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PEALS OF DOUBLES

THE painstaking researches of the Reverend K. H. W. Felstead regarding statistics of peals claimed to have been rung in the various counties cause ringers to look more carefully into the matter. When facts are assembled and re-presented they take on a different aspect. Thus we learn, as far as Somerset is concerned, that six peals have been rung on the heavy six at Queen Camel. Of five of these peals there can be no reasonable doubt, having due regard to the time taken, and of the bands which rang them. But of the sixth there is grave doubt. In the peal book of the Association concerned, it is recorded that six men rang a peal of Doubles on the bells in the year 1908 in the time of two hours and forty-eight minutes. It is perfectly obvious to the many ringers who know the bells, and still more so to those ringers who knew at least some of the band, that either the full number of changes was not rung, or that the time taken was grossly underestimated. Whether there was much comment at the time in the district is not now known. But then so much gets by without challenge. Some twenty years ago, the report of a multi-method peal of Minor asserted that a 720 of Little Bob was included in it. No comment on the matter appeared in 'The Ringing World,' but no doubt much was said outside, particularly to the conductor.

It is not uncommon for reports of very fast peals to be published. Usually they are peals of Grandsire Doubles, and generally they are rung by bands having no great knowledge or peal ringing experience. They cause adverse comment among knowledgeable ringers who are convinced that the performances as claimed are not valid. One instance can be recorded, however. The report of a peal of Grandsire Doubles was published and many ringers were quite sure that the facts could not have been as claimed. These doubts came to the ear of the conductor, whose first peal as conductor it was. A man of integrity, he was almost prepared to withdraw his claim to having rung the peal, but he did a very wise thing. He invited an observer to listen to, and to time a quarter peal, rung by the same band. The observer had the pleasure to record that the quarter peal was rung correctly, and in a time which was almost exactly one quarter of the time claimed for the peal. The band made no attempt to hurry things but rang at the natural pace of the bells, and the observer was able to report accordingly, and so silence the critics. There was one error in the report—the tenor's weight was later found to be some 3 cwt. lighter than it was popularly supposed to be. It would be well if conductors of peals which are ultra fast, and which cause adverse comment, would repeat their alleged performance, or a part of it, after having given due notice to do so. Those ringers who have rung a peal in 160 minutes, and those, fewer in number, who have rung a peal in 150 minutes, and knowing how fast they had to ring, certainly open their eyes at reports of peals rung in 140 minutes or thereabouts.

How can such claims arise? Too often the time of the start and finish of a peal is only casually observed, not that that matters very much as a rule, but greater care should be taken when it appears that a fantastically fast peal is going to be rung. It is not particularly easy to call a peal of Doubles, accurately and in full. There are so many things which may happen. Nearly half a century ago, a young man started to call his first peal as conductor. The bells were steel bells, and because of their relatively large size for their weight, the wheels were unduly large, and the draught was no short one. The ropes were excellent ones as far as durability was concerned, but in wet weather they became almost unmanageably stiff, and it *was* wet for the occasion. The conductor's tutor and mentor, in spite of the rain, walked about the fields and lanes, heeding every blow. Some five six-scores from home the third and fourth ropes became entangled owing to one of the ringers missing his sally, and the conductor stopped the ringing. When the band met the observer, he asked what had happened. On being told, he commented in his inimitably dry way: 'It would have been love's labour lost, anyway, because you rang your 12 six-scores of Plain Bob all right, and so you did the first ten of your Grandsire, but when you came to the ninth six-score of your second ten, you called it B.S.B.S. instead of B.S.B.B.S.B. Not only that, as the bells came round at a single, you presumed that you had reached the end of the thirty-second six-score, and forthwith embarked on what you thought were the last ten.' The moral of this is plain. Had the weather been dry, and had the mentor been at home ill in bed, the report of the ringing would have been published as a peal probably, for there was no doubt that the band would have rung the last six-scores properly, unless, of course, the conductor had made a further mistake. And six young men would have been convinced that they had rung a peal. Doubtless there are others who imagine,

quite wrongly, that they have rung in a peal. So it behoves all conductors of peals of Doubles to make as sure as it is possible that they and their band are not under a misapprehension. It is quite certain that the would-be conductor of the ringing of nearly fifty years ago *did* make certain, as far as it was humanly possible, that any future peals of Doubles that he might conduct were absolutely complete. J. T. D.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	5	JOHN FREEMAN	11
GEORGE H. RANDLES	6	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The conductor's 50th peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*CLIFFORD THOMAS	*Treble*	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY	6
WILFRED KERR	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
STEPHEN LAYLAND	3	EWART H. EDGE	8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	IVOR NICHOLS	9
†MALCOLM OWEN	5	W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEO. A. PACKER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All the above, with the exception of the eighth ringer, are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble* / 2	WILLIAM H. COLES	6
JOHN CHILCOTT	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	8
ALBERT R. G. TWINN	5	*W. NORMAN GENNA	9
		TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Mr. Frank C. Price is the first ringer to ring two tower bells to a ten-bell peal.
A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
ALAN HOUGH	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
T. KELHAM DEACON	4	WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Jointly Composed and Conducted by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	ALAN HOUGH	5
NANCY E. MARKLEW	2	JOHN VERNON	6
JOHN BRAMLEY	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	6
*ALAN KELLER	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	7
†KENNETH RUTLAND	4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Major.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
OFFICERS' PEAL.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

BEATRICE M. BOYLE (Sec., N. Devon Branch)	*Treble*
ERNEST J. TAYLOR (Gen. Sec.)	2
ROBERT T. PERRY (Sec., Aylesbeare Branch)	3
FREDERICK WREFORD (Sec., Exeter Branch)	4
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Branch)	5
*WILLIAM H. WARE (Sec., N.E. Devon Branch)	6
THOMAS G. MYERS (Sec., S.W. Devon Branch)	7
†WILLIAM WEBB (Sec., E. Devon Branch)	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. First Officers' Peal for the Guild. The 1,000th peal for the Guild.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD G. TOSELAND	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. ROE	5
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	*BARRIE HENDRY	6
*JOHN KING	3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
BRIAN AUSTIN	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough.

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NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

C. HENRY FLOYD	*Treble*	HARRY G. KEELEY	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
GORDON WALFORD	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
First peal of Major on the bells. The last peal was rung on the bells over 30 years ago. They have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	2	FRANK D. MACK	6
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal of Major.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
JACK BAILEY	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
*ALEX RICHARDSON	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
SYDNEY J. MERRY	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung after Confirmation service. Rung also as an eighth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Merry.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	†STANLEY G. DAY	6
GERALD BOWEN	3	JOHN N. DISERENS	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 of Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and with all the work of the seven methods for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Association.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*JOHN HALL	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First of Treble Bob Major.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARGARET GIBSON	*Treble*	†E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
*MRS. C. N. LEA	2	A. NEVILLE BROWN	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*RALPH BIRD	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with all the work of each method for every bell. 121 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
A 21st birthday compliment to Dennis Heapy, a local ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.
This composition is now rung for the first time. (R.W. Nov. 4, 1955.)

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Treble*	*J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
*GILES C. GALLEY	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
*F. BRIAN COOKSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

ROY DUESBURY	*Treble*	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	5
MRS. R. H. ROUSE	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	FELIX H. ERITH	7
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 HEYDOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal. The first peal in the method.

HEYDOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
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MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER J. SHIPTON	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
†PHILIP MEHEW	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	†STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Major. † First touch in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. A. C. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower' three times.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*DAPHNE LESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	†L. JOHN EVANS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 87 Pl. Bob).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. A. C. Wheldon Griffiths, as Vicar of Northop.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN PEARSON	*Treble*	*KENNETH HARRISON	5
JOE GREENWOOD	2	DONALD HOYLE	6
ROY MANN	3	†FIELDING CROSSLEY	7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	4	W. GEORGE TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal for 33 years and in the method. Ringers of 2 and tenor are the first to 'complete the circle.'
A 73rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
†RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of London. † First peal of London 'inside.' The 100th peal rung in the tower.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES METCALFE	*Treble*	ROLAND ECCLES	5
GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	STANLEY ANDERTON	7
HERBERT RAINFORD	4	RICHARD P. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
Rung in honour of the new Bishop of Lancaster.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

E. ALAN RAWLINSON	*Treble*	J. ROBIN WORSDELL	5
*PETER G. WILLIAMS	2	‡A. NEVILLE BROWN	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
†MICHAEL S. BRIDGES	4	§KEITH S. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. § First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Triples for all except the ringer of the third. The first peal for the Society.

