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AN ORDINARY PEAL

THAT'S what it looks like in the peal columns; an ordinary peal of Plain Bob Major: Pritchard's, at that. And by Tuesday the organiser was satisfied with the arrangements; permission had been obtained, and a band got together and told when to be where. But at the practice on Wednesday evening one man said he had discovered a subsequent engagement—so some scraping and scrounging and a bit of bullying was done to procure a substitute. Then on Friday the substitute fell by the wayside, and some frantic long shots were made, resulting in the final making up of the band as it appears in the peal report.

Everyone arrived at the village church safely and in good time. 'Right, let's get them up!' The organiser starts raising the treble; no sound. Higher and higher, another man assists in checking it; 'No, it must be lashed. Where's the tower key kept?' (This was a ground-floor belfry.) 'Oh, yes'—from one who has often been there before—'it's in the safe in the vestry, and the Vicar has the key of the safe.' The Vicar is routed out, and soon the safe is open, and the keys in it are scrutinised. 'Old chest in the vestry—chest in the tower—west door—I'm sorry, it isn't here. Try Mr. So-and-so; he lives somewhere in West Road. Turn left at cemetery and keep straight on.'

One of the band's car-owners is pressed into service, and off goes the organiser in search of the key. West Road is found, and Mr. So-and-so's house is pointed out. The organiser knocks. 'Mr. So-and-so?' 'Oh'—from, presumably, Mrs. So-and-so—'he's out ploughing just now.' 'Have you the key of the tower?'—explaining the circumstances. 'Oh no, he doesn't have the key now; it's at Mr. Such-and-such's in Tower Close; turn right here and right again at the water-tower; third house up the drive.'

Mr. Such-and-such's house is located, and the door opened by Mrs. Such-and-such. The organiser's request is met with: 'Oh no, he doesn't keep the key here; it's in the church, under the first pew on the right!' The organiser refrains from saying what he thinks, and is driven back to the church, stopping only to let a herd of cows pass. He looks under the first pew on the right; no sign of the key. Soon all the band are looking under all the pews. The organiser looks without hope once more under the first pew on the right, and suddenly there is the key (it was certainly not there before, but has appeared by magic). So he climbs up to the bells. Indeed, the treble is lashed;

and to 'make assurance doubly sure' the lashing rope is wound three times round the waist of the bell and six times round the canons. After ten minutes or so it is untied, and the treble is again raised, this time making the noise expected of it.

Now the second bell; a grinding noise, which gets worse as it goes higher, until it stops about half-way, and is hastily lowered. 'Ah, yes,' from those who know the idiosyncrasies of this bell, 'the clock-hammer must be in the way.' An experiment with the hammer wires shows that this is not so; and one of the more mechanically-minded members goes up and watches while the bell is again raised half-way and lowered. For those waiting below there is a long pause; then the rope begins to ascend; it is nearly through the guide—'Stop!'—a full-throated roar from seven anxious watchers. After a time it is reported that one of the strands of the rope has broken and become unwound, thus causing the stoppage.

At long last it is spliced; and some two hours after the peal was due to begin, the bells are raised, ropes adjusted, and the long-awaited call of 'Go, Bob Major,' is made.

There was more trouble to come; the conductor did his best to sabotage the peal half-way through by waking up too late and calling a bob instead of a single; but fortunately others of the band were wider awake than he, and this hazard was overcome without much trouble. During the second half more disturbance arrived, in the shape of a man who wanted to stoke the boiler. To do this it was apparently necessary for him to switch on all the lights in the church, so that the ringers were confused by a multitude of shadows; and to reach the switches, he had to squeeze past the treble ringer, nearly knocking him over in the process. Not content with this, he carefully shut the tower door, which had been left open to improve the audibility of the bells. 'Leave the door open!', from the tenor ringer. 'All right,' said he, walking away. 'Yes, but it's closed!', from the conductor. Fortunately he came back and re-opened it, and the peal proceeded calmly. After this, the only occurrence was the re-extinguishing of the lights some time later on, once again imperilling the balance of the treble ringer.

And so at last the ordinary peal came round, a peal of which one can at the very least say: 'I've heard plenty worse;' and silence once more descended on the village, where it appears that it is the caretaker's avowed intention to keep the Vicar ignorant of the whereabouts of the keys.

W. T. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	WILLIAM LOVE 7
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 8
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 9
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	GEORGE P. ADAMS 10
JOHN R. SMITH 5	BERT GOGLE 11
CLIFFORD BIRD 6	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on 12 bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St Peter,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ALAN G. FOSTER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	W. GEORGE PAGE 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 9
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 10
ERNEST STITCH 5	HARRY GRIFFITHS 11
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 6	BARNABAS G. KEY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Specially arranged and rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, captain of St. Peter's tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	DAVID VINCENT 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	BERT GOGLE 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
ERNEST WHITING 5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A birthday compliment to David Vincent.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. 6
*NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 3	*†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 8
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
*DENIS A. FRITH 5	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † Fiftieth peal together. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
ALAN G. FOSTER .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 5
*STELLA HUGHES 2	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 6
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH 4	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*HENRY TOOKE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples. The first peal of Stedman on the bells since Jan. 23rd, 1926.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND

THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

BRO. JACK N. BROWN, Excelsior Engineers Lodge, No. 4248 .. Treble	
BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge, No. 4120 2	
BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish Lodge, No. 4955 3	
BRO. HARRY ANDERTON, Verity Lodge, No. 3949 4	
W. BRO. EDWARD ASHCROFT, Latham Abbey Lodge, No. 6286 .. 5	
W. BRO. ED. C. BIRKETT, P.Pr.A.G.D.C., Thermopylae Lodge, No. 4386 .. 6	

BRO. PETER CROOK, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146 7

BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge, No. 3644 Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRO. PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the Installation of W. Bro. E. Ashcroft as Master of his Lodge.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH .. Treble	HARRY TURNER 5
*JOE E. G. ROAST 2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 6
TERRY EARLE 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of Advent.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*JO ROPER Treble	DAVID EDWARDS 5
†WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal. † 100th peal.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

HORACE O. OVER .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

100th tower bell peal as conductor.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

ROYSTON WILMORE .. Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
*JEAN A. BROOKS 2	RONALD RUSSELL 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
MARY C. PAYNE 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside' to Major.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*RODNEY S. SMITH Treble	RUTH M. JACKSON 5
ANNE P. BROWN 2	STELLA P. WAIN 6
†DAVID T. PARKER 3	JEAN C. BROWN 7
ARTHUR T. PARKER 4	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the Sunday service band.

To commemorate 50 years' service as vergers by the late Leonard Goulden, and the birthdays of the ringer of the third and his mother.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	*FRANK LEWIS 5
*DOREEN D. DUTTON 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
†DONALD THEODOM 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEOFFREY P. CAIRNS .. Treble	†CHARLES N. LEA 5
†MARGARET GIBSON 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 6
*GEORGE S. DEAS 3	FRANK G. BROOMFIELD .. 7
†KENNETH ARTHUR 4	†ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on a working bell.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Pattinson, who recently retired as captain at this tower and has completed 54 years as a member of this Association.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON 2	*J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 6
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
*GILES C. GALLEY 4	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

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

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*MICHAEL L. CARTER .. Treble	CHARLES HONE 5
†ROBERT L. PIRON 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH 6
FRANK H. ELEY 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH 4	ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Arthur Garbett, of Stafford, and a wedding compliment to John Moore and Eileen Bracey, married this day at Hethersett, Norfolk.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN KINGSNORTH Treble	EDWARD F. CONNOCK 5
GWILYM SALMON 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 6
MARJORIE LEGG 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Triples.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

DAVID W. BEARD Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
GERALD BOWEN 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
*†MARTYN HAWKES 4	DAVID J. MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by D. W. BEARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' Composition now rung for the first time.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. Treble	DENNIS COOPER 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. 6
*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE 7
GEORGE CHAMBERS 4	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Kent Major. † 100th peal. First peal of Kent Major as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*JACK PILGRIM 2	*PETER S. BEDFORD 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
FRANK RUFFLES 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal in the method.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG .. Treble	*STANLEY F. CLARK 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	*BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
WILLIAM H. WHEELER .. 4	*EDWARD J. ROCHESTER .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Rung as a farewell to Audrey M. Bailey and her parents, who are leaving the district.



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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.	
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 5
*MARY DOWSETT .. 2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
FRED MORTLOCK .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 7
PETER J. CAME .. 4	†PETER J. EVES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor, and a first birthday compliment to Jane Symonds, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.	
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE .. 5
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS .. 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mavis I. Kitchenside, daughter of the captain of the local band, and David F. Archer, of Tunbridge Wells, whose marriage took place at St. Dunstan's on the same day.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

C. ERNEST SMITH .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. 5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of London.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.	
HELEN M. BRANT .. Treble	ALFRED K. STREET .. 5
*RONALD K. RUSS .. 2	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 6
BRYAN C. STIRLAND .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. 7
*ERIC L. BAUGHAN .. 4	JESSE SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Triples.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
*SIDNEY BULL .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS .. 5
CONNIE CHINNEY .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 6
JOAN HILL .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	†FREDERICK W. BLATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Arthur Hull, for many years the Master and towerkeeper of the local company.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

On the 'Stelfox' eight.

SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 6
*DONALD A. THEODOM .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 7
*JOHN E. COOKE .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.	
PATRICK C. BRIDGES .. Treble	EDWARD F. CANNOCK .. 4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. 2	ERNEST E. BRAY .. 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	PERCY BRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.	
FRED C. LYNE .. Treble	ROBERT EDDEN .. 4
WILLIAM H. MALE .. 2	FRED KINCHIN .. 5
HAROLD HUXLEY .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Stedman, All Saints, Newborough, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Chase, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaize, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, and one extent each of St. Columb, St. Nicholas, April Day, Bob Doubles, Dedworth, Seighford, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington, St. Simon's, Elford, St. Martin's, Austrey and Stedman Slow Course. Tenor 12 cwt.

L. KENNETH DAWE .. Treble	CYRIL DEEM .. 4
ROBERT PERRY .. 2	*JOHN QUICK .. 5
*SIDNEY SKINNER .. 3	†JIM BRIGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* 50th peal together. † First peal. First peal in 28 methods for all and the Guild. 25th peal as conductor.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, All Saints, and four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and April Day. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

DAVID WOODWARD .. Treble	ROBIN TREBILCOCK .. 4
VERNON GREEN .. 2	TOM SMITH .. 5
JOHN HADFIELD .. 3	*RICHARD GALLOP .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

* First peal. First in 12 methods for all and on the bells.

Rung to congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. Symes on the birth of a son; also as a farewell compliment to Mr. Judge, for many years organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's; and as a welcome home to Gordon Collett from the R.A.F.

PLYMPTREE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

L. KENNETH DAWE .. Treble	FRED WREFORD .. 4
SIDNEY SKINNER .. 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
BRIAN PIDGEON .. 3	JOHN QUICK .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal in eight Minor methods for all and the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of Plain Bob (four callings), three extents of April Day (one) and 32 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

ALLEN COLCOMBE .. Treble	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 2	THOMAS J. GUNDY .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in three methods by all.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH Treble	RAYMOND W. BALLS 4
*WILLIAM H. HOLDOM 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
†PERCY E. CROWE 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside.'

HARPFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*NORMAN SKINNER Treble	*ERNEST ROWE 4
†RONALD PITMAN 2	SIDNEY SKINNER 5
L. KENNETH DAWE 3	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*E. SYBIL M. TONKIN .. Treble	GEORGE BEENEY 4
†LAURA M. BEENEY 2	CLIFFORD BOOTH 5
†KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung on the fifth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	RONALD KENRICK 4
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	ERNEST GOWER 5
JAMES S. WEBB 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. P. T. Robbins, as Vicar of St. Hilda's, Prestwich.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	*SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
ARTHUR H. REED 2	*HENRY E. G. JEANES .. 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three Minor methods on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*ROSEMARY G. SEATON .. Treble	†R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 4
M. G. MORGAN-WYNNE .. 2	J. DEREK SMITH 5
*FRANK R. MORTON 3	JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Miss Ellen Retallack, of Wistaston, on her 100th birthday.



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On Mon., Nov. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Durham, Wells, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ERIC FLINTHAM Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4
*FRED BISHOP 2	JOHN R. KEMP 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Rhoda Brown, Ringing Master for Eastern Branch, and Mr. Philip Reynolds.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. Treble	† P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 4
G. C. GALLEY (Queens') 2	F. B. COOKSON (S. John's) 5
* SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OLD OXFORD DELIGHT

Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 112 and 112 reversed). Tenor 7 cwt.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5
GORDON A. HALLS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 4D. 17).

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

DAVID T. NORTH Treble	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 4
AUDREY NORTH 2	STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 5
GORDON WALFORD 3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE.

Rung as a compliment to Raymond and Evelyn Yardie on the birth of a son.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 24 methods: (1) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (4) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob; (6) Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in a flat.

ALBERT SAUNDERS Treble	JOHN WARNER 4
* ALAN R. SYDER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WALTER ARNOLD 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal. First peal in 24 methods by all the band.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor	RONALD E. BURT 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	JOHN R. SMITH 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

First peal on the bells for 25 years.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

* MARGARET A. ELSEY .. Treble	† RICHARD J. CARTER .. 4
† T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. 2	† THOS. EDWARD HARROLD 5
HAROLD KILBY 3	RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a welcome to Canon G. Calcraft, M.A., who was inducted on Dec. 2nd, 1955.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(South and West District Officers' Peal.)

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK, District Hon. Secretary Treble	
FRANK C. PRICE, Deputy District Master 2-3	
FRANK T. BLAGROVE, District Ringing Master 4-5	
FREDERICK A. FINCH, District Asst. Secretary Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First peal for the Association by officers of one district. First tower-bell peal by officers of one district of any Association, Guild or Society.

Rung for the christening of Beverley Bronwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price, and as a 96th birthday compliment to F. A. Finch's mother.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

* SUSAN H. PORTER Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	RALPH BIRD 5
WILLIAM G. COOK 3	PETER F. BORER Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor has 'completed the circle' at this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

VALERIE WILLARD .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5-6
* DAVID MARSHALL .. 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8
	† VIVIAN BARNES 9-10

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

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † First peal of Caters. Rung alternate three courses in tittums and handstroke home positions.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours,

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK. A birthday compliment to John A. Acres.

On November 29th, at a gathering of past and present ringers of St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Yorks, Mr. George Holmes was presented with a model bell, suitably inscribed, on completing 50 years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. Earlier in the evening, Mr. Holmes conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which the most recent learner, Judith Rodber, scored her first quarter. On November 19th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung as a compliment to Mr. Holmes.

Christ Church, Swindon, bells will be heard on the air in the Home Service on New Year's evening at 7.45. They will probably be ringing Stedman Caters.

Commenting on recent peals, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: The peal at Fenny Stratford was actually the first since 1919 (there have been five in all). The peal at Great Mongeham was the first of Surprise on the bells and that at Chalfont St. Giles the first since 1934.

In honour of the 90th birthday of Jean Sibelius a carillon concert was given by Mr. James R. Lawson on the Rockefeller Memorial Carillon, Chicago University, on December 4th. The programme included 'Valse Triste,' 'The Swan of Tuonela,' 'Romance in D Flat' and 'The Bells of Berghall Church, Finlandia.'

Three generations of the Warrilow family ring at St. Mary's, Stafford. Grandfather Warrilow saw his grandson ring for his majority, prior to accepting an appointment at Glasgow, where he hopes to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral, when able. Mr. R. J. Warrilow, his father, is head ringer.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Stradbroke for 'the Bor Dairvud's' birthday was rung to Grandsire by special request. The company was equally divided between the Norwich and Suffolk Guilds, and pleasure was expressed at seeing Jim Bennett back to peal-ringing after his recent accident. Needless to say, the birthday was adequately celebrated, thanks to Dairvud's hospitality, and the participants clung to 'Ivy Lodge' for an unusually long time.

The young band at Marple, Cheshire, have achieved their first quarter. The bells are not easy to handle on account of the long draught. Keeness and perseverance have won through, and they are now practising Bob Minor.

Mr. H. Hatto, now 83, who rang in a quarter peal at Henley-on-Thames on November 26th, is the only survivor of the band that rang the peal of Caversham Surprise at Caversham. He is still a very active ringer.

An eminent official of the Hertfordshire County Association, who has just acquired a new car, had cause to regret its conspicuous colouring when he and two ringing companions were stopped by the police late at night. The car fitted the description of one in which the authorities were interested, and it was some time before the trio (perhaps identified, as one of the front-seat passengers later surmised, as 'the strong-arm men in the front and the brain in the back') were allowed to go on. It is not known how much of the wireless conversation which passed between the police car and headquarters turned on the suspicious fact that the boot of the car, unlocked upon request, was full of bellropes!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Honiton Clist on Dec. 3rd. About 40 members, and ringers from other branches, were present. The Branch was very pleased to welcome the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, and the general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie, the chairman of the Branch. Tea was provided by the local ringers' wives and was much appreciated by all.

At the meeting which followed, all Branch officers were re-elected and the president presented four certificates.

It was decided to start an instruction fund, and a sub-committee was appointed to look into this.

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Terry Collins, who is nearly
15, had the pleasure of call-
ing his father's first peal at
South Marston, Wilts. Terry's keenness
suggests a bright ringing future.

For the time being practices are being dis-
continued at St. Peter's Church, Stoke-on-
Trent.

Mr. Cyril A. Burgess, who has been for 20
years a member of the Burnham, Bucks, tower,
is leaving for Strood, Kent.

Middlesex Association have provided some-
thing of a novelty by the first tower bell peal
with two ringers mastering four bells between
them. It was the first peal by officers of the
South and West District.

