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THE BELLS OF A HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE

THE Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Cheriton, Hants, stands on a little hill in the churchyard. The elevation is unusual as the surrounding ground is rather flat, but from this position the church stands above the neighbouring houses and overlooks the village green.

There has been a church here since the 12th century, and parts of that building are still to be seen in the present church, which was rebuilt after the fire of 1744. The present chancel remains from the old church and the nave and tower were rebuilt after the fire. The tower is a square, brick-built structure not much higher than the nave roof. At present it houses a ring of six bells and a clock.

The bells were recast in 1888 by John Warner and Son, of Cripplegate, from an old ring of five bells, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The tenor bell has an inscription on it which was reproduced from the old tenor bell. The inscription reads: 'To the church I will call and to the grave will summonce all. I. S. B. F. 1746.'

This inscription tells us that the old five bells dated from the rebuilding of the tower, or at least that particular bell did. The inscription is to be found on many tenors; there are other inscriptions which, whilst not exactly worded the same, convey the same thought. The initials I.S. are the initials of the bellfounder John Stares, who followed the Cors of Albourne, Wilts, from 1744 to 1746, and he was followed by Edward Read, and later the famous Wells family, who sent many bells to Hampshire. The initials B.F. are probably those of the donor of the bell.

When the bells were recast the old oak bell frame was retained, and in order to accommodate the extra bell the pit in which the tenor bell hung was divided in two and the two treble bells hung therein. The other bells were each moved round one place and thus they hang to-day.

On the rafters at the top of the tower is nailed a small board with the following details written on it:—

'Ringing Grandsire on the Church Bells, 1888.

Robt. Crockford, sen.	Treble	Robt. Crockford, jun.	4th
John McKenny	2nd	William Harfield	5th
Ernest Shearman	3rd	James Harfield	Tenor

Bells opened February.'

The above details are written in pencil and have become very faint after nearly seventy years.

These old ringers were very keen, and to-day you can see the rules of the 'Cheriton Bellringers Association' in the vestry. Details are given as to the number of services each ringer must ring for each month, times of practice, winter and summer, fines for various offences such as being absent without giving notice, the fee for ringing at weddings (£1 1s.), etc. All moneys to be held by the captain and shared out at Christmas!

The old ringers were very particular about their striking and many of the older residents in the parish will tell you that the ringing was like clockwork. Within living memory a 'Bonfire Night Carnival' was held in Cheriton and the church bells were rung on that occasion as well as on all the Church Festivals. Early morning ringing was the order of the day for Christmas Day and Easter Day, ringing commencing at 6 a.m. New Year's Eve had its share of ringing, and the royal birthdays were observed by 'firing' the bells 21 times. This latter custom has died out at Cheriton, although to hear the bells 'fired,' that is all the bells striking at the same time, certainly attracts the attention of the listening public.

Although the bells were rung regularly for Sunday services and local and national occasions there has only been one full-length peal of 5,040 changes rung on the bells. On July 27th, 1938, a band of ringers, mostly from New Alresford, rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles, 5,040 changes, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, the ringers being:

Harold H. Shaw	Treble	Alan Tremeer	4th
Harry Newnham	2nd	Rev. G. A. Ellison	5th
Leslie A. Tremeer (conductor)	3rd	W. Wearring	Tenor

This peal nearly came to grief as towards the end the rope of the treble bell came into contact with something as it passed through its guides and started disintegrating. Luckily the treble man managed to carry on and finished the peal with only one strand of rope remaining. The Rev. G. A. Ellison was at that time chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester and is now the Bishop of Chester.

During the last 16 years the bells have been silent three times. The first time was during the war when all bells were silent. The second time was about five years ago when the fabric of the tower was being repaired, and now as the bells are being overhauled. The bell frame has to

be strengthened, the wheels trued up, the clappers and clock hammers repaired, and the plain bearings replaced with ball-bearing fittings.

The work is to cost approximately £300. Of this amount about £50 has been collected so far. If these notes about the bells and ringers have interested you, would you please help us to get our bells ringing and our clock striking again? The Rector, the Rev. A. P. Skene, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any gifts, however large or small.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	8
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5080 BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
ANN BARR	2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
*MILTON C. FOWLER	3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	9
JOAN BERESFORD	5	*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.
In memoriam Harry Morgan.

SOUTHEND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

*JOAN M. PEACOCK	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
MABEL PROCKSOM	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	9
*ROY D. TOMLIN	5	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method and on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Annable's. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

GLYN WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JACK ALSOP	5
JEAN POWELL	2	REV. IVOR RICHARDS	6
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	A. RYAN PRICE	7
W. GWYNNE JONES	4	*THOMAS PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* First peal.
A farewell peal to Canon James Davies, upon his retirement after 23 years as incumbent at Bedwellty.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 22, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWNE	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
FRANK K. MEASURES	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Arranged as a compliment to Roger Charles Hayward and Nancy Margaret Toone, who were married at this church on October 20th. Also to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Milner.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

DAVID A. MELLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
*MICHAEL H. PAULSON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
ALEX. RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	4	†RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal 'inside.' † 300th peal. First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev. G. Gordon Graham, of Bakewell, who is leaving the district.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	RONALD W. PANKHURST	6
LESLIE J. BALDOCK	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. K. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JILL COOK	*Treble*	*EVELYN GIBSON	5
WALTER AVERY	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	6
*ERIC G. SILVEY	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
JOSEPH L. YOUNG	4	JAMES T. CLAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN F. BRYANT	*Treble*	*JAMES V. DAVIES	5
CAROL EUSTACE	2	BRIAN TOMLINSON	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
ALAN SHARPLES	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University)	*Treble*	*J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	5
D. BERESFORD (King's)	2	*R. KEELEY (King's)	6
J. L. MORRIS (Queen Mary)	3	*J. R. LEEMING (King's)	7
D. G. JACKSON (Imperial)	4	D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol for the Society.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
*BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
*ALAN MCFALL	3	HENRY KIRK	7
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	4	ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band, and on the bells. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. George Headington, a patron of this church.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	5
*HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to the tower captain, Mr. R. Dowdeswell, and his wife, upon the birth of a daughter.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	*GWILYM SALMON	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First touch of Yorkshire and first peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	5
FREDA OLDERSHAW	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	ALBERT H. BENNETT	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	*PETER BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Maurice Bennett to Miss Marjory Joyce Cooling, both members of this tower.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	TERENCE BARTON	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	*ALBERT J. DUNK	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
RICHARD PRIME	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, M.A.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
*ANN M. COX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
*GEORGE FRANCIS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.
Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. S. Bensted, who was inducted to the living on November 8th.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
PAUL J. RIGBY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	ROLAND PARK	6
*MALCOLM P. HAMMOND	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob. Standard calling. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

RONALD DAWSON	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 25th peal together.