SIX BELL PEALS

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge and Kent, two extents of Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	*Treble*	*ALAN J. SMITH	4
†ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor.

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*KEITH WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	SYDNEY FOSKETT	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal at first attempt (aged 13).

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4
†ALFRED LYNALL	2	DAVID W. BEARD	5
†PETER CLARKSON	3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Minor as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RONALD J. RAYFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE FRY	4
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal in four Minor methods.
Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Treble*	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	4
*ARTHUR E. WEBB	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Minor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Ivy, daughter of the ringer of the second

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT C. CROME	*Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON	4
EDWARD BARKER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
JOHN WILSON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Miss Phoebe Howes, a churchwarden at All Saints', and for many years a teacher at Shouldham School.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*WALTER H. POOLE ..	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	THOMAS J. SETTER	5
ALBERT S. ATYEO	3	†WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* 125th peal. † 60th peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving the parish.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	4
†DERMOT D. T. ROAF ..	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
‡ASHLEY C. P. PUGH ..	3	PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Barrett, member of the Oxford Society, who passed away on Mon., Nov. 14th.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JUDITH A. WALKER.. ..	*Treble*	J. THOMAS GWILT	4
A. CHARLES MORRIS ..	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
†RICHARD G. MORRIS ..	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's (5 Pitman's, 11 Morris's) and ten 120's (ten callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*PATRICK W. SEWRY	*Treble*	†KENNETH M. DUROW ..	4
*KENNETH S. FAULKNER ..	2	†REGINALD J. STRETTON ..	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	3	*COLIN LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Average age 18. Rung for Martinmas.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	†STANLEY JENNER	4
*JANET FRENCH	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
BETTY A. TESTER	3	KEVIN S. HOHL..	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Average age of band 19 years.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*DOROTHY NELSON	*Treble*	ALAN CASSON	4
ROLAND F. ECCLES	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	5
MARION HAYTON	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal.

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HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, York, Durham and Beverley. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	JAMES H. MUSSON	4
JAMES W. HAW	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung in memoriam Annie Elizabeth Musson, sister-in-law of James H. Musson, who passed away at Finchley Hospital, London, on Nov. 9th.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES A. JUDD	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
ALBERT J. DUNK	2	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Arranged and rung prior to the special service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	4
STANLEY C. BENNETT	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Michael Charles) to the conductor and Mrs. Marshall.

ROPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

RUTH A. CAREY	*Treble*	DEREK C. JACKSON	4
RAYMOND E. FINCH	2	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* 50th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Bob and St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*F. BRIAN COOKSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the induction the previous day of Rev. D. M. Foulds.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
*PHILIP J. EVANS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in three methods. The first peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	HERMAN RUSBY	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	NOEL F. MOXON	5
FRED COWLING	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Alec Rusby, a ringer at this tower, who passed away on Nov. 11th after a long and painful illness, and was buried in the churchyard on Nov. 16th.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*JOAN N. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	4
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	LESLIE W. WELLER	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 125th peal of Minor (conducted 86).

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge, and two 720's each of Norfolk and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	*Treble*	ARNOLD HILL	4
*HAROLD DENMAN	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* 150th peal of Minor. First peal in five Surprise Minor methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. T. Rooke and G. Challans, and also to Master J. T. Rooke.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT ST. THOMAS' ASSOCIATION CLUB, STATION ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13 in E flat.

PETER J. MORTON	1—2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	3—4
PAUL J. RIGBY	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL G. MORTON.
First handbell peal by all. First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Surfleet, with its famous leaning tower and lightest ring of 12 bells, attracted about 40 members, friends and visitors to a meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch on November 19th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. A service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Leeke, was followed by tea in the Fraser Room; an excellent meal produced by Mrs. A. Richardson and helpers.

The Vicar acted as chairman over a short business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. J. Allen) informed the members that he found it impossible to carry on his post after this year, and asked that nominations should be put forward for a successor to be elected at the next meeting, which would be the annual at Spalding. No other business was put forward, so with a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arranging of this meeting from Mr. J. Ames, the closure was applied.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Bassaleg on November 19th. Ringing on these six steel bells, cast in Sheffield, was ably conducted by the Branch Master, Mr. J. Alsop. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Bartle Jenkins, who heartily welcomed the Branch to Bassaleg.

An enjoyable tea followed in the church hall, prepared by the Bassaleg ringers and their wives. Mr. Arthur Hoare expressed the thanks of the gathering. At the business meeting new members were elected from Caldicot and Bassaleg. Ebbw Vale was chosen as the place of the Branch annual meeting in January. J. S. E.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District Secretary's Resignation

Nearly 60 ringers attended a meeting at Guildford on Nov. 26th in response to a circular to 'revitalise' the district. The meeting was also for nominations for district officers, and these were received as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; hon. secretaries (joint), Miss Monica Collins and Miss Ann Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. Horsman. Mr. R. Kenward, who had been secretary of the district for the past seven years, announced that he would probably be leaving Guildford shortly and could not accept nomination. He was thanked for his services by Mr. T. W. White, who presided.

Various suggestions were made for stimulating district meetings and helping backward towers with their practices and it was decided to place the item on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The chairman read a letter from Canon R. G. Clitherow, calling attention to the Diocesan Mission from April 15th to 22nd, and asking for ringers to make a special effort to ring the bells in their churches before the week-night services.

A willingness to co-operate was expressed, but actual details could not be examined until parish programmes were available. It was suggested that where a shortage of ringers occurred help from neighbouring towers might be arranged.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Mary's, and in the evening at Stoke-next-Guildford and St. Nicolas'.

BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY AT WOLVERCOTE

The fourth annual Bellringers' Sunday was held at St. Peter's, Wolvercote, near Oxford, on November 15th, and ringers' relations and their friends from 11 towers attended a specially arranged evening service. The address was given by the Rev. G. Savage, and the collection was in aid of the bell repair fund.

After the service a most successful social was held in the church hall. Refreshments were served and the visitors and ringers were entertained by well-known tunes on handbells by the Iffley ringers. Lady members of the Eynsham Choir, conducted by Miss D. Castell, sang several carols, and after a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by city and university ringers, a very enjoyable evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting of members of the Northern District was held at St. Nicholas', Stevenage, on Nov. 19th. In spite of the typical November weather there was a good attendance. During the service the Vicar welcomed the visitors.

Mr. K. Timbury was chairman at the business meeting held in the tower. Messrs. S. Lake and R. Luxor were elected ringing members; Mr. B. Blaydon and Mrs. R. King-Salter (of Oldham) were elected non-resident life members. The annual district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Jan. 21st; the annual general meeting will be held in the Eastern District.

Corrections were made to the annual report, then ringing started again, with methods ranging from rounds to the special method, Painswick College Bob. J. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles, attempted by the University of Bristol Society on Nov. 16th, unfortunately broke down after an hour's ringing. The peal was to have been in memory of the late Clement Glenn, who was an honorary member and one of the founders of the Society.

All reports and correspondence for insertion in 'The Ringing World' should be addressed to the Editor.

We regret to hear of the passing of an old Kent stalwart, Mr. William J. Walker, of Rainham, aged 87 years.

As an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Dec. 3rd. Mr. Knight rang the third.

Readers will miss Mr. Tom Cullingworth's name from our peal columns for a few weeks. He was riding his auto-cycle recently when he ran into the back of a lorry and fractured his arm.

We regret to learn that Mr. C. Mayne, of Harrow, is seriously ill in hospital with coronary thrombosis. At present he cannot see visitors but letters would be welcome. His address is Bushey General Hospital, Windmill Lane, Bushey Heath, Herts.

In reporting a failure to call his first peal on eight bells at Wadhurst, Mr. C. A. Bassett recounts that the attempt was to have marked his wedding anniversary on Nov. 17th, his birthday on Nov. 24th and that of his wife and Albert Relfe on Nov. 27th. News of the attempt spread locally, and a press photographer and reporter saw the start. Alas, when the report and pictures appeared in the press the following day, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett were able to read about their silver wedding anniversary! As they had been married only 21 years the report has caused much leg-pulling.

