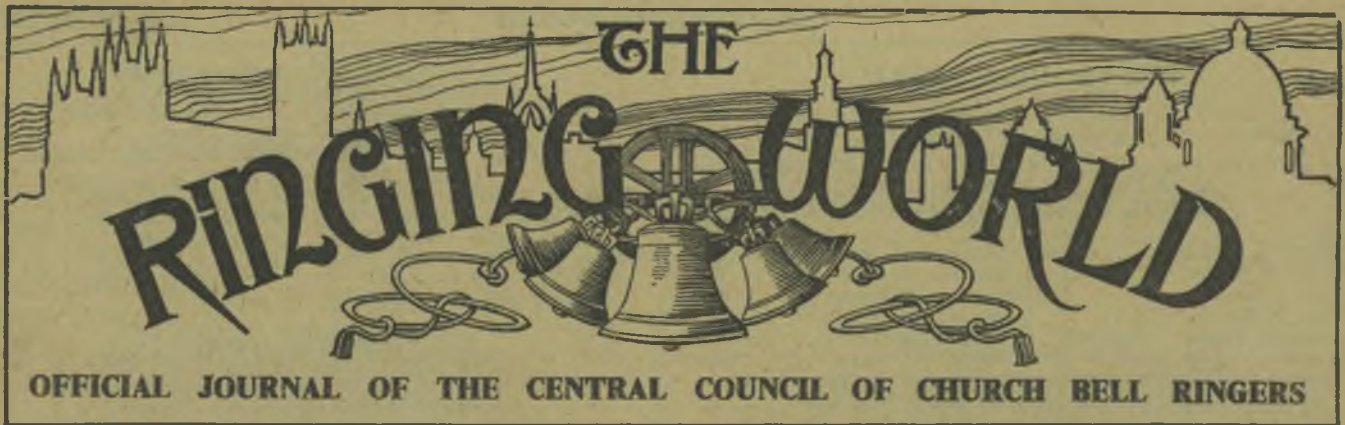




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REFLECTIONS ON THE NEW FOUND DELIGHTS

'GO. Grandsire Doubles.' What a magic the words have now. No longer a meaningless jumble of ropes and confusion of mind, but an orderly pattern, each rope coming to you singly and clearly. 'Bob'—ah, yes, double dodge out of the hunt, treble back stroke, hunt bell, one more bell and lead. 'Single'—make long thirds, that's it. No panic, just remember what you are doing. And so it goes on for another forty minutes or so. And then, 'That's all,' and you've done it—you've really done it. You've rung your first quarter peal 'inside.' George, who has been calling it, and who has initiated you into the mysteries of change ringing, is coming across to you smiling and saying, 'Well done.' You feel you could cry with sheer happiness.

That was at the end of last year. A lot of things happened last year. It really was the turning point. At the beginning of the year you really began to think you never would know anything about change ringing. And then, slowly, the mysteries began to unfold. You rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples—that was something. As you began to learn more, you became more and more interested. You started to write out some methods. Long columns of figures on foolscap paper, and you traced strange green and red lines through them. Your friends asked what on earth were you doing and you told them with an air of superiority that you were writing out bell-ringing methods. They asked you to explain it and you did, and they were vastly impressed by your apparent knowledge of the subject.

Then you got more venturesome and tried a course of Stedman Triples. It was in a new tower too—and in another county. Of course, someone stood behind you and perhaps you didn't know much about what you were doing, but at least it was a step forward. You tried Bob Major there too, and Grandsire Triples, and you came away feeling you had learned something.

Calling was the next thing. One night George said, 'Would you like to call a hundred and twenty?' Would you like to?—Well you could try. 'Look to, treble's going.' We're off. Now here it comes, this time, the first call 'Bob.' Goodness, how strange your voice sounds. Wait a bit, what are you doing? You forgot to take the treble there—who's in the hunt? Is it a bob or a single next time? Oh dear, what a mess. 'Single, no—I mean bob—Oh, Lord! Bring them round. Stand.' Oh dear, that

wasn't very good, was it? Never mind, perhaps it'll be better next time.