GREAT PAXTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of St. Simon's, six extents of Plain Bob (four different callings in each), one Morris's 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	*GILES C. GANNEY	3
JOHN R. SPICER	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. G. F. Dowden, Curate of Great Paxton, Little Paxton and Toseland.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LYNDA GRENHAM	*Treble*	LESLIE MAYNARD	4
ARTHUR E. WEBB	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	BRYAN F. SIMS	4
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	PETER BORDER	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 18 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 45 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

*ROBERT SMITH	*Treble*	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	‡WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	†ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 18 methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. The most methods yet rung in a peal for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. M. J. B. Henry.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H WILLIAM BARRETT.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bacon, of Yoxford, on their 62nd wedding anniversary.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HORREX	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	PERCY W. MILLS	5
LESLIE N. MELTON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
The treble ringer is 73, and it was his first peal since about 1910.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and three extents each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*ALEC DENSON	*Treble*	†GEORGE E. CRISP	4
STANLEY SHIPP	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal in three Surprise methods. † 75th peal.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 11 cwt.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RICHARD G. OUSTON	5
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being spliced extents of Single Court and College Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall, Plain Bob and Double Bob, and extents of Single Oxford and Fulbeck Bob; 51 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

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

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the treble ringer's 84th birthday.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	DOUGLAS THORP	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	PETER DAWSON	5
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
In memoriam Harry Morgan.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

MOLLY HOVERD	*Treble*	ALLAN LEACH	4
GEORGE SHEFFIELD	2	IVOR HARRIS	5
BERT PRATLEY	3	WILLIAM CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVOR HARRIS.
First of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. The last peal on the bells, which are now being augmented to eight.
Rung as a compliment to Philip Coombes, a ringer of the local Branch, and Heather Jackson, on the announcement of their engagement.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	MRS. A. SIMPSON	4
C. FRANK BUTLER	2	ALAN SIMPSON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	*WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 50th peal.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
*HENRY C. FOSTER	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First in the method. † 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

IRON ACTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESSER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 Twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's). Tenor 17 cwt.

*MALCOLM HENDY	*Treble*	†THOMAS T. WALTERS	4
†JOHN FERRIS	2	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	5
HENRY TAYSOM	3	†HERBERT T. FERRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. B. G. Sanders, M.A., who was recently inducted into the living of Iron Acton.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWIN F. G. JONES	*Treble*	HARRY WOODING	3
REX LINE	2	NORMAN LINE	4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

BERNARD G. MOORE	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The quickest peal on the bells.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BLANCHE M. HUNT	*Treble*	ALAN H. STURGESS	4
*JOHN A. G. BALL	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
RENEE STURGESS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	4
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	JOHN VERNON	5
MICHAEL VERNON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal and first attempt (age 14).
Rung with the bells half-muffled 'in remembrance.'

A WILTSHIRE WEEK-END

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KELSO SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 94, 96—101).
Tenor 9 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
RALPH BIRD	2	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
*RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.13). The first peal of Surprise on the bells

MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.20). The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAERNARVON DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95—101).
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
BRIAN BLADON	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.4). The first peal of Minor on the bells and the first peal on them since 1922.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 5, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
†JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 200th peal as conductor. † 100th peal 'in hand.'

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 51, DOVER ROAD, NORTHFLEET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN L. MORRIS	1—2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3—4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	5—6		

Conducting shared by the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6.
* First peal 'in hand.' 50th peal of Minor for the ringer of 5-6.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
In four methods, being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, and four of Cambridge. Tenor size 7 in D.

S KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
*†ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* 50th peal this year. † 50th peal together. First peal of four Surprise methods 'in hand' by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT GLENGARIFF,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

NORAH H. BIBBY	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3—4	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Forrest (first of Minor) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. For the celebration of Choral Communion on the eve of St. Leonard's Day, the patronal festival.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Littlewood 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook 4, A. E. Hinman 5, G. A. Bowcutt (first as cond.) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. Littlewood, who still rings regularly at this church.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 7 and 8 covering): B. Piper 1, E. A. Lewis (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, P. J. Jackson 4, J. Haynes (first as cond. and first of Bob Minor 'inside') 5, D. G. Astridge 6, H. H. Haynes 7, B. Warnecke 8. For Evensong.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Abell 1, O. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, A. Skinner 4, C. Linch 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Half-muffled.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Andrews (first in method) 1, J. R. Mossop 2, A. E. Daniells (first 'inside') 3, H. Sear 4, F. Stonton 5, W. Daniells 6, D. J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Tomkins 1, F. J. Bedford 2, H. J. Thomas 3, W. Mantle 4, R. Bethell 5, G. Corbett 6. Conducted by J. H. Thomas. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 3, A. B. Peck 4, C. H. Wood 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Phillips 7, T. F. V. Neil 8.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): J. Cooper 1, W. Lord 2, J. A. Lord 3, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 4, K. Burdett 5, G. Howlett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beniston on the birth of a son (Paul). Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, J. A. Lord 3, C. W. Hall 4, J. Wardle 5, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Pamela Tooby.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, W. Holloway (cond.) 5, L. Busby 6. Rung half-muffled on the parish memorial bells in memory of the Fallen.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Canterbury, 540 Plain Bob): Miss D. Hicks 1, K. Alton 2, J. Hadley 3, R. E. Old 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, J. M. Nash 6. To commemorate the feast of dedication.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stevenson 1, J. Ball 2, Mrs. R. Sturgess 3, Mrs. B. Ball 4, G. Miles 5, J. Hunt 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. For Evensong.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. McGuiness 1, A. N. Brown 2, P. M. Giles 3, R. Telford 4, G. S. Deas 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, C. N. Lea 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. W. Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. C. Harris 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, L. Runnacles 4, R. Head 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Norwich): S. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, F. Croft 5, P. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Parkin 1, M. V. Copping 2, S. M. Taylor 3, D. S. Hollas (first of Surprise) 4, J. H. Fielden 5, R. Mann (first in method) 6, E. M. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of Roger William Henderson, son of the Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): G. H. Reeves 1, G. L. P. Aldhouse 2, H. M. Windsor 3, T. K. Farrow 4, R. M. Andrews 5.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: T. K. Farrow 1, Miss D. M. Palmer 2, A. C. Morris 3, G. L. P. Aldhouse 4, H. M. Windsor 5, D. Harrison 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Hobbs 1, A. V. Good 2, W. J. Puddifoot 3, Mrs. Manchip 4, W. C. Hughes 5, F. J. Plummer 6, B. Barker 7, W. Ayre (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. For All Saints' Day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 28th, 480 St. Simon's and 780 Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, C. J. Young 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. P. A. Bird 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, Miss E. Hiley 4, Mrs. V. Lathbury 5, H. Colcombe 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, J. King 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. J. Dodson, ringing master of Chertsey District, Guildford Guild, and captain of Hersham tower, who was cremated this day.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 1, W. W. Webb 2, P. A. Ruch 3, C. J. Newnes 4, W. A. Lewis 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. E. Ruck 7, G. W. Golding 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: R. Maher 1, N. Tomkins 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, R. Leigh 5, J. Thornley 6, P. Crook (sen.) 7, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 8. Rung on St. Luke's Day to mark the dedication festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the heavy eight): M. T. Young (first quarter) 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, G. F. Hinton 3, J. L. Hilton 4, P. J. Evans 5, T. M. Bailey 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. W. White 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer (first of Surprise) 1, Miss B. Spicer (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, B. Pattison 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong on All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer (first in method 'inside') 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe (cond.) 1 and 2, J. Marriott 3, H. A. Massey 4, G. Gregory 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomews, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wm. Fulker 1, R. Tuckwell 2, F. Godden 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, J. Godman 5, E. Morris 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Frank Absolom, ringing master of the South Oxford Guild, to Miss Rosemary Edwards, ringer at this church, married this day. Rung after an attempt at a peal failed.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, J. Crampion 2, Miss V. Hester (first in method) 3, C. Hughes 4, L. Fox 5, R. Smith 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For thanksgiving service for completion of restoration of church.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marchant 1, T. Coombs 2, T. Petty 3, W. Dare 4, F. Rowsell (cond.) 5, W. Davies 6, T. Yeoman 7, H. Jones 8. A farewell to Mr. Thomas (Vicar), who is leaving the district.

