith 1, D. Saunders 2, R. Wilson 3, R. Worsfold 4, H. Weaver 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6.

HUNTSPELL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harding 1, D. Holley 2, J. Hobbs 3, M. Farthing (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. Chedzey 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints): E. M. Baker 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Grice 1, L. Mannering 2, R. Rich 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, F. Hogan 5, J. Wallis 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Smith 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 5th, at the Cathedral, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: N. Lees 1, J. Simpkins 2, F. Barrowclough 3, Mary Walshaw 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, H. Reynolds 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. Also for evening service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (5½ extents St. Simon's, 3 Canterbury, 2 Plain Bob): Wendy Bowak (15, first quarter) 1, L. Cordell 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock (cond.) 5.

PENDLETON, LANCs.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Greenhalgh 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Cunliffe (first in method) 3, P. Cowan 4, J. Thornley 5, S. Leatherbarrow 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Colton 1, J. Butler 2, Margaret Hill 3, A. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, J. W. Horspool 6, R. A. Bartlam 7. First quarter by 1, 3 and 7. Rung for Advent.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 540 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Bob Doubles and 240 St. Simon's: P. D. Howitt (first quarter) 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, J. Underwood 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, C. Underwood 5.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Wightman (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss S. Revell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, L. Paice 3, F. Cooper 4, C. W. Barlow (first as cond.) 5, W. Collins 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 600 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): D. Sweet 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, A. Bown 5, C. Gratton 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bates 1, Miss B. Brockman (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Rogers 3, W. Thompson 4, H. R. French 5, R. G. French (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Wood 1, D. A. Lodge 2, J. E. Race 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5.

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When Mr. George William Park died, last August, it was not possible to arrange an in memorium peal in his own tower—Holy Trinity, Darlington. The peal attempt was left over until December 3rd, the 63rd anniversary of the installation of the bells and of his joining the belfry. The peal, London Surprise Minor, was his favourite method.

The temperature when the peal of Stedman Triples started at Melbourne Cathedral on November 28th was 99.2 degrees. Is this the warmest peal on record? It was a farewell peal for Miss Valerie Willard, who leaves for England on January 1st. The peal also made history, being the first of Stedman to be rung in Australia by a resident band.

There were four 'first peals' in the peal rung for Sir Winston Churchill's birthday at Cotleigh, Devon.

Mr. H. Gorton, of 152, Deane Road, Bolton, would like to get in touch with the ringer who rang the bells of Bethlehem. Mr. Gorton himself has rung these bells.

Five young girl ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Send, Surrey, ran a stall at the church's annual bazaar and raised £7 2s. through their self-inspired effort.

The peal at St. Mary-le-Tower on December 4th enabled 80-year-old George E. Symonds to complete the 'circle' and Miss Patricia Clarke has now rung Cambridge on all numbers.

The Rector of Great Bromley, Essex, the Rev. J. R. Ransom, has rung his first quarter peal. Except for the trainer, Mr. George Moss, the band was the regular Sunday service company.

We are informed that the first quarter on the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, since the war, was rung on September 30th. It was conducted by C. E. Jeffries and was the first on eight bells for R. M. Lennard, P. J. Shipton and J. R. Taylor.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that the peal at Shute, Devon (page 772) was the first on the bells. The only previous peal at East Brent, Somerset, was in 1930. A peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung at Week St. Mary on September 28th, 1929.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, late hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, celebrated his 90th birthday on December 5th. Now confined to his bedroom, he was greatly cheered by the many individual and collective birthday greetings received. He most sincerely thanks those who thought of him. Mr. Jones rang 535 peals, extending from his first at Caerleon on January 12th, 1899, to the last at Blaenavon on April 23rd, 1949.

The last peal at Milborne Port, Somerset, was rung in 1926.

The peal of Colchester Surprise Major published in the issue of October 22nd, 1954, is 23 in Lindoff's list and not 22 as given.

Mr. Neville Brown, who took up change ringing a year ago and is now 70, rang his first quarter at Loddon, Norfolk, on November 8th.

The quarter peal rung at Loughton, Essex, on November 27th, was the first for at least 30 years. Five of the ringers were from the Sunday service band, and hopes are entertained for an 'all-local' quarter before long.

So successful was the bellringers' service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton, on Advent Sunday, that it is hoped to make it an annual event. The lessons were read by the tower secretary and vice-captain, and the visiting ringers included the Association's secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, and his wife. The Vicar, the Rev. T. D. Boulton, officiated.

Somerton (Somerset) ringers are very proud of being able to include a plain course of Stedman in their quarter peal for the Premier's birthday. Their long-expected quarter of Bob Minor for the harvest festival failed to come round. 'We are still trying,' writes our correspondent. That's the spirit.

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RINGING IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

By the Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

GLOUCESTERSHIRE is one of the counties where change ringing has been practised from the earliest times after the invention of the art, and we find some of the earliest peals ever rung recorded there. Thus Painswick has been a centre of the Exercise for well over 200 years, with several peals in the 1730's, and practically as many peals were rung there before 1881 (when my survey commences) as have been rung since that date. Gloucestershire can well be proud of its ancient traditions and the lead it has given to ringing throughout the land.

The main general impression from a preliminary look at the records of the different towers of the county is of a steady level of peal ringing throughout the period. There have not been, on the whole, very violent fluctuations as in some counties, and most towers have their peals spread fairly evenly over the years. This is supported again, I think, by the way the six-bell towers are gradually being 'conquered'—only two other counties have a greater number of these, by the way. Thus in the 30 years before the first war, 49 of them had one or more peals rung at them. Since 1919 another 50 have been added to the list—about the same rate.

BRISTOL, ST. STEPHEN'S

And now to examine the individual towers. Bristol, St. Stephen's (10), easily leads the way with the largest number of peals, having twice as many in the period as any other tower—217 in all. A footnote to the first peal recorded in 1887 says it is the second peal on the bells, the only previous one being rung on April 9th, 1936. Since 1887 there has been a regular average of three or four a year over the whole period. The only years when a peal wasn't rung are 1905, 1906 and 1935 apart from the war years.

Painswick (12), with 108 in the period, comes second. Of course, this tower is renowned for long lengths also, and at various times in its history has held the record for Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Then there was the unfortunate occasion, 30-odd years ago, when one such record length was found to be false. The peals have been well spread out over the 70 years except for a gap between 1933 and 1945.

Quedgeley (8) has 107, and here more peals were rung in the 15 years after the first peal on the bells in 1891 than since, for 80 came from that period. At the moment it is doing well with 19 since 1947 (none this year so far and only one last year). These are the only towers which have passed the century mark—one 12, one 10 and one 8. Another of the five 12-bell towers comes next (Gloucestershire has more of these than any other county outside London, being equal with Lancashire)—Cheltenham, St. Mary's, with 88. 15,227 of Grandsire Caters was rung here in 1889 and this is still the record tower-bell peal in the method, I believe.

