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ACID TEST OF A GOOD RINGER

IN the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated January 20th is given an account of the Universities Association Reunion, and under the sub-heading, 'Acid Test of a Good Ringer,' Mr. E. A. Barnett says it seemed to him that ringing was suffering from several diseases; one was unless a man could ring spliced Surprise within six weeks of handling a bell he was written off as a failure. It took some courage to say that and he certainly has some grounds for such a statement. His comments, coupled with the account of the passing away of Mr. Joshua Dean, of Norbury, which appeared in the previous week's issue, brings to mind the early struggles of the Norbury band and make me ask, 'What is the acid test of a good ringer?'

When Norbury Church was built in 1837, the old six bells of Disley were taken down and replaced by a new ring of six, and as there was a tower to Norbury Church, the old Disley bells were hung in it. Previous to 1896 nothing in the way of change ringing, other than Bob Doubles, had been attempted, and although the ringers then in office — Messrs. S. Fernley, J. Dean, G. D. Warburton, S. Rutter, A. Fernley, J. Shallcross and E. Bradbury—had served for a number of years, they had never been stirred by any ambition to become scientific change ringers. However, the Rev. H. Leigh-Mallory, then of Wilmslow, wrote to the secretary of the Norbury ringers informing him of the existence of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and as the hon. secretary of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch (in whose district Norbury tower was situate), he requested that the ringers should become members of the Guild, which they did in July, 1896. A practice night was arranged and all set to work in real earnest, valuable assistance being given by the late James S. Wilde, of Hyde, who later emigrated to Dunedin, New Zealand, and to this gentleman the ringers were mainly indebted for their rapid and satisfactory progress. Jim Wilde, as he was affectionately known, had to walk from Hyde and back each practice night—those who know the district know what that entailed.

The first Minor extent was rung for morning service on Sunday, September 13th, 1896, the method being Plain Bob. As this was the first Minor extent in which any of the band had taken part, and considering that they only had been in practice two months with the tenor as a working bell, it was a creditable performance.

Later their efforts were directed to learning Treble Bob methods, the first being in the Kent Variation, and it was on Sunday morning, February 7th, 1897, that their first extent of this method was successfully brought round.

The following extract from the old Norbury peal book relative to the ringing on that date speaks for itself:—

> 'Feb. 7th. This date will always be remembered by the band as being the date on which they accomplished their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The day was Sunday and ringing for morning service was commenced at 9.50. Of course, a peal was attempted as usual, but went wrong about 10.10. Another start was made and at 10.30 (the time to stop ringing) the peal was going strong and well. The conductor decided to go on to the end if possible, and the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was accomplished seven minutes after service had commenced, notwithstanding the fact that for the last five minutes the irate choirmaster had been pounding on the belfry door for ringing to cease. Positions as follows:— Treble J. Dean, 2 S. Fernley, 3 G. D. Warburton, 4 S. Rutter, 5 A. Fernley, Tenor J. Shallcross. Conductor J. Shallcross. Time 25 minutes.'

There is no record as to what happened or the reactions of the Vicar after this spot of 'overtime.'

More difficult methods were tackled with successful results and, in addition, they had been putting a new pupil through his paces; this was the late James Fernley, who later, under the guidance of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, made a name for himself as a conductor of Spliced Minor methods. He scored his first Minor extent in April, 1897.

As Mr. C. K. Lewis says in his memoir, with the passing of Mr. Joshua Dean goes the last link with the old Norbury band. There are, however, intermediary links; Mr. J. W. Hartley is one and he has done yeoman service at Norbury. When the present ring of eight was opened in October, 1925, the survivors of the old Norbury band were just as interested as they would have been had they been active ringers; they participated in the ringing which took place every night during the week following the dedication of the bells. We of the then 'younger end' had the pleasure of ringing with them. Even after years of ceasing to be active ringers they still could 'strike.' Sam Fernley was the oldest of the Fernley brothers and a traveller for a hat trimming firm. Albert and Jim were hatters—incidentally Jim Wilde was a hatter too. I do not remember the occupations of Joshua Dean or George D. Warburton.

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George D. was a short tubby chap and when the bells were installed at St. George's, Stockport, he became one of the ringers there; Jim Shallcross was the village shoemaker and at one time part-time postman. Jim was a bit of an eccentric, and if during ringing he suddenly remembered he had a job to do, would stand his bell and dash off to do it.

Jim Wilde and his pupils little realised when they were struggling to master method ringing that over fifty years later their efforts were still bearing fruit. Jim Wilde died a few years ago in New Zealand and until the last he took a great interest in the ringing at Norbury. When the first 'Thirty-five Method Peal' was rung on December 4th, 1923, his delight knew no bounds and he lost no time in writing to congratulate Jim Fernley. So great was his modesty he never made reference to the hard work he had done in preparing the foundations. On more than one occasion when ringing was not up to standard Jim Fernley would say, 'You want Jim Wilde at the back of you,' and that was enough to make bands pay more attention to their ringing.

And so again I ask, 'What is the acid test of a good ringer?' J. P. F.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
*FRANK A. BARRETT	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	8
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	FREDK. H. VICKERS	9
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	10
GERALD C. HEMMING	5	FRANCIS A. WHITE	11
*PETER R. SANDERS	6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on 12 bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 14 years of age.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
JOAN GRAY	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5	ALBERT M. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
60th peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
HILDA M. KINGCOTT	2	ROGER O. FRY	7
ARTHUR H. REED	3	DAVID HOARE	8
IAN H. ORAM	4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	9
DAVID G. YEO	5	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*WILLIAM LOVE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	*†BERT GOGLE	7
*CHARLES H. MOORE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal for the Norwich Association. The 100th peal on the new (1938) bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of Heston.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	6
*MICHAEL CROWDER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
NORMAN BELL	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in the method.
A 70th birthday compliment to Martin Walker, of Ulceby.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

R. JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Association.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES F. W. EYRE	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	2	GRAEME A. HUGHES	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	STELLA HUGHES	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Major and of Plain Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8. 1956. in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*CECILIA COWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN P. FIDLER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	*†DAVID HOUGHTON	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	COLIN HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First 'touch' of Cambridge.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY ..	5
*JOHN HALL	2	HARRY HALL	6
MICHAEL CROWDER	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in the method.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*ENID A. BOND..	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HARRIS.. ..	5
ROGER O. FRY	2	*TREVOR J. HAYWARD ..	6
RICHARD J. COUSINS ..	3	SEALY S. WOODBURN ..	7
*NELLIE LYE	4	*KENNETH C. BRAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells. The first peal upon the bells since restoration and augmentation by Messrs. John Taylor, in 1953.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER.. ..	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
*BARRY SULLIVAN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	7
†NORMAN SMITH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON.. ..	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	‡MAURICE G. STEWART ..	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
*CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT	3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	7
†MALCOLM P. HAMMOND..	4	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the tenor ringer.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH.. ..	5
TITUS BARLOW	2	JAMES HEWITSON	6
LESLIE PETERS	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOHN F. WOOD	4	MAJOR CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
First peal on the new bells.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ..	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	6
HARRY POYNER	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
*JAMES H. LILLEY	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Stedman.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. M. BOUMPHREY ..	*Treble*	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	5
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN..	7
HAROLD C. LONYON	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ANTHONY J. BRAIZER.. ..	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
FREDK. C. LYNE	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN.. ..	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rev. M. L. Charles Edwardes as Bishop of Worcester.