LONDON.—At the Church of St Giles-in-the-Fields, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, James Phillips 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. C. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, Canon C. C. Cox 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Remembrance Day.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pell 1, G. Avis 2, Miss S. Brett (first in method) 3, R. Bennett 4, A. Hart (cond.) 5, T. Brett 6. Rung as a tribute to the late Major T. M. Bowles.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, Mrs. A. M. Guy 2, H. Long 3, A. Jackson 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, Wm. Upton 6, A. Drake 7, Wm. G. Scott 8. A tribute to Mr. Tom Carter on his retirement as verger of St. Thomas', Newport, and also for his 82nd birthday.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Holloway 1, Mrs. F. Penn (first of Double Norwich) 2, Miss R. Brown 3, P. Harding 4, G. Eyles 5, F. Penn 6, F. Slatford 7, G. Harding (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fry 1, Miss A. Knight 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, J. Page 4, K. Jacobs 5, R. Allen 6. For the patronal festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Austin (first quarter) 1, M. Jill Fisher 2, Stella Hughes (cond.) 3, Samela R. P. Thomas 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. Hewlett (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Michael Austin, who is starting National Service in the R.A.F.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Tripies: D. Burnett 1, Miss M. L. Lidgey 2, F. J. Roberts (first in method) 3, Miss M. A. Birch 4, A. Carveth 5, R. A. Southwood 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, A. Locke 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, T. P. Harris 2, R. J. Sharp 3, E. Sharp 4, D. R. Brazier 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Mr. George Wood, parochial reader and member of the local band.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Le Grice 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, Doris Lidbetter 3, E. W. Brown 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6. Rung for the Somerleyton Estate service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Green (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, R. E. Finch 3, O. N. Curtis (cond.) 4, Eileen Arthur 5, Ruth A. Carey 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, J. Pitfield (first quarter) 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wilf Seldon 1, A. Gooding 2, W. Panter 3, Wm. Seldon 4, G. E. Retter 5, H. G. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, E. Burnett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shepherd 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Kitty Willers 3, Jane Thorpe 4, E. Bullman 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumens 2, D. Hewitt 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, R. Lumsden (first on ten) 6, C. A. Hughes 7, E. E. Holman 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. J. Hayes 10. For Evensong, also for the birth of a grandson (Nigel John) to Mr. E. E. Holman.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, Mrs. Saunders 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Rea 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, G. Peters 7, R. Saunders 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 28th, at All Saints', Stranton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Maughan 1, K. Lawson 2, R. Webster 3, W. Maughan 4, P. G. Graffan 5, A. Watson 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Nixon (first of Triples) 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, Mrs. H. Roberts 3, H. Roberts 4, A. H. Lawton 5, W. G. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 50 ringers attended a meeting of the Chertsey District at Horsell on November 17th to pay tribute at the service to the late District Ringing Master, Mr. F. J. Dodson. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Woodard), who based his address on the word 'Ringers,' which he said could stand for Reverence, Inspiration, Neighbourliness, Grace, Endurance, Righteousness of Life and Saints, with whom they were in communion.

Following tea, the Vicar, who is a vice-president of the Guild, presided at the meeting. Before the usual business the secretary (Mr. R. Collins) informed the meeting of the death during the previous week of two more members of the District—Mr. Percy Underwood, a loyal member of the Ottershaw band, and Mr. H. J. Collis, for 50 years a ringer at Chobham. The meeting stood in silent tribute.

Nomination for District officers for 1957 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins and Mr. J. King; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Collins and Miss H. Hancock; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd; executive committee, Mr. G. Talbot and Mr. T. Luxford. The election takes place at the annual meeting at Hersham on February 2nd, 1957.

A tribute to the late Ringing Master was made by Mr. W. Shepherd who said that Mr. Dodson was an example to all. a sentiment shared by those present.

Good wishes were extended to the Rev. F. A. Woodard who is leaving Horsell for Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon, on January 1st, and thanks for his great help and encouragement. Mr. Woodard, in acknowledgment, said he had always been happy to meet ringers both in and out of the belfry, and his family had insisted that if he ever left Horsell his new church must have a ring of bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deanery at Bicker

The Elloe Deaneries Branch visited Bicker on November 17th for the last meeting of the year. A smaller attendance than usual arrived for a service at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. S. Horsley, who also acted as organist.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, about 30 members and friends being present. A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar as chairman. He was also elected an honorary member of the Guild, and one ringing member, Miss Brenda Dawson, was elected. Tea was rather expensive and it was agreed to pay part of the expense from Branch funds. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 6d. A comprehensive vote of thanks was expressed to all by Mr. J. G. Ames. The bells were kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Clawton is 2½ miles from Holsworthy and has a tuneful six (tenor 9 cwt.). Here the N.W. Branch of the Guild held their annual meeting on November 10th. About 40 members and friends were present. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, came from Axminster, and we were pleased also to welcome Mr. R. H. Moon. Ringers from Plymouth, Combe-Martin and Stratton, in addition to the members of the Branch, were also in attendance. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. N. McGee, who gave a special welcome to all.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall by the wives of the local band, led by Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. McGee. At the following business meeting the company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. E. J. Taylor, the late general secretary of the Guild. An apology for non-attendance was received from Messrs. Myers, and we all were sorry that Mrs. G. H. Myers had broken her arm.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Sangwin, in his report stated that a number of quarter peals had been rung by members. The balance in hand was £6 16s. 4d., with some subscriptions outstanding. Mr. W. H. Slee was nominated as a life member of the Guild. Two non-resident and five new members from Stratton were elected. It was decided that the summer meeting should be held at Holsworthy on August 10th.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. F. C. Smale; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sangwin; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin; representatives to the general committee, Messrs. R. G. Collacott, R. E. Pearce and W. H. R. Smale. Preb. Cox presented eight Guild certificates to young members of the Branch. Appropriate votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to such a successful meeting. F. C. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

One of our oldest readers is Mr. George Headington, of Fairfield, Buxton, whose 90th birthday was marked by a peal on November 10th. He is still a keen spectator of the local band and usually arrives first for evening ringing.

Members of the Ashford District of the K.C.A. heard with regret at their meeting on November 17th that Mr. Mark Lancefield, peal secretary of the association, was in bed with pleurisy. The latest report is that he is feeling better.

A Gloucestershire correspondent enquires of an infallible method for keeping awake when (mis)calling the final 720 of Cambridge in an attempt for seven Surprise Minor methods.

Mr. D. T. H. Robertson informs us that the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marston Bigott on May 29th and printed as being for the Bath and Wells Association was in actual fact a non-Association peal.

Some 14 pupils of the initial course of the College of Campanology, after an average each of about 3½ hours' bell handling, made their ringing debut before Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday. Next week tests are being held locally of candidates for the grades of Ringer I and Tutor I, trained in accordance with Part I of the Manual.

Illness has prevented two peal attempts at Thame, Oxon, recently. It was intended to honour the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and on November 10th to ring for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, a frequent visitor to Thame, as Bishop of Lincoln. The Ringing Master of the South Oxon Branch, Mr. F. Absalom, met with an accident the previous week, and Mr. H. Badger, the Branch secretary, has had an attack of lumbar pneumonia.

A sign of popularity and appreciation of services was the re-election of Miss M. Andrews, of Bexley, as District Ringing Master of the Lewisham District, K.C.A. This is the first time since the office was instituted in 1945 that the holder of the office has been re-elected.

The band who rang the peal of London at Hinckley on October 22nd were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Toone, to whom they extend their thanks. The Leicestershire members trust this will explain why R. G. E. was rather late getting home.

Helmdon lads enjoyed a day's rest from work on November 16th and indulged in two peal attempts. They were successful in a peal of Doubles in seven methods at Croughton, Northants, but failed in seven Surprise Minor methods after five 720's at Lois Weedon.

Mr. R. J. Stannard, of Barking, has unfortunately had to give up his ringing activities owing to rather indifferent health. He is to enter Moorfields Hospital, London, for an eye operation. His many friends in the Essex, Suffolk and London areas join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Another Essex veteran in Mr. H. J. Macdougal, of Hornchurch, has made an excellent recovery from a severe abdominal operation, and is once again ringing for Sunday service. Well done, Mac!