WAR LOSS

Three of the seven 10 bell towers follow: Stroud (83), Bristol, St. Nicholas' (72) and Gloucester, St. Michael's (71). The second of these was destroyed in the last war. The first had a rather larger proportion of its peals rung between the wars and the other two were more active before 1914, especially St. Michael's, Gloucester, where the last peal was rung in 1920—the only one since 1914. Prestbury (8) has also recorded 71 spread evenly over the period but with rather fewer since the last war than before it.

To mention the two remaining 12-bell towers—Tewkesbury has just reached the 50 mark (it was not, of course, a 12-bell tower

at the beginning of the period—the first on the 12 was in 1934). Here again we find a pretty consistent average over the whole period from 1883; then Cirencester has 31, 21 in the 30 years before the first war, eight in the 20 years between the wars and two since—a slight preponderance on the earlier years.

There are three more 10-bell towers to mention. Bristol, St. James', has 45. There was a sudden burst of energy here just after the first war, for 25 peals were rung from 1919 to 1925. Only six have been rung since, including one since the war, in 1946. Bristol, Christ Church, has 42; 39 came from the years 1901 to 1914, so there have only been three since—in 1918, 1919 and 1953. The third 10-bell tower is Berkeley. This became ten in 1920 and six peals had been rung there as an 8-bell tower between 1900 and 1912. Only ten have been rung since then—six between the wars and four between 1945 and 1951. For a ten-bell tower it must rank amongst those which have recorded the fewest peals.

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As for 8-bell towers there are three more which have reached the 50 mark. They are Bristol, All Saints' (57), Barnwood (51) and Upton St. Leonards (50). At the first of these 53 were rung prior to 1914, but there were two in 1948. Barnwood became an 8-bell tower at the end of the first war and peals are quite regular from then (there were two when it was a 6-bell tower). Thirty-eight of Upton St. Leonards' also came from before 1914 and there have been two since 1945. One 8-bell tower still remains to be rung—Chipping Campden.

FORTY-THREE UNCONQUERED TOWERS

In the case of the 6-bell towers there are still 22 unconquered, but considering the large number of these (121), that is a pretty good record of achievement. This number is rather too large to list. Haresfield has the highest number of peals in a 6-bell tower—24. This tower is going strong at the moment as compared with the second on the list—Hempsted, which has 23. Eighteen of these were rung in the last century, so there have only been five in the last 50-odd years. The last was in 1937. Sixteen of Hardwicke's 21 have come since the last war, so this tower, too, is doing well at the moment (but none this year, as I write). Cranham has 16, the first in 1888; Cromhall has 13, all since the war; Minchinhampton also has 13, all but the first between the wars; Brockworth, Coalpit Heath and Stonehouse all have 12 and all have been heard in recent years. Only seven of the 28 5-bell towers have had peals rung at them, and four is the highest number at any of these (at Elkstone and Tredington—the latter having its first peal as far back as 1886). Thus there are still 21 unconquered 5-bell towers in the county.

There are many more points of interest which could have been mentioned and which, perhaps, readers' letters may bring out. If so, I shall be pleased to amplify and comment, if necessary.

THEFT OF TENOR BELL

Unearthed on Blitz Site

A fine of £100 was imposed by the Exeter Magistrates on December 4th on Richard Henry Trevorrow (40), a carpenter, of Plymouth, for the theft of the tenor bell from St. Sidwell's Church site, Exeter. The bell was valued at £200.

The Chief Constable, Mr. A. E. Rowsell, said there were ten bells in the church ring. Nine were recovered after the 1942 bombing, but the tenor, weighing 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. remained undiscovered.

Trevorrow was employed by a Plymouth firm of contractors, who were taking limestone blocks from St. Sidwell's for use in a church at Plymouth. The bell was unearthed and, on Trevorrow's instructions, was broken up and sold to dealers in Exeter.

The presiding magistrate (Mr. R. P. Thrasher) told Trevorrow that he was fortunate the offence was not committed during the war. If it had, he would have faced a charge of looting, and the penalty would have been very heavy indeed.

Mr. Thrasher said that it was up to St. Sidwell's Parochial Church Council to take steps to recover damages from Trevorrow or his employer.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Ringing at Barnes, Richmond and Twickenham

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Barnes on November 27th, when, despite a half gale, a good company of ringers turned up and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon's ringing on the handy eight.

After a short service the company adjourned to the Church Hall, where local ringers had prepared an excellent tea. This was followed by the business meeting which included nominations for 1955 officers. All the existing officers were nominated, with Mr. Mudd in addition, for the committee.

The usual votes of thanks being dealt with, a move was made for Richmond. This was the first occasion for many years that these bells had been available to the Association, and the opportunity to add a new tower was taken by many visitors. Under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, satisfaction all round was assured. The General Master, Mr. Roy Davies, was in charge at All Hallows', Twickenham, which bells were also available.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

There are three generations of the Warrilow family ringing at St. Mary's, Stafford. Mr. R. J. Warrilow is head ringer; his father, now in his 78th year, still attends regularly twice on Sundays and also on practice nights, cycling 3½ miles to do so; and his son, Robert, also rings.

Ringing at Carbis Bay for the Prime Minister's birthday started on November 30th at 7.30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion. The ringers were the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D.), Mrs. H. P. Hurrell, Mrs. T. Sullivan, Marion Jones, Jill Swanne, Evangeline Roberts, Roger Sullivan, John Sullivan and Peter Rogers.

For some time Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby have been contriving for the former's 500th peal to coincide with her 100th. Success was achieved at Enderby, Leics, on November 22nd. On the same occasion Mrs. H. J. Poole scored her 114th peal in 1954, thus beating the record previously held by Mrs. F. J. Marshall of 113 peals in a year by a lady. The band was very much a family affair with three Stanfords, two Pooles, two Corbys and the Corbys' next-door neighbour for a makeweight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District Dinner

The third annual dinner of the Winchester District was held in Winchester on November 27th.

The bells of St. Maurice's Church were available during the afternoon and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise. A special ringers' service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (Bishop B. C. Corfield). In a short address the Bishop stressed that ringers held a sacred office and that no matter how many bells were being rung, their message always included the word 'Come' and not 'Go'—'Come', 'Come in', 'Come to church,' etc. and not 'Go', 'Go in,' or 'Go to church.' Ringing was entirely spoilt if the ringers did not attend at least one of the services for which they rang.

The dinner was held in the Westgate Lodge Hotel under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, supported by the District secretaries and treasurer. After the loyal toast from the chair Mr. H. Mansell proposed 'The Church.' He thanked the clergy for allowing the continued use of their bells and for the addresses they gave at the services. He also mentioned the difficulty of getting younger people to take up the art.

The Rev. J. R. Beynon, Rector of Twyford, in his reply, referred to the antiquity of bell-ringing.

Mr. H. Street, in submitting the toast to 'The Guild,' said he always thought bellringers were a friendly and sociable lot, but after three dinners he was beginning to wonder. The occasion of the first dinner was marked by high winds and heavy rain; the second by snow; and this one by a violent storm. Was it a sign of wickedness?

The name of Mr. W. C. Lampard, the Cathedral captain, was coupled with the toast. He recalled salient features in the history of the Guild and that this year it had celebrated its 75th anniversary. He finished by urging ringers to look after their Sunday service ringings.