Came New Year's Eve, and Nobby said, 'We'll ring the Old Year out with some rounds, and ring the New Year in with a nice touch of Grandsire.' George said, 'I think it would be nice if we asked our lady conductor to call the first touch of the year,' and Nobby agreed. To call the first touch of the year! What joy! What bliss! Nobby sounded the twelve sonorous strokes of midnight on the tenor and then out pealed the bells to welcome the New Year. You heard your voice say 'Go, Grandsire Doubles' . . . Bob . . . Single . . . Bob . . . There's one hundred and twenty—now for another . . . Single Bob . . . Bob . . . and then wonder of wonders—they come back to rounds again. 'That's all. Stand.' And feeling rather wobbly round the knees you realise you've done it—you've called the first touch of the year. You look at George and he looks at you, pleased and proud. And you are proud too.

Soon after New Year, Nobby said, 'Are you going to combined practice at St. John's?' And you said you thought you would. You asked George, 'Do you think there'll be a chance of some Stedman?' and George said he thought there would. And so it was you rang your first touch of Stedman Doubles. True, it was only a hundred and twenty and the calls did not affect you. True, George stood behind you, but he only had to tell you once when you nearly missed a four-five up dodge. But you had seen it—it made sense. And again that feeling of elation at being part of a team which wove wonderful and intricate patterns with the bells. The next night at your own tower Nobby suggested trying Little Bob. You'd rung the treble to it, but now you were 'inside.' And so you added Little Bob to your list. The striking wasn't much to write home about, but it did come round in a shaky sort of way. You rang some fairish touches of Bob Minor that night too, and afterwards you said to George, 'I think I could ring Plain Bob now,' and George said confidently, 'I'm sure you could.' And you felt confident too.

So many things are in store for 1957. Perhaps you will be able to call your first quarter. Yes, I know it will only be Grandsire Doubles, but it'll be wonderful just the same.

What about a peal, did you say? Well—I don't know. To ring for over two hours without a break seems an awfully long time. But I suppose I will do it . . . one day.

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF 5016 BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt.

*DONALD C. ANDREWS .. Treble	†HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 7
†LESLIE G. BRETT .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 8
†ALAN ANDREWS .. 3	†EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 9
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 10
†HARRY D. LISTER .. 5	JOHN F. TILLET .. 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 6	ERNEST V. BLAKE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.

* First touch on 12 bells. † First peal of Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 2	*PETER G. DAVIES .. 7
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 3	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 8
*JUNE CLEMENTS .. 4	†HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 9
*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 5	†WILFRID G. WILSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal together.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

MURIEL S. PIPE .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
DIANA M. PIPE .. 2	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
RUSSELL G. PARKER .. 3	*†KENNETH G. BROWN .. 8
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 9
*FRANK RUFFLES .. 5	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † 50th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Pipe.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES .. Treble	*N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
MISS M. J. SKINNER .. 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 7
WILLIAM F. BUTLER .. 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS .. 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5	HAROLD W. CLARK .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part.

CHARLES COLES .. Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 6
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 3	DAPHNE R. CASTELL .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	FRANK A. BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D flat.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 5
BRYAN S. COPE .. 2	BRYAN F. SIMS .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
GILES C. GALLEY .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RALPH BIRD .. Treble	FRANK E. WALKER .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7
TERENCE BARTON .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Springate.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ALAN CLARKE .. Treble	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 5
DAVID H. BUXTON .. 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. 6
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	JAMES BENNETT .. 7
GEORGE V. BUXTON .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by C. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year. All the band are Grundisburgh residents.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

MICHAEL NOAD .. Treble	HARRY HEATH .. 5
WILLIAM C. WEST .. 2	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS .. 6
HERBERT HEATON .. 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Arranged and rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the life and work of Frank Llewellyn Edwards, priest, Rector of Kingdon Magna 48 years, hon. secretary and treasurer of Salisbury Diocesan Guild 37 years, member of the Central Council 45 years.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	A. JAMES ADAMS .. 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2	PHILIP WALKER .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 7
DERMOT J. ROAF .. 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (aged 86) and to his grand-daughter, Miss Ruth Wilkins.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ROGER K. STRETTON .. Treble	G. HARRY BRAY .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 6
ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
ROLAND H. COOK .. 4	ALBERT J. COOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES W. CHAPMAN (75) .. Treble	JOHN W. EUSTON 5
*JAMES W. REA 2	GORDON PETERS 6
*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMS .. 3	EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	REUBEN SANDERS (83) .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* First peal. First peal since the bells have been rehung and first peal since 1937.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
*JEAN HUTTON Treble	A. BRIAN ELSMORE 5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
ROSEMARY JARRETT 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 7
LESLIE EVANS 4	SYDNEY DANIELS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the Feast of the Circumcision.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JOHN A. ACRES 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	JOAN A. BERESFORD 5
ANN BARR 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	EDMUND MALIN 7
PETER BERESFORD 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IVOR JENKINS Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	A. NEVILLE BROWN 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR 7
NEIL D. LOMAS 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
The first peal on the bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cartier's Odd Bob (No. 2 version).	Tenor 13½ cwt.
GIBSON JACKSON Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF 5
DENISE J. SHAW 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
*DAVID G. JACKSON 3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Tenor ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
VICTOR NEALE 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD 7
CECIL RADDON 4	HENRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*LEONARD S. SHARPE .. Treble	*LESLIE N. MELTON 5
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
*IVAN COOPER 4	*KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