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SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	*PETER NASH	5
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	§ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
‡A. YORK-BRAMBLE	3	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	*ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of spliced. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of spliced Major. § 25th peal. First peal of spliced on the bells. First time these methods have been rung 'spliced' to a peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS G. HAWKINS	*Treble*	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	5
*MARGARET THOMPSON	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	*DAVID WIGHT	7
MRS. HAROLD W. ROGERS	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal.
Arranged for David Wight, who is joining H.M. Forces.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE	*Treble*	‡GEORGE E. FOSTER	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD DENMAN	6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	‡WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
†NATHANIEL T. MOXON	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung following the wedding of Mr. W. Allan Wilson to Miss Betty Castle. Both are local ringers and Mr. Wilson is also the vicar's warden.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	RONALD W. HAYWARD	5
RONALD D. SHORT	2	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE	6
REGINALD BEALE	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
*STANLEY N. BRISTOWE	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* 50th peal for Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 1,080 Clifford Pleasure, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 1,080 April Day, 960 Bob Doubles, 960 Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	*Treble*	*DAVID WOODWARD	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	VERNON GREEN	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
* First peal 'inside.' Alec Gammon is the first ringer to 'complete the circle' of the tower.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In 18 methods: (1) Skipton and Chepstow, (2) Balmoral and Fotheringay, (3) Knutsford and Rostherne, (4) Wilmslow and Bogedone, (5) Combermere, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville, (6) Crowland and Vale Royal, (7) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MARGARET HALL	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 18 methods.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Catharine M. Trist and Mr. David Gallop, of Canada.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

ALEC RICHARDSON	*Treble*	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	*RONALD G. DAWSON	5
WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

*SIDNEY J. WHITE	*Treble*	ARTHUR APPLETON	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	WILLIAM J. S. WHITE	5
HENRY R. A. APPLETON	3	BERNARD C. MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. MANN.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration of bells and tower, rung by an entirely local band.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BRAMLEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

IRVIN SLACK	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	*C. DONALD MANN	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM WINTRIP	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
MRS. H. MOORE	2	ALAN SYDER	5
HAROLD MOORE	3	JOHN BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal on a working bell.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 840 Southrepps Pleasure, 840 Clifford Pleasure, 840 Bob Doubles, 840 Grandsire, 960 April Day, 720 Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 6 cwt.

VERNON GREEN	*Treble*	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	3
FRANK BARRETT	2	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.
Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung within the octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. RAWSON	4
JAMES A. LORD	2	ROLAND BENISTON	5
JOHN HAWTIN	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal on the treble.
Mr. J. A. Underwood has now 'circled' his home tower

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

STANLEY N. BRISTOWE	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
*WILLIAM H. TARR	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in two methods.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN MASON	*Treble*	WILLIAM CATCHPOLE	4
*IVAN SMITHSON	2	DOUGLAS RUST	5
†GEORGE SMITHSON	3	W. C. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Catchpole.

BLEADON, SOMERSET.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	4
*GLYN F. JENKINS	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
†JOHN WATERS	3	‡JOHN SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal in the method. All the band are serving in the R.A.F. at Locking Camp, Somerset.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in B.

*DAVID BROWN	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. Rung on the front six.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED GARROD	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. F. Easton and Miss C. J. G. Warren, married at this church earlier in the day.



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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, Wells and London, and four extents of Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

John W. Rawson	*Treble*	Arthur E. Rowley	4
John A. Underwood	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Derek P. Jones	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 26 methods: (1) Bogedene Delight, (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, and Newdigate Delight, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (6) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight, (7) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	Hilda G. Snowden	4
Alan R. Syder	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's (nine callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

Christopher Webb	*Treble*	Alan Hodge	4
*Charles Manley	2	William Webb	5
William Baker	3	Brian Tozer	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John A. Martin	*Treble*	†Dugald M. MacPherson	4
Eunice A. Hiley	2	David G. Wright	5
*Hazel L. Hancock	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John A. Martin, also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Woodard, a vice-president of the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur E. Hoodless	*Treble*	Allan Simpson	4
Mrs. A. Simpson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Frederick G. Hooper	3	Clarence F. Briggs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Mr. C. F. Briggs has now 'circled the tower.'

A birthday compliment to Simon L. Barley, C. F. Briggs and A. E. Hoodless

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 16 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, Hexham, (3) Norfolk, Primrose, (4) Ipswich, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

John Pollard	*Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard	4
James W. Haw	2	Albert E. Scott	5
Cecil Wade	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

A second birthday compliment to Desmond W. Musson and a 70th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Single Oxford Bob, two Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and one Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Thomas Radford	*Treble*	Frank Bradley	4
Doreen Armstrong	2	Wilfred Riley	5
George E. Hancock	3	Albert E. Wheeler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Doreen Armstrong.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Draycott, aged 87, a ringer at Tibshelf for more than 60 years, who was interred on February 9th.

WROCKWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Josephine Dyas	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	4
Harold F. White	2	Robert B. Savage	5
Thomas Price	3	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

The first peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) St. Albans, Braintree, Humber, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV, Taxal, Marple, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double and Plain Bob, (5) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (6) Vale Royal, Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight, (7) St Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

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.

The most methods rung in a peal by the Essex Association and by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph D. Johnson	1—2	Mrs. J. Thomas	5—6
John Thomas	3—4	*David J. Marshall	7—8
		†Vivien Barnes	9—10

Composed by J. E. Graves. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Tpentwood,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	George E. Feirn	5—6
Frank Lord	3—4	Jack Bray	7—8

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Hook Cottage,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being three extents of St. Osmund's Bob and Merton S.C., seven extents each of (1) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (2) Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough S.C., (3) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (4) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C., and 11 extents of St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C.; 262 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

George Francis	1—2	W. Leslie Weller	3—4
		J. Julian Pawley	5—6

Conducted by George Francis.

First handbell peal by all. The first peal of Spliced Doubles 'in hand.' The first peal of Spliced Doubles for the Association.

ST. JAMES', HULL

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated January 27th, page 60, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in his very interesting review of peal ringing in Yorkshire East Riding, states that there has been a long silence at St. James', Hull, as the last peal was rung there in 1909.

If my memory serves me correctly, these bells were stopped in 1912, owing to the frame being in a dangerous condition. That will explain the long silence. Since that time they have only been chimed. This is one of the poorest parishes in the city, and it was impossible to raise the necessary money for the repairs. I understand that this church is to be demolished some time as this area is to be an industrial zone under the town planning scheme.

In the next parish (St. Luke's) the church was completely burnt out in the blitz of 1941 and these two parishes are now in the care of Holy Trinity Church. Some time ago I was informed that a new church is to be built and both parishes combined. I do not know whether the bells are to be saved and placed in the new church or not. I sincerely hope so.

There is another eight-bell tower in Hull (All Saints'). These bells were stopped about 1924 owing to the bad condition of the frame. I only know of three peals being rung there; there may have been more. A bell fund was opened, but I do not know what became of it. The bells are still silent.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. DALE.

Hessle, East Yorks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year was held in Wakefield Cathedral on January 28th. Ringing took place in the standard methods on eight and ten bells until 8.45 p.m.

The president took the chair at the short business meeting. Two new members were elected and the Cathedral authorities, together with the local company, were thanked for the use of the bells.

The March meeting will be held a week earlier than usual this year, on March 24th, as the last Saturday in the month is Easter Saturday.

Fourteen local towers were represented. The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on February 25th.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In spite of the bad weather, about 30 members and friends met at Dronfield on February 4th for the monthly meeting of the Society. Altogether there were ten towers represented, one ringer having come all the way from Coventry.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was provided at the Green Dragon. One much appreciated item was a roaring fire, around which everybody soon congregated.

No business meeting was held, but will members please note that the next meeting will be the annual to be held at Ranmoor on March 3rd.

After tea members returned to the tower for further ringing. D. J. S.

WEDDINGS

At Sutton-in-Holderness

There was a happy gathering of ringers at St. James' Church, Sutton-in-Holderness, on Saturday, February 11th, when the Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds, had the pleasure of marrying two young people who had learned to ring on his bells. The bride was Sylvia Iredale, of Sutton, and the bridegroom John Michael Harrop, of Howden. Another local ringer, Ron Ducker, was best man.

The bells were rung before the service and as the happy couple left the church; the local band was there in full strength, and were assisted by the bridegroom's sister and uncle from Howden. Later, at the bride's home, after the usual toasts and cutting of the cake, the bride, bridegroom and best man called on Mr. L. Rodmell to join them in a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

At Sutton-on-Trent

Two members of the Sutton-on-Trent tower, Mr. Allan Wilson and Miss Betty Castle, were married on February 11th by the Rev. R. T. Keal. The service was choral, with the bridegroom's brother acting as organist. The bride, who was dressed in white brocade, was attended by three bridesmaids—Miss Evelyn Wilson (bridegroom's sister) Miss Gillian Castle and Mrs. Dorothy Goddard. Mr. L. Wilson was best man to his brother. The honeymoon was in London, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's future home will be Home Farm, Ossington. After the ceremony a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The members of Reading University Society spent an interesting day in London on February 8th, which included a visit to the Whitechapel Bell-foundry and ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and at Stepney, where they joined the local practice. Ringing at Stepney included Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

Southampton University Society, formed just over a year ago, has now a membership of 15.