After the peal at Merriott, Somerset, the ringers were met by the Vicar and congratulated on the peal and were given refreshments in the Vicarage.

Congratulations to the Willesborough twins—Rosemary and Rita Gower—on ringing their first peal of Minor. It was regretted that Mr. Ted Ruck, the tower captain, was not present to share in their success.

St. Helen's, Sandal, Wakefield, band have a promising number of young ringers who on Nov. 27th rang a 720. They are Miss J. Wray (16) 1, G. Maynard (19) 2, Miss J. Goodwin (16) 3, C. Morris (17) 4, J. Cutt (conductor, 20) 5, P. Petch (20) 6.

Welcome, Durham University, to the list of peal ringing university societies. The Society rang its first peal at West Hartlepool on Nov. 26th. Seven of the participants are at King's College, Newcastle, and the ringer of the fifth is at Hatfield College, Durham. Enthusiasm abounds at Durham, however, despite their small representation, as Robin Worsdell has about a score of learners at various stages all 'coming on nicely.' He has even managed to extract a monetary grant for the students' representatives council.

The tenth bell of St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton, which is 15 cwt., has been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for recasting. This bell, which bears the inscription 'purchased and placed in this tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, by voluntary subscriptions, 1840. Henry Badcock, John Turtie and Robert Henry, churchwardens,' has been cracked. According to local press reports the bells cannot be rung because they are unsafe, being too high in the tower. It is estimated it will cost about £3,000 to have the bells of the only ring of 12 in Somerset hung lower.

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PEAL RINGING IN SUSSEX

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THE three counties beginning with Su have all been prolific peal ringing counties and we now come to the last of them—Sussex. This is the only county which can claim three towers which have passed the 300 mark in peals. There is also one in the mid-200's and four other centenarians, so there is plenty to talk about here.

The leading tower is St. Peter's, Brighton, where 329 peals have been rung since 1881. As is usually the case with towers with large peal totals, they have been spread evenly over the whole period. As an 8-bell tower, 173 peals were rung from 1882 to 1914. There was just time to ring the first two peals on the 10 bells before the 1914-18 war put an end to activities for the time being. The 20 years after the war saw 128 peals rung, but since 1945 the average per year has dropped, for only 26 have come since 1945 (none this year so far). Sixty years ago, the Brighton band was about the foremost in the country, with Mr. George Williams one of the leading lights. Mr. G. Baker, the famous composer, is one of the last survivors of that band, and it is a pleasure to see his occasional comment on various matters in 'The Ringing World.'

At Warnham (8), the peak period was at the end of the last century, for no less than 145 peals were rung from 1886 to 1899 (about 11 a year average). A further 36 were rung from 1900 to 1914 (a considerable drop). Between the wars there was increased interest again, and we find 102 peals rung in those 20 years. There have been 34 since 1946 (a slight diminution of activity again with none this year so far). Thus the total is 317.

Close behind Warnham comes Crawley (8) with 313. There were 137 in the pre-1914 period here and 146 between the wars, which means a greater average per year. There have been 30 since 1945. All three towers have records for first peals in new methods and long lengths. Thus Warnham still holds the record for Canterbury Pleasure Major, with 13,440 changes in 1889, whilst Crawley held the Superlative Surprise Major record from 1894 to 1910 with a 9,312.

TWO NOTED TENS

We now come to the tower which has passed the 200-peal mark. It is another of the three 10-bell towers in the county (there are no 12's)—Lewes. Here we find more peals rung early on than since, for 140 were rung from 1883 to 1914 as compared with 94 from 1919 to 1939 and 13 in the last ten years. The third 10-bell tower is a centenarian, so all three have been very popular. It is Brighton, St. Nicholas', where again we find greater activity 50 years ago than since. Out of the 137 peals, 96 were rung from 1883 to 1914 with exactly one-third that number between the wars. The remaining nine have come since 1945—a further diminution.

Having dealt with all the 10-bell towers, we return to the 8's. Apart from the two already mentioned as having more than 300 peals, there are three which have passed the 100 mark. First is Steyning. This was a 6-bell tower at first, and very popular too for that type of tower in those days, for 30 peals were rung in four years from 1886 to 1889. One more was rung in 1890 before augmentation and then came 81 peals up to 1903. Peal activity was already dwindling, for only 25 peals came from the next ten years. After the war, the average was one a year, and it has remained at that since 1945 for there have only been 9 since 1946. The total is 165. Heene shows a similar history of lessening activity which is even more pronounced than at Steyning. Of the 155 peals, 131 were rung from 1883 to 1914 (39 in the four years from 1910 to 1914). There were only 17 from 1919 to 1936 and seven from 1947. Lastly comes Eastbourne, Christ Church, with yet again its glories in the past. Seventy-eight of the 108 peals came from the years 1888 to 1914, as compared with 22 from 1919 to 1939 and eight from 1946 to 1951 (none since).

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

Salehurst (8) is nearest to the 100 mark, and here we find the greatest activity (for a change) in the middle period. Only five of the 92 peals had been rung by the time of the first war, but 75 came afterwards. There have been 12 since 1943 (none this year yet). Cuckfield (8) and Rotherfield (8) each have 79. The number of peals in the three usual periods at the former is the reverse of the latter. At Cuckfield we find 38 before 1914, 20 between the wars and 21 since 1945 At Rotherfield, 20 before 1914, 21 between the wars and 38 since 1946, which is the most in any tower in the county for the post-war period, so it is doing well at the moment. Cuckfield's peals actually started much earlier than Rotherfield's. Arundel and Henfield (both 8's) each have 70 peals. The lean period in both was between the wars and the heyday early on. Sixty-one peals were rung at Arundel before 1914 and only two between the wars (in 1933 and 1937). There has been a revival of late and seven peals have been rung in the last four years.

Henfield had 51 from 1887 to 1914, seven from 1918 to 1935 and 12 from 1945 to 1951 (so there is a slump again of late). Hurstpierpoint (8) has only had two peals in the last 24 years, both in 1948. There were 38 from 1881 to 1914 and 26 from 1919 to 1931, so peal activities came to rather a sudden end 24 years ago. The total is 66. Billingshurst and Buxted both have 65. Both are 8-bell towers again and both have had the peals fairly regularly through the years, which is rather different from the general trend in the county. Both also started in the 1880's.

They are followed by Withyham (8) which is enjoying its best period now. Only six of the 61 had been rung before 1914, then there were 30 from 1919 to 1937, and there have been 25 in the last ten years. St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), and Shoreham (8) each have 60. At the former, there were 37 peals from 1884 to 1913, 13 after the first war to 1939 and ten in the last eight years. At the latter the numbers are 25, 23 and 12 for the same periods. Fifty-eight peals have been rung at Horsham, including the first peal ever of Oxford Bob Triples in 1882. From that year up to 1914, 32 peals were rung, then there were 16 from 1921 to 1935, and there have been ten since 1946. That completes all the 8-bell towers with more than 50 peals. All have been 'conquered' and only five have not had a peal since the war. Two of these are at Brighton—St. Paul's, where the last of the 32 peals was rung in 1912, and The Good Shepherd, where only two peals have been rung—in 1927 and 1929. The others are Upper Beeding, Bolney and St. Clement's, Hastings.

SIX-BELL TOWERS

No 6-bell tower has as many peals as those above mentioned. We find the most at the amazing tower of Angmering. I mentioned this in the very first article I wrote on the subject. No less than 46 peals were rung in the years 1888 to 1891, and then came peal silence for 59 years when four more were rung from 1950 to 1954. Thus it has now reached 50 peals, but it took 63 years to get there from the 46 mark. Worth comes second with 38 peals. The first was in 1887, and only West Tarring had a peal as early as that year in 'The Bell News.' There were 11 before 1914, 12 from 1926 to 1939 and 15 since the war.

West Tarring and West Grinstead both have 31. Both are doing well at the moment with 14 peals since the war. Warbleton has 26, exactly half since 1946, Shipley 24, 13 since the war, and Midhurst 20, but 19 of these were rung from 1888 to 1905, the twentieth being in 1952. That is all the towers with 20 or more peals. All the towers have been 'conquered,' but seven have only one peal to record and three of these were rung long ago. Thus Chailey's only peal was in 1898, Harting's in 1903 and Rodmell's in 1909. The last tower to have its first peal appears to be Rudgwick—in 1952.