The 'British Railways Magazine' for Decem-
ber has an attractive cover picture of a team of
railwaymen-ringers in action at St. Peter's
Church, Boughton Monchelsea, near Maid-
stone, Kent. This is a ground-floor ring of six
with a tenor of 15 cwt.

The performance of the eligible bachelors
at Cold Higham, Northants, has prompted
planning of a peal of Stedman Cinques to be
attempted early in the new year. A letter from
Bath asks for any interested and eligible to for-
ward their names and addresses and also pre-
vious experience.

On December 25th, at 9.20 a.m. in the Home
Service, Christmas greetings will be broadcast
from the belfries of Liverpool Cathedral; St.
Mary-the-Virgin, Painswick, Gloucestershire;
SS. Philip and James, Holywood, Co. Down;
Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge; St.
Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow; Llandaff Cathe-
dral, and the Priory and Parish Church of SS.
Peter and Paul, Leominster, Herefordshire,
with the recorded bells of the Church of The
Nativity at Bethlehem.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The band that rang the
wedding peal at Mayfield,
Sussex, on December 3rd,
would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. A.
Kitchenside for so kindly entertaining them to
tea after the peal.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, cele-
brated his 90th birthday on December 5th.

Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, sailed on
the S.S. 'Orontes' on Tuesday for Australia.
This is the first stage of his trip completely
round the world. He hopes to be back in Eng-
land early next March.

It was a 'special occasion' for Miss Jo Roper
on November 26th. She not only rang her first
peal but also celebrated the first anniversary of
her first lesson in handling a bell and, a day in
advance, her birthday.

The Oxford University Society's mixed
Doubles attempt on the 'unconquered' heavy
five at Charlton-on-Otmoor was brought to an
untimely, though possibly unique, conclusion
when, after two hours, the tenor man, P. R. S.,
diverted the attention of the band by turning
somersaults over his rope at handstroke and
disappearing upwards into the darkness upside-
down. Charlton bells still remain 'uncon-
quered.'

His many friends in the London area and the
Essex Association will wish 'Dick' Stannard a
very speedy recovery from an accident sus-
tained while returning from ringing at St.
Margaret's, Westminster. Dick damaged his
ankle, but after treatment at hospital he was
taken home suffering from shock. One of the
veterans of the Exercise, he has a rota as fol-
lows: Barking and Leytonstone for Matins, and
Westminster and Hornchurch for Evensong. He
is doing well, but he will be out of ringing till
after Christmas.

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PEAL RINGING IN WARWICKSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WE come now to another very interesting county as far as ringing is concerned, with Warwickshire. This county, of course, includes the famous ringing centre of Birmingham. Having made a list of peals rung at the different towers in the county, the most obvious thing was the way in which the peal ringing had been concentrated on the Birmingham towers, and also the relatively few peals on the 6- and 5-bell rings. The only place where we find a large number of peals outside the Birmingham vicinity is at Nuncaton, as will be mentioned below. There is, of course, extremely great activity in Birmingham at the moment—perhaps the greatest in its history, which is saying something. Thus, at the four Birmingham churches of the Cathedral (St. Philip's), St. Martin's, Bishop Ryder's and the Roman Catholic Cathedral, no less than 454 peals have been rung since the war and the grand total of peals in the county since 1881 is only 2,421. Well over half the total number have been rung in Birmingham and we also find that 12 towers have recorded more than two-thirds of all the peals rung, thus showing, once again, the concentration of peal activity on a few places. This will no doubt continue whilst the bells are available for peals so easily, apparently (e.g., already 26 peals this year at the Cathedral, up to the end of October!). Now to turn to the towers individually.

The most famous tower in the county is the one with the largest number of peals—St. Martin's, Birmingham. Here we find 321 peals rung and published in 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' from 1881, including 246 peals of Stedman Cinquses. Over the past 50 years, the name of Mr. Albert Walker will be especially associated with this great achievement, together with his amazing record of more 12-bell peals than anyone else has ever accomplished—a feat which, I think, is never likely to be surpassed. Of course, peals were rung at St. Martin's before this, and I have located a further 33 unpublished ones before 1881. The peal of Stedman Cinquses rung during the '12-bell week' on September 23rd, 1924, said it was the 200th on the bells. Counting the 33 just mentioned, I agree exactly with that, so that it would seem we can say that 354 peals have been rung in all in this tower. To return to the popularity of Stedman Cinquses here, we find that between 1910 and 1920, every peal was of Stedman Cinquses—41 in all (and at least one every year of the first war, so here is yet another tower with that record). Long lengths have been rung here too, and the 11,111 of Stedman Cinquses rung in 1901 remained the record until 1946 (the 12,675 at Southwark Cathedral having been found false) when it was beaten by the 12,663 at Oxford Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Another 12-bell tower is second on the list—Birmingham Cathedral. More peals have been rung on these bells since the war than on any other church bells in the country (there have been more at Loughborough Bell Foundry)—no less than 207 since 1944! The tower only became a 12-bell tower in 1949, but there have been 184 peals rung there since—an average of about 26 a year!

There were 34 in 1952, but it is possible that will be beaten this year since at time of writing there are still two months to go! Only 23 peals were rung from 1883 to 1903, and then there was a silence until 1937 when one peal was rung, repeated the following year. Thus there had only been 25 peals before 1944. Although Nuncaton will beat the next tower for peals rung since 1881, it is convenient to take it now since it is the last of the three 12-bell towers—

Aston. This was also a 10-bell tower until recent times, but its heyday was more in the past than now. Of the 151 peals 115 were rung before 1914, followed by another nine up to 1923. There was a silence then until augmentation in 1936, and then five peals were rung before the second world war commenced. There have been 22 since 1944. If we counted peals rung before 1881, we should find this tower had almost as many as St. Martin's, for I have located 80 peals prior to that year (more, I think, than in any other tower). Thus its total will really be in the mid-300's. But that is a subject for later times when this series of articles is finished. It is one of the most famous towers of olden days.

The third in order of peals is actually Nuncaton (8) with 208 in the period from 1881. These have been spread out fairly evenly over the years with 80 between 1886 and 1914, 82 from 1918 to 1939 and 46 since 1944. Two more Birmingham churches follow—Bishop Ryder's Church (8), where 145 peals have been

TRIBUTE TO BELL-RINGERS

I often wonder whether we all appreciate as fully as we ought the services rendered to the Church by the bell-ringers. They tend to be taken rather for granted. They are always on duty. Though they do not, in one sense, work silently it is true in general to say that the noise of their bells is the only way by which they draw attention to their labours.

I was prompted to think about the country's bell-ringers when I read of a Broxbourne (Herts) bell-ringer who, having begun as a campanologist at the age of fourteen, has now retired at the age of eighty-four. His father and grandfather were bell-ringers and his only son will carry on the tradition—four generations of bell-ringers.

This case is probably not unique. The ringing of the bells is a craft and an interest which does commonly seem to pass from father to son. It is a grand thing that it should be so, for the sound of church bells, apart from being an age-long and vital feature of our national life, is a constant reminder of man's duty to God and is also, in itself, an act of worship. What more perfect way can there be of making a joyful noise unto the Lord?

From 'The Church Times.'

ring, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral (8), which can claim 126 peals. At the former, it is the post-war period which is the best, for 101 peals have been rung since 1944. Before this, only an occasional peal was recorded, for from 1884 to 1912, only 19 were rung, and there were 25 between the wars. At the latter, the 'lean' period was between 1919 and 1939, for only 12 peals were rung then. There had been 60 before 1914 and there have been 54 since 1943.

There are still two more centenarians—Erdington, St. Barnabas' (8), and Chilvers-Coton (10). Erdington has had 123 peals, principally in the 1918-1939 period (83). I did not record the first until 1904, after which 30 peals came before 1915. There have only been nine since 1945—a marked diminution. Chilvers-

Coton is a recent 10-bell tower, having become so in 1947. The first here in the period was in 1908, so it has been quite consistent since then with 14 peals to 1913, 35 from 1919 to 1939 and 16 on the eight from 1945 to 1947. There have been 46 more since then, so it is proving the most popular 10-bell tower in the county. There are four other 10-bell towers to mention, three with very few peals. The most is Solihull (61), having had 26, 25 and 10 peals respectively in the usual three periods. Stratford-on-Avon is another recent ten. On the eight, only seven peals had been rung, in 1889, 1904-7 (3), 1946-7 (3). There have been 14 since augmentation in 1949, so it is doing better also now—total 21. Warwick, St. Mary's, has 11—seven from 1888 to 1910 and the others in 1920, 1922, 1944 and this year. Finally, the only peal I came across on the now 'defunct' bells of St. Michael's Coventry, was in 1883, and was later found to be false!