MURIEL S. PIPE Treble	WALTER W. MILLER 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
DIANA M. PIPE 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam Leslie C. Wightman.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. HART Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
*KATHLEEN YEO 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
†BETTY PERCY 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL T. MATKIN .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
RONALD N. MARLOW .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 6
*ELIZABETH YELD 3	MICHAEL J. BEST 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 4	WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

* First peal on eight bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Mrs. L. BOUMPHREY Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (REV.). Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF 5216 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*TREVOR N. G. BAILEY .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
WILLIAM LOVE 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

**WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	*ROBIN V. BAKER 5
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE 2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 6
*JAMES H. WEBB 3	VICTOR A. PERRY 7
JUNE M. E. HILL 4	FREDERICK G. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the engagement of James Webb to Miss June Hill, and also a 21st birthday peal for Bryan D. Hill.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. Treble	† WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	*KENNETH G. BROWN .. 7
*LESLIE N. MILTON 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge. † 50th peal of Cambridge Major. Quickest peal on the bells.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
PHYLLIS POOLE 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (B.24). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

**DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

FRED HODGSON Treble	*MALCOLM P. HAMMOND .. 5
*ROHILLA M. COOKE 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
THOMAS COX 3	KENNETH LAWSON 7
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 4	THOMAS COOKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to Pamela Grace, infant daughter of the Rev. R. Brown, Vicar, and Mrs. Brown.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in (1) Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck; (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Thelwall and Childwall; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
FRANK A. BARRETT 3	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band and on the bells.

PORLOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. DUBRICIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. ARSCOTT .. Treble	JAMES R. HUISSH 4
HORACE W. ARSCOTT 2	D. KEITH LANE 5
LESLIE H. ARSCOTT 3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. ARSCOTT.

PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Marlborough Branch.)

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 extents (ten callings) and two 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. in G.

R. S. SPRICKMAN Treble	A ASHTON 4
MRS. L. F. LOVE 2	L. J. RUTT 5
C. H. CHANDLER 3	P. L. CHURCHILL Tenor

Conducted by L. J. RUTT.

First peal by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to the lady ringer.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. CYRIAC,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*SIDNEY FENN Treble	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 4
A. GEORGE ORBELL 2	CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
ALBERT G. FULLER 3	† NEVILLE SARGEANT .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. R. E. LESTER Treble	KENNETH G. BROWN 4
*PETER R. J. LESTER 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
ARTHUR F. BALLAM 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal 'inside,' aged 13. First peal as conductor.

A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor and a 76th to the conductor's grandfather.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 4
EDWARD CURSON 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 5
SHEILA BARKER 3	*CHARLES H. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 150th peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Semmence. Mr. Semmence is churchwarden and head ringer at this church.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

G. ANGUS DIXON Treble	*A. DAVID DIXON (14) 4
*JOHN E. BUNDY 2	*HARRY BARTLETT 5
*ROGER I. R. ARMISTEAD .. 3	ARTHUR A. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal. First attempt by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARGARET BARKER Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY 3	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of New Doubles, Canterbury Reverse, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Grand-sire, two extents of Stedman and eight extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. Treble	JAMES W. FORDER 3
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	ERNEST A. LONG 4

H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor
Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

First peal of Doubles in ten methods by all.

Rung in honour of the engagement, announced this day, of Edward Roundell, youngest son of the Earl and Countess of Selborne, and Joanna Constance, eldest daughter of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall, Norfolk.

ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal together. 100th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*ALAN WHITING Treble	*STUART KNIGHTON 4
†BERNICE A. MANNING .. 2	JOHN E. COLLINS 5
BRIAN R. MANNING 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Bob Minor † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
MARGARET S. RHODES .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Witnessed by JOHN E. COOK.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. Treble	*FRANCIS G. WILTON 4
RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

Rung as a welcome peal to Josephine Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Peake, born December 15th, 1956.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Single Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb.

*F. GEORGE EDMANS .. Treble	†WILLIAM A. YATES 4
†FREDERICK VICKERS .. 2	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
†GEORGE F. BURTON .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than nine Minor methods. The first peal of Minor on the bells. Mr. G. W. Holland's 100th peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER Treble	GEORGE TALBOT 4
*DOREEN GIBBONS 2	ROY COLLINS 5
*HAZEL HANCOCK 3	EUNICE A. HILEY Tenor

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

A compliment to the Rev. F. A. Woodard, vice-president of the Guild, Vicar since May, 1936, who was leaving for Cheriton Fitzpaine on January 2nd.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES PHILLIPS .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 2	*IVOR G. JONES 5
THOMAS J. GUNDY 3	†MICHAEL MUNN Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. E. Jones; also for the 200th anniversary of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor bells.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Bob Minor.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JANE THORPE Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	HARRY L. MARTIN 5
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*PAMELA J. BUTCHER .. Treble	GEORGE FRY 4
LUTHER J. HONESS 2	ERIC J. BRUNGER 5
HARRY H. USBOURNE .. 3	†JOHN T. MEDHURST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRY.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor

In memoriam Mr. W. Manser, of Barming.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. . Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. . 4
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. . 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. . 5
*WALTER H. POOLE .. . 3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 25th peal together. In memoriam the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The York Minster Society.)

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the York Institute of Architectural Study,
(formerly the Church of St. John)

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

SEDMAN H. STEEL .. . Treble	MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. . 4
*COLIN REEVES (13) .. . 2	†JAMES WOOLFORD (14) .. . 5
*MICHAEL MASKILL (14) .. . 3	HAROLD WALKER .. . Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. G. SMITHSON .. . Treble	W. R. CATCHPOLE .. . 4
J. FIDDY .. . 2	D. E. RUST ANDREW .. . 5
D. FARDON .. . 3	W. G. MEDLER .. . Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

DERBY

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, two extents of Kent and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST H. JOHNSON .. . Treble	JOHN S. HARRISON .. . 4
JACK BAILEY .. . 2	BENJAMIN BARKER .. . 5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. . 3	MAURICE BAILEY .. . Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of four and six.

GREAT WYMONDSLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. . Treble	GEORGE CHERRY .. . 4
ALFRED C. HARRIS .. . 2	FRANK W. CROFT .. . 5
*STANLEY H. ASHTON .. . 3	DAVID L. GULLICK .. . Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY .. . Treble	W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. . 4
JOHN HILLARD .. . 2	KENNETH E. MOON .. . 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. . 3	GEORGE WAREHAM .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,640 Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN COATES .. . Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. . 3
†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. . 2	LESLIE EVANS .. . 4

WILFRID F. MORETON .. . Tenor

The conducting was shared by B. D. THRELFALL, L. EVANS and W. F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

DONALD H. NIBLETT .. . 1—2	JOHN THOMAS .. . 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. . 3—4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. . 7—8

Composed by T. B. WORSELEY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5136 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ANTHONY R. MANN .. . 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. . 5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. . 3—4	J. REGINALD HEATH .. . 7—8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 22, EGERTON STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

PETER WATSON .. . 1—2	TREVOR TAYLOR .. . 3—4
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GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MRS. J. BRAY .. . 1—2	JACK BRAY .. . 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. . 3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. . 7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 22, EGERTON STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*ALLAN SHARPLES .. . 1—2	DEREK TAYLOR .. . 3—4
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TREVOR TAYLOR .. . 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First handbell peal.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

At 7, CLOPHILL ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

PHILIP MEHEW .. . 1—2	DEREK P. JONES .. . 3—4
STEPHEN IVIN .. . 5—6	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal on the bells, the back six of an octave of 'saucer bells', hemispheres from a table chime made into handbells by Mr. William Wagstaffe, of Northill, Beds, for Mr. Ronald Sharp, of Maulden, by whose hospitality the peal was rung.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,

At 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. . 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. . 3—4
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MICHAEL WHITE .. . 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CHELTONHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

At 19, ROYAL PARADE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240.