Mr. Alfred Cusick, of Chester, who is chief electrician on the M.V. 'Surrey,' has been visiting Sydney towers. Writes 'Ringing Towers': 'His ability as a conductor was most welcome in most towers where there is a shortage of good conductors. He introduced us to some fancy spliced doubles ringing, and it was a pleasure to ring with him.'

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THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD WITH HIS RINGERS

Archdeaconry of Stafford's Successful Dinner

THE fifth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 10th, when there was a record attendance of 108. This figure could have been exceeded had accommodation been available as numerous late applicants for tickets had to be refused.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) occupied the chair. The guest of the evening was the Bishop of Lichfield (Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve) who was accompanied by Mrs. Reeve. Other guests were Rt. Rev. N. Tubbs (former Bishop of Rangoon) and Mrs. Tubbs, Mrs. Parker, Rev. V. F. Nicholls (Vicar of Walsall) and Mrs. Nicholls, and Councillor E. R. Magness (Willenhall Urban District Council) and Mrs. Magness. Visitors present included Rev. W. W. Price (Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), Dr. A. B. Lavelle (Vicar of Wednesbury) and Mrs. Lavelle, Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton, Rev. G. Rainbow (Vicar of Claverley) and Mrs. Rainbow, Miss E. Fletcher (Birmingham), Mr. D. Matkin (Bournemouth), Mr. H. Henshaw, Miss F. Seaman, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire.

After a very nice meal, the chairman proposed the loyal toast. When this had been duly honoured, the Ven. W. A. Parker proceeded to welcome the Bishop of Lichfield and Mrs. Reeve, and said that their presence was a red-letter occasion for the members of the Society.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' the Bishop of Lichfield first paid tribute to the 40 years of loyal service rendered to the Society by the clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker. After expressing his great appreciation of the work of ringers throughout the Diocese, Dr. Reeve appealed to those members who were lax in their duties to make every effort to fulfil their obligations in the belfry. Nothing was more likely to kill enthusiasm amongst a band of ringers than the apathy of one or more of its members.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Bert Horton said it was indeed an honour to have the Bishop and Mrs. Reeve present that evening. It was also very gratifying to see Bishop Tubbs and the other clerical visitors. Mr. Horton recalled the aims and hopes expressed for the welfare of the Society at a dinner he had attended in Wolverhampton 23 years previously, and said that he was of opinion that such hopes had been fully realised with a result that today the Society was in a very strong position.

Councillor E. R. Magness proposed the toast of 'Church and State' in a witty speech. He said that Mr. Chris. Wallater had endeavoured to make him a ringer but after a few lessons he (Councillor Magness) decided it was much easier to become a councillor. It was a matter of satisfaction to him that during the recent crisis in the affairs of this country in the Middle East, leaders of the Church had not been afraid to express their views fearlessly.

In reply, the Rev. W. Willis Price said that it was just as important for the spiritual welfare of the community to be catered for by the Church as the material welfare as administered by the State. People today were inclined to overlook the need of spiritual matters.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Clive Smith said that the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers was something to be proud of, and be it a social function like this dinner, a ringing meeting or a visit to a strange tower, the visitor was always made welcome.

Mr. Harold Henshaw, a non-ringer, in reply said that he had been impressed with the friendliness which existed amongst ringers. He wished all ringers present that evening good hunting in the future. At the conclusion of the speeches the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for so ably taking the chair.

Entertainment was provided by Rev. G. H. Rainbow, Mr J. Courtman and Mr. N. Holden, who were thanked by Mr. F. Bennett. Courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Howell, E. E. Speake, B. G. Key D. Matkin, J. Eastwood, A. Collins, A. Richards and K. W. Knowles.

During the afternoon the bells of Walsall Parish Church were available for those attending the annual dinner.

STAFFORD HONOURS MR. WARRILOW

The spacious ringing room of St. Mary's, Stafford, was well filled on the evening of November 7th, when a testimonial taking the form of treasury notes was presented to Mr. John Warrilow. It was early in 1911 that Mr. Warrilow joined St. Mary's band, later becoming head ringer, a position he held for a number of years. The esteem in which he is held was marked by the generous contributions made to his testimonial. These were from the Rector, the churchwardens, the Parochial Church Council and past and present ringers.

The Rector, the Rev. D. A. Hodges, in making the presentation remarked that he spoke on behalf of the Church, and thanked Mr. Warrilow for all he had done during his years of service in not only ringing but in keeping the bells and ropes in good order, and the many other things he had done in connection with the bells and belfry.

The hon. secretary, A. E. Garbett, on behalf of all who had been associated with Mr. Warrilow in the belfry, expressed thanks and appreciation for his help, kindness and tolerance. There were times, said Mr. Garbett, that Mr. Warrilow could have been forgiven had he 'gone off the deep end,' but never had they heard him speak unkindly to a ringer; his placid temperament had done much to cement the very friendly feeling and the unity that had existed in that belfry for so many years. He also thanked Mr. Warrilow for the wonderful example he had given them to follow, for despite the fact that to fulfil his service he had to cycle nearly four miles from his home, often in inclement weather, yet he was invariably first at the belfry

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Garbett said that age had now conquered the spirit. Yet he (Mr. Warrilow) would have much satisfaction in knowing that his service had been well and faithfully rendered, that the Warrilow tradition was being ably carried on by his son Richard, head ringer, who is well known in Midland circles, and by his grandson Robert, who recently joined the peal-ringing fraternity. 'We trust,' said Mr. Garbett, 'that as you check the "part ends" in your long peal of life, you will have very happy recollections of the times spent in ringing and of the friends you have made in St. Mary's belfry.'

Mr. R. M. Webb, churchwarden, also paid tribute to the work Mr. Warrilow had done. In conclusion, Mr. Warrilow shook hands with all present.

A. E. G.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): C. J. B. Taylor 1, R. N. Pittman 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. J. Roaf, 4, D. H. Niblett 5, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 6. First extent of Norwich by all.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTERSHIP

Mr. J. S. Mason for a Second Year

November 17th was election day, and in accordance with the usual custom the Master, Mr. J. S. Mason, vacated the chair after routine business had been transacted. Past Master J. Chilcott was then voted to the chair to conduct the election of officers.

Owing to the senior steward, Mr. S. H. Dearden, having been transferred to the north in connection with his business duties, he was unable to stand for election as Master. It is hoped that when he returns to London he will be able to take his place as Master.

The meeting decided to re-elect Mr. J. S. Mason for a further year, and opportunity was taken to express deep appreciation of his services to the Society. The past year has been a most successful one under his wise and able leadership, and an equally successful and enjoyable year is looked forward to under him.

Mr. A. B. Peck was re-elected as secretary with much enthusiasm, and the hope was expressed by his proposer, Mr. E. G. Fenn, that he would be spared for many more years to carry out his important duties.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who has been treasurer since 1919, intimated that owing to pressure of business he felt unable to continue in this office, and he proposed that Mr. Cyril Watts should be appointed. Mr. Watts was duly elected, and he paid a high tribute to Mr. Hughes for his long and faithful service to the Society, a tribute which was endorsed by all present

Mr. P. A. F. Chalk was elevated from the junior stewardship to be senior steward. There were two nominations for the office of junior steward—Mr. B. K. Lunn and Mr. Wilfrid Williams, and on a ballot Mr. Williams was elected.

The two trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood, were re-elected.

The large attendance at this meeting was evidence of the virility of this ancient Society, and it was most gratifying to see a large number of the younger members present taking their part in the activities of the Society. With such enthusiastic young members the future looks bright and promising.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Wandsworth

The sound of the bells from Holy Trinity (West Hill), Wandsworth, heralded the start of the Northern District nomination meeting on November 10th, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins. A short service followed the ringing, where some of the ringers robed and formed a choir. An address was given by the Vicar.