Congratulations to ringing members of the R.A.F. at Locking Camp, Somerset, on scoring a peal at Bleadon, Somerset, on February 8th.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Horsham on February 11th was the first on the bells for 32 years

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, has conducted 100 peals of Grandsire Triples, the centenary being reached at Deane on February 11th.

Mr. Percy C. Sayer, who was 80 on New Year's Day, stood in at the last moment to ring in a quarter of Minor at Great Totham, Essex, on February 12th. He rang his favourite bell, the tenor, faultlessly.

Eighty-three years ago, on February 11th, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Benington, Herts. Unfortunately, an anniversary peal attempt failed, but a quarter in the method was rung, conducted by Mr. F. Croft.

Owing to snow and bad road conditions five ringers from the north, due to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary Redcliffe, were prevented from reaching Bristol on February 11th. Despite a 5 a.m. start they only succeeded in covering about 40 miles in four hours, when the journey had to be abandoned. The remainder of the band wish to express their thanks to the three ringers who agreed to stand in at the 11th hour and enable a peal of Stedman Caters to be rung.

Mr. H. A. Pratt informs us that the Rev. J. H. Ransom, of Great Bromley, is not the first Essex incumbent to ring a peal on his own bells. The Rev. John Southam rang three peals on the bells of Black Notley, Essex, where he was rector in 1944-45.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Bleadon, Somerset, on February 8th, John Waters, of Paul, near Penzance, completes the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Doubles at Bathampton on Jan. 17th consisted of 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and not as printed on page 84.

Christopher J. Herbert is to be congratulated for his performance in the peal at Darlington on February 11th. Not only was it his first peal and in a method in which he had little experience, but he had spent the whole of the previous night on 'guard duty' at Catterick Camp.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Farnham Royal, near Slough, on February 8th, was arranged to enable Dvr. Alan Hartley, of Leeds, now stationed at Farnborough, to ring at the tower made famous by the late Joseph J. Parker, composer of the famous 12-part of Grandsire Triples. One of Mr. Parker's compositions was rung, and afterwards Dvr. Hartley visited the graves of J. J. Parker and Wm. H. Fussell.

The peal on the recently-restored ring at Weston, Bath, was rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Rowe, who is the chairman of the Bath Branch of the Association. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe kindly entertained the band after the peal. Taking part in the peal was Mr. R. J. Cousins, who will be 75 years old next week. He last rang a peal, one of Cambridge Major, at Twerton in 1934.

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BOILING A BELL

'The Lincoln Diocesan Magazine' records an interesting experiment of boiling a bell (extracted from the 22nd annual report of the Friends of Durham Cathedral). The article states:

The Church of St. Mary, Monkhesleden, Co. Durham, is now permanently closed. One of its two ancient bells has been given to a neighbouring church and the other referred to below has been handed over to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. It is now in the Great Dormitory in the cloisters.

The original clapper-staple of the bell now in the Great Dormitory must have been broken off at some time or another, because a false staple has been fitted by boring two holes through the head of the bell itself. The inscription on the bell reads:—

IHESUS NAZARENUS REX IUDAEORUM.

When the bell reached the Cathedral workshop it was decided to remove the products of corrosion by the usual method of electrolysis. When this was done and the bell was washed down and dried, it was thought that little more remained to do but to brush off any encrusted dirt and to apply a coat of suitable preservative. This, however, turned out to be far from the truth of the matter, for, with the removal of the layer of corroded material, innumerable minute pinholes in the metal, resulting from the method of casting, started to exude a variety of crystalline substances. Scrub as one might, within a few days the bell again looked as though it had been out overnight in a hard frost.

As it seemed probable that the corrosion of the bell had been increased by salt brought over by the wind from the sea, which is only a mile-and-a-half away, it was decided to test the effect of boiling; so, with but an inch or two of the lip of the bell sticking out of a new dustbin, bought specially for the job, an experimental boiling for a few hours was tried.

Boiling proved to be the answer to the problem, and after a boiling marathon lasting for four days, the salt which had been accumulating for some six-and-a-half centuries was finally dissolved. Several weeks, however, were allowed to elapse to make sure that no further crystals formed, and then a coat of preservative was applied.

Mr. Ronald Clouston, who sends us the magazine, makes these interesting comments:—

(1) Bronze is not attacked by salt in sea air, but is by sulphurous gases as found in chimney gases. Monkhesleden is in the coal mining area of Co. Durham.

(2) The only other example of boiling a bell I had heard of is given in my 'Church Bells of Renfrewshire,' p. 172. The bell was cracked!

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Monmouth Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Ebbw Vale on January 28th and was attended by a large number of ringers.

Ringing on these lovely bells was jointly arranged by the Association Master, Mr. F. Bailey, and the Branch Master, Mr. J. Alsop.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Oliver Davies. A bounteous tea was afterwards provided in the church hall by the Vicar and the social committee. Mr. F. Hannington, general secretary, thanked the ladies concerned.

At the business meeting the Branch secretary gave a favourable report of the past year and was later re-elected. Mr. J. Alsop entered his second year as Branch Master. Various items of interest and progress were mentioned. Three young ladies from Ebbw Vale were elected new members.

BOW BELLS

Bow Bells are Silent

and have been ever since the blitz on the night of May 11th, 1941, when St. Mary-le-Bow Church caught fire from burning buildings next door. The steeple was gutted and the bells fell from the tower and were smashed.

Bow Bells will ring again

as soon as we have received enough money to restore and secure the fabric of our Crypt Church and steeple.

THIS WE ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP US TO DO.
IT WILL COST £150,000.

These are the opening paragraphs of an attractive brochure which has been circulated by an influential Appeals Committee. Many copies have been sent to officials of ringing organisations all over the country, and the Rector has promised that all moneys received from ringers will be separately accounted for.

At the recent business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths it was decided to support the appeal, and that a sum of money (to be decided later) should be donated by the Society, supplemented by amounts subscribed by individual College Youths.

It is felt that many ringers belonging to the various Diocesan and County Associations, being also College Youths, might on this special appeal desire to associate themselves with the Society's effort, and the secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey, has been authorised to receive the contributions made by members. Whilst it is hoped that the final sum donated by the Ancient Society shall be a substantial amount, it is not desired that efforts which will be made by other ringing organisations shall be in any way prejudiced—the main idea is that every ringer who can afford to do so shall make a contribution to the appeal for the restoration of these famous bells.

Prior to the destruction of the church and bells, the Society had always been closely associated with this famous church, and the familiar interval signal used by the B.B.C. was made and recorded by College Youths.

Dear Sir,—Many ringing guild officials have just received a copy of the Rector's appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells. These, thanks to the B.B.C., are of nationwide interest, especially to us ringers.

May I suggest that we ringers should support this fund by contributions from *all* our Guild and Association funds. I would further like to see this paid into and through our own Central Council. I hope to bring this before our own Guild at the A.G.M. What do other readers think of this proposition?—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON.
East Grinstead and District Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Despite the very cold weather, some 25 members attended the February meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Hilperton. The support of the young ringers from Holt was much appreciated; meetings would be of more value if other towers followed their example. A hearty welcome was given to the Rector, this being his first Guild meeting since his induction to the living. The next meeting will be held at Keevil. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. C.

A WEEK-END IN BRISTOL

A team from far and wide, including Birmingham, Bedford, Derby and Swindon, converged on Bristol on January 28th, at the invitation of Miss Elisabeth Grime, who had gone to some trouble to arrange an attractive ringing programme, including peal attempts at Long Ashton and on a certain notorious heavy eight in Bristol. There was also the added attraction of the Bristol University Society Dinner.

The fine eight at Long Ashton were rung to a very good peal of Yorkshire at a steady but good beat. Several of the party visited Twerton-on-Avon on the Sunday morning, where they met Mr. Roger Fry and admired his nice little ring and the progress made by his young band. He came to Bristol to hear the ringing at St. Thomas', Bedminster, where one of the very rare peal attempts was to be made. This had caused much local speculation, and dark hints about 'the slaughterhouse' and the like had been made.