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

VALERIE WILLARD .. . 1—2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. . 3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. . 5—6	

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal of Doubles 'in hand' for all. First peal 'in hand' as conductor. The ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques 'in hand'.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The winter meeting of the Society took place at Sedgley on January 5th. The weather was springlike compared with the arctic conditions prevailing on the occasion of the Society's previous meeting at Sedgley in January, 1950. The meeting attracted an attendance of 65, and the pleasing ring of eight bells was put to good use during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods. The visitors were welcomed by that grand old veteran Mr. Ben Fullwood, who has been ringing at Sedgley for over 63 years, and it is indeed remarkable that at the age of 87 he had been up among the bells to grease them in readiness for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Sargeant, Vicar of Sedgley, who is shortly leaving the parish for another living.

Tea was served in the new Parish Hall. At the business meeting it was proposed by Mr. H. Knight, and seconded by Mr. George Hughes, and carried, that a donation of £10 10s. be sent from the Society's funds to the Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Penkridge in March. F. C. A. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Sixteen new ringers were elected at the quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch, which was held at Payhembury on January 12th.

Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, was present, and Mr. G. C. Woodley was in the chair. About 20 ringers attended and touches were rung on the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Payhembury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The winter meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Bloxham on January 12th and, in spite of petrol rationing, there was a very good attendance, about 70 members and friends from as far afield as Aylesbury, Oxford and Stratford being present. No doubt the newly rehung bells were the great attraction, and certainly the company much enjoyed the ringing on them of methods up to Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. O. Moreton, who, as Branch chairman, subsequently presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for April 27th, at Somerton, and the monthly practice for February 23rd, at Adderbury.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and some of the younger members of the Branch entertained with change ringing on the handbells.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

The national president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Locke) attended the annual meeting of the Sussex Division at St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), on January 12th, when between 30 and 35 ringers were present. Ringing included rounds, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Stedman Triples (an all-ladies' touch), Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting, with Miss Locke in the chair, the following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. B. Percy; hon. secretary, Miss K. Yeo; committee (increased to four because of growth of District), Mrs. Levett, Miss Apps, Miss Everest and Miss Eldridge. A proposal to hold a dinner was discussed and it was felt that London would be the best venue.

Thanks were extended to those responsible for arrangements and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting on the 12th at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, started 1957 well with an attendance of 45 members. During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Lowgate, were rung whilst the committee held their annual meeting in Holy Trinity Church, in the very room where the Society was formed almost 11 years ago.

The service in Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Illiff, who welcomed the Society to Hull. Tea was taken in the Young People's Institute and was followed by the business meeting.

After tea, ringers returned to Holy Trinity Church, where the fine ring of ten was raised and rung for the remainder of the evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Perrens left for South Africa on Wednesday. Unfortunately a farewell peal attempt by the Allesley Sunday service band of Cambridge Surprise Major came to grief after 2 hours and 15 minutes. A quarter peal of Cambridge for Evensong came round after some almost perfect striking. Mr. Harry Poyner has accepted an appointment at Ormskirk Grammar School.

BELFRY

Owing to extensive repairs to the tower, Birmingham Cathedral bells are likely to be silent for two years.

The peal at Marston, Oxon (see page 820, December 28th, 1956) was conducted by Mr. Alec Gammon.

With a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Framsdon on January 5th, Mr. Leslie G. Brett has completed 34 years of peal ringing.

The kind hospitality of Mrs. Pipe to the band that rang the peal of Kent Treble Ten at Stonham Aspal on January 7th was much appreciated by the band.

Will readers submitting quarter peals give the name of place and county first? Omission of name caused a quarter peal rung at Hughenden, Bucks, and printed in our issue of December 28th, appearing under High Wycombe.

Mr. A. Q. Barton, to whose memory a quarter peal was rung at Staunton, Glos, on January 10th, was a churchwarden. He learned to ring after reaching 60 years of age and had rung in one quarter peal.

It was not until 9 p.m. on December 31st that Bethersden ringers decided to attempt a quarter peal to mark the passing of 1956. Two ringers short, Bill Marshall drove into Smarden, six miles away, and recruited one ringer from the 'local' and another removing his whiskers prior to retiring to bed. The quarter peal was successful.