In the Church Hall the ladies provided the tea, which 34 members and eight visitors enjoyed. At the business meeting all stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. James Dodson, of Hersham.

The following were nominated: Master, G. P. T. Peters; hon. secretary, W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, H. N. Pitstow, M.B.E.; hon. auditor, R. T. Layton; committee—N. Bagworth, A. S. Harris, J. Hill and H. V. Young. Further nominations can be sent to the District secretary up to December 29th.

A collection for the Bow Bells Appeal amounted to 26s. Owing to repairs at Mitcham, the annual District meeting will now be at Wimbledon on January 26th.

The ringing of All Saints' bells concluded the meeting.

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' TOUR, 1956

YORKSHIRE was the hunting ground of the Roving Ringers on their 1956 tour, and Selby Abbey the meeting place on July 28th. This beautiful Norman building with its fine ten (25½ cwt.) made an excellent start. On into York and the Youth Hostel, not reached without a soaking, which became a regular feature of the tour.

Sunday morning dawned and we arrived at the Minster (12, 59¼ cwt.) to be greeted by Mr. Harold Walker and the local band. The Bedfordshire Young Ringers were finishing their week here and we joined forces in a touch of Stedman Cinques. Grandsire and more Stedman followed, but we did not do justice to this. Outside, we were greeted by a reporter, and numerous photographs were taken.

On to Wetherby (8, 12 cwt.), where an attempt at Spliced Surprise came to grief, and then to Birstwith (8, 11 cwt.), reached by some on a very muddy track. Here we enjoyed one of the handiest eights in the district. Dacre Banks, at the foot of Nidderdale, was the Hostel this time.

Most of us had time for a brisk walk round Fountains Abbey before going on to Ripon Cathedral. This fine ten (23 cwt.) went well to Yorkshire Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters. We had lunch in Ripon and then a mile, all down hill, to Sharrow (8, 12 cwt.). The Spliced was more successful here. We then pushed on to Wath (6, 7½ cwt.) amid showers and rang London and Cambridge on these bells. Thirsk brought back many happy (?) memories for at least one ex-Catterick member, and here we rang on the eight (14 cwt.) of the Parish Church. Spliced Plain and Little Bob and various Surprise methods were rendered.

The programme said 'Ampleforth—no meals provided (bread and milk ordered),' so many of the pessimistic stayed for a large meal before cycling on. However, our secretaries, with helpers, had done an excellent job by the time we arrived, and what was voted the best meal of the tour was greatly enjoyed. Birthdays were much in evidence during the week and this evening celebrations were well up to standard.

Tuesday's programme included Helmsley (8, 12 cwt.), Kirkby Moorside, a fine six of 8¾ cwt., and Pickering, where the wall paintings had to be seen to be believed! Here the ground floor eight of 14 cwt. were rung to various methods up to Rutland and Spliced before an interested audience. On to Malton (8, 12¼ cwt.), where we had the first setback of the tour owing to illness near the church. However, borrowed handbells were rung in the vestry to Grandsire and Stedman Caters. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Youth Hostel with its first-rate staff. Piano playing by Uncle Mac and others ended an excellent day.

A DAMP JOURNEY

Wednesday began fine, but after ringing at Norton (8, 14¼ cwt.), a steady drizzle commenced and frightened some on to British Railways. Others had their enthusiasm considerably dampened on the way to Scarborough (8, 20 cwt.), where we were greeted by Mr. Sutton who joined us in the ringing. It was now raining very heavily and only the strong willed did not succumb to the railway to Bridlington. We began to realise just how the colour was washed out of the Yorkshire rose!

At Bridlington Priory we enjoyed a rather heavy going eight (26½ cwt.), but the work was well worth while. Down at the hostel in the town some male members were interested in the warden's greeting of 'full up with females tonight.' Hopes died when it was discovered that most were still at school!

Thursday's first tower was Great Driffield (6, 12 cwt.). We were early for once and our officials went off to the Police Station to get the key, and we began to wonder if disaster had occurred, when they returned with Sgt. Huddleston. Spliced Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor was another trick out of our Master's hat.

BEVERLEY'S APPEAL

It seems rather unfair that one town should have two such fine pieces of architecture with such fine bells as Beverley. The painted chancel ceiling of St. Mary's depicts on panels many of our mediæval English kings. The ceiling was restored in post-war years and the portrait of the late King George VI was added. In the belfry Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal, and Stedman Caters were rung. We then moved across the town to the Minster and rang on this wonderful ten (41¼ cwt.).

We had been warned by the secretaries that the Sutton band were expecting good ringing, and we hope we obliged. Certainly if our ringing was as good as the tea they provided we have never done better! After a vote of thanks to them for what must have been a considerable amount of work, we divided to our various bed and breakfast appointments in Hull. A while later we met at Holy Trinity (10, 25½ cwt.), where Mr. Reed allowed us the pleasure of ringing.

Friday began with a long, long ride: half the band was tired out before we had any ringing at all! This was unfortunate as Howden's were thought by most to be the finest eight (22¼ cwt.) this year. An unusual feature here is that from the churchyard one can see the bells swinging behind glass windows, and the sound rises at least 30ft. before leaving the tower. Those who remained here for lunch were rewarded by a thunderstorm; those who went on to Goole missed it! We had a not too successful ring on the eight (15½ cwt.) and then proceeded to Thorne (8, 14 cwt.). The ring here was greatly appreciated, Rutland and Spliced being successfully brought home. Bawtry Youth Hostel was paddled into, and after supper we joined the local band at their practice night (6, 14 cwt.).

We commenced Saturday at East Retford and the much-threatened London Royal was at last attempted. Three leads were enough to prove that most of us did not really know enough about the method. Mr. John Segar entertained with his tapping on handbells. He apologised for being out of practice, but it sounded pretty good to us. The next tower had originally been East Markham but the tenor was giving trouble so we went to Tuxford. Unfortunately the spire had been condemned that morning so we called in at East Drayton where permission was readily given to ring. This six (12 cwt.) was a good one, and we were glad to add it to our list. We could almost see Lincoln Minster now, and after a quick halt at Saxilby (6, 12¼ cwt.) we chased down the Lincolnshire Handicap course to jump from our saddles outside our hotels, the Great Northern and Oxford, the headquarters for the remainder of the tour. Most of the week-enders had now joined us.

AT LINCOLN

At the Minster we were met by one of our honorary members, Mr. John A. Freeman, and the Minster band. We had been here in 1950, but it is always a pleasure to revisit this 12. Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were the methods. That evening the Society celebrated its tenth birthday with dinner and a cake which had travelled from Somerset. Had it been kept since February? We were glad to have Mr. Freeman and his wife with us and to be able to congratulate young John on the recent addition to his family. The highlight of the proceedings after dinner was a course of London Major on handbells.

Sunday's programme said 'St. Giles', 8.40 a.m. (if energetic).' How many were, the writer does not know. Others rang at the Cathedral, St. Peter de Groot. In the afternoon we went to Washingborough, and many of the tired cyclists were glad to take advantage of one of the car-borne member's spare seats. St. Giles' bells (8, 18 cwt.) were rung for evening service, including Spliced and an excellent course of London.

On Monday it was raining again. We rang at Harmston (8, 10 cwt.) where, of course, Spliced had to be rung, but we could not quite manage 22! On to Grantham (10, 32¼ cwt.), a fitting end to a most enjoyable tour.

We must record our thanks to our secretaries for organisation, to the incumbents and tower keepers for allowing us to visit their various towers, and to our Master for keeping us in order. We decided at the meeting to visit London for the reunion, and we look forward to this.