The band bravely launched forth with Bob Major on this good old eight, where the tenor (29 cwt. in D) is very heavy going, and some of the others play tricks, and quickly mastered the difficulties so that the music rolled out across the sad ruins of this badly damaged part of Bristol at a measured 22 changes a minute, with an even beat that belied the battle that was going on above and the sweat that beaded the faces of the back-enders.

But the band were a little tired after the previous day's efforts, and St. Thomas' bells find out every weakness and, though no hint of tiredness came to the listeners outside, they were surprised to hear the bells run round after 1 hour 4 minutes. The conductor, knowing that a finish of good standard was unlikely owing to the onset of fatigue, deemed it wise to call the bells round while the ringing was going well, thus completing an excellent quarter peal, possibly the greatest length of Major on the bells.

Thus they earned a leisured tea and a ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, and, it is hoped, a chance to visit again this fine old eight at St. Thomas', when really fresh and fit. Thank you, Bristol, and Elisabeth, for a grand weekend. D. P. J.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The rain and fog on January 28th did not deter 70 members of the Northern District, assembled at Dunmow for the annual District meeting. During the afternoon the grand ring of eight was kept going in many methods.

The Vicar, Rev. D. Callum, conducted the service and welcomed the ringers to Dunmow. Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, read the lesson, and Mrs. Coates was at the organ. Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and their wives and friends.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and the District Master's and secretary's reports were adopted. These showed a decline in the number of peals rung, and that the attendance at the five meetings held during the year was greater than the year before. There were only three churches in the District where no Sunday service ringing took place. Five new members were elected, and the next meeting is to be held at Pebmarsh in March.

Miss H. G. Snowden was re-elected District Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt district secretary, and Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner were re-elected to the committee. After a discussion on the question of the alteration of the date of the annual general meeting of the Association, the meeting voted in favour of altering it from Whitsun Monday to a suitable Saturday. Afterwards the handbells were rung, whilst others returned to the church for ringing. H. A. P.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Stockport St. George's Church on January 28th, when some 70 members and friends were present. A wedding delayed the start of the proceedings, but the bride was delighted to have the sound of the bells which she had not anticipated.

The usual Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Wilfred Garlick, well known for his broadcast and other activities, who gave the Branch a warm welcome to the church and delighted them with an excellent address delivered in his inimitable manner. Tea was served in the nearby Parish Room.

The business meeting was held under the able guidance of the Vicar. Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that so far only the New Mills meeting on April 28th had been definitely fixed. The deaths of Canon Winstanley, of Poynton, and of Mr. Joshua Dean, the last of the old band at Norbury, were reported, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of two old friends and supporters of the Guild.

The statement of accounts for 1955 was presented by the secretary and adopted by the meeting. In his report for 1955 the secretary commented on the arrival of the new Bishop of Chester, who had demonstrated his interest in the Guild and Art by active participation in the ringing at churches he had visited. He appealed to the members to rally to the support of the Bishop as he tackled the tremendous tasks in the diocese. Membership of the Branch had increased and 35 peals had been rung within the confines of the Branch during the past year. The proportion of young ringers at meetings had been very encouraging, a good augury for the future prosperity of the Branch which, as the secretary remarked, has a tradition second to none.

The following officers were elected for 1956: President, Canon R. Simpson; chairman, Mr. Alan J. Brown; vice-chairman, Mr. M. J. Pryor; Ringing Master, Mr. B. Jones, secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. K. Lewis; committee—Messrs. Brown, Jones and A. R. Elkins. The following were elected members of the Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. Edmonds (Dunham Massey), Miss L. Bottomley, Miss M. Leech and P. N. Sprosen (Hyde), Miss K. Beswick, M. Booth and P. Hough (Knutsford), A. and F. Osbaldiston (Marple) Miss M. J. Hainsworth and C. Cameron Stuart (Stockport St. George's). The belfry election of G. D. Fearnehough, of Birch-in-Rusholme, was confirmed.

The meeting extended its congratulations to Mr. John Wheadon, aged 84, who had just rung his 99th peal of Stedman, and wished him luck with his 100th. Mr. S. Hough, sen., whom the meeting was glad to see looking so well after his recent illness, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their work, and this was seconded by another old and valued member, Mr. A. Barnes, whose name first appeared in 'Bell News' in 1886.

The meeting concluded with a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, the wardens, the organist, the local ringers and ladies, who had served tea. Further ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells until a very late hour, and many had their first ring on ten. It is fortunate that the ringing room at St. George's is large, otherwise many would have had to wait outside for their turn to ring. C. K. L.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Howard (first quarter) 1, Susan Jackson 2, P. Windley 3, G. Galley 4, B. Cookson 5, D. Painter (cond.) 6.

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

Presentation to Mr. L. T. Oliffe

The theme, in the Garden Room at the Fleece Hotel, Witney, throughout the evening of Thursday, February 9th, centred upon the mysteries of campanology; for here, the members of the newly-reconstituted Witney Ringing Society and their guests, were gathered together for the annual dinner. The company of 29 who attended was forewarned that it was likely to be a novel evening as it scanned the programmes, which began: 'On Thursday, February 9th, in two hours a True and Complete Dinner in several irregular methods.' 'Touches' from the menu included Berkshire Soup Bob, Tomato Juice Pleasure, Peach Flan Delight, Cheese and Biscuit Singles, all of which were brought round with Holt's Original Coffee!

The president of the Society, Canon R. F. Bale, took advantage of the treble handbell in calling attention to the youngest lady ringer, Miss Valerie Lewis (aged 15), who proposed the loyal toast. Congratulating the Society on its regular Sunday and practice ringing, Canon Bale said that he was gratified to find a growing membership of young people, particularly of the fairer sex. The ministry of the bells, he asserted, was of the greatest importance.

Miss Lottie Pimm, of Eynsham, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Society for its hospitality and said how much everyone enjoyed ringing at Witney.

Replying to the toast of 'The Witney Ringing Society,' the secretary, Mr. David J. Smith, pointed out that in reviving the custom of an annual dinner, the Society was carrying on a precedent which had started many years ago. The first record of a Witney Ringing Society dinner which he could find was in 1902, but there was little doubt that it had been a tradition for some years before. Describing himself as a 'new boy' to the belfry, Mr. Smith paid tribute to the services of the Master, Mr. L. T. Oliffe, 'who was ringing,' stated Mr. Smith, 'for more than ten years before I was born!' He went on to speak, on behalf of all the ringers, of their gratitude to Mr. Oliffe for his long service and hard work. He then asked the president to present Mr. Oliffe with an electric clock, as a token of the appreciation and respect felt for him by the band.

Thanking all those who had contributed towards the gift, Mr. Oliffe said that he hoped to serve as Master for several years to come.

The ten shining handbells had lain silent and tantalising throughout the meal, but when the speeches had ceased, the secretary called for a Grandsire band. As the bells hunted up and down systematically, their clear tone filled the room, fascinating members and visitors alike, with the result that before the cry of 'That is all . . . stand,' which terminated the programme, the bells had been passed from table to table for beginners' rounds and queens!

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The annual meeting of the North and East District took place at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 11th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector and president of the Association, Rev. G. C. Taylor.

At the business meeting, with Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, in the chair, the secretary submitted his annual report, which indicated that nine District meetings and two joint meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 36 ringers. Harrow-on-the-Hill had been visited for a meeting after a period of very many years. Six resident members had been lost through death. Forty-nine new ringing and life members had been elected. Harrow Weald, with 25 quarter peals, headed the list, which totalled 92.

The statement of accounts revealed a balance of £31 3s. 6d., which was lower than last year and chiefly due to the lateness of payment of subscriptions. Fees for ringing peals had also dropped from last year's amount. Collections for the Bell Restoration Fund totalled £7 2s. 4d. and showed an increase.

Elections of officers were: Mr. A. Cutler Ringing Master, Mr. H. G. Hart assistant, Mr. T. J. Lock secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal assistant, Miss R. Foreman, Messrs. J. R. Mayne and G. A. Parsons representatives on the Central Committee; Mr. R. F. B. Speed was re-elected auditor.