'UNCONQUERED' TOWERS

We return now to the remaining 8-bell towers which have had more than 50 peals. The Roman Catholic Church at Erdington has had 92 peals, the majority (53) before 1914. There were 20 from 1917 to 1929 and then a silence of 20 years. There have been 19 in the last six years, so things are better again. Allesley has 81. As a 6-bell tower, 40 were rung from 1909 to 1939 with another five from 1943 to 1946. There have been 36 since 1947 on the eight. Knowle and Shirley have both 80. The former has not been heard since 1937. There had been 53 peals prior to 1914 and the remainder after the war. Shirley has changed in steps from a 5 to 8 in our period. One peal was rung on the five in 1923. Three peals were rung on the six from 1931 to 1939, followed by 18 from 1943 to 1947. It is very popular as an eight, for there have been 58 peals since 1947. Then we come to St. Michael's, Stoke (Coventry), with 57. There were 18 from 1904 to 1914, 25 from 1918 to 1934 and 14 from 1947. I gather these bells are almost unringable now. Edgbaston is doing well of late, 26 of the 51 peals have come since 1944; there were 21 from 1932 to 1939. Before that it was a 6-bell tower with four peals from 1900 to 1902. Finally, Sutton Coldfield has 50—26 from 1884 to 1915, six from 1919 to 1929 and 18 since 1947. There are three 'unconquered' 8-bell towers (rather surprising for such an ancient centre of ringing)—Alcester, Leamington R.C. Church and Ullenhall. Of the others, Warwick, All Saints', Emscote, has been silent the longest—the last of its two peals being rung in 1905.

There is not a great deal to be said about the 6-bell towers, as indicated above. Only five have reached double figures! They are Exhall (25—22 from 1920 to 1939), Packwood and Shilton (18—the former 17 since 1951 and the latter 12 from 1925 to 1938), Grendon (15—every few years since 1910) and Wolvey (13—11 from 1922 to 1937 and one since then in 1950). Ten of the 40 where peals have been rung have had only one peal, and there are six 'virgin' towers—Arley, Brailes, Chadshunt, Coughton, Butlers Marston and Snitterfield. Claverdon has the longest silence—its only peal having been rung in 1909. Only 15 of the 34 5-bell towers have had peals, seven of them a single one. The only one with more than three is Keresley which has the good total of 13, ten from 1945 to 1948 (none since). Corley, Kingsbury and Rugby (the 5-bell ring) each have three, all rung since the war. The 2's are Astley, Burton Hastings, Bishop's Itchington and Meriden. Actually, out of the 2,421 peals in the county, only 182 have been rung on the 6-bell towers and 37 on the 5-bell ones. Thus there is clear indication of the popularity of the churches with the larger numbers of bells in this case. Peal totals include those published up to November 4th, 1955.

The Third Gopher Dinner — An Unknown Newark Worthy

The third annual Gopher Dinner of the Newark Parish Church Ringers' Society was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Newark, on November 18th. After a very fine meal, enjoyed by a company of 54, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, Vicar of Newark.

The toast of 'The Society of Newark Parish Church Ringers,' coupled with the legendary name of Gopher, was then proposed by Mr. W. A. Muddell, J.P., who said that since being invited to propose the main toast he had searched through the 'History of Newark,' but was very sorry to say that, for all his endeavours, Gopher still remained a legend.

He had discovered many interesting things, including a South African rodent called a gopher which could run as fast backward as forward, and suggested that this would be a very useful asset for hunting up and down.

One could, however, still imagine Gopher with his perspiring horse lost in a November fog, listening for the ringing of Newark Parish Church bells which guided him back to his home, his thankfulness for his safe return and his leaving of a legacy for the bells to be rung in his memory. Mr. Muddell also thanked the Newark ringers for keeping up such a legend, which would be lost for ever were it not for their yearly ringing for Gopher.

He found in the 'History of the Newark Parish Church' that many years ago the ringers sank low and associated with the lowest form of parish life. Although he would not say where they sank to, he suggested that the money reputed to be left for the ringers would be a very useful asset in that place, and that would account for the missing legacy.

Following his speech, Mr. Muddell asked the company to rise with him and drink the toast of 'The Society of Newark Parish Church Ringers,' coupled with the name of the Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby.

Mr. Raithby in reply said that since the last Gopher Dinner the ringers had blended together much better, and the ringing had improved in both method and striking. Sunday service ringing had been kept up and Stedman and Grand-sire Caters were becoming commonplace.

Mr. F. W. Vernon, in proposing the health of the president, said the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter had only been Vicar of Newark since April and was the third president in three years. He welcomed him on behalf of the ringers.

In reply, the president thanked all who had made him welcome since his induction as Vicar of Newark, and especially those who had invited him to such a fine meal. He thanked the ringers for their Sunday service ringing and also for ringing for special occasions when requested, and said he was pleased to see so many young faces, which was a sure sign of a healthy company.

The secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said that he hoped the Gopher Dinner would not be reported in 'The Ringing World' as 'Midwinter's Circus Entertains.' First of all he welcomed Mr. J. F. Milner and his handbell team, from Southwell, who were to entertain the company later in the evening. Following this, he welcomed the visitors who came from Bulwell, Daybrook, Nottingham, North Muskham, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent, Whaddon and Wollaton.

Mr. J. D. Clarke, from Whaddon, replied to the toast, saying that quite a few of the visitors had not heard of Gopher before the invitation to the dinner had arrived, but he was sure that the name of Gopher would not easily be forgotten. He thanked the Society on behalf of all the visitors for the kind invitation to attend.

The toasts completed, the company were entertained by Mr. J. F. Milner and his handbell team to some fine tune and change ringing. Mr. Milner also brought with him his tape recorder, on which he had recorded their practising of carols for Christmas services. Also recorded was a touch of Grandsire Triples and what might be called Stedman Doubles. The evening finished with a walking course of Grandsire Triples, followed by a walking course of Grandsire Doubles by an all-ladies' band.

The company included the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Midwinter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muddell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. R. V. Appleby, P. Ball, S. Barley, B. Buswell, W. Chandler, C. H. Chapman, A. E. Chilton, C. J. Copp, E. Elson, F. Daykin, G. E. Foster, M. Gartside, P. Giles, T. Goodwin, T. Greasley, A. Hoodless, F. G. Hooper, J. F. Milner, W. Nicholls, F. Pickard, D. Sellars, D. Sibley, D. Simpson, J. B. Smith, E. C. Thrale and A. Wilson, the Misses G. Burchnall, K. Burchnall, B. Buxton, B. Castle and S. Sellars.

W. L. E.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Eric Critchley's band rang Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major methods, containing all the work of each method for every bell, at Birstall, Yorks, on December 10th. The Middlesex Association were unsuccessful in the attempt.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK J. TILLET

The passing of Mr. Frederick J. Tillett on December 7th, in his 89th year, is a great loss, not only to St. Mary-le-Tower's, Ipswich, Suffolk, but also to Norfolk and Essex.

Fred was a tower of strength, both physical and practical. On Whit Tuesday, 1892, he rang the tenor at Debenham to the then record length, 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 10 hours and 32 minutes, 10,304 Bob Major at Leiston on January 10th, 1887, and 10,000 at Woodbridge. He was usually on the tenor. On October 19th, 1889, he rang the tenor at St. Martin-in-the-Fields to Kent Treble Bob Maximus, this being the first peal with the belfry lit by electric light.

He rang in the first peals of Maximus of the following methods: Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey and York. His peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association number 115, and 99 for the Suffolk Guild.

In ringing handbells his rhythm was a pleasure to hear; a well-known London ringer on a visit to Ipswich remarked that he had never heard the two tenors rung with such precision. His son, J. F. Tillett (Ben), has taken his place as steeplekeeper at the Tower Church; there are also three daughters, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fred was gifted with ready wit: on an outing he was heard to remark: 'Boy, if you wake up to-morrow morning and find your pocket full of money you won't know you have had an outing.' On being asked to do a small job to one of the bells, he replied: 'I shall have to consult the secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Steeplekeepers.'

John Frederick Tillett, to give him his correct name, served with one engineering firm in Ipswich for 62½ years.

G. E. S.

[Other obituaries on page 798.]

NORWICH ASSOCIATION Western Branch

Thirty-eight ringers representing 14 towers attended the last quarterly meeting of the year, which was held at Caston on November 26th. The bells, which were available from 2.30, were soon ringing in methods suited to the varying capabilities of those present. The service was conducted by the Rector of Caston, assisted by the Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston).

Mr. Chas. Banham and his band of ringers then escorted the party to the church farm, where a gorgeous tea had been prepared. During the business meeting the Branch chairman, supported by the general secretary and the president, thanked Canon King for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also the Caston ringers, for providing the tea all free and for the warm welcome.

The annual meeting will be held (pending permission) at Swaffham (8) on February 25th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on December 3rd, 22 members attending. Watermoor bells were available from 2.30 p.m., with the Parish Church bells after the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Hewett conducted the service, with Mr. H. Falkner at the organ.

At the business meeting which followed tea the members stood in silence to the memory of the Rev. D. Williams, Mr. C. T. Bayliss and Mr. H. Lewis. Branch officers elected were: Mr. W. A. Godwin, chairman; Mr. R. E. W. Wenban, secretary; and Mr. E. H. Jefferies, Branch representative. A rota of meetings for 1956 was adopted, with Fairford for the next annual. The chairman passed a vote of thanks to all those who had made the meeting a success.