R. H./J. H.

JOINT MEETING AT SHEFFIELD

A joint meeting of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild and the Sheffield and District Society was held in Sheffield on November 3rd. The fact that it was Sheffield University Rag Day accounted for some strange sights in the city.

Two towers were open during the afternoon: St. Marie's R.C. Church, with its widely famed ring of eight, and the Cathedral, with a 40 cwt. ring of 12. Although the numbers were divided, methods up to Surprise Major were rung in both towers.

It was pleasant to see so many young ringers present; their ability varied from rounds and plain hunt to London Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

At some time during the afternoon and evening there were 17 ladies present, representing eight towers.

At the ladies' business meeting a letter was read from the new president, Mrs. K. Lock, who sent her greetings to all members of the District. Three new members were proposed, and votes of thanks were given to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, not forgetting the ladies who prepared the tea.

'POULARD' (Regd.)
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DEVIL'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—I once read a novel called 'Devil's Peal,' interesting because it was a murder yarn very obviously staged at Rochester before the bells were augmented to ten. The scenery closely resembles that in 'Edwin Drood,' and actually in the same places.

But what interested me was the author's assertion that before change-ringing was invented mediæval ringers were in the habit of ringing various compositions, expressing all sorts of ideas, until the authorities banned them.

The actual 'Devil's Peal' consisted of a representation of the slaughter of the Innocents, the heavy bells representing Herod's soldiers, and the light ones the cries of the babes.

Needless to say, in the novel, every time this was rung there was a murder, though the author did not explain how such a composition could be rung on modern tower bells.

I would like to know just how much truth there is in this queer story, or if it was merely the author's imagination running riot.—Faithfully, yours, F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

INVALID BUT A HELPFUL CRITIC

Dear Sir,—We read so much about the annoyance of church bells that it must be a tonic to us all to learn that we have given pleasure to some.

Mr. Jesse H. Newman, of Bures, who has just passed to higher service, was wounded in 1916 and for 40 years was a semi-invalid. An accomplished musician, his house contained a large number of musical instruments, and he mastered them all. Included was an octave of heel irons and one of files and rasps, but his pride and joy was a set of ten tubes made from old curtain rods, the strikers being leather-bound wood. The writer has spent many evenings helping him tap changes on these.

When the Bures company started from scratch in 1949 he became our most helpful listening critic. His candid criticism made the whole company practise and strive to get perfect striking. He preferred Triples to Major because to use his own words, 'The music is nice when it does come, but keep the tenor last and it comes more often.' For half-muffled ringing he liked Bob Triples or any Triples method which had four blows in 7ths place, as you got the little bells dancing on the handstroke whilst the others produced a kind of double note and echoes.

Following complaints, the louvres were blocked up, and he was very annoyed to think that anybody existed who required the sound to be deadened. In 1950, when the decision to complete the octave was made, he was one of the first to give a donation and was also an honorary member when the St. Mary's Society was formed.

As the cortege left his house the tenor was tolled by the Master of the Society, and it was very pleasant to think that I had been one of those who had helped to provide an ill man with some pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

L. D. MILLS.

Bures.

HAWKLEY DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir,—I have no knowledge of, still less participation in, Mr. T. E. C. Swinton's queerly-described ringing attempts at Hawkley, Hants, with which he seeks to couple my name, or those connected with the Manual of Ringing Training.

Our views and deportment regarding striking and over-fast ringing are too well known in the belfry to admit of any such possibility.—Yours very truly, A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

ST. MAURICE'S, WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—I should like to assure Mr. Shepherd that the six bells which until recently hung in the above church have not been confined to the scrap heap, but are to form part of, I believe, a ring of eight at Bitterne Park, Southampton. I have been told that the tenor bell is to be recast but that the other five will remain as they were.

St. Maurice's Church has been closed down now for about two years and, although there are still one or two legal formalities to go through, I think it probable that the church will be demolished, leaving only the tower remaining. We have continued to ring the bells, however, over the last two years, using the tower mainly for teaching recruits bell handling and the simpler methods.—Yours sincerely,

Winchester. J. A. C. KING.

WEST COUNTRY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret that a chance remark of mine at the Guildford dinner should have annoyed Mr. Carveth (page 731). Unfortunately, this sentence taken from its context seems to have implied criticism of West Country ringers, which was just the opposite to what I had just said (not reported). I had just reminded those present that a very high standard of striking is demanded in Devon and Cornwall, and jokingly asked if this was the reason one meets so few ladies in call-change towers. (Trouble from the ladies now!)

I am delighted to hear that 90 per cent. of the towers in Cornwall ring regularly for services (a higher proportion than Surrey), though it is my experience that they do not ring for 90 per cent. of the services, unless I have visited too many of the other 10 per cent.

I can assure Mr. Carveth that we in Surrey would have very many silent towers but for our lady ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Chobham. R. COLLINS.

P.S.—Thanks for the compliment on our Hawkley peal, Mr. Swinton (page 731). I agree, 2 hours 50 minutes is right for these bells.

R. C.

GUILDS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—After the article 'Overhead or Overboard' I was hoping to see some correspondence on the subject, for it seems that the ringing associations will have to help 'The Ringing World' sooner or later, whilst they in their turn complain about the cost of printing annual reports.

I have wondered if they could not co-operate and follow the example of the Central Council by publishing their reports in the 'R.W.', the main points of which are usually printed free in the meeting reports and peal columns (and the lists of towers are contained in Dove's book). The Guilds would pay for the extra space taken, and for the extra copies of the journal containing their own report for distribution to the usual recipients of reports, who were not regular readers of 'The Ringing World.'

If these reports could be spread over the year, say one large or two smaller ones per week, more revenue and a larger circulation would result, which is wanted. I know a few would complain about not receiving a nicely-bound report to put on the bookshelf, but I think they would be a very small minority.—Yours, etc., A. H. SMITH.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe (conducted 540) 2, F. G. Wheeler 3, S. Zobel 4, B. Aldridge 5, G. Braund (conducted 720) 6. In memoriam the Rev. R. S. Galer, Vicar 1935–1950, and Cecil Mayatt, member of the choir for 66 years.

WEEK-END PEAL TOUR AROUND SWINDON

After previous successful peal ringing 'Weekends Wheatsheaf'—after the hostelry that provides homely accommodation for the party in Swindon — arranged by Brian Bladon in his home county of the wide-open spaces, it was felt that something out of the ordinary in the way of Minor ringing should be attempted. Previously counsels of caution had been heeded: 'You have come a long way: you want to get the peals, so play safe—stick to the "Steady Seven," to "Pitstow's Doxology" and Middleton's Cambridge.' This time, caution was thrown to the winds and some of the most intricate work in the 'Minor Collection' was chosen, namely, that based upon the method named after the Scottish abbey at Kelso.

Kelso Surprise was selected for the first attempt of the weekend, and an easy ring of bells was obtained in order that attention could be concentrated on the method ringing. This was at the Cotswold stone village of Kemble, at the source of the Thames, the ring there having been recently rehung and augmented by Messrs. Mears.

A false start of nearly an extent, followed by an almost undetectable shift-course, taught a healthy respect for the method, but the ringing that followed was almost immaculate, and a first-rate 'first in method' was scored.

A well-known Morris Cowley tourer was the transport for the weekend, but as usual, it showed little sign of a quarter of a century of active life, when it carried all six on the 30-mile stage to the next tower, St. Mary's, Marlborough, including the climb to nearly 900 feet over Hackpen Hill. The afternoon peal on this fine heavy six, rehung by Gillett's, was a comparative rest except for the tenor man, as it included the 'long sleep,' 16 dodges behind in one section! This method, Bamborough Surprise, also includes 'Kelso' work, and another good 'first in the method' was scored, against the clock.