New members elected were: Miss A. Tape, Kingsbury; J. Bacon, Edmonton; Rev. G. Buston and D. H. Oliver, Enfield; C. Aldridge, R. Motton, J. Perrett and Miss G. Iddins, Southgate; K. Hart and Miss P. Miller, Wood Green. The Misses S. Clayton, Pinner, and G. Newcombe, Edmonton, and E. H. Kilby, Willesden, and A. Warren, Finchley, will continue to act as 'Ringing World' representatives.

A list of proposed meetings for the coming year was agreed upon, and it was voted to hold the next District annual meeting at Clerkenwell.

The ringing which took place during the afternoon and evening was not above average, and for an annual occasion the meeting was poorly attended, one reason being, it was suggested, that no tea had been arranged.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Watford District

The annual District meeting was held at St. Mary's, Watford, on February 11th. The unfavourable weather did not prevent a good attendance and the ten bells were put to some useful ringing, which ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting. All officers were re-elected, namely: Mr. K. R. Dunstan, secretary; Mr. S. H. Hoare, Ringing Master; Messrs. S. H. Hoare and G. W. Seaman, general committee; Mr. K. R. Dunstan, 'R.W.' representative; District committee—en bloc.

Discussion was made on the Bow Bells appeal, which had been received by the president, Mr. C. W. Woolley, and also on the Association's Voluntary Bell Fund, and annual general meeting arrangements in April at Bishop's Stortford.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. R. G. Bell and her band of helpers, who so ably provided the splendid tea arrangements.

It is desired to place on record of the visit to the belfry, and to tea and service, of two visitors from Sweden. They seemed most interested in the art and it is said that they are coming, at a later date, to view the bells. K. R. D.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELLS DEODAND

Dear Sir,—For a number of weeks during the latter part of the summer of 1955 the Rev. W. J. Bolt, B.A., LL.M., had articles published in 'The Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review.' These articles were compiled by him while studying the older volumes of the publication, which first appeared on January 28th, 1837, and picking out items of interest.

In the issue of September 24th, 1955, Mr. Bolt writes: 'A most bewildering article appears at 1839, page 37:—

"Church Bells. — The question whether church bells can become a deodand was mooted in the following two cases, both of which originated in a similar description of incident.

"Term Pasch, 16 Carl 2, Bowman v. Milbanke. Brocker in ringing was taken up by the bell rope and by it he was killed, and now the coroner took an inquisition upon his death and found the bell to be a deodand.

"Siderfin for the churchwardens moved that the bell is not to be a deodand, because a bell is already given to God and to the Church; and bells were invented about 400 A.D. by Paulinus, a bishop here; and the case of Fitzh. Corona 389, of a mill wheel, is not law, and it was adjourned.

"Trin. Term, 16 Carl 2, in BR. The King v. Cross and Dabbyn. It was moved last term to quash an inquisition taken before the coroner upon view of the body of John Brocas, who was killed by a bell in the church of Axminster in Devon. The bell being ringing, the said John Brocas was caught in the rope of the said bell and so bruised by reason of the violent motion that he incidentally died. And the inquest before the said coroner found that the bell and the whole of the rope were deodand.

"After a long argument, Hide C. J. and Windham, J., *feuront d'opinion que l bell icy n'est deodand quia fuit fix, sed les auters justices doubt mais ils agard que proces serra stay tangue sont auternont advise et ne fuit move arrere et issint ceux de Axminster enjoy leurs bells.*"

'Nothing further appears to have been done in either case.'

I have not succeeded in tracing the relevance of this entry to anything else which appears in the same issue.—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

Note.—Deodand in old English law is a personal chattel which had been the immediate accidental cause of the death of a human being, forfeited to the Crown for pious purposes.—Ed.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dear Sir,—I note from the report, in your issue of February 10th, of the January meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, that a joint Festival is to be held at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th; the report states furthermore that the North Staffs Association is one of the four sponsor organisations.

I should like through your columns to make it clear that the North Staffs Association has not been approached on the matter at all, and so is not directly concerned with the Festival.

This Association would be only too willing to consider such joint meetings or other functions of a similar nature, if it is approached through the proper channels in good time.

Some of our members, however, may be pleased to attend the Festival and I know they will be made welcome.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. EDGE,
Hon. Secretary, North Staffs Association.

A TIME-HONOURED CUSTOM

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Dyke's observations on the custom of midnight ringing for the New Year. He refers to this practice as 'a sentimental custom, which has grown out of tradition.' Admittedly, both sentiment and tradition have a prominent part in it, but the tradition is one that commands respect, for the usage of welcoming the New Year with the joyous music of church bells has not only been perpetuated in England for many generations, but is also a cherished observance in a number of European countries. It is at least probable that such a widespread custom rests on a definitely religious foundation, however much the 'Christian significance of the bells' may have faded into the background.

For my own part, I regard this time-honoured custom as an act of public thanksgiving for our safe preservation to the beginning of another year, while the sound of the bells at that moment represents to me the voice of the Church of Christ pronouncing a benediction on the new period of life thus begun.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—Re the footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major of 5,024 being the quickest peal on tower bells, I think it would have been better if it had been recorded as the shortest peal on tower bells. I think they must have cut across the fields and jumped a few hedges.

I have rung several peals on the same bells, and quick ones, too—2 hours and 35 minutes, but when it comes to 1 hour and 45 minutes, is it ringing, and what good is it? It is very easy for the caller to waken up and find course and coming up, say 52436. Oh, sir just called three homes. It's very easily done, and not to know about it. Going at that rate, it's a wonder the louvres did not burst open again. I think the best thing is to cross off the peal and ring a peal.

We all think we have done some clever things. I myself knocked all the skittles over on the table at one throw, but my friends did not know I had thrown two cheeses at first shot until I told them. Well, if ringers enjoy ringing at that rate, let them; I don't want to hear it. Give me a steady, well struck peal, and no cups of tea on the way, and no stamping. It reminds me of an old itching horse stamping its foot in the stable.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

PEAL RINGING IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Felstead's article of April 15th, 1955, he states that three peals were rung at Boston between 1903 and 1913. After very careful search for this record I can only find the record of a peal of Stedman Triples rung in 1913 and conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James. I shall be very grateful to Mr. Felstead if he can supply me with the record of the other two peals.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. CLARKE.

99, Norfolk Street,
Boston, Lincs.

DOULTING TENOR

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence in your columns, it might be of interest for us to state that the weight of Doulting tenor is given in our records as 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.; although the bell is inscribed 'Taylor & Co. Oxford Fecerunt 1828,' it was actually cast at Buckland Brewer in Devon.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.

Loughborough.

A 27 COURSE BLOCK

Dear Sir,—The recent publication of a 29 course block true to methods with any or all of the false course heads 24365, 46253, 32546, 65432 and 53624 irrespective of incidence of falseness prompts me to enquire as to whether the enclosed 27 course block for the same false course heads has any history. It was rung, in a reversed and transposed form, to a peal of Braunstone Surprise in the latter part of last year, and on that occasion my name was attached to it. Its scope is rather limited by the use of bobs Before, and the leads must be connected in the Cambridge order.

5,184 for methods (seconds place) with F.C.H. 24365, 46253, 32546, 65432 and 53624 with 5738264 the first lead-head.

23456	B	W	H
34256		3	2
45362	x		
56423	x		
25463		—	
56234	x		
23564		—	—

Twice repeated.

Also, whilst in print, I must apologise to Mr. Barton for having claimed a variation of his three-part of Lincolnshire as my own, and must thank S. Ivin for pointing this out. If Lincolnshire had been considered one of the 'popular methods' when the C.C. Collection in the popular methods was compiled, then Mr. Barton's peal would almost certainly have been included and my mistake would not have been made. I have inspected all the standard books of reference, all the old reports of various associations which have come my way, and every copy of 'The Ringing World' back to mid-1948 without finding the figures.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Blackdown, Hants.

'USURPING A PREROGATIVE'

Dear Sir,—The officers of the Guildford Guild and its Leatherhead District have read with amazement the paragraph about Stoke D'Abernon bells on page 76 of your issue of February 3rd.

We cannot think that the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, as a Society, would be interested in ringing the first peal on a humble five in our area.

We fear that the true explanation is that some plausible and unscrupulous tower grabbers have put a fast one over the authorities at Stoke D'Abernon and used the name of the Society in order to usurp the prerogative of the Guildford Guild.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER,
General Secretary,
Guildford and District Guild.

STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal rung at Birmingham on January 19th, and published in 'The Ringing World' under the name of 'Stechford,' is in fact a peal of 'Zetland.' This method was first rung on February 4th, 1939, at Bushey, Herts. Good thing some of us keep filing systems!—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middlesex.

P.S.—Pity about George's 100th method!—J. R. M.

Note.—We thank other correspondents who have pointed out the duplication.—Ed.

LETTERS—Continued

A SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Stephen Ivin for the claim he makes for me in his letter concerning Lincolnshire Surprise Major. The three-part peal in question was produced, along with a few one-part compositions, in the early 1930s. As Mr. Ivin states, the field of composition in Lincolnshire Surprise Major is very limited.

Mr. Ivin's suggestion that a collection of compositions in the easier Surprise Major methods would be highly advantageous is not without merit, but what a stupendous task for anyone to undertake! To mention but three composers, Arthur Knights, Arthur Craven and George Lewis—all now deceased—their collective compositions of Superlative Surprise alone will run into several hundreds.

Granted, most of those compositions will run true to Yorkshire, Pudsey, etc., but to print all the compositions by all the composers in all of what might be termed the easier Surprise methods would fill several books of no small size.

A greater task even than collecting and compiling would be the crediting of the various compositions to the rightful producers, so difficult is it to say where originality ends and where variation begins. Quite a number of compositions which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' during the past two years are variations of others produced many years ago.

However, such a collection would be of great benefit to conductors, but, is anyone prepared to undertake the task?—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

'FIRSTS' ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—To the list of those who rang their first peal on 12 bells should be added the name of Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Bristol. His performance was especially noteworthy on account of his youth. A few days before his 14th birthday he rang Tewkesbury treble faultlessly to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and followed this up a fortnight later with one at Cheltenham. As a matter of fact, I think his first three peals were all of Stedman Cinques.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.

Evesham, Worcs.

GRESSENHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

The method: 38-14-56-16-34-18-14-78; l.h. 12; f.c.e. 24365.

5,184 by NOLAN GOLDEN

B	W	M	H	23456
	—		3	52436
	—		—	43526
—				32465
	—		—	46325
		—	—	53624
	—		3	25634
—				53246
		—		23645
	—		3	42635
	—		—	63425
—				32654
	—		2	36524
—				62345
		—		32546
	—		—	54326
	3		—	35426
	—			23456

Rung at Gressenhall, Norfolk, January 18th, 1956.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Resignation of South Norfolk Ringing Master

Despite the cold weather and snow, 35 ringers from 20 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk attended the 22nd annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Diss on February 4th.

The service was conducted by Mr. H. J. Watts, lay reader, who also preached, assisted by the president, Rev. H. G. Lillingston, and Canon Nock, Rural Dean.

Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason presided at the meeting, at which it was learned with regret that Mr. Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, wished to resign. Mr. W. Flatt, of Redenhall, was elected as the new Ringing Master, and Messrs. Whiting and F. Arnold to the Branch committee. The other officers were re-elected. Four new members were elected—Messrs. G. Burrows, R. Burrows and P. Savory (Banham) and Mr. T. Bailey (Beccles). Redenhall was chosen for a meeting on May 12th, and other dates for meetings are July 28th and October 20th.

Congratulations were extended from the meeting to Mr. Nolan Golden (formerly of Diss) on reaching his 1,000th peal on January 18th.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed to Mr. Watts, the president and Mrs. Lillingston, Canon Nock, the organist, and all who had helped to make 1955 such a successful year for the Branch. A. G. H.

PULHAM MARKET RINGERS' TEA

By kind invitation of Mr. A. R. Todd, of Pulham Market Hall, 62 ringers and friends from 18 parishes in South Norfolk and Suffolk were entertained to tea in the Village Hall on January 14th.

Mr. Todd was supported at the tea by Rev. A. G. Wiseman, Rector of Pulham Market, Rev. —. Dennis, Rector of Pulham St. Mary, Rev. T. H. Child, Rector of East Harling, the churchwardens, Mr. A. Roope, Ringing Master, Pulham Market, Mr. Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, Dr. Paul Jonason (chairman, South Norfolk) and Mr. A. G. Harrison (South Norfolk secretary).

Mr. Todd expressed his great pleasure at the large company present and the large number of young people of both sexes who were taking up the art of bellringing.

Dr. Paul Jonason, on behalf of all present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Todd. Mr. A. G. Harrison, seconding the vote of thanks, said this was the best attended meeting in South Norfolk for many years.

The bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and evening, also Pulham St. Mary's bells during the evening.

5,184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

By N. GOLDEN.

M	I	4	B	5	W	H	234567
			—				352647
	—			—			523647
	—			—			235647
			—		—		432657
	—			S			324756
	—	—				3	534267
—			—				324567

Five times repeated with bob at H in the last course of alternate parts and calling an extra bob home in the first course of parts 5 and 6, bringing up the 3rd course end.

Contains 6th extent H, 20 courses W and all the 7568s.

Rung at Loddon, December 27th, 1956.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held in Winchester on February 4th. The bells of the Cathedral were unfortunately not available due to belfry repairs, but good use was made of the six bells of St. Maurice's, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Smith. The service was held in St. Laurence's Church, with a short address by the Rev. E. Bannister.

The tea was held in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The secretary reported that a record of 17 meetings had been held during 1955. The bells of Preston Candover had been augmented and restored during the year and others were pending—Old Alresford, Cheriton and Owslebury. The treasurer had not such a bright report, having to record a loss of £9, partly due to a donation of £5 to the Old Alresford Bell Restoration Fund.

The secretary, Mr. J. A. C. King, announced his decision not to stand again as secretary. Having been elected the general secretary the previous July, he felt he could not carry on as District Secretary. Mr. C. W. Lampard, captain of Winchester Cathedral, spoke in appreciation of Mr. King's services. Mr. R. F. Brewer was elected District secretary and Mr. P. Nash became the assistant secretary. Other officers were re-elected.

It was decided to go ahead with the dinner again this year and also, after some discussion, the outing. Mr. P. Dickinson appealed for financial assistance towards the Cheriton Bell Restoration Fund. It was agreed to donate £5. This concluded the business and ringing was continued at St. Maurice's until later in the evening.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Full use was made of the fine Warner eight at Revelstoke, which have recently been renovated by J. Taylor and Co., when the South West Branch annual meeting was held on Jan. 21st. Visitors included Messrs. A. and R. Truman, of Kenn, and Mr. Duguid, of St. Mary's, Portsea.

The service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Channer), was followed by a bountiful tea, provided by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. H. H. Thomas presided at the business meeting, and apologies through indisposition were received from Rev. H. E. Bennett, Mr. G. H. Myers, and Mr. H. W. Milford. The secretary's report was approved and he was thanked for his services. The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £24 12s. 9d.

Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas; hon. secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers; general committee, Messrs. F. E. Day, H. W. Milford and J. P. Sims. Meeting dates chosen were April 28th, June 30th, September 29th and January 26th, the place being left to the secretary's discretion. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. P. J. Hall, organist, Mr. Parsons (local captain) and ladies was carried with acclamation. Further ringing was enjoyed, the bells being lowered at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, much appreciates the many letters he has received while in the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital (Ward 3A), Exeter. He is suffering from a fracture of the spine.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, Diana M. Gough 2, R. D. Brown (first in method 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. L. H. Yorke as Rector of Aldrington parish.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Kathleen Beasley 1, Brenda Payne 2, John Hayns (first 'inside') 3, P. Jackson 4, D. Astridge (cond.) 5, B. Warnecke (first quarter) 6, H. H. Hayns 7, E. A. Lewis 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayns 1, Brenda Payne 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis (first of Triples 'inside') 5, P. Jackson (first of Triples) 6, D. G. Astridge 7, Dorena Rowe 8. First quarter of Triples rung by a resident Sunday service band. Rung for Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 5 and 7 covering): Joyce Gibson (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter 2, F. Pritchard 3, L. Hill 4, N. Bennett (first quarter) 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6, C. L. Cheetham 7. Rung in memoriam James Carter, late ringing master at this tower.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Noble 1, Miss S. Harper 2, Miss T. Williams 3, Miss B. White 4, C. Reed (cond.) 5, G. Ball 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. Marshall, Vicar of Balderton, who died January 31st.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, L. Sharpe 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, R. F. Taylor 4, K. G. Brown 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to John Prentice, of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Freda Clarke, of Needham Market.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, S. A. Read (first of Triples as cond.) 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, T. T. Jones 5, E. J. Fry 6, E. Naylor 7, R. Stubbs 8. First of Triples for 4 and 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley (15, first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Butcher 1, Mrs. D. J. Chamberlain 2, R. A. Farnham 3, S. J. Chamberlain 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, J. H. Phillips 6. Rung to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Palmer. Mr. Palmer has been verger of Holy Trinity Church for over 25 years.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Craven 1, Kathleen Dales (first quarter) 2, F. Dewey 3, S. Jessop 4, D. Brown 5, T. Freeston 6, F. Leggott 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for Loughborough.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Old Bob, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): H. J. Edmunds 1, J. J. Partridge 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, H. Schofield (first on five) 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, G. Mitchell 4, A. Jackson (first quarter) 5. Believed first by local band. Rung to fulfil the condition under which the bells were given in 1870.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. W. Brown 1, A. W. Gravett 2, H. Stalham 3, A. W. Bond 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, F. J. Lewis 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 2, 4 and 6.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Boden 1, T. Turton (first quarter) 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, Miss M. Patrick 4, P. Giles 5, B. Buswell 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, K. M. Rainsden 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Maureen Patrick to David Boden; also as a farewell to Mr. Philip Whitaker, who has left for Derby.