'The Visitors' toast was honoured on the call of Mr. S. B. Carey, and Mr. R. A. Reed, replying, said that the Winchester District was doing a fine job under its secretary, Mr. J. A. C. King. He had found visitors always welcome and a very happy relationship existed.

Members then adjourned to a lounge for a variety concert which included impromptu performances by Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Messrs. S. B. Carey, J. A. C. King and R. A. Reed. Mrs. R. A. Reed officiated for these at the piano.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

On the morning of the 25th each Region will present a radio Christmas card, prefacing it with a short 'touch' of bells from a tower in the area. A greeting in local speech will follow, with other items. Originating in the West Region, this nation-wide programme, 'God Rest Ye Merry,' will be heard in all the B.B.C.'s Home Services.

From Scotland the bells of Britain's largest carillon, in the tower of the East and West Churches of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, will be heard. Heraldizing Northern Ireland's contribution will be the bells of the Assembly Hall at Belfast, while a pre-recorded peal from York Minster will bring in the North Region. Down in Devon ringers will 'sign on' the West Region from the tall tower of Widecombe-in-the-Moor Parish Church.

In the Midland Region two towers will take part: first the bells of St. Martin's Parish Church, in Birmingham's Bull Ring, will be heard, and later, the ring of eight in Bretforton Parish Church, Worcestershire, will be introduced by Mr. John Hall, J.P., a market gardener in the Vale of Evesham, who is chairman of his Parish Council and a keen ringer. From Wales will come the sound of a single bell, but the oldest in the country still in use, which dates from 1290, and hangs in the tower of Llanallgo Parish Church, near Moelfre, Anglesey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ladies' Guild Branch Contemplated

A quarterly meeting of the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne on November 27th, when about 20 members attended.

Although the ringing during the afternoon and evening reached no great heights in method ringing it was enjoyed by those present and considerable help was given to the younger members in such methods as Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Marcon.

At the business meeting which followed an enjoyable tea, Miss J. Earl and Miss S. Tonkin, of Hellingly, and Mr. M. Laidler, of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, were elected members of the Association.

A question was raised regarding the formation of the Ladies' Guild in Sussex. After some discussion it was decided to approach Mrs. Percy with the suggestion that she should arrange a ladies' meeting with the object of encouraging the ladies of the other Divisions to add their support to that of the ladies of the Eastern Division.

Good progress is being made towards collecting the sum necessary for the repair and overhaul of Bexhill bells, and it is hoped they will be ready for ringing some time during 1955. Wadhurst bells should be heard again soon after Christmas.

The general secretary of the Association (Mr. R. Percy) gave details of the 70th anniversary of the Association, which is to be celebrated at Brighton on January 29th. He also informed members that Association badges would not be available until after the anniversary.

R. W. P.

Mr. G. J. Butcher, of Northfleet, has completed the quartet of peals in Plain Bob and rung handbell peals on all numbers from 5 to 12.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, Norwich, on December 4th. In the deeply regretted absence of the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, who is ill), the chairman of the East Norfolk Branch (Mr. E. R. Goate) was in the chair.

The annual general meeting for 1955 was discussed. It was agreed to hold this on Saturday, May 7th, when the annual service in St. Andrew's Church (despite the continued unringableness of its bells) at 4 p.m., and the tea and business meeting in St. Andrew's Parish Hall (not to be confused with St. Andrew's Hall, the ancient monastic church, now a great place of meeting for Norwich). Ringing arrangements to be as far as possible as at the last annual meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Yallop, who run many delightful functions in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, undertook to do a good tea for 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to those at school), with assistance from ringers' wives. Agenda at the annual meeting not to include new members, who could be more conveniently elected at Branch meetings.

It was agreed that a new Norwich Diocesan Association badge be produced forthwith. Mr. Nolan Golden undertook to arrange its design and manufacture, and it is hoped to be able to sell it at 2s. 6d. each (2s. to those at school). It was noted that all members should pay their subscriptions to the branch secretaries, also their peal fees to the Association Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden, in accordance with the rules.

It was agreed to send £5 from the Belfry Repair Fund to Great Bircham, which has recently spent £140 on bell restoration.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cirencester Branch

The annual meeting was held at Cirencester on December 4th. Ringing took place at Watermoor (8) in the afternoon and the Parish Church (12) in the evening. The priest-in-charge at Watermoor took the service at 4.30 p.m.

The Association's Master (Mr. A. L. Barry) presided at the business meeting, when the retiring officers—chairman, Mr. W. A. Godwin; secretary, Mr. R. E. W. Wenban; and management committee representative, Mr. E. H. Jelferies—were re-elected. A rota of meetings to be held during 1955 was adopted. A very successful meeting was enjoyed by all. R. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JAMES BARHAM'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—The recent attempt to break the record for the full extent of Major has drawn attention to the previous peal, rung at Leeds, in Kent, by James Barham, who completed the peal in 27 hours.

A broadsheet in the old ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Woolwich, was printed by George Naunton, of Ipswich. It is undated, but gives and 'Account of peals rung in different methods by James Barham, of Leeds, in Kent, in that and neighbouring county from 1744 to 1813.'

Among them are the following:—

December 30th, 1752.—14,500 of Bob Major rung in 9 hours and 30 minutes.

January 13th, 1753.—20,160 of Bob Major rung in 13 hours and 34 minutes.

March 31st, 1755.—16 hours.

April 7th and 8th, 1761.—40,320 of Bob Major rung in 27 hours.

Of the effort of March, 1755, a footnote states:—

'This number cannot be clearly ascertained nor can it be deemed a Peal, in consequence of the breaking of a clapper, when the said James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drunk his glasses of wine and called all the Bobs. The proprietor of this work has a certificate signed by a respectable person who is willing to satisfy upon oath the truth of it.'

It would appear that this was an attempt on the full extent of Major, or, at least, a rehearsal similar to the 14,500 in 1752 in preparation for the half-way, rung in 1753. Likewise, it is reasonable to suppose that James Barham called the bobs in the successful peal, of which the footnote merely states:—

'The whole Peal of Changes on 8 Bells, having never been performed before, or since.'

No mention is made of the composition. If Thomas Steers was the composer he must have been a young man at the time, for it was 26 years after the peal was rung that he was elected a member of the Cambridge Youths, according to the date given by Mr. Hibbins in his letter to 'The Ringing World' of November 26th, 1954.—Yours sincerely,

A. GROVE.

Woolwich.

EARTH AS A SILENCER

Dear Sir,—We, also, have a deep layer of earth on the floor of our bell chamber at Long Crendon, which appears to have been there a considerable number of years. This makes a very effective silencer.

Unfortunately, we shall soon be faced with the problem of moving it, as the frame has to be treated. For this and other restoration work our Vicar has launched an appeal for one million pennies.