The following Sunday morning service ringing was at Purton, a grand six (20 cwt. in C sharp!), scene of a success by the party earlier this year. Cambridge, London, and Caernarvon Delight, the new method for the afternoon, were rung, but Stedman found out some weak spots!

The fine central tower of Kempsford Church, near Fairford, was the venue for the afternoon peal of Caernarvon Delight, a very musical method for some fine-toned heavy bells; but what a handful to ring! When the tenor was pulled—and it needed some pulling!—there was no knowing what the front bells would do next. But the hard work of well over three hours was rewarded by the satisfaction of not only another 'first in method' and a 100 per cent. record for the tour, but also the first peal of Minor on the bells and first on them for 34 years, and a good peal at that, in view of the difficulties. It is hoped the peal improved the bells, thanks to the efforts of our bell-hanger from Croydon, who made the fifth ringable before the attempt.

In conclusion, it is fitting to remark upon the great hospitality and co-operation beyond the average experienced in dealing with the incumbents in the Swindon district. This was supremely exemplified by the Rev. Mr. Lang, of Kempsford, who was prepared to arrange his services to accommodate the ringing, and has since written: 'We were overjoyed at your success. We shall be pleased to see you at any time at Kempsford tower.' D. P. J.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, Ann Spavins (first 'inside') 2, Anne Amor (first 'inside') 3, I. N. Pett 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, R. Churchill 7, D. C. Hall (first quarter) 8. With 7 and 8 covering. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 2 and 3.

A LEICESTERSHIRE SQUIRE WHO LOVED BELLS

Peals at King's Norton, Leicestershire, are few and far between, and every one has to be 'earned.' The recent ringing of the first peal of Surprise on these bells recalls the long and serene history of them.

Nichols, the historian of Leicestershire, tells us that Wm. Fortrey gave a ring of ten bells to his church when he rebuilt it but, finding the weight dangerous, he reduced it to eight—tradition has it that the two extra bells went to St. Margaret's, Leicester! Anyhow, Squire Fortrey gave the trebles there to make them ten.

This Mr. Fortrey was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells and did much to encourage improvements in the rings of different churches in Leicestershire. He rebuilt the church of Galby and placed therein, in 1741, a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten (as above stated). In 1738 he gave the two to St. Margaret's, Leicester, and in 1771 a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells.

In 1753, when John Holt published his 'broadsheet' of peals—which included the treble leads of his six- and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part of Union Triples and his three-part of Plain Bob Triples without a single—Mr. Wm. Fortrey, of Galby, Leics, is there shown as a subscriber for four copies. The first peal on King's Norton bells was by The Society of Sherwood Youths on May 28th, 1776, when they rang Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 32 minutes, conducted by W. Doubleday Crofts. It is recorded the band came from Nottingham to Leicester by stage-coach and *walked* to King's Norton, and so likewise back again!

After a lapse of 40 years we read in the 'Leicester Journal' of June 8th, 1816: 'Tuesday last, being His Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place. They rang a true and compleat peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons, viz.: Jonathan Haywood treble, John Clarke 2, Thomas Clarke 3, James Gill 4, George Harris 5, Lawrence Staines 6, William Reeves 7, William Wood tenor. The peal was call'd by Wm. Reeves. After it had been rung, the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner.'

The bells are still in their original two-storey frame—the three trebles hang about ten feet above the other five—but about 1920 Mr. F. G. Rimington, of Manchester, spent a lot of time and money on them, adding stays and sliders and a new beam under the floor, etc. On the present writer's first visit here the bells were without stays and sliders and so we had to ring them up, have a short touch and fall them. Then the next team did likewise! We went to Norton on that occasion (in 1907) by pantechnicon!—or furniture van. In February and in March, 1921, attempts were made by teams from Leicester and Manchester to get a peal, but after one and two hours respectively had to be abandoned owing to the heavy 'go' of the bells. Then to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells a band of Sherwood Youths (of which the writer was one) rang an excellent peal of Stedman Triples on December 4th, 1926, conducted by the late Albert Coppock.

In 1929 and in 1931 the writer called peals of Grandsire Triples, and in 1939 W. P. Whitehead called peals of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. Apart from a local peal of Grandsire Doubles these are the only peals on these bells until the one of Braunstone Surprise Major now recorded.

E. M.

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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PART I.

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SECTION XIV. APPENDIX II.

148. — List of Learners' Faults in Exercises of Part I.

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4. Line of view.	Peering 'round' sally.	Head sideways and bad view.	Look 'through' rope. (Ignore it.)	55
5. Proximity.	Neglect.	Loss of control. (Too far from rope.)	Face 2 hand-breadths from rope.	56
6. Stance.	Feet too close.	Too small a balance base and muscle fatigue.	Slightly apart sideways and fore-and-aft.	58
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8. Rope-end 'clutch.'	Neglect to grip rope in lower hand clutch.	Loss of control and even, at start, of rope-end.	Tight 'clutch' grip and encircling.	60
9. Clasping.	Fingers and thumbs NOT encircling.	Loss of power and control.	All fingers and both thumbs round.	61 62
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11. Grips contact.	'Spaced' hands.	Loss of power and control, and as in 1 above.	Little finger of upper hand on first finger of lower.	63
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16. Sally-dip. (Too low a grip.)	Failure to appreciate less dip with light bells.	Hands finish too low down for full control.	Light bells have higher start to sally rise so grip higher than normal low.	67
17. Sally-rise grip.	Slip or 'sally slide.'	Loss of control and risk of stay loss.	As in 12 above and tight grip till elbows straighten.	84
18. Rope-tension.	Anxiety—beginner lifts hands.	Loose rope and loss of control.	Keep tight rope.	80
19. Pull-off warning.	Treble ringer not looking to see *all* ready, and too quick.	Bad striking first few pulls.	Check *every* rope ready before 'She's gone!'.	92
20. Pull-off timing.	Not getting the reach-up and grip and on to balance on 'Treble's going!'.	Bad striking for first few pulls at least.	Be alert to pull off from moment of taking position.	94
21. Pull direction.	1 and 5 above, etc.	Loss of power on pullstroke.	Bring hands down vertically close to belt.	57
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24. Body position.	Backing away from rope, or leaning back.	Body bending and swaying with loss of power and control.	As in 7 above.	77
25. Use of body weight.	Body bending forward.	Reduced control and muscle fatigue.	Drop at knees if necessary, but pull correctly before.	58
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29. Bell-setting.	Failure to check on to balance, first.	Harsh set, rebound, damage.	Proper control and stop on balance before easing on to stay.	95
30. Rope-handling.	Laziness.	Rope dropped on floor after setting or lowering or while chiming.	Hold rope-end in chiming (unless tied up) and tie up when stopped.	47
31. Rope-view.	Too lazy or conceited to look at ropes.	Loss of mutual contact in method ringing.	Keep eyes on the ropes just above head level.	55

(The list is not exhaustive.)

Note.—As with Appendix I, the numbers on the right refer to the Articles in which the fault and/or remedy are described. The numbers on the left are serial reference numbers to the errors and do NOT relate to the numbers of the relevant exercises, which may be traced through the Article numbers.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago, on November 24th, 1906, a peal of 5,021 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Taylor, bell founder. It was rung immediately after the funeral.

The ringers were: Walter C. Hunt treble, Frank G. Burlwigh 2, Thomas H. Colburn 3, William C. Wakley 4, Josiah Morris 5, James L. Wells 6, John Hickman 7, Horace W. Abbot 8, William Willson (composer and conductor) 9, Horace F. Stubbs tenor.

This information was sent to us by Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Rosemary Cottage, Exbourne, Oakhampton.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY UNDERWOOD

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild has suffered another untimely loss by the death of Mr. P. Underwood, aged 50, of Ottershaw. A loyal member of the local band for many years, Percy could always be relied on for service ringing and the odd quarter peal. He only rang one peal, as he always jokingly called it a mug's game. Nevertheless, he was usually around to hear any attempt made at Ottershaw, with a pithy comment on the striking. His tall, lean figure and dry humour will be sadly missed.