QUARTER PEALS

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: K. Everett 1, D. Sims (first of Kent) 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Barbara Morton (first of Major) 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Lofthouse 3, W. Scrimshaw 4, Margaret Rhodes 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. Dawson 7, D. Thorp (cond.) 8. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. F. D. Coggan as Bishop of Bradford.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. King 1, Mrs. P. Cracknell (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Eade 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (first in two methods as cond.) 5, R. Kearn (first quarter) 6. For Matins by the Sunday service band.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Doubles (480 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): F. Furmage 1, E. H. Amey 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, H. J. Ford (cond.) 4, J. W. Rose 5, A. G. Coombes 6. First quarter of Doubles in three methods for 1, 2 and 6.

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): N. Dunkley 1, P. Barnett 2, J. Dunkley 3, D. Cook 4, S. Merry (cond.) 5, A. Daw 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Bond 1, H. Hoverd 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, W. J. Lemon 4, E. Barnett 5, G. Huckstep 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, A. Daw 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, R. Johnson 2, Miss E. Everest 3, K. Snelling 4, H. Lilley 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark 7, E. Brett 8. First in method for 3 and 6. For Evensong.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Morton (first of Minor) 1, K. Alton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. E. Old 3, J. G. Chapman 4, C. T. Windram 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Perry 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, P. Amos 3, R. Baker 4, G. Roome (cond.) 5, D. Shelmerdine 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Edwards 1, B. S. Bowden 2, B. J. Wylde 3, G. Buchanan 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. First quarter by all except conductor. First quarter by Sunday service band.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Trotter 2, D. Bailey 3, J. Romain 4, M. Bailey 5, W. Bevean 6. First quarter for 3 and 5.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Hunnisett 1, Miss K. Yeo 2, G. Beeney 3, B. Stepney (cond.) 4, C. Booth 5, F. Beeney 6. Rung for the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Booth.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Andrews (14) 1, H. M. Windsor 2, T. K. Farrow (13) 3, A. J. Barrett 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse (15, first as cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Dunderdale 1, T. Barker 2, F. Stead 3, L. Walmsley 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, R. Leigh 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, R. E. Martin 8. Rung to commemorate the unveiling and dedicating of a memorial plaque to mark the birthplace of the late Kathleen Mary Ferrier, the well-known contralto.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Lord 1, W. Papworth 2, F. Elsom 3, O. Norman 4, D. Peacock 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For morning service; also a farewell for P. Lord and W. Lord, who are leaving for Leigh-on-Sea.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Southrepps, Reverse Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. Annie Wheeler, who has been verger at St. Peter's Church for 44 years.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. B. Smith 1, Marian H. Mills 2, M. A. Mills 3, U. W. Wildney 4, A. K. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, J. H. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First blows in method by 2 and 3. Rung after a peal failure.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Lumbard (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Russell 2, E. Pannell 3, G. T. Lumbard 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. James Birch-in-Rusholme, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Joan Cordwell 1, A. M. Cooper 2, D. Taylor 3, Mollie May 4, T. Taylor 5, P. Watson 6, G. D. Fearnehough 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band and as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to James Carter, ringing master of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, who died on January 12th; also in memory of Arthur Ridyard, ringing master of Manchester Cathedral, who died January 19th, 1955.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Richings 1, Mrs. Dart 2, C. Baker 3, T. Jefferies 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. James (tailwayman), 30 years a ringer at this church.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Southrepps Pleasure, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Kennington, 240 Plain Bob, 120 April Day): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, G. M. Battersby 4, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 5, R. F. Warren 6. Rung by the local band for the wedding of Miss J. Etherington and Mr. R. Parratt.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. Downing 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, H. O. Capell 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth A. Carey 1, Mary Vallender (first 'inside') 2, Isobel Inman (first as cond.) 3, P. W. M. Jones 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Rung by members of Southampton University Ringing Society.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, B. Thompson 2, H. Easey 3, E. Chapman 4, D. Mitchell 5, J. Kindred 6, M. Solly 7, P. Kindred 8. First in the method for 4 and 7.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Miles 1, A. Palmer 2, P. Anger 3, G. Newman 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, L. Foote (first quarter) 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Place, Union, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Canterbury, Southrepps, All Saints', April Day, Kennington, Old and 60 Plain Bob): W. Richardson 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne 3, K. Perkins 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (five variations of Morris' 240 and 60): P. J. Lawton 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, A. W. Allen 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. H. J. Mann, staunch church-worker, buried this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shepherd 1, B. E. Saunders 2, M. Saunders 3, W. J. Chester (cond.) 4, L. E. Woolton 5, D. Woolton (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Feb 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Benita K. Whetherly 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Timothy V. Pitt, who joined for National Service at Taunton on February 6th.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT GEORGE MIDDLETON

When last I saw Mr. Middleton, he looked everything he was, except 73 years old. There was the dignity and the wisdom which comes of a life well and fully lived, and which had brought him to be chosen as the chairman of the South Devon Association of Ringers for several years, and also to be Mayor of Dartmouth in his turn. There was the integrity and self-respect of the craftsman—he was a blacksmith and engineer—and there were also the geniality and humour of a good companion and the extra something that a ringer bears about him.

He was by preference and by training an 8-bell ringer, hailing as he did from a town with a great reputation for 8-bell call-changes—Bideford. In Dartmouth, where he spent the greater part of his life, he had fostered a tradition for good ringing on the lovely eight at St. Saviour's which will undoubtedly live long after him, and so unassailable was his leadership of the band there that when he suddenly had to give up ringing on his doctor's orders, there was no thought of putting anyone in his place as captain of the tower. Nor was his leadership thereafter a nominal one only; no one could meet the Dartmouth ringers and retain that idea. He would never have forsaken his call-change ringing for 'scientific'—perhaps he loved good striking too much—but he was a good friend to change-ringers, and it was the pleasure of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, when last the Mid-Devon Branch met at Dartmouth, to have him as their guest—guest at table and host in the tower.

He had known for some time that his health would not bear up under much activity, but he was not a man to take easily to idleness, and if his life was shortened thereby, it was the fuller for it. He would have agreed, I think, with Edna St. Vincent Millay:—

My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night.
But ah! my foes, and oh! my friends,
It gives a lovely light.

He died on Saturday, January 14th, and will be missed by all who know him. J. G. M. S.

MR. WILKINS MASSEY

The death of Mr. Wilkins Massey, of Claygate, on January 30th after a short illness, has deprived Esher Parish Church of a devoted leader, and the Surrey Association of a staunch supporter and valued friend. The Exercise will be the poorer for his absence.

A memorial service was held at Esher Church on February 11th, and despite the bitter weather was well attended. Prior to the service the bells were rung to rounds and Grandsire Triples, the ringers including some of his pupils, friends from Hersham, and Mr. W. F. Oatway, general secretary of the Surrey Association. Representing the Northern District at the service were Mr. F. E. Collins, Ringing Master, and the District secretary.