Of the ten 5-bell towers, seven have had peals and most have been rung since the war (18 out of a total of 29). Hammerwood has most—nine (seven since the war), then follow Bodiam and Twineham with six each. Amberley has four (the first three from 1893 to 1895), Itchingfield two and Ewhurst and Hooe one each. Still to be 'conquered' are Pagham and Ripe; so, like Surrey, it may not be long before this county can claim peals on all its towers with serviceable rings. Peal totals include all published up to October 28th, 1955.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Ringers from a wide area attended the November meeting which was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, with its six light, lively bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Donald Goldie; the theme of his address was based upon knowledge, anonymity and teamwork, and drew the likeness of these features of ringing and the work for God and the Church. Peter Rock officiated at the organ and the lesson was read by F. W. Cooke.

About 40 members, friends and guests sat down to a wonderful tea, provided by the ringers' wives. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for the tea by the Vicar. Brian Harris thanked the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

Ringing took place to 8.30 p.m., consisting of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, several Surprise methods, including spliced methods.

A band of ladies rang a 120 of Bob Minor, which must be the first in the district by an all-ladies band.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The November meeting was held at Ossett on Nov. 26th. Bells were rung up soon after 3 p.m. and good use was made of the ringing time until tea was served in the local schools, when some 25 members enjoyed a meat tea.

The business meeting was held in one of the classrooms. Owing to the illness of the secretary, the duties were carried out by Mr. Lofthouse, and Mr. Strangeway was pressed into service as chairman. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was ably proposed by Mr. I. Slack, who said the Society's biennial visit to Ossett was one of the best meetings. This was seconded by Mr. Hogg. Mr. Fred Bennett replied and promised to pass on the thanks to the persons concerned. Enquiries were made regarding the secretary's illness and also of the recovery of the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Drake). The acting secretary spoke of the slow but steady improvement of Mr. L. Fisher after his very severe accident while working

Members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Horbury, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Chapel Allerton, Rothwell and Wakefield.

The next meeting is due to be held at Wakefield on Jan. 28th.

DEVON'S FIRST THOUSAND PEALS

'It is suggested that if the Guild, as seems likely, rings its 1,000th peal in 1955, a special effort might be made to mark the occasion.' So ended the 1954 Report of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers' peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett: and when early in October, 1955, it seemed that it was time to start arranging something, the general secretary had the bright idea that it would be very appropriate if the 1,000th peal could be rung by a band of officers, one from each of the Guild's eight branches. The secretary of his own branch nobly consented to stand aside if necessary, the other seven were duly warned to be available at very short notice, and the Vicar of Heavitree most kindly consented to place his tower at the Guild's disposal.

The reasons for choosing Heavitree were that it is very central, more peals have been rung there than in any other tower in the county, and the bells are far-famed for their glorious tone. There was no doubt as to who should do the calling. With his 117 peals for the Guild, of which he has conducted 50, Mr. Tom Myers leads the field, with the rest a long way behind; and provided that the striking comes up to the standard he demands, a lost peal with him in charge is a very rare event.

These preparations having been made, a careful count was kept of Guild peals as they were rung, and advance news of future attempts sought from all likely sources. At the beginning of November it was apparent that zero hour was rapidly approaching, but the organiser received something of a shock on College Youths' Dinner morning, when partaking of much-needed refreshment in good company at Beddington. There, staring at him from the pages of a borrowed 'Ringing World,' was the report of a peal of which he had no knowledge (although much later he dimly remembered having been offered a rope in it!). He assumed that the peal secretary, with whom he had been in close touch all along, hadn't heard of it either, and when on his return to Devon he received news of two more recent successes, which brought his tally up to 999, he immediately sent out calls for action stations for November 19th.

Difficulties soon presented themselves. The Mid-Devon Branch had a most important meeting at Buckfast Abbey on the appointed day at which all their officers were in duty bound to attend: the only available officer of the N.W. Branch was away for ten days, and two more peal attempts were under way during the week. The organiser of one of these, Mr. Sidney Skinner, most unselfishly agreed to cancel his effort: the other failed to materialise. However, on the due date a band composed of six Branch Secretaries, one Branch Ringing Master, and the General Secretary assembled at Heavitree, and a good peal was rung: incidentally, the first officers' peal for the Guild.

Mr. Tom Myers had chosen Holt's Ten-part, not merely because it is a great favourite of his, but because in all probability it was the composition called by Col. C. A. W. Troyte for the Guild's first peal, at Huntsham on Feb. 2nd, 1875.

The band would like to associate with the peal the names of Messrs. A. L. Bennett and J. W. Sangwin (the secretaries of the branches not represented), and to thank the Rev. E. Royle for granting the use of Heavitree bells, as well as that grand old stalwart Mr. C. G. Glass, for having everything ready and for meeting them afterwards.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cowley 1, A. Chilcott 2, Miss F. Hartley 3, W. Nurcombe 4, F. Caseley (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the Duke of Cornwall's seventh birthday.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Derby

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held a most enjoyable meeting on Nov. 19th at Derby Cathedral, where a very warm welcome was received. The ten bells were made good use of and were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

Whilst in the belfry, photographs were taken of a group of lady ringers, representing several counties of the Midland District: one of these photographs appeared in 'The Derbyshire Advertiser' dated Nov. 25th.

As always, an important feature of the meeting was the service. This was conducted by the Succentor, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to the Cathedral, stating that it was the first bellringers' service at which he had officiated, and asked to be forgiven and corrected for any errors he might make regarding campanological terms! However, this was not necessary and he acquitted himself very well.

A delightful tea, very much appreciated by everyone on such a typical November day, was served in the nearby Diocesan House by the local ladies.

Miss Thompson, vice-president, expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. Harold Taylor, for making the local arrangements, adding that it was a double pleasure to visit Derby Cathedral, as they had been invited to go there. Since it was the last meeting of the year, Miss Thompson thanked the gentlemen for supporting the meetings throughout the year, and said that she hoped they would continue to do so during 1956.

At the business meeting, apologies were received from seven members. Mrs. M. J. Corby was elected an honorary member and Miss J. Brown a ringing member.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting, the annual, at Nottingham in February.

J. M. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at two towers, Kelsale and Saxmundham, on Nov. 5th.

The attendance was low but some good friends were welcomed from Stonham Aspal and Ufford. It was regretted that a service could not be held owing to previous engagements of the rectors.

Ringing commenced at Kelsale in the afternoon, and Saxmundham in the evening, when many methods were rung. An adjournment was taken for tea, and a short business meeting held, when Leiston was chosen as the place of next meeting on Feb. 11th.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

About 30 members attended the November meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society at Patrington. The Society's chaplain, the Rev. G. Storer, of Hutton Cranswick, conducted the service.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, asked members to stand in remembrance of Mr. Clement Glenn, whose tragic death took place on October 23rd, after ringing for evening service at Bulwell, Notts. Mr. Glenn was a great loss to their Society. His death at the age of 72 had removed from the ringing world a sound and brilliant ringer. He was well known among the members and ringers of the East Riding, having resided in Hull and district for a number of years as a naval reservist, holding the rank of first lieutenant.

After the meeting ringing was resumed until 8 p.m., under the supervision of Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch

The last meeting of the year was held at Hyde on Nov. 26th, when some 70 members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed from early in the afternoon on the fine ring of eight bells, ranging from rounds for the beginners to Surprise Major for the more advanced.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Gee Cross, who gave a very interesting address, basing his remarks on the custom of the Jewish high priest who entered the Holy of Holies once a year and then only after careful cleansing and preparation. He drew a parallel between this and the Christian need at Advent for self-examination and rededication at the beginning of a new Christian year.

Tea was served in the nearby schools when, in spite of the fact that there was about a third more present than had sent names, an excellent meal was enjoyed, ably served by the local ladies.

At the business meeting the venues and dates of 1956 meetings were suggested as follows: Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th; meetings on Apr. 28th, Bowdon; June 23rd, Taxal; July 21st, Mobberley; Sept. 29th, New Mills, and Nov. 24th, Bredbury. Final arrangements and dates were left to the secretary's discretion. A committee was appointed to arrange a social early in the New Year in conjunction with the Macclesfield Branch. The following new members were elected: J. A. Booth (Hyde), R. Smith (Bowdon), M. C. Heap and I. Shaw (Mottram), G. Massey and D. Hough (Dunham Massey), and the belfry elections of D. Taylor, T. Taylor, G. McKay and P. Border were confirmed.