Perhaps a moth-proof felt, as is used in the construction of modern flats, would be more appropriate.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. TYLER.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

A COMPOSITION OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. William Thornley has made a slight error in claiming the peal of Superlative on page 784 of 'The Ringing World.' This peal on the commonest plan for peals of Superlative has been published under the name of E. Timbrell (Yorkshire Association Peal No. 4,201), C. H. Hattersley (Kent County Association report for 1910, Peal No. 1,530) and J. W. Washbrook, plus the usual selection of simple variations by Messrs. Knights and Lindoff too numerous to mention in detail.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Kingston, Surrey.

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reading in the issue of December 3rd Mr. Harris' interesting account of the late C. Herbert's stupendous achievement in writing the whole extent of Major, reminds me of a story told by the late George Martin, of Boyne Hill. As it was some time ago I might err a little in detail, but, briefly, this is as I remember it:—

A ringer of George's acquaintance got into conversation with a representative of an American firm of safe and lock makers. Apparently bells and ringing were discussed, and a plain course of Bob Major changed hands, with the explanation that 40,320 such rows of figures could be obtained without repetition. Some time later our worthy received a communication from America offering the sum of £300 if he would supply them with the extent but the poor man was then in a bad state of health and although financially embarrassed, was not capable of the task. His colleagues came to the rescue and, between them, brought the issue to a successful climax.

I believe I am correct in saying that some of our firms of safe makers possess copies of 'Standard Methods,' using the various diagrams in the construction of their craft.

An old friend once asked me for the calling of Holt's Original, and he eventually wrote the whole figures to convince his fellow workmates that it is possible to get 5,040 different changes on seven bells—not such a colossal task, but enough to show the pains that some ringers will take to prove that 'there is more in bell-ringing than meets the ear.'

Hard luck, long-peal band. Best wishes for success next time.

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

SAXILBY, LINCS

Dear Sir,—I notice reference was made to our tower the other week in one of your 'Letters to the Editor' concerning an old Lincolnshire rhyme. It may be of interest to your readers to know that in 1943 four of us taught ourselves to ring on the old four 'ding dongs' mentioned in the poem. By the time we had mastered Bob Minimus we had raised enough enthusiasm in the village to have the old frame taken out, the existing four bells rehung in a new steel frame and two new trebles added at a cost of over £700. The dedication was in April, 1947, and since then we have raised and maintained a small but keen band ringing Doubles and Minor methods. None of us have ever rung a peal, but since the bells were dedicated in 1947 the bells have never been silent before Matins, and ringing for Evensong has only been missed ten times; we regard service ringing as all-important.

Incidentally, our band of nine members consists of five choristers, four sidesmen, three church councillors, the organist and the church treasurer.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. BLAIKIE.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

Note.—We congratulate the band on their quarter peal, the last being rung over five years ago.—Ed.

STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Topp's interesting composition of Stedman Caters recalls to memory a composition we rang in 1931 by the late G. Lindoff. He turned the bells every six courses in the Tittums and hand stroke position alternately, and had a 6.5 or 5.6 at every alternate course end through the peal.

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

UNWELCOMED PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—Some time ago there was a spate of hostile criticism in the lay Press, brought on by the peal attempts of one of our prominent members.

You may recall that I wrote a letter, which you published, decrying the publicity which appeared in the daily newspapers, and I suggested that these matters should be confined to 'The Ringing World,' as publicity often does more harm than good.

This has been borne out in good measure in a recent issue of the 'Daily Mirror,' in which we come in for withering scorn from a tin god who assumes the title of 'Cassandra.' This abuse, and I do not believe we have heard the last, was brought on by the recent attempt at Loughborough.

Many ringers would be hard put to explain why one should want to ring for 20 hours. How, then, can we expect members of the public to understand? We are now being compared with pole squatters, marathon piano players, dancers, talkers and other crazy individuals, and what answer are we to give to the critics?

Believe me, many town towers have enough criticism as it is without this unnecessary storm of abuse being used to feed the flames. Please sir, may I, as a very humble, quite indifferent ringer, appeal to those more gifted performers to keep their prodigious feats of strength and concentration confined to the ringing Press, where at least it will be sympathetically received, if not entirely understood.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has been misled, I think, by a misprint in Mr. Blagrove's recent letter re plain Major methods. This is in the two methods he rejected, which when corrected give Plain Bob coursing order in 7-8. They correspond to Crayford and Little Bob with places in 5-6 instead of dodging in the middle of the lead.

Could anyone please state the method rung at Anstey, Leics, on April 6th, 1935, which, according to Corrigan, was published as Huntington (which had already been rung) and renamed Wicken? Therefore, what is the 'Wicken' rung at Wicken, Northants, on July 12th, 1953?

Also, could the methods Evington Surprise Major and Framland Surprise Maximus be given, please? If they have been, and I've missed them, sorry!

And does Gainsborough Surprise Major have places made in 1, 2, 3 and 6 simultaneously between the 14th and 15th rows in the first half lead? This is according to the description given in 'Belfry Gossip,' but seems odd.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. FRITH.

Grantham.

CHIMES AND CHIME TUNES

Dear Sir,—In the long series of articles I wrote under the above title in 'The Ringing World,' July 17th, 1942, et seq., I gave a large selection of chime tunes as played by clocks at many churches. I cannot remember any quite like those at Stow-on-the-Wold given in your last issue by the Rev. H. C. M. Potts—the nearest seems to be at Tideswell, where the following was adapted for six bells:—

1.	1 2 3 4
2.	3 2 1 4
3.	1 3 2 4
4.	2 1 3 4

No. 1 was played at first quarter, 1 and 2 second, 1, 2 and 3 at third, and all at fourth, with No. 6 as hour bell.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

LETTERS—Continued

REPLY TO THE SURPRISE MAJOR CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roe makes out a case for the 'ownership of figures' on the basis of responsibility and a tradition, but also a right have composed a certain peal is not only a responsibility and a tradition, but also a right and a just reward for many hours of hard work.

The 'tradition' of claiming to have composed a certain method seems to lie with less than half a dozen men, two or three in the field of Surprise Major and the same number with so-called extensions of London Surprise to 10 and 12 bells.

Mr. A. G. Driver worked out all the Minor methods and all the Plain Major methods, but he did not claim to have composed any of them. I would suggest that these traditionalists follow his example. After all, Surprise methods can be written down systematically at a higher rate than one a minute, so I fail to see where 'composition' comes in. The responsibility of WHAT is rung lies with those who RING it, and not with those who WRITE it down.

There are over 200,000 Surprise Major methods with coursing order bells in 7-8 and triple and quadruple changes only, so there is really no need to ring methods with non-coursing bells in 7-8 or double changes.

Now for his challenge. I find there are 33 Surprise Major with coursing pairs in 7-8, regular lead ends and no adjacent places (in the Grid, Link, or Junction). They are, with 8ths place lead ends:—

- (1) —38—, 14—58—16—14—38, 16—16, 38
- (2) —38—, 14—58—16—14—38, 16—36, 18
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Perhaps someone could supply the names of those that have been rung, as I do not possess any published collection.

If all these methods have been rung or published before, then his challenge was a pointless waste of time and paper. If any of them have not been rung or published, then I challenge him to prove that any one of them is not pealable.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedford, near Staines.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—In answer to those who complain about the noise made by bells, I should like to state that of my heterogeneous collection of gramophone records, the quietest is Y—k M—r B—ls.