In his address the Rector spoke of Mr. Massey as a keen and loyal Church worker. He loved all churches and Esher in particular. He was a simple man of a retiring nature. He never pushed himself forward, but was always willing to offer himself and his services when he thought that he could be of use. Once he undertook a task it was faithfully performed. He was a happy man as was evidenced by his wish that the bells for the memorial service should be rung open. His life was a lesson to all. The service concluded with the singing of Mr. Massey's favourite hymn, 'We love the place O God.'

MR. TOM EAST

North Berkshire and many other ringers will be sorry to hear of the death, at his home, Upper Cross, East Hagbourne, of Mr. Tom East, at the age of 86 years. After an illness of about five weeks he died on February 6th, and was laid to rest on February 9th. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Smith Masters.

The mourners included a son, grandson and grand-daughter, who are keen present-day ringers. Other ringing friends attended the service, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung by A. Woodley 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. Lock 3, K. White 4, G. Bishop 5, F. White 6, A. Webb (conductor) 7, D. Napper 8.

Tom East had led a very active life up to his recent illness. His great ringing years were from 1890 to 1927, during which time he was a well-known member in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His many friends in those days included such great men as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Tom Hibbert and J. W. Washbrook.

In the village of Hagbourne he will be remembered with loving respect as a keen but encouraging critic, a kind and valued friend to ringers young and old, and a true and faithful member and sidesman of his church. For many years he was foreman in Hagbourne tower. He took an active part in forming the North Berkshire Branch and was a qualified instructor in the District. His favourite peal, which he rang and conducted many times, was Holt's Tenpart. A. H. W.

MR. HARRY WOLSTENCROFT

The death of Mr. Harry Wolstencroft at the age of 76 on February 4th, after a long and painful illness in hospital, removes the youngest of an old trio of ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne.

His one and only peal took place on November 2nd; 1899, and, incidentally, was the first as conductor his eldest brother (W. W. W.) called, which was rung in their tower.

Having served in France during the first world war, and being twice wounded, his activities as a ringer were much curtailed, though he never lost interest in the belfry and in ringing. Whenever possible, he took part in Sunday service ringing.

Owing to structural and decoration work in the church, the service was held at his parents' home on February 8th, at which the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Barsley, officiated. Interment was at the Dukinfield Cemetery.

The bells were rung in memoriam the following day, when an attempt was made for a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor, arranged by Derek Ogden, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing. R.I.P.

QUARTER PEALS

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. K. Brady 1, Miss J. Highley 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 8. Rung as a farewell to D. K. Brady, who left for a Royal Naval School on February 7th.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, Mrs D. J. Porter 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): Miss G. Ashby 1, G. Roome 2, R. Baker 3, V. Perry 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

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BIRTH

BIRT.—On Sunday, February 12th, 1956, at King Edward VII Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks, to Audrey (née Izzard) and Jeffery Birt, the gift of a son, Nigel Graham. 7844

ENGAGEMENT

PIPE—MATTHEW.—The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, of Easta, Grundisburgh, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Matthew, of The White House, Bedfield.

MARRIAGE

HARROP—IREDALE.—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1956, at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness, John Michael Harrop to Sylvia Iredale, of Sutton. 7828

PERSONAL

Mr. E. J. Taylor thanks the correspondents who have written to him on the occasion of his recent accident, but regrets that he will be unable to reply to any letters for some considerable time. 7860

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNWALL.—Homely accommodation, near beach. Moderate terms for ringers.—Mrs. H. Stacey, Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton, near Bude. 7833

COME TO GLORIOUS DEVON for an early seaside and country holiday. Highly recommended. Moderate terms. No vacancies after August 4th.—Mrs. L. G. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, North Devon. 7851

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MISCELLANEOUS

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WANTED.—Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' Central Council Collection of Triples methods, and Corrigan's collection.—G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex. 7827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Owing to alterations, structural and constitutional, the Ringing Course arranged at Clarance House, Thaxted, in June has been cancelled.—Robert C. Heazel. 7862

PROPOSED TOUR OF ALL IRELAND, July 28th to August 9th inclusive.—Applications invited from capable ringers of Cambridge Royal! Not altogether a peal ringing tour, but several attempts considered. Experienced drivers willing to share the driving of hired cars would be an asset.—W. A. Stote, 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. 7863

Will any ringers interested in a cycling, Youth Hosteling, ringing tour of the Isle of Wight and Hampshire, between June 30th and July 7th inclusive, please contact S.A.C. Smith, C.M., Signals Section, R.A.F., Hornchurch, Essex, as soon as possible, please. 7861

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 25th, St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. 7762

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 7723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Swaffham on Feb 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30. Please make your own arrangements for tea—C. Tovell, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Farnham Royal, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, East Bridgeford, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to M. I. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold. 7818

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stradbroke (10), Saturday, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7807

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road. Eastbourne. 7811

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Horsham, Feb. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Special methods, Ashtead and Lincolnshire. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7803

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards and bells until 9 p.m. 7839

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner, March 3rd. Ringing: St. Andrew's and St. Benet's 2 to 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's 3.15 to 4.15 p.m., R.C. Church 5 to 6 p.m. Will all who have not replied to circulars please do so as soon as possible.—Desmond Painter, Hon. Sec., 4, Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge. 7829

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wooton Wawen on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The bells have recently been recast and rehung by Taylors. All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Feb. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warws. 7830

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. —Annual meeting on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. at Egremont (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting at 5 p.m.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 7857

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, March 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss E. Lomas, Sandfords, Whimple. 7797

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. at Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 7855

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Elswick, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Ringing after tea at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle. Names for tea by Thursday, Mar. 1st (essential), to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 7854

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, by 8th.—C. A. Bassett. 7846

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7311

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Monday, 3rd, St. Matthew's (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 7841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) Mar. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. —K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7845

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. Annual meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5 o'clock at Messrs. Bullock's Café, High Street, followed by business meeting. Ringing later. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Buses, Midland Red 144, leave Station Street, Birmingham, every 15 minutes.—S. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 7805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas-à-Becket, Upholland (6), Saturday, Mar. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea only for those sending their names by Feb. 29th to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan. 7850

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Accrington, on March 3rd. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea (price 2s. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. Roger Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7864

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), Mar. 3rd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Rectory. Names to Mr. T. Harris, 21, Greenhill, Hathern, by 29th.—C. W. Hall. 7832

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Easton Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Feb. 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7813

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea, 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m., at Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7814

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Mar. 3rd, not Guilsborough as previously arranged. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7849

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Market Lavington, Mar. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Mar. 3rd at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11, by Feb. 28th.—J. Seager, Sec. 7802

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, Basford (8), from 2.30 to 4.15. Tea at Bulwell, and ringing there from 6 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham. —C. W. Towers. 7798

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 7810

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Mar. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 29th, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baglan, on March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, Riverside Café, 5. Meeting, Ringwood belfry, 6.30 p.m. Bells after. Notify Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7848

BARNSLEY DISTRICT AND YORKS ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A joint meeting at Wragby (Nostell Priory) on Mar. 10th. Bells (6) (recast) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to D. Smith, 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. No names, no tea.—D. Smith and J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 7856

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-E. District.—Meeting at Mistley, Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 7th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree. 7847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Mar. 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea by Monday, Mar. 5th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7843

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Quarterly meeting at Navenby (6), Mar. 10th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 10th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby, by Mar. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett (6), March 10th, from 2.15. Tea (names to secretary by March 6th, please). Sarum St. Thomas (8) also open 6.45–8 p.m. Provisional dates for 1956: April 21st, Compton Chamberlayne (quarterly); May 26th, Netheravon and Enford: June 16th, Winterbourne Earls; July 14th, Downton (quarterly); Sept. 8th, Winterslow; Oct. 13th, Hindon (quarterly); Dec. 8th, Tisbury; Jan. 19th, 1957, annual, Sarum St. Martin.—Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7859

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 7858

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annaul general meeting will be held in the Vestry, Kingston-on-Thames, Mar. 10th. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Parish Hall. Bells: Esher 2.45 to 4, Kingston, after meeting only. Notifications for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, by Mar. 7th.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Sec. 7838

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