Mention was made that the Bishop of Chester had visited the ringing room when on a visit to Bowdon, and had taken part in a touch of Grandsire Doubles. The branch extended its congratulations to the band which had the previous night rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Holy Trinity, who had left a function in his own parish to take the service, because Hyde (St. George) is at present awaiting the induction of a new vicar, to the wardens, the local ringers, the organist and the ladies.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present; at least a third of those present were under 18 years of age.

C. K. L.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

At the Northern District quarterly meeting on Nov. 26th there was a large attendance. Under the guidance of Mr. F. E. Collins, Ringing Master, the eight bells of St. Giles', Ashtead, were rung from rounds to Kent Treble Bob.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Douglas, followed by tea, laid on by Mr. J. Symonds and the ladies, for 53 ringers from 14 towers.

At the nomination meeting the following were nominated: Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; treasurer, Mr. H. M. Pitstow, M.B.E.; auditor, Mr. Layton; committee, Messrs. A. J. Adams, J. Mudd, G. Peters, A. J. Weise, E. Young; 'The Ringing World,' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise.

Further nominations can be sent in to the secretary (Mr. W. Parrott) by Dec. 31st. The annual district meeting will be held at Beddington on Jan. 28th.

The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. J. T. Symonds for arranging the meeting. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

A. J. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KINGWESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Below I attach a cutting from 'The Daily Sketch' of Nov. 22nd which has been sent to me by a ringing friend.

Ding-dong

The peaceful countryside indeed! We get bellringers pulling their hearts out until after 9 p.m. They even play popular tunes like 'Put another nickel in.'—A. F. S., Kingweston, Somerset.

Tin Pan Alley on the old church bell?
Bit of a clanger, that.

As a member of two bands which have visited Kingweston recently I have written a letter of protest, with I hope adequate force, to the editor of 'The Daily Sketch,' which I trust he will have the decency to publish.—Yours sincerely. E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

GRUNDISBURGH

Dear Sir,—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards is correct. The old five bells were augmented to six in 1831, eight in 1897 and ten in 1946. Two peals of Minor were rung in 1891 and 1896 respectively, and 11 of Major between 1897 and 1904.

The bells are now available for peals to any band who care to apply and are rung twice each Sunday and Thursday evening.

C. W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

FATHER OF THE IRON TRADE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rowe is correct in saying Wilkinson (1728–1808), of Coalbrookdale, built the first iron bridge and the first iron barge.

Whilst 'Iron-mad' Wilkinson, as he was called, was known as 'the father of the South Staffordshire iron trade,' Samuel Walker, of Rotherham, one of Wilkinson's contemporaries, has also in Yorkshire been called 'father of the iron trade.'

Undoubtedly Wilkinson's name figures more prominently in history, particularly as the maker of cylinders for Watt's new steam engine. Wilkinson so loved iron that in his office he kept an iron coffin in which he hoped to be buried.

Iron was smelted in many places, including Rotherham, centuries before the birth of either Wilkinson or Walker, but it was during and following their lifetime that the great expansion in iron smelting took place (17,000 tons in 1740 to four million tons in 1860).

Walkers, of Rotherham, were the only firm considered able to make the new Southwark Bridge, which had two arches spanning 210 feet and one 240 feet, and a bridge appears as part of Rotherham's coat-of-arms.

Whilst Rotherham has, since Walker's time, continued to expand its production of iron and steel, the iron works of Coalbrookdale have become less productive than formerly.

Thanking Mr. Rowe for his interest in this subject.—Sincerely yours,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—As one of the band who rang 5,040 St. Simon's Doubles at Oakley, Beds, on Oct 28th, 1937, and which (to quote Mr. Stote's letter) has been 'claimed in some quarters as the first in the method,' I would like to say that no such claim has ever been put forward by any of those who took part in the above-mentioned peal.

The Bedfordshire Association's annual report for 1937 states that it was the first in the method by the band and in the county. The conductor was not the late D. L. Cockings (though he fixed it up).—Yours faithfully,

C. H. HARDING.

Blunham Beds.

METHODS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could someone please supply the figures of the following methods: Erith Little Bob, Little Canterbury, Little Albion T.B., Dartford L.B., Northfleet L.B. and Ninian Doubles, rung by the Swainswick, Somerset, band in their Coronation peal of June 3rd, 1953. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Morris' reply about churches dedicated to St. Simon, there is a St. Simon's Church in Southsea, and there is also a St. Jude's Church (in the neighbouring parish).

St. Jude's has a musical octave of tubular bells. As to St. Simon's—some 20 years ago the Vicar of Portsea received an irate letter about the bells on Wednesdays in the early evening. Knowing this was not the practice night at St. Mary's, one of the staff listened for these 'bells' and got on a bicycle to track them down, to find the sound blaring from very small louvres in the roof of St. Simon's Church, before their mid-week service! They had apparently recently installed a bell-record apparatus. There is no tower at St. Simon's, and whether the 'bells' still ring there I do not know.—Yours faithfully,

Y. L. ELOIE.

Salisbury.

EARDISLAND DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The method recently rung as Basingstoke Delight Major was first rung to a peal as Eardisland Delight on Dec. 26th, 1953, at Eardisland, Herefordshire.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—Has there ever been a peal of Little Bob Major rung in Wales, and when and where?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ROBERTS, N.W.A.

Llandudno.

MILE FOR MIKE

Dear Sir,—I see that my attempt to write in bed has resulted in one letter being mistaken. The old Dorset contraction for Michael was not 'Mike,' but MILE: Michaelmas was known as Milemas.

Mr. Morris' theory about St. Miles is most interesting.—Yours sincerely,

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.2.

Dear Sir,—The name Miles is a contraction of Michael. The Church of St. Michael, Coslany, Norwich, is more generally known as St. Miles'.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Wakefield.

CHICAGO BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by James R. Lawson regarding Chicago bells in your issue of November 4th. I would, however, like to make a correction as the home town of my brother, Mr. F. J. Rumens, was London—not Leeds as stated in the article. Both he and myself commenced ringing at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, in the early years of this century.—Yours truly,

H. RUMENS.

London, E.17.

EWELL'S NINTH OUTING

This year's outing of the Ewell (Surrey) ringers was perhaps even more of a success than any of the previous eight, for the schedule, which allowed ample time for ringing at seven towers, was rigidly adhered to without any obvious haste.

Fifty-six people made up the party, 24 of whom were ringers, at all stages of advancement, which accounted for the considerable variation in the quality of the ringing.

At precisely 8.45 a.m. our two coaches drew up at Apsley End, Hertfordshire, to find Mr. A. V. Good waiting outside his church in the sunshine. An hour later we arrived at Hemel Hempstead, two miles distant, where Mr. Gates had the bells ready. It was here that something went wrong with the hearing of the tenor (19½ cwt.) ringer in the touch of Stedman Triples, for he let the bell down amongst the others and didn't know it! At these first two towers we had the benefit of Mr. Walter Ayre's welcome presence and advice.

Leaving with reluctance, we skirted Whipsnade Park on our way to the ancient church of St. Giles at Totternhoe, Beds, where Mr. Scott had kindly made preparations for our arrival. We were complimented on our ringing here by a villager standing near the farm outside.

Travelling along the old Icknield Way to Dunstable we had a meal and then made our way to the impressive Priory Church of St. Peter, a short distance from Watling Street, where cross two of the oldest roads in England. Before ascending, we noticed one of the several 'charities' with which Dunstable, like our own parish, is endowed—the manifestation in perpetuity of good Christian folk's concern for the welfare of others. This was 'Jane Cart's bread,' 15 loaves in a glass case for that number of widows. Who Jane was, whether the widows call for it each week or whether it is distributed and what arrangements were made during the rationing period, we had no time to discover.

The eight bells here afforded great pleasure to us, but not, I fear, to Mr. Sharman, who had to leave before we put our best men in. Judging by the peal boards, he is used to better stuff!

St. Mary's, Woburn, is a large, modern church, built by the 8th Duke of Bedford, standing in spacious grounds just outside the park gates. Mr. Harris and his band are justly proud of their eight at Woburn, the heaviest of our trip, with 24 cwt. tenor: we found them excellent in every way.