R. E. W. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Dear Sir,—The writing is on the wall, but it is to be feared that the majority of ringers cannot or will not see it. The recent questions in the 'House' re the noise effect on the nerves of the populace of our towns is, I think, the beginning of the end unless we all do something now. Make no mistake, ringing in town towers could be curtailed overnight and we would only have ourselves to blame.

In how many towers has any effort been made to introduce sound control? Fulham, Upper Clapton and most recently Christ Church, Ealing, have demonstrated that the sound can be muted almost to inaudibility for practice, etc., and yet the full beauty can be heard on Sundays.

Alas! the noise thunders out in the vicinity of the majority of our towers. I can name at least one tower in North London where the tower has been closed due to excessive complaints—WHICH WERE JUSTIFIED.

A few years ago a tower in London was rebuilt and a new ring installed, and yet despite the fact that there are flats alongside higher than the tower, huge open louvres were built. The noise outside is beyond description. How long is the public going to put up with this?

One further example is Southwark Cathedral. It is well known that there have been protests from Guy's Hospital, and yet regularly peals are rung, many of which do not end before 10 p.m., and I have heard these bells ringing at 10.20 p.m.

In many of our towers the practice develops into a frightful cacophony of noise, yet in one tower this frightful noise goes on to 9.20 on occasions; striking is unknown.

At the recent dinner of the Ancient Society, mention was made of ringing in 100 years' time. If there is to be any future at all for the Exercise, some effort to consider the public will have to be made; the days of privilege are past and we must not think that as servants of the Church we are safe from attack.—Yours, etc.,
E. J. R.

VETERANS RINGING AT IPSWICH

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins on ringing a peal in his 86th year. Belfry Gossip of Dec. 2nd asks if he can claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer, but does not mention the word living.

Mr. R. H. Brundle rang a peal of Kent T.B. Maximus on December 27th, 1937, in his 87th year, also the fifth to Cambridge Surprise Maximus on October 15th, 1938, in his 88th year. At the other end of the scale, Mrs. Marriott, née Phyllis E. Tillet, rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques. Stedman Cinques and Oxford T.B. Maximus at the age of 14 years.

All the above peals took place in St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich.—Yours, etc.
G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

THE PEAL AT RICHMOND

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I met Mr. T. Beadle, jun., at Twickenham, and he recalled memories of a peal rung there some years previously. To what appeared in 'The Ringing World' he has since written: 'If Freddie Goddard hold got hold of him (the verger) that night, there would have been murder.'

It is interesting to recall the names of the men mentioned. I have some happy memories of the hours spent with some of the band—poor old George Ransom, as safe a man that ever rang a bell: the conductor, Jack Basden; his old friend Jo. Tabor and little Jimmy Walsom.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth.

THE LATE MR. W. J. NUDD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the obituary notice of the late W. J. Nudd, we have in our ringing room a large photograph of the team who rang in the record peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909. The late Mr. Nudd rang the eighth, and the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff rang the ninth.—Yours sincerely,
W. H. Wilson, Hon. Secretary,

Dublin. St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Roberts, of Llandudno, a peal of Little Bob Major was rung at St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, on August 22nd, 1928. It was composed and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman and was the first peal of Little Bob Major rung in Wales.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. PETTY.

Bridgend.

[NOTE.—The Editor thanks other correspondents who have replied to this query.]

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Dear Sir,—I must first apologise to the members at last year's annual dinner for the delay in acting on instructions received after discussion with respect to the news letter.

The intention is to produce periodically a circular giving news of the 'resident' and 'non-longer resident' members.

I would like to draw attention to my notice in this issue and would be grateful if any reader who knows of a member who, for any reason, is unlikely to see the notice, would either draw his or her attention to it, or send me a postcard with the member's name and address.—Yours faithfully,
Bristol 8.

I. H. TRUEMAN.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—I have recently been lent a copy of 'Clavis Campanalogia,' which was first published in 1788, and I note that Penzance is shown as having ten bells. Was this an error or did St. Mary's at that time have ten bells? If the latter, what happened to the other two bells? Perhaps some of your readers can inform me.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any readers of the 'R.W.' can tell me what is the maximum number of calls in a true 720 of Bob Minor; also what is the minimum number with 5-6 the right way, in both cases.—Yours faithfully,
Sleaford.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

RINGING IN HIS 91st YEAR

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip recently someone asked if Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, can claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer. Not quite, for Mr. Frank W. Sinkins rang the third through a peal of Grandsire Triples at Burnham, Bucks, in 3 hours 13 minutes on August 21st, 1951, when he was 86 years 7 months. It was stated then that he was the second oldest man to ring a peal. Mr. Sinkins, who now lives at Streatham, S.W., will be 91 on January 30th. He still climbs the steps to St. Leonard's ringing chamber and takes part in the ringing. He hopes to ring on Christmas Day and to ring a quarter peal when he reaches 91.

We at St. Leonard's sincerely hope this ambition may be achieved.—Yours faithfully,
S. HOWARD.

Colliers Wood, S.W.19.

TIBENHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is 25 years since a peal was rung on Tibenham bells, and it has been considered almost impossible to ring a peal on them owing to the tenor 'going' badly. After trying for two or three years, we at last obtained permission to attempt a peal.

An afternoon was spent among the bells by three of the band, cleaning out bearings and carrying out minor repairs, and then with two borrowed ropes everything was ready. The result was a good peal of Plain Bob Minor, with much credit and many thanks due to the tenor man. These bells are well known for their fine tone and are considered by many to be the best six in the county. We hope in future they may be heard more often.—Yours faithfully,

CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Bunwell, Norwich.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—Those who decry lengthy and unnecessary footnotes will, I am sure, have spotted the most outstanding space-wasting 'afterthought' for many months. I refer to the recent peal, allegedly rung to mark the opening of the Vienna State Opera! That the band as a whole could have agreed to such an occasion being associated with this peal is, I think, very unlikely; but I feel certain this sort of thing could be avoided if, in future, an acknowledged responsible member of the band is elected to send the peal for publication.

To couple God's house and its rejoicings with a programme of operas, is to put it very mildly, in extreme bad taste, and I sincerely feel that this classic example of space-wasting points quite clearly to the necessity for a drastic reduction of footnotes.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

ST. SIMON'S & ST. JUDE'S IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Ernest Morris might be interested to know that we have, in the Diocese of London, churches dedicated individually to both St. Simon and St. Jude. Including those that are now redundant and those that were bombed, there were four churches in the Diocese dedicated to St. Simon and six to St. Jude.—Yours faithfully,

B. K. LUNN.

London, S.W.5.

KINGWESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter re the above, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 9th, I enclose herewith what the 'Daily Sketch' printed of my protest:—

'BELLS AT NIGHT

I see that a reader in Kingweston, Somerset, protests about the ringing of church bells at night. In this age of noise some people apparently find it necessary to complain about the one loud sound which is made to the glory of God.—E. T. Paul Field, Long Sutton, Somerset.'

My letter, as submitted, contained a protest at the letter from 'A. F. S.' and also at the editor's flippant footnote. It also denied that bells were rung at 'night' or that ringers played popular tunes on bells. What the editor felt disposed to publish appears somewhat weak, I fear, when removed from the main context. I am glad, however, to report, that what of my letter was published was sufficient to bring appreciative thanks from a lady at Kingweston.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

TOWER HUNTING IN DEVON

And Some Reflections on Bell Founders

DEVON is a big county, having two 12-bell towers, four tens (two blitzed), 88 eights (three blitzed) and over 250 sixes, besides 30 or so 5-bell towers, and most of these have been visited by our party of change-ringers in the past years. The extent of the travelling must be imagined rather than realised. Messrs. A. W. Searle and G. H. Myers have done the lot, while Messrs. T. G. Myers and F. C. Smale are down to single figures. The same may be said of Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox. All this has meant long journeys and a wealth of experience. We have travelled the moorland stretches of Exmoor and Dartmoor, with all the varied scenes of valleys and woodland slopes, stretches of heath and gorse and frowning tors. We have visited villages in sheltered vales, villages on hills where tall towers outstand like sentinels.

During the past wonderful summer we have done the outskirts of the county to the south, north and east. On May 4th we visited Woborough (8) (16 cwt.), Staverton (22), Harberton (15), Diptford (13), Ermington (15), Holbeton (15) and Cornwood (10), all in the South Hams.

On May 25th we journeyed to Romansleigh (12), Mariansleigh (7), E. Buckland (7½), Filleigh (7), Charles (7) and Marwood (16).

July 12th took us to Lynton (10), through the Doone country to Brendon (4) (9 cwt.), Withypool (12), Winsford (16), Dulverton (8) (15), Washford Pyne (7) and Calverleigh (7). Of these, Withypool, Winsford and Dulverton are in Somerset.