Or perhaps I have got the wrong gramophone.—Faithfully yours, F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

A WEEK-END IN FOUR COUNTIES

A Sequel to 'Dree Days in Zummerzet'

(Ringing World, August 13th, 1954)

For me it all began when I read 'Dree Days in Zummerzet', and saw the words, '16th ov October . . . if any ov ee wants to cum wi us, just let's know . . .'. October 16th happened to be within my holidays. Exchanging letters with the Editor eventually led me to the organiser and, to cut the story short, Friday, October 15th, found me Swindon bound.

I hadn't met them before but we introduced ourselves and I soon discovered that they were, in fact, 'purty vrendly.' A quarter peal at St. Mark's was successful and then adjournment for refreshment and to talk about the route for the week end.

Saturday morning we were well under way oy eight o'clock, two cars with four in each, destination Nunney, in Somerset, about 40 miles way, where huge stones up to 20 feet high stand in the fields on both sides of the road, relics of the Druids. An hour's run and we were in Somerset, anon to Nunney where the church was under repair, and likely to be for some time, by appearances. There was nothing wrong with the bells, however, a handy six (tenor 12 cwt.). We had our ring and then made way for more of the 'vrends', who'd arrived from another direction. On to Wanstraw, for another ring of six, and here we were joined by another 'visitor', who'd travelled from Bedford since daylight, with his non-ringing friend for company.

Eleven o'clock, therefore, found us a convoy of four cars, moving on to the third six, Marston Magna (tenor 13 cwt.), but we hadn't been there long before the 'gaffer' decreed that some of us move on to Mudford to keep abreast of the time-table. So on to Mudford to find a very warm welcome from the Vicar and a heavy ring of five. If you want to ring a peal there, make it a non-conducted one. Well, the next stop was Yeovil and here we had an hour for lunch before going up to enjoy that glorious ten at St. John's. Stedman Caters was among the best ringing of the day and I think everyone would have liked to stay longer than

the generous hour permitted, but on again for the second half.

If C. S. had tried to find more picturesque names that week-end, I don't think he could have bettered those we had, e.g., Marston Magna and now (three more sixes) Preston Plucknett, Montacute (tenor 24 cwt.) and Stoke-sub-Hamdon, until we came to the first eight of the day—Shepton Beauchamp, as handy a ring as you'll wish to find. We 'moved them on a bit' to Stedman and then finished up with a good course of Yorkshire. One more six, Kingsbury Episcopi (another bonny name) made ten towers for the day and then off for the night to East Budleigh, in Devon, ultimate destination whenever the 'vrends of the Exercise' are out.

Well, we went to bed eventually, but it was a close night in any case, which was maybe why I was up before seven and out to have a look at this viewly village where Raleigh spent so much time. There's his pew in the church, where at eight o'clock six of us raised, rang and ceased for the Holy Communion. Then, after breakfast, to Harford to ring for Matins, and elevenish on to Bradford Abbas, in Dorset, where we had yet another warm welcome and found another good six. Lunch this day was at Sherborne, but the 'gang' had rung at the Abbey previously, so I didn't have that pleasure. However, on to Milborne Port, and there's a weight of metal in that tower; a fine old church, too. We stayed until three o'clock and then on to Henstridge for the final ring of six (tenor almost a ton again) and as good as any for the last six, although they were all good bells that week-end.

Tea next (was it at Ilminster?) and then the last tower of the tour, North Bradley, back in Wiltshire, and appropriately enough the home tower of two of the lads. As spick-and-span a belfry as I've seen, and the bells just as smart with a peal to match (tenor cast in 1519 and the two trebles added only four years since). They made a good job of that splice we all agreed. We finished off by staying to the service and having a good sing, almost a choir on our own. From there it was back to Swindon—the end of a memorable week-end.

THE LADIES' GUILD
Midland District at Kettering

Despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good gathering at the meeting held at Kettering on November 20th. A party travelled by train from Leicester and district and the bells were set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

A short form of service was conducted by the Rector, who, in his address, said that campanologists were fortunate in having an interest which drew them to the House of God so often, and he hoped that they found time to say a short prayer at each church where they rang. He stated how gratifying it would be for ringers to be able to say after meeting and tower-grabbing expeditions, not only that they have rung in a number of churches, but also that they have prayed in that number of churches.

An excellent tea was served in the nearby Church Hall by the ladies of the parish. Before the business meeting commenced Miss Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. P. Chapman, for making the local arrangements. Seven new members were elected.

The Leicester party, arriving back in Leicester, were met by Mr. H. J. Poole, who caused considerable hilarity on remarking that he was pleased to see the ladies had roped in several new members for the 'Supporters' Club'!

It is hoped to hold the annual meeting at St. Mary de Castro's, Leicester, on Jan. 29th.

IN THE FEN COUNTRY

The bleak and desolate prospect presented by the Lincolnshire Fens did not deter a keen party of tower snatchers from taking full advantage of the excellent programme arranged for them by Mr. Ron Noon on November 6th, when ten towers were visited.

Market Deeping, a tower famous in its 'Day', was reached at 1 p.m. and quickly followed by the magnificent six of Deeping St. James' Church. The age-defying Abbey Church of SS. Bartholomew, Guthlac and Mary, Crowland, which has known the sound of bells for longer than most places, but now possesses only six bells, was admired by the band in the brief period allowed before the road was taken for Gedney Hill, where are five bells. Spliced Doubles were rung there and we were told that a long silence has only recently been broken.

Whaplode—lovely in its Norman nave as well as its bells—was reached in darkness at what would have been tea-time had there been time. Holbeach, though it has eight good bells, could not provide a cup of tea for the weaker brethren, who must, anyway, press on to Fleet. Mr. J. Hallifax, a hearty octogenarian and the ringing Vicar, made us welcome and warmed us in the detached campanile. Another Gedney, this time with six bells and a much larger church, came next and was enjoyed. Long Sutton heard our only course of Surprise Major of the day, Cambridge. Thanks, Lincolnshire!

S. I. C.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Gricevson 1, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 2, Pamela Law 3, Valerie Mephram 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in memory of Mr. 'Ted' Godley, a ringer at this church for 60 years, who passed to his rest on November 25th.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Holehouse 1, P. Stacey (first of Major 'inside') 2, J. Dear 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine (first in the method as cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, W. Collins 7, E. Buck 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, Miss D. Smith 2, I. Heasman 3, S. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Joyce S. Coward 2, Mrs. E. Naylor 3, Mrs. B. Copper 4, Brenda L. J. Foley 5, F. A. Gooding 6. A farewell to Brenda Foley, who has left the district to take up an appointment at Leamington.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. R. Cox 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, J. L. Morris 4, P. P. Brown 5, R. Rugman 6, Miss M. R. Andrews (first as cond.) 7, Miss J. Tunbridge (first quarter) 8. Rung with 6, 8 covering. For Evensong.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, M. Day 2, P. W. Bartlett 3, R. Wenban (cond.) 4, P. A. Bartlett 5, J. Carey 6. A welcome to the new Bishop of Gloucester on his first visit to Bibury.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Langton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis 4, L. Weller 5, L. Stilwell 6, F. Lufkin (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Douglas 1, T. Merritt 2, J. Parsons 3, S. Grant (cond.) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. Osmond (first quarter) 6.

BRAFELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. A. Longland 1, F. Attewell 2, B. E. Frost 3, P. Jones 4, J. Davey 5, G. Care (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Dec. 2nd, 1,298 Grand-sire Cinques: M. Hancock 1, F. G. Leaker 2, G. Briggs 3, D. J. Marshall (first of Cinques) 4, F. C. Mogford 5, E. L. Roberts (first of Cinques as cond.) 6, D. Smith 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. A. Hillier 9, A. M. Tyler 10, N. Coombs 11, F. Hansford 12.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Diane Spice 1, Monica Howard 2, A. Bird 3, R. Purchase 4, J. Brooks 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. C. Herd and Miss B. Abel, the former being a member of the local band.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Legg 1, K. Medway 2, J. Weadon 3, F. Parramore 4, H. Hooper 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. A welcome home to H.R.H. the Queen Mother.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 25th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Eyles 1, G. Winter 2, W. Mortimer 3, W. Swift 4, G. Eyles 5, H. Gummer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, J. Romain 8.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Hanny (first quarter) 1, G. Hawkins (cond.) 2, L. Moses 3, A. Read 4, J. Hobbs 5, J. Davis 6.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Robertson (first quarter) 1, E. Bray 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. Mills 4, J. Topp 5, G. Massey 6, D. Flower (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss H. Flower and Mr. L. Williams, both ringers at this tower, married on November 27th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. J. H. Ransom (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, G. W. Moss 3, J. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. H. Erith (cond.) 6.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Deason 1, M. Collins 2, G. Ingham 3, R. Lay 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,2,5 Grand-sire Caters: F. Bowden 1, E. J. Wells 2, C. N. Pearson 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Miss E. M. Turner 5, Miss M. E. Collins 6, R. W. Morant 7, H. Gauntlett 8, A. C. Hazeldene (cond.) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. Rung for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. Powell 1, J. Pares (first quarter) 2, Miss J. D. Kent 3, W. Gorrinac (cond.) 4, L. Jarvis 5, A. Kemp 6, R. J. Brown 7, J. G. Powell 8.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grand-sire): D. MacPherson 1, J. Martin 2, B. Hale 3, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, Miss E. M. Turner 6. First of Doubles for 1 and 3.

HILLFARENC, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Sparkes 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (first in method as cond.) 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, C. Tarr 5, W. Nurcombe 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Fidler 1, C. V. Hare 2, P. W. Croft 3, K. C. Timbury (first of Stedman Triples) 4, G. Cherry 5, E. Winters 6, F. W. Croft (cond.) 7, R. Head 8. For Advent Sunday. Also 720 London Surprise and 552 Norwich Surprise. Minor: L. Fidler 1, G. Cherry 3, P. W. Croft 4, C. M. Orme 5, D. P. Jones 6, F. W. Croft (cond.) 7, E. Winters 8. A 68th birthday compliment to Mr. L. Fidler. Rung with tenor covering.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: O. Norman 1, F. Warrington 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, E. J. Parish 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer upon their wedding anniversary.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer (first of Surprise) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead (first in method) 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

IFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being 720 each of Oxford and Kent): J. Adams (first as cond.) 1, C. Bennet 2, H. Mair 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, M. Harding 6. First in two methods by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. E. Cordrey, who has completed 60 years with Ifley Church choir.

KILBURN, N.W.—At the Church of St. Augustine, on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Stafford (first on 8) 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Audrey Barker 3, C. E. Lankester 4, Elsie Lankester 5, A. H. Catlin 6, W. E. Eveleigh (first of Bob Major 'inside') 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8. A farewell to the retiring Vicar (Father W. H. F. Dickinson).

LANCASTER.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Eccles 1, G. Braithwaite 2, J. Bagnall 3, F. Postlethwaite 4, J. Buries 5, A. Capstick 6, N. M. Newby 7, F. Birkett 8. A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Pollard D.D., who is shortly going to the I.O.M.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Scase (first in method) 1, Miss S. Green (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss C. Ford 3, S. Ford 4, A. W. Beard 5, H. Corney (first in method 'inside') 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, D. Riley 8. Rung for Advent Sunday evening service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley (cond.) 4, C. W. Powell 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, A. Whitmore 8. A welcome to the Rev. Kenneth Rowcroft as curate of St. Michael's, Lyme Regis.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Taylor 1, G. L. Hewitt 2, T. Pritchard 3, T. Wilson 4, J. J. Stanier 5, K. Ferrington 6, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 7, T. Milward 8. A farewell to the Rev. M. McNicol, who is leaving for St. Mark's, Wolverhampton.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob combined, 720 Kent Treble Bob): J. Wilson 1, F. Wigmore 2, F. S. Parsons 3, R. Reed 4, T. A. Bevis 5, W. Rose 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Parsons.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, H. Buckingham 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss A. Devonshire 1, G. F. Gray 2, W. C. Chandler 3, Miss R. Longhurst 4, M. J. Martin 5, C. Devonshire 6. Conducting shared by M. J. Martin and W. C. Chandler. A farewell to Miss R. Longhurst, who is joining the W.R.A.F.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Smart 1, R. J. Nash 2, P. R. Saunders (first of Surprise) 3, M. M. R. Glover 4, W. H. Jackson 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, D. A. Edwards 7, D. M. Niblett (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grand-sire, 480 Plain Bob): Jean Wallace (first quarter) 1, W. A. Wood 2, F. Fagg 3, B. Fagg 4, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 5, G. Wood 6. The conductor's first quarter since his ordination.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. Holmes (first quarter) 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Dec. 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, L. W. Fisher 7, W. Ransome 8.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. Tuttle 1, B. S. Cope 2, P. I. Chapman 3, C. H. Harding 4, C. M. Orme 5, G. E. Watson 6, P. Mehew 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. First of Lincolnshire for 1, 5 and 7. Rung for Evensong.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Single Oxford): Miss M. Yardley 1, H. Dove 2, W. G. Baker 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. Rung on the 75th anniversary of the opening of St. Andrew's Mission Church, and on the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Spencer, wife of the churchwarden.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Nov. 28th, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximum: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, G. Peters 6, P. N. Bond 7, F. J. Matthews 8, A. R. Ling 9, J. R. Leeming 10, R. F. Deal 11, A. J. House 12. First of Cambridge Maximum for 6, 7, and 10.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, R. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung for Confirmation service, at which Robert Warrilow, son of R. J. Warrilow, and Michael Harvey, both junior ringers, were confirmed.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Brewer 1, A. H. Reed 2, F. G. Sparks 3, W. H. Coles 4, P. H. Sparks (cond.) 5, S. G. Coles 6. Rung on 30th anniversary of peal rung here by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 with William C. Slocombe.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Cooper (first on treble in method) 1, Jill Tombs (first 'inside') 2, D. H. Watson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, B. Cranage 8. Rung for Advent Sunday.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: W. Cocking 1, R. Chapman 2, A. Print 3, V. B. Hunt 4, J. Findon 5, F. C. Lyne 6, G. Ingram (first as cond.) 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, Miss G. Brown 2, H. P. Rood 3, Miss P. A. Gaunt 4, G. Wiggins 5, M. Maisey 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stepman Triples: Miss G. Brown 1, C. Lewington 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, Mrs. D. Cooper 4, M. Maisey 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung in memory of Mr. J. Hedges, of Brightwalton, an old and respected member of the Newbury branch of the Oxford Guild.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Devenish 1, M. L. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, B. Howard 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND

With sincere regret we record the death in St. Mary's Hospital, Poole, on December 3rd, at the age of 87 years, of Mr. F. W. Townsend. He became crippled with arthritis before the last war, and was unable to continue ringing. For the last year he had been confined to bed, but, active in mind, he enjoyed reading his 'Ringing World' and talking on ringing right up to the last. He was not a big peal ringer and his peals did not exceed 50, his greatest object being to have the bells well rung for service.

Mr. Townsend learned to handle a bell at Bishop's Cleeve and his change ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and Charlton Kings, under Mr. W. T. Pates and Mr. W. Dyer. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He came to Poole in 1904 and at that time only call changes were rung at St. James', Poole. In 1906 he joined the Poole band and soon became captain. Under his instruction the Poole band became one of the best in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He saw the eight bells rehung in 1907 and was largely responsible for increasing them to ten in 1937, which he said was the most memorable event in his ringing career. The treble in the ten carries his name and is a lasting memorial to his memory.

A good handbell ringer, he was largely responsible for building up the band of handbell ringers in the Poole and Bournemouth District and his pupils appear to-day in many of the handbell peals rung in the area.

Mr. Townsend was District Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for over 40 years. He spent a great deal of time in instructing bands in change ringing in days when transport was not easy. Amongst his pupils was one of our leading composers of to-day as well as several ringers who have made their name in the Exercise. During his long life he saw no less than six rectors at St. James', Poole.

The funeral took place on December 6th in Poole Cemetery and was conducted by the Rector of Poole, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington. After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by W. Young, Mrs. Marshallsay, D. Matkin and A. Davis.

Amongst the mourners and friends were his son, Mr. W. Townsend, Messrs. B. James, A. F. Martin Stewart, I. P. Davis, F. Hart, L. J. Lockyer, R. Willis and A. R. Macdonald. In the evening the Rector of Poole conducted a short service in the belfry of St. James' Church and gave a brief address in which he stressed Mr. Townsend's devotion to his duties as a ringer over the years.

The local company then rang the ten bells with half-muffled clappers to the 'Whole Pull and Stand' to the years of the deceased's age, after which touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, in which ringers from Wimborne and Bournemouth joined. A. R. M.

AN APPRECIATION

I would like to pay a small tribute to this grand old gentleman, a tribute in which many ringers who knew him in this part of the country would like to join.

It will be difficult to measure the extent of Mr. Townsend's work to encourage the art of change ringing, both on tower bells and on handbells. When one visited Poole tower in his day one was always sure of a most cordial welcome, and that no time would be wasted for, if for some reason the tower bells could not be rung, the handbells were soon in evidence.

Freddie did not make extravagant claims, but he would insist on good striking at all times. His standard was extremely high, so that if he said the ringing was *good* it was a compliment indeed.

Peal attempts were frequent on the Old Poole eight, and the drill was always the same. Mr. Townsend would have everything ready and settle down to listen to the first quarter, then he would creep out of the belfry. But he would not be far away; he was the first one up at the conclusion of the ringing to congratulate or listen to the inquest.

When tower-bell ringing was banned in 1940, Mr. Townsend assisted the early efforts made in Bournemouth to practise double-handed change ringing. Through him the Bournemouth handbell band came into existence, and as long as a handbell peal is rung in the district, the name of Frederick Townsend will be remembered with affection, respect and gratitude.

A. V. D.

MR. ROBERT ALSOP

Mr. Robert Alsop, a ringer at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, died at Ebbw Vale Hospital on November 29th, aged 76.

A native of Cheddar, where he had learned to ring call changes as a young man, he went to Ebbw Vale when he was 23, but there was no opportunity for ringing until the ring of eight bells was installed at Christ Church in 1937. Then, at nearly 60 years of age, he took up change ringing for the first time, being a member of the service band throughout its existence.

He rang a few peals of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. He was keenly interested in all aspects of ringing, and was learning new methods, including Cambridge, right to the end of his life.

He was a faithful member of his church in many of its activities. He was widely read and would often dig out and use a little-known word, with a mischievous glint in his eye. He wrote to 'The Ringing World' many times, often under a pen name, usually over some query of interest. A few years ago he made a table out of a walnut tree that he himself had planted when a boy.

He was the father of a truly Christian family, and was a few weeks from his golden wedding when he died. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Alsop and her daughter and sons.

B. D. P.

MR. P. T. CLIFT

We regret to announce the death at Rumney, near Cardiff, of Mr. Phillip Thomas Clift, father of Messrs. D. G. and P. B. Clift, at the age of 82.

Mr. Clift was taught change ringing by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, in the latter part of the 19th century and was leader of the old six-bell band at Usk for many years. In 1925, when the old six had become unringable, he was associated with the late Canon Morgan and others in raising funds for the magnificent eight which now hang in the tower of St. Mary's Church.

Though he never took part in a peal and had taken no active part in ringing for many years, he nevertheless maintained a keen interest, and any ringer was made welcome at his home.

His first love, however, was rifle shooting, a sport in which he had achieved international honours, having shot for Wales on many occasions in the annual meetings between the four countries at Bisley. He had reached the final stage of the King's Prize on several occasions and had won the coveted silver medal of the National Rifle Association, also the then Blue Riband of the Miniature Rifle Shooting. Sir Elliott Lee's Shield. He was proud to have been one of a long line of notable sportsmen which the small town of Usk has produced.

He was interred on December 11th in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, where the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples by the local band. D. G. C.

(Obituary—continued next column)

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
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PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA

Groton Scholars Learning to Ring.

On November 25th the ringers from Boston, U.S.A., visited the Memorial Tower at Hingham, Mass., where 564 Grandsire Triples was brought round after some very fair striking: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. H. Shurtleff 3, C. C. Randall 4, J. Goodhead 5, J. F. Laker 6, W. Bashford 7, R. Newton 8. A 672 in the same method was also rung. . . .

On November 26th . . . six members of the Boston Guild visited Groton School and enjoyed a very pleasant outing. . . . One or two short touches were rung before service at the school chapel, some of the pupils taking a rope . . . and at 1.45 an attempt was made for a peal, the ringers standing as follows: S. Warren Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (cond.) 2, W. Bashford 3, J. F. Laker 4, J. Goodhead 5, C. C. Randall 6, R. Newton 7, L. Adams 8. Owing to the noise in the tower, however, a trip which occurred after 50 minutes' good ringing could not be adjusted and the bells were brought to a stand.