Our next 20 miles was specially planned for the beauty of its scenery. Entering the park, with deer grazing on either side, we presently had to slow down to let an emu pass, and eventually, by narrow and winding ways, came to Barton-le-Cley.

The church is 600 years old. We were enchanted with its treasures. The oak roof is supported by 12 eagles carved in wood, each resting on the head of a man in Tudor garb. The eagles in turn support figures of the 12 apostles, and over all ten angels look down. The ringing gallery is open and affords a splendid view of the church interior. Some of us were delighted to see Mr. Kendall, a former ringer at Epsom, who had travelled over from Luton to meet old friends.

St. Nicholas', Stevenage, was the final tower of the day. Dusk was falling as we entered the church for evensong, kindly arranged for us by the Rector, the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingly. Repairs unfortunately prevented the use of the organ, but Mr. Miller, our own travelling organist, played just as effectively at the grand piano. Ringing, from the ground floor, continued until about 8.30 p.m., when we said goodbye to Mr. Lawrence and left for home.

We are greatly indebted to the incumbents and steeple-keepers, whose co-operation made the outing so enjoyable. J. E. B.

MEMORIALS DEDICATED

TO MR. ERNEST HERBERT

The dedication took place on November 26th at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Woburn, Beds, of a ring of 12 handbells presented to the church in memory of Ernest Herbert, the last surviving son of Charles Herbert, the founder and first secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers.

The service of dedication, in the ringing chamber, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. N. Gunner. It was preceded by Evensong at which the choir consisted almost entirely of local ringers.

After the dedication a silence was observed in remembrance of Mr. Herbert, and then three of the local ringers rang the hymn 'Abide With Me.'

The inscription engraved on the tenor reads:

'In memory of William Ernest Herbert, a Ringer here for 67 years, a member of the Beds Assn. for 65 years, also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 53 years. These bells were presented by Mrs. Herbert, his wife, Nov., 1955.'

Those present included Miss Evelyn Steel (president of the Association) and Mr. Douglas Harris (now 80), who is tower captain and, with Mr. Herbert, was in the band that rang the only peal of Maximus to be rung for the Bedfordshire Association. This took place at Mr. C. Herbert's residence in 1903 and was rung 'in hand.'

Before and after the service the tower bells were rung by ringers from as far afield at Hatfield, Hove (Sussex) and Harrow Weald, as well as by the local band. K. G. S.

TO MR. BARNEY PATMORE

On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Munden, Herts, in the presence of his widow and about 20 or more friends, a tablet was unveiled and dedicated to the memory of Barney Patmore by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Howlett, M.A.

The tablet, subscribed for by a number of ringing friends, is in the ringing chamber and is of brass on an oak surround and is inscribed:—

'In Memory of
Barney Patmore
Died Feb. 26th, 1955
Over 50 years a ringer of this Parish.'

In a short but sincere service the Rector spoke of Barney's willing service to all with whom he came in contact. For over 20 years he was verger at Great Munden and was always ready to help in the work of the church.

Barney was a life member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a member of Hertford College Youths. He took part in over 50 peals, his first being in 1908. At Benington on July 5th, 1933, he rang the seventh in the record peal of 18,144 Bob Major.

During the first world war numbers of Service men stationed in the district were welcomed and encouraged by Barney, and he will long be remembered by other younger ringers to whom he gave a helping hand. M. S.

5,024 CORNWALL SURPRISE

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	O	H	I	F
42635		x		
43265	2		—	
24365	2		3	
36245	—		—	
23564		x		

Twice repeated, omitting the 3 bobs 'In' in the first part.

A SOMERSET 'TOWER GRAB'

You couldn't call it an outing; it was a tower grabbers' orgy. It all began when a certain Mr. Paul Field decided that there were a few rings of bells in Somerset that needed 'shaking up a bit.' It followed, therefore, that on the cold, grey morning of November 19th we met at 9.30 outside the first tower for the day; Ilchester, a ring of five with a 12 cwt. tenor.

We were rather a mixed gathering; two of us from Cornwall, a certain 2,000-tower man from Coventry, three from Bridgwater and, of course, our organiser, E. T. P. F. The bells were soon up and going well to a variety of Doubles methods. All too soon, however, they had to be rung down and a move made to the next tower at Chilton Cantelo. The five bells were much enjoyed, in spite of the fact that a couple of well-known ringers nearly departed this life owing to the rope of the second's habit of slipping wheel.

The next call was at Mudford, a fine heavy five (tenor 19 cwt.) Next came our first six of the day, at Marston Magna; and the 13 cwt. tenor, although a rather sluggish bell, was soon being expertly turned in to Cambridge and Kent.

At West Camel we found a delightful recently restored ring of five (tenor 14 cwt.), and these bells were put to good use with a variety of Doubles methods. By this time the sun had reached its zenith, and it was decided to call a halt for lunch. Two of our number found their way to the 'Mildmay Arms' at Queen Camel, and were quietly sitting in the bar equipped with a pork pie and pint each, when the landlord leaned over the bar and said: 'Be you goin' to the football match?' 'No!!' 'Well, you be ringers then; I always know that if a stranger comes in here he is either going to football or else he is a ringer.'

In due course, with lunch over, we sallied forth to the 'pièce de résistance' of the day—the fine six of Queen Camel. The musical qualities of these bells has to be heard to be appreciated, and Plain Bob, Cambridge and Stedman went well on them.

From Queen Camel, through country lanes to Barton St. David (five bells, tenor 10 cwt.), and a curious octagonal tower with a 'leper squint' through to the sanctuary. The bells, however, are worthy of praise, and Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas' Doubles were successfully brought round. At Kingweston we received a warm welcome from the local tower master, and everyone enjoyed ringing on the five pleasant bells (tenor 18 cwt.) which are housed in a rather small but lofty steeple overlooking glorious parkland.

At Kingsdon we came to our third six for the day. Unfortunately we were unable to stop as long as we would have liked owing to a delay in starting The 24 cwt. tenor does not go as well as she should, but the tone of these bells, housed in a massive tower, was much appreciated by all.

Leaving Kingsdon, our convoy of three cars, with the addition of a motor-cycle, ridden by two friends from Langport who had joined us at Queen Camel, proceeded through the gathering dusk to Somerton, where we were welcomed by the vicar and some of the local ringers. The tower houses a very fine six with a 20 cwt. tenor. The rising of all tenors was by this time delegated to one poor fellow who was almost on his last legs, but who managed successfully to turn it in to a touch of Plain Bob. This was another ring whose musical qualities were heartily acclaimed, and we hope to find the two empty pits filled by new trebles in the not-too-distant future.

The bells of Long Sutton must surely be one of the grandest fives in the county, and are housed in a fine lofty tower which is worthy of a ring of ten. During the ringing Mr. President, who we suspect was still seeking consolation in a foaming tankard, slipped over to the 'local' for a quick one. When he returned, he informed us that the local lads were favourably impressed with our 'scientific' ringing. The tenor here is 17 cwt.

The five bells at Pitney (tenor 7 cwt.) go very well but are spoilt by the fact that the tenors are very much off key. However, everyone enjoyed some 'Appendicitis' Doubles on them.

The last tower for the day was Muchelney, another good five with a 19 cwt. tenor, which, in spite of the fact that we had been told otherwise, went 'like a ton of bricks.' Perhaps we were feeling too weary by then to put enough effort into our ringing. Indeed, a few of our number were glad of a diversion in the shape of an ancient barrel organ installed in the church.

After leaving Muchelney, the band split up until the following morning, when certain of our numbers met to help ring for matins at Langport (six bells, tenor 17 cwt.), and in the afternoon successfully to bring round a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor on the delightful little six at Ash-in-Martock (6½ cwt. tenor).

So ended another most enjoyable ringing weekend, and our sincere thanks are due to Paul for arranging the tour, and to the incumbents and local tower masters for so kindly allowing us the use of their bells.

R. A. S.

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LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Newman 2, G. Parsons 3, C. Martin 4, T. Boreham 5, L. Barry 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Carveth (250th tower) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, R. A. Southwood 3, J. C. Taylor 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2, 4 and 5. Especially arranged for the ringers of 1, 3 and 6, who are from Truro, Plympton and Coventry respectively.