On Aug. 10th we visited Rockwell Green (11) —in Somerset: Clayhidon (11, 2, 27), Churchstanton (11½), Yacombe (5) (16 cwt.), Hawkchurch (12), Uplyme (12) and Lyme Regis (8) (3 cwt.) —in Dorset.

The trip on Aug. 31st took us to Whitstone (12), Upton Pyne (11), Brampford Speke (5½), Silvertown (8) (17 cwt.), Rewe (9), Stoke Canon (12), Clyst St. George (10½) and Colaton Raleigh (12).

THE BEST SIX IN DEVON

We finished on Sept. 28th with Tavy St. Peter (10), Meavy (9), Sheepstor (9), Shaugh Prior (15, 1, 2), W. Bickleigh (9, 3, 27), Egg Buckland (9), Stoke Damerel (16) and Brixton (13). Much may be written about each of these trips and the series of most interesting rings of bells, all sixes except where noted. The rings at Shaugh Prior, Clyst St. George and Churchstanton attracted attention for tonal qualities. The question of the best six in Devon has often arisen, and opinions of our party are divided between Colyton, Shaugh Prior and North Molton on the heavy side, and Bishops Nympton and Clyst St. George on the light side. The heavy five at Molland, in F minor, attracted much interest. What is the translation of the inscription on the second bell, 'gif to Sancta maradrono'? The inscription on the treble, 'Hi jacet Magister Johannes Cooke,' printed backwards on the bell with date 1562, is unique. A church with tower of interest to us all was Whitstone, where Mr. Charles Pearson probably rang Grand sire Doubles. A 'peal' board in the tower records 120 Grand sire Doubles as a first peal. Mr. Pearson lived with his brother, who was the Rector of Whetstone. Mr. Pearson's book on 'The Church Bells of Devon' reveals considerable research into bell history, and his chapter on bell-founders is of particular interest to ringers and all who are curious on bell history.

Mr. G. H. Myers once remarked, at Holcombe Rogus during a previous series of trips: 'This is the best ring of bells we have rung today.' On looking up the record we found that the treble was modern, the second mediae-

val, the third Kingston, 1825; fourth Pennington, 1636; fifth Bilbie, 1703; tenor Wroth, 1691. This seemed remarkable, having regard to the quality of the six. The question arises, 'Who were these founders?' Many of our party have ascended a tower to see an ancient bell, and quite a number of mediaeval bells still do service. Some bells in N. Devon have the stamps r.g., others have r.n. The latter appears to be the initials of Robert Norton, of Exeter, while r.g. is an enigma. Read the following, which occurs on Luppitt tenor, 'Nosmes-regoremib,' backwards: then we get 'Bi me Roger Semson.' This sort of puzzle inscription was common at that time. Roger Semson is considered to be the founder of Talaton tenor, circa 1492. He flourished in Queen Mary's reign.

The successor of Roger Norton at Exeter was John Byrdan. It may be that the Exeter firm used the cryptic stamps r.n. and i.t. with black lettering until John and Thomas Byrdan assumed control in the early 17th century. John Byrdan cast the present Cathedral fourth in 1616. The Byrdans' foundry probably passed to the Penningtons and the Cathedral fifth was cast by I. Pennington in 1658. Their foundry mark was T.P. and used from 1618 to 1763. Another firm of Pennington, which may have been of the same family, worked from Lezant and then Stoke Clymsland in Cornwall. In Ellacombe's list of Devon bells 480 bells came from the Cornish firm, and in the number were many rings of five and six. The Exeter firm cast 174 bells mainly as single bells. The Cornish firm seems to have carried the foundry to the towers, and tradition has it that the Parkham six were cast in the churchyard in 1778. The maiden ring still does service. The Exeter Penningtons cast many good bells, but in the Cathedral records there is a note that the 'Doom bell' (or Cathedral eighth) 'recently cast by Mr. Pennington be new cast by Mr. Thomas Perdue.' The Perdue bell is dated 1693. The name of T. Perdue also occurs on the sixth (1676), ninth (Cobthorne) (1676) and the eleventh (Stafford) (1676). The Doom bell is the eighth.

The name of T. Pennington occurs on the extra sixth (1630). Most of the bells cast by both firms of Pennington appear to have been on the lighter side, and as we know many are good. With heavy bells like those in the Cathedral the Exeter firm did not give satisfaction. The Perdue firm worked from Salisbury, Bristol and Taunton, and cast 25 bells in the county. The Perdues eventually removed to Winchester.

Another famed firm who cast bells for the Cathedral was that of Evans, of Chepstow. The firm cast the present seventh (Fox) (1729) and the tenth (Oldham) (1729). The Grandison was also cast by them in 1729. She has been recast by Taylors (1902).

It is interesting to note several other founders, more or less local, worked in Devon during the 17th and 18th centuries. These are Stadler, of Chulmleigh (1693-1770), Cockley, of Totnes (1681-1701), Gooding, of Plymouth (1717-1750), T. Wroth (1691-1774). Wroth cast 64 bells in the county, among them being the old six at Okehampton (1750) in the churchyard. Kingston worked from Bridgwater.

After the Penningtons, the most popular firm was that of Bilbie, of Culmpton (1715-1818). They cast more than 300 bells, and the name of Bilbie occurs on bells time after time nearly all over the county. Mainly their work is to be found in East Devon. It is said that William Pannells took over the firm of Bilbie and that his son removed to Exeter and set up a foundry which came to an end in 1855.

During the years 1825-1835, John and William Taylor, of Oxford, worked their foundry at

Buckland Brewer, N. Devon, and cast many rings in the area. In 1840 the great Taylor foundry was established at Loughborough. In the parish church at Buckland Brewer there is a brass to the memory of John Taylor.

Rudhalls, of Gloucester, cast fine sixes for Pilton (1712) and Totnes (1722). Many of these remain and the Pilton tenor is one of the finest bells in the county. An interesting item is that William Hambling, a Blackawton blacksmith, took over the Pennington firm of Lezant and worked in the South Hams (1823-1845). We have met with Hambling's bells on our trips.

When it is remembered that in 1888 there were only two rings of ten bells, 39 of eight and 165 of six, the work by the modern firms Taylors, Mears and Stainbank, Gillett and Johnston, as well as John Warners, can be appreciated. Warners cast good eights for Emmanuel, Plymouth, and Withycombe Raleigh, and some sixes. The other firms need no comment because their work, past and present, is so well known.

MR. ELLACOMBE'S WORK

It is clear that there is much more in bell hunting than striking good touches. Mr. Ellacombe, the historic bell hunter, climbed every tower in the county except one, and he left behind him a monument in his record of the bells of Devon. We have hunted for the simple joy of ringing good touches and the joy of the countryside and churches: the pleasure of attempting to analyse the tonal qualities of the best old bells and comparing them with the more resonant modern and scientifically tuned bells. There is joy in listening to a touch of Stedman on the Cathedral ten, the Heaviteer or Tiverton or Holsworthy eights, or be it said the fine St. Andrew's ten, the Totnes or South Molton eights. Which is the best? Maybe the experts can tell us.

But there is more than this: during our trips we have received kindly welcome from the clergy. Some have rung with us: some have arranged tea for us: some have entertained us. Local ringers were always interested and appreciative. We simply had to strike well. A remarkable fact is that in ninety-nine per cent. of cases the belfry was treated as part of the church and with care, kept like parlours in some cases, often with certificates of merit in striking hanging on the walls. Many call-change ringers read 'The Ringing World.' Seldom was a tower refused—one due to a tower falling (Dunkeswell): another a weak tower: one with bells considered to be dangerous, where we ventured and found the ring went quite well.

Yes, it has been worth while and we value the appreciation expressed by local people of our striking. One thing is certain: each member of our parties has happy memories of days amongst the splendid bells of Devon. And I think Preb. E. V. Cox, Revs. J. H. B. Andrews and W. H. Smale, Messrs. A. W. Searle, Myers (G. H., T. G., Fred and Bill), M. Atkins, W. Burrows, W. H. R. Smale, Ryall, Truman (A. and R.), with Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Johnston and Miss Boyle will readily subscribe to this sentiment.

FREDK. C. SMALE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Secnd on December 3rd, when some 26 members and friends attended, including visitors from Chippenham and Frome. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Yetbury, in the absence of the Vicar. Tea was served in the Bell Hotel. Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, to the lady organist, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. C.

QUARTER PEALS

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss M. Stephens 1, C. A. Gilbert (first quarter) 2, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 3, R. A. Ward 4, E. J. Sharp 5, A. E. Holder 6.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayns (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, Miss B. Payne 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, D. G. Astridge (first of Triples as cond.) 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. H. Hayns 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Chitty, a life-long resident in the village, senior chorister and for more than 53 years a member of the choir.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. W. Mills 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, Marion Mills 3, M. Mills 4, R. E. Lester 5, U. W. Wilney (cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, by the A.S.C.Y., 2,667 Stedman Caters: T. Edwards 1, S. H. Dearden 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, J. Phillips 5, W. Myers 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, T. G. Myers 8, F. C. Price 9, E. J. Taylor 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by 1, 3 and 6.