GOSSIP

Mr. Walter Ayre, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee, informs us that the peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Hudson's 'New Light,' see 'Ringing World,' December 28th, page 821), will not be accepted by his committee.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, completed 60 years' membership of the Kent County Association on January 16th.

To participate in peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspal and Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham, Mr. Kenneth G. Brown cycled some 80 miles. It is refreshing to read of such energy and enthusiasm in this age.

Through an oversight, Mr. Frederick G. Robinson allowed his membership to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to lapse. In consequence the peal at Weedon Bec with seven Daventry Branch members was a non-Association peal.

Personal congratulations were given by the Hon. E. R. Palmer and Miss J. C. Bacon to the band who rang the peal at Ravensingham Church in honour of their engagement on December 27th. Sir Edmund Bacon is Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and an honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and the little church situated in a lovely setting in the park is quite close to Ravensingham Hall.

Great Glenn, Leicestershire, handbell ringers had a record collection last Christmas as the result of their activities. They have sent £21 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes and £6 10s. each to Imperial Cancer Research, St. Dunstan's, National Spastics Society and Wireless for the Blind. Expenses came to £1 16s. 3d., and £1 4s. 5d., has been devoted to their Bell Repair Fund. Well done!

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MARPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Dear Sir, — Congratulations to the young ringers of Stoney Stanton, and may they continue to progress in the art.

We at Marple cannot dispute your claim due to the fact that we have only six bells. We do, however, claim to have a very young band which rings up to Treble Bob Minor for Sunday ringing. The 13 ringers' (eight male and five female) ages are two 13 years old, two 14, four 16, two 18, plus the father of one of the 18-year-olds and the writer.

It is usual to have 12 ringers for each service, and during the past year a record of over 90 per cent. of possible attendances was achieved.

The New Year was rung in with 120 Grandsire Doubles by a band (three boys and three girls) whose average age was 14 years two months. Some quarter peals have been rung during the past 14 months ranging from Bob Doubles to Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which ten of the band have taken part. Eight of the band have scored a total of 32 peals during the last three months on six and eight bells, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Minor in six methods.

Recently, whilst four of the band, aged 13, 14, 18 and 18, were ringing a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major, three others aged 12, 13 and 16, were taking their places in touches including Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cinques at a 12-bell meeting. Three of the band are now practising Spliced Surprise Major at the nearby tower of Norbury. Church functions have been supported by means of Grandsire Triples rung 'in hand' by four of the band. Branch meetings of the Chester Guild are always well supported by the tower.

We also hope that Stoney Stanton can equal the fact that ten copies of 'The Ringing World' are purchased by the band each week.

The whole of this band have been taught to ring by the writer since May, 1954, and thanks are extended to the local towers, who have always made these youngsters so welcome on their practice evenings.

In closing I would like to endorse the opening remarks of your leading article of January 4th, and express my own gratification that many of this band have overtaken the writer in ability and performance, and may the remainder soon follow suit. Can any other six-bell tower claim similar progress? — Yours faithfully,

M. J. PRIOR.

Marple, Stockport.

STAMFORD HILL'S RECORD IN 1956

Dear Sir, — Apropos paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' in which a query is raised respecting progress made during the past year by the Rye, Sussex, band.

During the year at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, the bells were rung for every service: 44 quarter peals were attempted, of which 34 were successful, and these were rung by 17 ringers in over 30 different methods. Six ringers rang their first quarter and every attempt had a 'first' of some sort.

Several of our youngsters rang a 'first' of Grandsire Doubles and a 'first' of London Surprise within 12 months. These same youngsters are now ringing Spliced Surprise in four methods: altogether 49 different methods were rung at practice in the course of the year.

In closing I would like to add that this is due to the marvellous work of instruction given by Mr. Brian Bladen, who has achieved this without any reference to the College of Campanology. — Sincerely yours,

'ONE OF THE LOCALS.'

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY GETS THE BELLS A'RINGING

Dear Sir, — Reading about the bellringers of Stoney Stanton has prompted me to write about the young bellringers of Holy Trinity Church, Barsham, Suffolk.