BARMING, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, W. Manser 2, T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, F. E. Manser 5, H. J. Manser 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Kathleen Tooze 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, J. G. Davis 5, G. Plank 6. First quarter of Doubles in two methods by all the band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bush.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Morton (first quarter) 1, Margaret Rhodes 2, W. Scrimshaw 3, P. Whitaker 4, A. Wear 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. J. Clayton 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, J. Pink 4, L. Bance 5, W. Parrott 6, D. E. Parsons 7, F. D. Jennings 8, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunsden 1, J. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, A. G. Cook 2, Pamela M. Stevens (cond.) 3, H. Comins 4, C. J. Stevens 5, J. Garland 6. Rung as a compliment to J. Garland, who has been a ringer at this church for over 41 years.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. W. Barker (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. P. Barker 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Douglas Borley, a local ringer, who left earlier in the day to join the Royal Air Force.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wakefield 1, Ann Fundrey 2, E. Izzard 3, D. E. A. Houghton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss J. M. Weddell 1, C. H. Wood 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, F. Howson 4, A. B. Peck 5, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. H. Lott 8, J. Bullock 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. In memoriam F. H. Bartlett, sidesman and church councillor of St. Luke's.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Sheilagh Proctor 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Young 3, A. Ballard 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown 6, J. Vernon 7, C. Clark 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Seal, the donor of these bells, on her birthday.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Wardill 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, M. Fowler 4, A. Firth 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 2.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. P. Cracknell 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss L. Skeet 3, W. Slaughter 4, W. Cracknell 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. First in the method by all the members. Rung for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke (first quarter) 1, J. Sims 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Down 8. Rung for Evensong.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Darbourne 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson (first of Bob Major) 2, F. Terry 3, H. Parker 4, H. Spencer 5, S. H. Steel 6, H. Walker 7, B. Sutton (cond.) 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Nunn (first of Major) 1, R. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, A. Sutherland 4, J. Gibson 5, L. E. Etheridge 6, J. Thurlow 7, R. Payne (first of Major as cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Margot Thompson and Mr. John Blythe, both prominent ringers in the Halesworth district, who were married on Wednesday, November 23rd.

QUARTER PEALS

HECKFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire and 120 each of Stedman, St. Clement's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury): R. F. Diserens 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. N. Diserens 3, N. J. Diserens 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5. Longest length on the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 11th, 1,500 Northrepps Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeney 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to E. Sybil M. Tonkin.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles in the following methods: St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, Rugby S.C., Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Remigius', Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast's, Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Chipstead S.C., Westminster II., Blackburn, St. Hilary's, Chesham S.C.; Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C., Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's, Reverse St. Julian's, Bedfont S.C., Boveney S.C., Eton S.C., with 132 changes: F. W. Weller 1, Miss J. Burroughs 2, G. Francis (cond.) 3, Miss V. Phillips 4, W. L. Weller 5. Believed to be the most methods rung to a quarter peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Goodwin, churchwarden, who passed away this day.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): E. C. Marlow 1, Carol Jones 2, Queenie Cooper 3, E. F. Marlow 4, R. F. Jones 5, A. Meddock 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. Rung in honour of of the christening of Kathryn Frances Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, and grand-daughter of the conductor.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 5, C. W. Powell 6, R. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For evening service and to mark the 25th anniversary of the first quarter peal (Grandsire Doubles) ever rung in this tower, in which the ringers of 1 and 6 and the same conductor took part.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Dawkins (first quarter) 1, H. Jeffery (first 'inside') 2, J. Dawkins (first quarter) 3, C. Jeffery 4, G. R. Parker 5, W. R. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the new C. of E. School.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. White, (aged 81) 1, G. Howlett 2, B. Thompson 3, E. Chapman 4, G. A. Kindred 5, J. W. G. Kindred 6, M. Solley (first quarter) 7, P. Kindred (first quarter as cond.) 8. On the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pond (aged 13, first quarter) 1, H. Bungay 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, K. Welch 5, J. Cornelius (first quarter) 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, B. Dibben (first on more than six bells) 3, A. F. Udall 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. Rung for Pulborough's Tower Restoration Fund Gift Day. Also celebrating the 79th birthday of W. S. Langdon and 50 years' ringing for C. W. Ottley.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints', on Nov. 1st, 1,008 Little Bob Major: P. Dawes (longest length) 1, Miss E. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, H. Woodall 4, F. J. Jackson 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For patronal festival Evensong.

RUGBY, WARKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click (first quarter of Triples) 1, C. Underwood 2, E. Hunt 3, P. Fisher 4, J. Underwood 5, S. Osborne (cond.) 6, A. R. Pocklington 7, R. Gibbons 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. V. Baillie (Rector of Rugby 1898–1912), who died on November 4th.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. G. Banham 1, Dr. P. Jonason 2, L. Lawrence 3, W. Eagling 4, E. R. Shingfield 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Alan Beales and Miss Sylvia Drake.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Hayter (first quarter) 1, M. D. Frost 2, B. G. F. Pinnock (first quarter) 3, G. Penney 4, J. E. Ewer 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Skinner 1, D. Miller 2, W. Stevens 3, E. Skinner 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 4. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. S. Cooke.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, A. J. House 2, B. J. Luff (first on 12) 3, Miss J. Clements 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6, A. R. Ling 7, W. R. Winterton 8, A. P. Cave 9, A. F. Thirst 10, A. J. Ainsworth 11, B. Bladen 12.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and 420 of Grandsire): Miss S. J. Devereux 1, P. J. Lawton 2, T. P. Harris 3, J. F. Olney 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. G. M. Oakeshott, Vicar, cremated this day.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. W. J. Thompson 1, C. Finch 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, G. A. Sutherland 4, C. J. Gibson 5, R. J. Wells 6, R. S. Payne 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. Rung for divine service on St. Edmund's Day (patronal festival).

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. E. Bennett 1, R. C. Noon 2, F. Taylor 3, C. R. Burrell 4, T. H. Charlton 5, W. A. Richardson 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, H. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Proctor, wife of Ald. R. T. Proctor, Vicar's warden at this church.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Secker (first quarter) 1, M. Cubitt 2, P. Lentz 3, I. M. Parry (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Hewitt 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, H. Rumens 4, R. J. Chapman (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, E. E. Holman 8, F. C. Maynard (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. First of Caters for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the visit of London Society of Organists and English Church Music Singers.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Marlow (80) 1, J. Phippen 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, A. Bull 6, H. Perrett 7, J. Titt 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. R. Tudgy, whose funeral had taken place that day.

WEST DIDSBURY, LANCS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): B. Bennion 1, Barbara Kay 2, A. Bennion 3, D. F. Manning 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, L. Grierson 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for evening service and as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for Northern Ireland.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Kyte (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. Adamson 2, Miss Wickenden 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 6, E. F. Willcox 7, A. J. Painter 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, J. Chalk 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, B. Crook 4, J. Warner 5, H. Nicholls 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Butler, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, Witham, for many years, who was interred this day.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, J. Wood 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Towler 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. For Evensong and to mark the close of the 16th Anglican Synod.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Price 1, Miss M. Legg 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. J. Brice 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, G. Prescott 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Judith Price, daughter of the tower captain, and for the 8th anniversary of the wedding of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

OBITUARY

MR. A. W. GROVES

The death occurred peacefully on Nov. 30th of Mr. A. W. Groves, of Heene, Worthing. He was a prominent ringer in Sussex from 1895 to 1939, during which time he was secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association for 22 years, and set a record of not being absent from any meeting while in office.

He had rung about 330 peals; the outstanding one was Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Henfield, conducted by C. Tyler, the only 12-bell peal yet rung for the Sussex County Association.

He learnt his ringing under C. Tyler at Henfield, and when he moved to Worthing in early 1900 he became a leading member at St. Botolph's, Heene.

He rang peals in all the standard methods and conducted several, mainly Stedman, his favourite method. He represented the Division on the Central Council.

The funeral service on Dec. 3rd was attended by his two sons and daughter, the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong), Messrs. H. Stalham, W. Hart, A. Bond (Brighton), L. Stilwell (Central Council), E. Rapley (Horsham) and R. Wood (Heene).

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside.

MR. HARRY LEWIS

The death occurred on Nov. 23rd of Mr. Harry Lewis, of Cirencester, at the age of 71, after a long and painful illness. He was well known in his younger days and was a member of the Cirencester ringers. He rang 38 peals before ill-health prevented him from peal ringing, but continued to ring for services until the last few years, when he was forced to give up.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Nov. 29th, with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute to his memory, by Peter J. Lewis 1, T. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, W G. Cook 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, T. J. Lewis, jun. 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8.