BEDFORD.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Harris (13, first quarter) 1, H. J. Harlowe 2, P. J. Shipton 3, G. Amor 4, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. J. Thompson 6. Rung by a local band as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Anne Amor (first quarter) 1, J. Taylor 2, G. Amor 3, P. Shipton 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, D. Thompson 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lucy Allen (first as cond., aged 17) 1, R. F. Baker 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. R. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, J. M. Spurgin 5, S. T. Hume (first in method) 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. Rung for Evensong and a wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): S. Allen 1, Mrs. D. Burgess 2, A. Atkins 3, W. Johnson 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, A. Jolliffe (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. W. A. Thursby.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Butler (13, first quarter) 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker (cond.) 3, H. Butler 4, W. Benton 5, A. Armstrong 6.

CARBS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, A. Locke (first 'inside' on eight) 3, G. W. Taysom 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. Burley 6, E. V. Williams (cond.) 7, H. Taysom 8. A welcome home, after two years' National Service overseas, to H. Taysom.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baughan 1, Miss L. E. Slade 2, M. L. Baughan 3, W. A. Grey 4, G. J. Hearn (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6. For harvest festival. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss L. E. Slade 1, M. L. Baughan 2, G. J. Hearn 3, R. K. Russ 4, E. L. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. M. Baughan 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Walters 1, B. M. Boyle 2, M. Parkin (first of Triples) 3, R. D. H. Gubb 4, Mr. Wood 5, D. Gay 6, D. Becham (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. Compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Yeo on their 56th wedding anniversary. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Farthing (first quarter) 1, R. D. H. Gubb 2, B. M. Boyle 3, D. Gay 4, S. W. Ball 5, F. Yeo 6, D. Becham (cond.) 7, M. Parkin 8. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1, R. D. H. Gubb 2, M. Parkin 3, D. Gay 4, F. Yeo 5, L. Walters 6, K. Walters (first as cond., aged 16) 7, A. Smallridge 8. Arranged to wish Margaret Parkin farewell on her departure for Birmingham, and as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Sangwin.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jude (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Morey (first 'inside') 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss A. Knight 4, G. Northway 5, P. Waterman 6.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Dakin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, P. M. Giles 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, J. Troughton 5, P. E. Ball 6, A. Simpson 7, H. Cawthorne 8. Rung for Daybrook Church Winter Fair.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selley (14, first quarter) 1, D. Miller (18) 2, Miss P. Bird (18, first 'inside') 3, G. Marchant (15, cond.) 4, R. Short 5, C. Dymont 6. Rung for the combined children's festival and Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDLEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Cave 1, J. Hough 2, Trudy Newcombe (cond.) 3, J. Weeks 4, R. Sumner 5, J. Seabrook 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Benedict, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, H. Scull 2, J. Blackmore 3, R. Funnell (cond.) 4, G. Stinch 5, C. Scall 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, B. Hunt 2, W. R. Read 3, R. C. Blakey 4, J. Watson (first of Bob Major) 5, P. E. Parry 6, K. Ketteringham 7, D. A. Frith (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, P. Green (cond.) 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, B. Bover 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Langley, parishioners; also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Bover.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, S. Ashton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Head 3, P. Croft 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of Norwich and Cambridge): For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also the same day for Evensong, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (720 Annable's London and 552 Norwich): For Evensong.

HASEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bowden 1, R. Overy 2, E. T. Lee 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, E. Talbot 6, H. Gauntlett 7, F. Wicks 8. For Confirmation service.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Southcrops Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Laura M. Beeny 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, F. H. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in the method by all the band.

HENDON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maltby (first quarter) 1, Joyce Baggett (first 'inside') 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Pratchett 4, M. King 5, G. Ellis 6.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, R. K. Russ 2, C. Tigwell 3, H. Hatto 4, E. Baughan 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Aldridge, of Henley, and Mr. Hassan Shaida, of Teheran, married this day at Shipplake-on-Thames.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ellice M. Ricketts 1, W. W. Webb 2, C. Rew 3, C. J. Newnes 4, P. A. Ruch 5, P. Bettridge 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung to celebrate John and Eileen Moore's wedding.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Blake 1, S. Barker 2, B. Elvin 3, E. Bracey 4, R. Loft 5, H. Tooke 6, G. Elvin 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John S. Alborough, for many years a regular Sunday service ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (first and last from Holt's Original): Miss E. Lomas 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, Mrs. M. Pearce 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. In memoriam Edward Trapnall, who died November 26th, 1710, local annual knell; also to James Dunster, member of Sowton band, who died the previous day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Melton (first of Minor) 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, A. Ballam 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. H. Dowse (aged 12) 1, B. Grove (12) 2, J. McFall 3, A. McFall (17) 4, M. J. Pryor (cond., first in method) 5, R. Smith (17) 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler (first of Minor) 1, T. Warner 2, J. Medhurst 3, J. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, L. Cordell 2, N. King 3, J. McPhail (first 'inside') 4, S. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Arranged for J. McPhail.

PORTHERRY, GLAM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Smart 1, Mrs. D. Morgan 2, L. J. Malings 3, H. Green 4, M. Williams (first as cond.) 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Heath 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, Miss B. Smith 3, O. N. Curtis (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Miss E. Arthur 5, J. W. Faithfull 6, M. Butler 7, J. Bray 8. Rung for morning service and as a birthday compliment to J. W. Faithfull (captain).

SOWTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, G. Retter 3, G. Betts 4, E. Retter 5, H. Williamson 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, G. Pidsley 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. V. A. Garratt, widow of the late Col. L. C. Garratt, whose ancestor, John Garratt, gave the church and bells (hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1845).

STRAITON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. E. Bissat 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, T. Finnemore (first quarter) 6, S. T. Stacey 7, J. Hockridge (first quarter) 8. To commemorate St. Andrew's festival (patron saint), also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 4th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, H. Craig 2, Mrs. F. Wilton 3, G. W. Townsend 4, R. G. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, A. Wells 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8, E. Sutton (first as cond. in Caters) 9, E. Vincent 10. To mark the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Thomas) as a Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Nov. 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. L. Langdon 1, Mrs. Waits 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, Mr. Small 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, B. Lunn 7, James Phillips 8. Rung for Evensong and the 28th anniversary of the bells.

WEST HARLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, Stratton, on Nov. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Webster 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss P. James 3, Miss M. James 4, Mrs. K. Lawson 5, W. Maughan 6, K. Lawson 7, H. Short (first in method as cond.) 8. A welcome to H. Short, who has recently taken up residence here.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Hancock 1, Miss P. Drury 2, W. Shepherd (cond.) 3, W. Goldstone 4, J. Martin 5, J. King 6, D. Wright 7, D. Pollard 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. Sykes 3, E. R. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, D. Elwick 7, F. H. Lamerton 8. A farewell to H. Short (for 26 years a service ringer at this church), who is leaving this district.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Jacobs (first in method) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Nov. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss W. Bettridge 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss G. E. Newcombe 3, R. O. Stroud 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all except conductor. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. OSWALD JAMES HUNT

When Mr. Oswald James Hunt passed away on November 21st, 1955, at Allesley, Coventry, at the age of 69, the Exercise lost an old friend and a very faithful member.

Jim had suffered from prolonged illness over the last 20 years but despite frequent spells in hospital his spirit remained unbroken. He would turn up, when able, with that regularity and punctuality all too frequently missing nowadays. His attendance at Sunday service ringing appears the more remarkable when it is remembered that for many years Jim attended All Saints', Allesley, Coventry, to ring for Matins and then took a two miles bus ride to join in the worship at St. John's, Coventry, where he was a chorister and server.

His peal ringing days began on July 8th, 1911, with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Wootton Bassett, Wilts. He was never a tenor man; he rang the fourth in this peal and never rang so near the back end again! But his peal ringing flourished, and 1912 found him amongst the band at St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, at which tower he scored his greatest number of peals—26. Amongst this band Jim was a willing helper in scoring peals in many methods new to the area, and in his peal records, too, appear the names of many now famous men. His last peal in the neighbourhood of Coventry was on May 4th, 1931, and shortly afterwards his work took him to the Stockport-Manchester area.

It was about this time, on August 20th, 1932, that Jim took part in what was then (and probably still is) a unique peal. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom, rung by a band of altar servers for the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

This peal was followed by seven rung for the Lancashire Association between May, 1933, and June, 1937, when he rang his last peal, one of Double Norwich, at Miles Platting. This brought his peal total to 74, all on tower bells and rung on sixth, seventh and eighth bells.

Soon afterwards Jim was compelled by ill-health to retire and he returned to Coventry where he joined the Allesley band again. Though he rang no more peals he occasionally stood in a quarter, but preferred to stand aside if others could be found. His presence as an accomplished eight-bell ringer strengthened the band when the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1946. He lent every encouragement he could to the band, and to the Exercise, and remained cheerful and enthusiastic despite great physical discomfort. We, his ringing companions, remain grateful for his memory.