[Mr. S. Warren Sturgis was classics master and L. Adams a pupil at the school. The former, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang several handbell peals during visits to this country. Mrs. Shurtleff, the first lady member of that Society, and still living in Boston, also rang a few peals in England.]

Herts County Association

The rough weather probably accounted for the attendance dropping to 20 at the Northern District meeting at Norton on November 27th. The special method for the meeting, Pudsey Surprise, was successfully brought round.

Mrs. H. Werrett and helpers provided a bountiful tea, and Miss J. Sanderson presided at the business meeting when the following members were elected: Messrs. J. Sinfeld and D. Broyd (Houghton Regis, Beds) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Critchley (Hitchin). The annual meeting was announced for Hitchin on Jan. 22nd.

Evensong was said at 6.30 p.m. by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Kenyon). Further ringing followed until 8.15 when the bells were lowered in peal.

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MR. R. G. MARTIN

There passed to higher service, on November 25th, Richard Gough Martin, a Diocesan Lay Reader, known in many Northants churches. In his younger days he had an aptitude for ringing, and up to a month prior to his death at the age of 86 often chimed for early Sunday Eucharist and daily evensong at his own church, Weston Favell. He was for many years secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Lay Readers Association, and in private life was a retired schoolmaster.

The funeral took place at Weston Favell on November 29th, after which a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,020 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob) was rung half-muffled by: W. Gummage 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Rollings 3, M. Hollowell 4, P. Amos (conductor) 5.

P. A.

MR. A. L. SIMMONDS

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. A. L. Simmonds, of Westfield, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, a member for many years of the Cathedral band.

Before moving to Chelmsford he was a member of the Saffron Walden band. He will be missed by his many friends—through ringing he made life-long contacts.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SEMMENS.—To Barbara (née Knee) and Peter Semmens, on Sunday, November 28th, 1954, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, a daughter, Morwenna Barbara (correction).

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WARWICK—BURTON.—The wedding arranged between Brian G. Warwick and Winifred M. Burton will take place at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, Leicester, on Monday, December 27th, at 10.45 a.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 5504

DEATHS

CLIFT.—On December 7th, 1954, at the residence of his son, Rumney, near Cardiff, Phillip Thomas Clift, aged 82, beloved husband of Florence and father of Donald G. and Phil. B. Clift. 5513

LYON.—Mrs. Mabel Lyon, aged 55, the devoted and only sister of Percy Amos, tower master of Weston Favell. Died in Northampton Hospital, after a long and painful illness, on December 8th. Deeply mourned. She loved the sound of church bells. 5500

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chad-dock, after December 15th, 1954, will be 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 5495
The address of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is now 17, The Close, Norwich. 5516

PUBLICATION

A FEW COPIES remain of 'The Church Bells of Flintshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Ayrshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Stirlingshire,' 3s.; 'Scottish Rings of Bells,' 2s. All post free from the author, Ranald Clouston, Swanslea, Westerfield, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 5464

MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS will be published in 'The Ringing World' of December 17th and December 24th. Price 3s. for 36 words.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5460

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, near Derby. 5472

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5491

HAWKURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Goudhurst (8), Saturday, December 18th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5492

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice Saturday, December 18th, Stokes Poges, 6 p.m. Note date.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5476

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATION

The issue of December 24th will be on sale on Thursday, December 23rd. Notices must be in as early as possible in view of Christmas postal delays. We go to press on Monday noon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Subscriptions should be paid and accounts remitted to Gen. Sec. before end of year. General meeting, Stowmarket, December 18th, 2.30 p.m. Notice for tea to Mr. O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket.—C. W. Pipe. 5467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting St. Nicholas', Brighton, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 5466

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Twyford, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Boys' Club. 5459

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all. 5488

ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, MAIDEN-HEAD.—The Lord Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the bells (retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co), on Sunday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.—E. E. G. 5477

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Walton-on-Thames bells available Monday, Dec. 27th, 10.30 to 1. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5497

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney on Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, by Dec. 28th. Don't forget your nominations from new members.—W. P. G. 5493

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8) on Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5517

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 1st, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barker-gate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, Dec. 29th. Business meeting after tea. 5496

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., School, near Church. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Dec. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 40, New Lane, Selby. 5499

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting for election of officers, etc., Jan. 8th, Uxbridge. Details next week. Happy Christmas to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 5514

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The annual ringing day and dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1955. Details later.—Michael Sprackling, Sec., Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol. 5492

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Next committee meeting February 12th, 1955, not the 5th as previously arranged.—F. V. G. 5494
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Christmas Greetings

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the new and succeeding years. With thanks to all my ringing associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure, including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White; the Chester, 'Dick' Langford, Samuel Jones (85), Sam, jun.; Archdeaconry of Stafford, Howard Howell, Fred Bennett; North Staffs, Shelagh Seery; Shropshire, 'Ted' Rodenhurst, 'Bill' Farmer; Worcester, Geof. Hemming and 'Mother'; Lincoln, synonymous with John A. Freeman; Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Den Carlisle; Sid, Mrs. Jones and Shelagh; Peterborough, Ron Noon; Midland, Barney Key, 'Joe' Cotton; North Wales, Fred Evans; Hereford, Wilfreds Overton and Moreton; Swansea and Brecon, Leslie Evans; Norwich, Nolan Golden; St. Martin's, Birmingham, Albert Walker, George Fearn; Devonshire, Tom Myers and 'Father'; Ashton-under-Lyne; 'Ted' Walker, Dover; David 'C.' Vincent; Clif Thomas, Germany; Philip Gray, Jack and Mary Armstrong, Australia; and Joe Burgess, Friesland. Arthur Yorke, Alsager, in North Staffs Royal Infirmary, keep your bell up, Arthur.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 5468

To all ringers in the Mother Country, the ringers of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, send best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.—A. C. Caldwell. 5510

To 'The Ringing World' at home and in faraway places, I wish a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Jennie Armstrong, Morpeth. 5507

Mr. and Mrs. Percy D. Baldock, 11, Caster-ton Road, Stamford, send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all friends, especially those of Bromborough and Wirral districts. 5503

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 5501

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all members of Eastern District, Yorkshire Association.—From Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 5511

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sellers send hearty Christmas greetings with best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially the Beverley and District Society.—3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 5512

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those of my own tower and other members of the Bedfordshire Association. Sincere greetings to all who ring at Chepstow, Lyme Regis, Ashford, and to 'Bill' Shute, of Ferndown. Also to Tom Lock's touring ringers I wish the best of luck in 1955.—Ronald J. Sharp. 5505

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year, good health and ringing, to all ringers and friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Stich, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 5498

To all my ringing friends, where'er they be, a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Frederick White, Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 5508

To all our ringing friends near and far we wish good health, happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 5509

NOTICES—continued

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19th, 1955. Morning peal attempts will be arranged for those who apply. Afternoon ringing arrangements later. Tickets from G. A. Hollis, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby, price 11s. 5380

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