MR. W. J. NUDDS

Mr. E. J. Leversuch has now received the record of the peals of the late Mr. W. J. Nudds and desires to make the following corrections to the report of his work that appeared in our last issue.

He was born in 1868 at Banham, Norfolk, and had therefore passed his 87th birthday in May of this year. The long peal at Loughborough was rung not in 1906 as stated, but on April 12th, 1909; it was 18,027 Stedman Caters. It was on Easter Monday, 1914, that the four Surprise peals, Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, were rung in one day in Surrey (2), Middlesex (1), Berks (1). A full list of his 500 peals was published in 'The Ringing World' on Jan. 5th, 1951, page 13, from which the following noteworthy performances have been extracted:—

Three peals of Stedman Cinques within 24 hours, Quex Park, 1905; two peals of Stedman Cinques and one of Kent T.B. Maximus within 24 hours, also at Quex Park, 1904; rung all the bells of Southwark Cathedral to peals of Stedman Cinques; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Dec. 26th, 1923, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The over-80's peal was rung at Deptford, not Camberwell.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Reverse Canterbury, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): H. Daniels 1, T. E. Roberts 2, W. F. Eyden 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. W. Holland 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

A SOMERSET OUTING TO WORCESTERSHIRE

An ambitious outing for the time of year was undertaken on Nov. 12th by Yatton ringers, ringing friends from other Somerset towers, and relatives.

Four of the party left Bridgwater at 6 a.m. and with others at Worle (Weston-super-Mare) joined the coach, which then proceeded to Yatton for the main party and official start at 7 a.m. We were still without the organiser, Mr. G. Prescott, but by means of Mr. L. Pullin, of Clevedon, and his car, we finally banded together at a brief stop at Tewkesbury

The first tower was Upton-on-Severn (8), where a meeting was being held in the afternoon to mark the 250th anniversary of the back five bells. A line on the church gatepost showed the flood level of a couple of years ago. Next came the eight at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, where we were met by Worcester friends who accompanied us to the next two towers.

After half an hour's break for refreshments we left for Dodderhill, a fine eight, tenor 18½ cwt., and claimed to be perfect in 'go.' The cruciform church was badly damaged in the Civil War, being only partly rebuilt; this included the tower, from the top of which some took advantage of the first real break in the fog, which had persisted, to have a good view of the surrounding countryside.

As the tower of All Saints', Worcester, was still receiving attention, we visited the light ten of North Claines, which had been booked as a stand-by.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A page will be reserved in our issue of December 23rd for Christmas greetings to ringing friends. The last date for receiving same is Friday, December 16th. Price 3/6 for 42 words; above 42 words 1d. per word.

Back in the city an excellent meal was enjoyed at the Deansway Restaurant, and thus fortified we headed for the last tower, at Evesham. The huge 'Bell Tower,' unique in that it stands in two parishes and churchyards, loomed forebodingly out of the fog, but soon the lights were shining out and the grand 12 were heard. Here we met Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas.

With a different Ringing Master in each tower various methods were attempted, finishing with rounds, Queens, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques at Evesham.

A tired but somewhat hilarious party then started south for the long journey home, thankful that despite the fog we had kept only about five minutes behind schedule, thus helping those who had opened their towers to us, and to whom we are indebted. R. D. S.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Test Ringing in Mid-Cornwall

The autumn meeting of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Nov. 26th, when 60 members gathered for the usual test ringing for certificates.

The church has a fine tower, which can be seen for many miles, amid the great pyramids of the white clay hills. The bells are a fine octave augmented by John Taylor about 1910, and are a treat to ring and to listen to from outside the tower.

This tower has strong connections with change-ringing in Cornwall. Several peals have been rung on the bells, including a peal of London Surprise Major in 1934, which was the last peal conducted by the late William Pye.

The Rector, Canon F. F. Gilbert, is a ringer, and he has worked for many years to bring the ringers of this part of Cornwall into a brotherhood of workers for the Church, and finally into the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock with four sets ringing rounds on six bells and one band ringing eight bells.

The band, which rang for the service, were joined by Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Guild, and Mr. Brian Parkyn, of Truro Cathedral. Canon Gilbert conducted the service, assisted by Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Guild, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Jose, who for four years was the branch secretary before going to Perran-ar-Worthal.

After the service an excellent tea awaited in the Church Room, prepared by the local ringers' wives and helpers. The Rector acted as chairman for the short business meeting which followed, and soon the test ringing was again in full swing.

This time a touch of 34 changes on six bells was heard, with some very good striking. Four bands rang in this test and one band raised the six, rang the changes and lowered the bells.

For test No. 4, two bands took part. The first raised the eight, rang 54 changes and falled the bells. The second set in this test gave the best ringing of the day, an excellent rise in peal, 54 changes with only three faults and a glorious fall. It was a grand finale to the Festival, and a wonderful feast of bell music must have been heard in the village, where this band rings Sunday by Sunday and on feast days.

After more refreshments in the Church Hall, the results of the tests were given by Mr. A. Carveth, as follows:—

Test No. 1: St. Erme A, St. Erme B. 1st Class; St. Ewe, St. Erme C, 2nd Class; St. Gorran, 3rd Class.

Test No. 2: St. Mewan, 1st Class; St. Ewe, 2nd Class; St. Gorran, St. Erme, 3rd Class.

Test No. 3: St. Mewan, 1st Class.

Test No. 4: St. Stephen A, 1st Class; St. Stephen B. 2nd Class.

The thanks of the ringers were expressed to the judges, Messrs. A. Carveth and B. Parkyn, and to Messrs. H. Lander and J. T. Creela for organising the test ringing.

This concluded a Festival which was marked by a spirit of good fellowship and team work in the land of the Cornish saints. D. B.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Graney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. Barker 5, R. Scaplehorn 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Nov. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, H. Miles 2, D. Burnett 3, G. G. Salmon 4, S. H. Dearden 5, T. W. Look 6, J. Chilcott 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

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DEATH

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 7374

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 7402

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Heavitree. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7363

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Annual dinner, Jan. 14th. Tickets 10s. 6d., now available from myself or Mr. Wellington. Details later.—C. A. Bassett. 7354

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud (10), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7381

HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District). — Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7380

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Alight at Seven Sisters Road Station, for St. Ann's Road, from buses 623, 627, 659, 679.—T. J. Lock. 7359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Cross', Hollywell, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service, 3.45 p.m. Ringing at St. Cross' (6) from 2.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec. 7407

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchingley, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in King Charles Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Business includes nominations for District Officers for 1956. 7366

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7395

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m. 7375

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Nuneaton, Dec. 17th. Bells (8), 3.30 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. L. Garner Hayward. 7403

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Annual meeting, Derby, St. Peter (8), on Saturday, December 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, 5 p.m. Agenda includes election of officers: nominations are requested. Ensure the success of the meeting by attending and exercising **your** vote.—Maurice Bailey. 7413

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7412

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalen, Wiggenhall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7404

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Leckhampton, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m Meeting following tea in Parish Hall.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7408

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5, followed by business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Dec. 14th.—A. H. Smith. 7372

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th. from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Major J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by previous Thursday.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7388

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 14th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7397

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Dec. 17th. Business 4 p.m. Ringing to follow evensong. All welcome. Nearby cafés.—R. Benson. 7411

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Dec. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify by Dec. 14th, Mr. M. Brown, 2, Leicester Road, Sapcote, Leicester. Reports available at this meeting. 7410

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Leyton (8), Church Road, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, Vicarage, 5 p.m. Business and further ringing. Central London and buses pass the church. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7396

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea at nearby restaurant.—J. D. Rock. 7406

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Christmas tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, on or before Dec. 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7392

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 17th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Election of new general secretary and treasurer. Unpaid subscriptions, please. For tea notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 7368

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Dec. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Dec. 14th, K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7399

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford (8), Dec. 17th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 13th, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7387

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Paul's, Drighlington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, not later than first post on Friday, Dec. 16th.—A. E. Marsh Hon. Dis. Sec. 7377

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of the six bells, Sunday, Dec. 18th, 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. Tea afterwards at the W.I. Hall. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Braybrooke, Polstead, near Colchester, Essex. 7373

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