The funeral took place at Comley Cemetery on November 24th, and many local ringers were present to pay their last tribute. Handbells were rung in salute.

To his memory 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Allesley, Coventry, by C. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, R. Winter 3, P. Stone 4, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8.

HIS PEAL RECORD

His peals were rung in 23 different towers for seven Guilds or Associations and consisted of the following:—

Stedman Triples 19, Grandsire Triples 8, Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, London Surprise Major 5, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Bristol Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Duffield Major 1, Ern Triples 1.

Bob Minor 5, Cambridge Surprise Minor 4, London Surprise Minor 3, seven methods Minor 2, seven Surprise Minor 1, five methods Minor 4, three methods Minor 1.

Total: 74.

MR. HARRY CLARKE

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild has suffered a great loss in the death on December 4th of Mr. H. Clarke, one of its oldest members. He was 88 years of age and had made a remarkable recovery from an operation for appendicitis in February, enjoying the summer months walking near his home, but his health failed quite suddenly a week or two ago.

He rang at Kingsthorpe Church for upwards of 50 years, and although not being able to ring of late, was always keenly interested in ringing affairs, and often appeared among his friends in the belfry. Several peals were to his credit, but he was better known for his faithful attendance for Sunday service ringing and at Branch meetings.

His death breaks the last link with the well-known Kingsthorpe ringers, the late Messrs. Parker and Dunkley, as the three were staunch ringing friends for upwards of half a century. Four ringers acted as bearers for his funeral, and a quarter peal was rung half-muffled in the evening. S. E.

MR. JAMES DUNSTER

It is with deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. James Dunster, of Sowton, at the age of 74. He was a gardener on the Bishops' Court Estate, Sowton, Devon, for the last 42 years. His employer had passed away the previous evening, and after paying his condolences he collapsed and died.

Mr. Dunster was a regular Sunday service ringer and for many years captain of the local band, and a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for over 30 years.

The funeral service on November 29th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch) and was attended by ringers from Sowton and Honiton Clyst. Immediately after the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: G. E. Retter (conductor) 1, W. Seldon 2, W. Panter 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. G. Betts 5, H. G. Willmington 6, A. Gooding 7, W. Reeks 8. G. E. R.

MR. W. J. WALKER

Many ringers of the Kent County Association and old ringing friends in different parts of the country will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. William John Walker after a short illness, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on November 30th.

Mr. William J. Walker, better known to the ringing fraternity as 'Old Bill,' was born at Lynsted, Kent, on December 22nd, 1867. Here he chimed the bells for Sunday services before starting to learn to ring in 1890. A year later he was married at Lynsted, then he moved to Sittingbourne, where he rang his first quarter peal, followed by his first peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on March 4th, 1893, on the tenor. By this time he was already a member of the Kent County Association and the Borden and Upchurch band of ringers.

On account of his lifelong work in the brickfields he moved to the Rainham district some 61 years ago. Besides remaining very active he worked hard right up to two years ago, when he began to fail; he gave up ringing three years ago.

All his life he was a very active ringer, being a member of the Rainham, Upchurch, Newington, Hartlip, Borden and Sittingbourne bands, also from about 1904 to 1938 he was a member of the Rochester Cathedral band. Every Sunday morning, wet or fine, for 34 years he rode on his bicycle from Upchurch to Rochester Cathedral.

Wherever there was a District meeting, peal attempt or a weekday practice in the surround-

ing countryside, William Walker, after finishing his day's work, would be there ready to ring on the back end.

During his long ringing career he had rung 317 peals—all for the Kent County Association. Many were first peals upon the bells. He loved to speak of the peal of Plain Bob Major, rung in 1905 at Rochester Cathedral, the first ever rung on the bells, conducted by the late W. Haigh, and rung for the 100th anniversary of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. Of the famous ringers he rang with only a few remain to-day—Mr. W. Wilkins, Mr. Ted Rack, Mr. Alfred Pulling and Mr. George Gilbert, the last-named one of the hundreds he had helped to learn. Besides being a ringer he was a very devoted churchman, attending service after ringing.

For years he had been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; it was one of his life's regrets that he never rang a peal for the Cumberlands, or with his daughter, Miss Emily B. P. Walker, although they had rung several quarter peals together. The last peal he rang was at Gillingham on Saturday, October 27th, 1945, being Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. William Knight.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Upchurch, on December 5th and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Clark, Vicar of Upchurch, and the Rev. J. Clifford, Vicar of Rainham, who paid a tribute to the fine example of service Mr. Walker had rendered as a churchman and bellringer for over 60 years. And now he rests, along with his wife and only son, beneath the tower in which he had rung.

The chief family mourners were his four daughters, Mrs. G. Ellis, Miss K. C. Walker, Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mrs. D. Calaway. Among the ringers who paid their last respects were Mr. Charles E. J. Norris (Chatham and Rochester Cathedral), Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend, who also represented Mr. F. M. Mitchell), Mr. C. S. Jarrett (secretary of the Rochester District), Mrs. J. Barton (Borden), Mr. E. C. Bishop and Mr. C. Grandson (Upchurch), and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Naylor, Mr. Tom Dennis, Mr. William Hollands, Mr. John Hale and Mr. F. J. Cheal (St. Margaret's, Rainham).

There were many floral tributes, including those from the Kent County Association; Rainham Parish Church Council; Ringers of St. Mary's, Upchurch; St. Mary's, Newington; and a floral bell from St. Margaret's Ringers, Rainham.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were rung half-muffled all day on Sunday, and it is with regret a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, could not be counted on Saturday. The bells of St. Mary's, Upchurch, were rung after the funeral and a peal of Minor was rung in the evening.

Many are the miles he rode,
Many are the years he rang,
Many are the tales he told,
Many are the friends he had.

F. J. C.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The first dinner of ringers in the Ilchester Deanery on December 2nd at the White Hart Hotel, Martock, proved to be most successful. The Rev. L. E. Walsh, Vicar of Martock, presided, and in commending the innovation to the company of 49 members and friends present, hoped it would continue each year.

After dinner, two entertainers, games and community singing added to the enjoyment of the gathering, and proceedings finished at 11.30 p.m. with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Short 1, J. Walton 2, W. Stevens 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. First in method for 4 and 6. First quarter of Treble Bob on the bells.

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KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—As from Jan. 4th, 1956, practice night at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, will be on Wednesdays. 7398

BEDFORDSHIRE.—SILSOE.—Change of practice night.—As from Wednesday, December 14th, the practice night will be changed from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. Prospective visitors please note. You are always welcome. 7420

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Dec. 21st. Practices as usual on first and third Wednesdays of each month from Jan. 4th onwards. 7431

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WITNEY.—All correspondence concerning ringing to be sent in future to the Hon. Secretary, Witney Ringing Society:—D. J. Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon. 7419

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all non-resident members please contact I. H. Trueman, Roxburgh, Clifton Down, Bristol 8, giving their present address. News of themselves suitable for inclusion in a newsletter would be appreciated. Please note date of annual dinner—January 28th. 7423

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MEETINGS

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

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7433

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

Because of the postal delays that arise over Christmas, next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be advanced one day. Any Notices received after first post Monday, December 19th, will be too late for insertion.

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, Wiggenshall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7404

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.—A. H. Smith. 7372

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7388

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7397

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

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. 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. 7387

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of three new bells after a restoration by Taylors, making a ring of eight, at St. Mary's, Burwell, on December 21st, by the Bishop of Ely. Service 7 p.m. Ringing after service.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7418

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual district meeting at Hertford St. Andrew, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 3 p.m. All Saints' after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 7439

QUARTER PEALS

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sellers 1, D. Simpson 2, D. Sibley (first quarter) 3, S. L. Barley (first of Triples 'inside') 4, F. G. Hooper 5, H. Stevenson 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Dymont 1, H. T. E. Curtis 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, C. J. Castell 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Wiggins 6, R. Crook 7, F. E. Turner 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, B. Curtis 10. For evening service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,266 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Inman 1, D. C. Jackson 2, P. Jones (first 'inside') 3, M. White (first 'inside') 4, R. E. Finch (as cond.) 5, J. Knight 6. Rung by the University of Southampton Ringers.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. B. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell (first of Surprise) 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, R. A. Hodgson (first of Surprise) 4, D. Hodgson 5, W. H. Jackson 6. Rung for the Festival of St. Hugh.

POPLAR, E.—On Nov. 13th, 1,258 Stedman Caters: T. H. Taffender 1, J. A. Hales 2, D. Wright (first of Caters) 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, W. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, C. W. Ottley 7, E. D. Smith 8, L. W. Bullock 9, J. McPhail 10. For Confirmation service.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, N. D. Lomas 2, D. Mottershead 3, B. Schofield 4, I. Jenkins 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Jose 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, F. J. Roberts 3, G. Taysom 4, A. Burley 5, G. Uglov 6, E. V. Williams 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Rung to mark the seventh birthday of the Duke of Cornwall.

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