MR. H. J. COLLIS

Mr. H. J. Collis, for 50 years a regular ringer at Chobham, died on November 16th, aged 76. Though not a method ringer, he was always willing to assist the Guild in a difficult tower, and even rang the treble to one quarter peal. He retired from ringing a year ago on the formation of the new band, in whom he took a keen interest. R. C.

MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE
AN APPRECIATION

I trust I may be allowed to add a few personal words about my dear friend Frederick Price. I have known him intimately for more than 50 years, and in the years 1923 to 1926, when I lived at Beeston, I was privileged to ring regularly with the notable Beeston band.

Fred was a great walker, and he knew every byway and footpath for many miles around and on both sides of the Trent. Together we have walked what must have amounted to hundreds of miles, and we studied our method ringing as we walked. In those days there was no easy path to the Surprise methods, and we had no leader of outstanding ability to keep us right. Trial, error, disappointment, and a renewed determination, these were our weekly lot; and what good training it was! And what good fun!

Memories of those strenuous days now crowd in upon me. Together we visited pleasant villages like Cotgrave, drank our ale at The Flying Horse at Kegworth, The Cuckoo Bush at Gotham, and the old Admiral Rodney at Wollaton. We have stood together in the churchyard at Stanton-by-Dale on dark nights gazing downwards into the Gehenna of the Stanton blast furnaces, and we have walked at midnight to ring the New Year in at Lenton, returning across Lenton flats at 2 o'clock in the morning filed with Teddy Blagdon's bread and cheese and pickles, with a drop of something warming on the top. These were the days of simple joys.

Fred Price never knew any material prosperity, but his wealth of spiritual prosperity and unselfish happiness exceeded all earthly riches; and he has left us a wonderful legacy in the model his life offers to all who know him. He passed from us happily and in tranquillity, almost as if he had on his lips the very words of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth: 'I am going to my Father's; and though with great difficulty I have got me hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the troubles I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage. . . . My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my rewarder.'

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EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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JOINT MEETING AT DEPTFORD

The eleventh of the annual series between the Lewisham District, K.C.A., and the Surrey Association (Northern District) attracted an attendance of 48 ringers to St. John's, Deptford, where ringing during the afternoon and evening was supervised by Miss M. Andrews (Lewisham District Ringing Master).

The Rev. W. Lee (Vicar) conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Miss M. Andrews and her Bexley colleagues were responsible for the tasty and satisfying tea, and they were thanked by Mr. J. Dafters, who also extended a warm welcome to the visitors from Surrey. Mr. F. E. Collins, on behalf of the Surrey Association, seconded the vote of thanks and hoped for an equally happy meeting in Surrey next year.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Collyer 1, J. Inns 2, H. Wilson 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the festival of All Saints.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Piddock (first quarter) 1, R. Beard 2, Mary Andrews 3, B. Aldridge 4, P. Braund (cond.) 5, Jean M. Jones 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

LATE NOTICES

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Walberton, on Dec. 1st, 1956.—W. L. Weller. 9379

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. G. Handley, The Haven, 34, Vicarage Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. 9377

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. S. WADE has now returned from hospital and is home again at his permanent address, 79, Springwater Road, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. He thanks all his kind friends that have written and he will answer in due course. 9353

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton, St. Mary's, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9321

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9337

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Practice at Great Milton on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame. 9328

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Beaminster, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 9320

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Please note altered arrangements St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City (8) available 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Botolph's Church Hall. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), available after tea. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, F. A. Finch, Hon. Secs. 9306

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Blythburgh (6). Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9323

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 9332

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—G. Francis. 9371

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 9314

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, WORCESTER.—Ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. and after service. Preacher, Rev. M. Richards (Vicar). All ringers welcome. 9341

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9344

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Earlsheaton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Teas—not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton. 9373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Shipham, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9367

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, Dec 8th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 9348

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Street, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Marsh. 9359

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec.

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Goole, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (3s. each). Names on or before Dec. 5th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. Parker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 9375

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Annual business meeting for Chesterfield District. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell.—A. B. Cooper, H. Denman. 9363

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 5th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9299

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea in George and Dragon. Names to E. Turley, Lower Farm. Annual dinner, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names as soon as possible to A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel.—C. A. Bassett. 9369

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 9296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9311

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley. 9335

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 9346

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Dec. 5th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9356

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashtead, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in Schoolroom, requests for which should reach J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by Dec. 5th.—A. H. Smith. 9312

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 5th to Mr. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley.—R. Shutter. 9376

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Strong, 60, Ridgeway, Nailsea. Service 24b bus from Centre, Bristol, at 3.25 p.m., will save long walk.—M. de Jong, Dis. Sec. 9351

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party at St Peter's, Walsden, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 p.m. Tickets, inclusive of tea and social, 6s.; children 4s. Please order tickets by Dec. 1st from J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9304

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Bowness, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Annual general meeting, Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool, 19.—G. Howlett. 9364

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in Church School. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 9372

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Monday, Dec. 3rd, to G. R. Burrows, 12, Wildmore Crescent, Friskney, Boston. 9357

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—St. Mary, Woolwich, Saturday Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Details of evening tower see next week's issue.—Hutchings: TUL 0800. 9362

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn (Kilburn Bridge end of Maida Vale), Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 9345

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication. Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.30, for those who notify me by Monday, Dec. 3rd. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church: frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Mulbarton.—Dedication of the Rev. Heard Memorial by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea by December 5th essential, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 9349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hardwick on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9347

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting in Oxford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.45 at St. Martin and All Saints' Church. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 9339

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Names by Tuesday previous, to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9365

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Burry Port. Bells (5) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Please look up St. Simon's and New Doubles. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Gillingham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford. 9343

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.—Dedication of two trebles and rehung bells by the Bishop, Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. 9354

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Haverhill (6) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. 9338

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, Union Church Hall, Brighton, 3.30 to 6 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Subject: Finance. Make an effort to attend.—R. Percy, Gen. Sec. 9360

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4.15 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.15 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting and service, Saturday Dec. 15th, Damerham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who send names by Dec. 11th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Mary's bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Meeting follows. Bells till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Walk, Redhill. 9319

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Calverley on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in the Old Hall Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower. Names for tea to Mr. D. Thorp, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley, near Leeds, no later than Thursday, Dec. 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9355

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—Annual reunion and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 1957. Details later.—D. Heighton, Hon. Sec. 9366

QUARTER PEALS

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peglar 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, W. Ivings 4, J. H. Gregory 5, G. F. Burton 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 4th, at New College, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. H. Niblett 1, Miss R. A. Carey 2, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, Miss I. Inman 5, M. J. Thomas 6, M. V. White 7, C. J. B. Taylor 8, W. H. Jackson 9, S. P. Ivin 10. First of Caters for 2, 5, 7 and 10.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On June 24th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Miss F. Welch 2, S. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, A. Harris 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, A. Harris 3, M. Chalkley 4, R. Head 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Reeks 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Gooding 3, A. G. Betts 4, A. Tapley 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, W. Reeks 7, E. Burnett 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Ann Joliffe, of Sidmouth, and Frederick Willmington, of Sowton.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Maskrey 1, D. Wight 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, Miss S. E. Atkins 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, D. Stone 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, A. D. Baker (cond.) 8. A birthday quarter for all except 2.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: R. Richardson 1, G. Ball 2, M. Lindsey 3, J. Vernon 4, J. H. Bailess 5, M. Vernon (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 3. Rung prior to morning service.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, K. Buckingham 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, E. F. Willcox 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Ponder, verger for 41 years.

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