Barsham bells are a pleasantly-toned ring of five, of which all but the fourth were cast by Mears in 1893. The tenor weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. and the bells are in the key of B flat major. At one time there was a company here but it faded out long before the second world war, and since the war the bells had not been rung more than about a dozen times. Only two peals have been rung on the bells, one in October, 1912, and one in August, 1956.

Before I learned to handle a bell I used to help chime the bells, but when I learned, at Beccles, I decided that I would like to ring at Barsham on a Sunday. So with the help of a friend, Trevor Bailey (aged 15), a Beccles ringer, and two ringers from Worlingham, we rang the bells for Sunday service one day. This created an amount of interest and so we decided to teach a company. But before we could do this the terrible 'go' of the bells had to be attended to. The bearings were scraped and oil liberally applied, the ropes were raised, the pulleys greased, nuts tightened and the sliders freed from miscellaneous debris. After this had been done the 'go' of the bells became very much easier.

My friend and I next lashed the clappers one Saturday and gave three boys their first lesson in handling a bell. After this more joined and our company now comprises members who come regularly to our Sunday ringing and on our practice night. They are John Carter (16), Terence Page (16), Norman Baker (11), Christine Sayer (16), Valerie Sayer (15) and myself (15). We have only been ringing for about eight months and ring mainly call changes and Grandsire leads.

To a large extent the goodwill of the village has been secured by the publicity given to us by the local Press. Thus, for the first time for many years, the bells ring for services at Barsham (Suffolk) Church every Sunday. — Yours sincerely PAUL CATERMOLE.

Beccles, Suffolk.

YOUNG BAND AT ODIHAM

Dear Sir, — With reference to Mr. John Smith's letter in 'The Ringing World' I am proud to say that All Saints' Church, Odiham, has a team of seven ringers for the six bells, their ages being 14, 13, 14, 14, 16, 14. We have been ringing for nine months and ring at services, weddings and New Year's Eve. We are also members of the church choir. Our belfry has three senior members who take us for practice each Wednesday evening. From these three ringers we get all the encouragement necessary. — Yours faithfully, P. KERSLEY. (Age 14.)

Odiham, Hants.

EVERCREECH'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir, — For the information of J. A. Smith, whose letter appeared in a recent issue, I had the great pleasure one Sunday morning last year of sitting in our belfry whilst ten of our young ringers rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, the average age of the band being 15 years. Some of these young people are now ringing in the Surprise Major field regularly.

Strange as it may seem, no college manual is used in our tower. We prefer a rather more simple and direct approach in our teaching and find it quite successful in producing Sunday service ringers. — Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercreech, Som.

NOTE. — We are always pleased to hear of other outstanding examples of youth. — Ed.



HANDBELL RINGING IN TANGANYIKA. — When Mr. Dennis J. Davies, of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, was on leave in his home town, Gloucester, in 1952, he purchased an old set of handbells by Mears (tenor size 18 in G).

Back in Dar-es-Salaam, he formed a team of African ringers. To date their activities have been restricted to ringing tunes — by numbers and then by heart — but hopes are entertained to introduce change ringing. All instruction is given in Kiswahili.

In the photograph are four brothers from Nyasaland who constitute the band — Boddington, Kipson, Manwell and Jackson Msuko. 'We are having endless enjoyment in a country where, to my knowledge, no peal has ever been rung,' writes Mr. Davies.

AN ANSWER TO THE RECORD PROBLEM

How a Sutton Band Succeeded

IT is most unusual for any band of ringers to take their bells with them when preparing to ring for Sunday services. But this is just what happens at St. Barnabas', Sutton, Surrey. Fortunately there is no need to carry ropes or wheels as well, although a blanket is found to be useful. All this perhaps sounds strange to the more conventional ringer who is used to finding his circle of ropes ready for him whenever he chooses to ascend his tower. But where there is a church without a tower, and where no provision, architectural or financial, has been made for one, some other system has to be found. That, briefly, is the story behind the announcement in 'The Ringing World' dated January 11th, 1957, entitled 'Enterprise at Sutton, Surrey.'

There may be other ringers who have themselves come up against the problem which faced St. Barnabas'. A few details of the way in which we have faced the problem will perhaps be of interest to them. Although some recordings of bells sound passably good when played in a small room, when amplified through a loud speaker must is lost. Apart from the fact that the music is artificial, at least to the church using the records, the distortion caused makes the noise far from satisfactory. It is just such a condition that we set out to alter.

Several problems confronted the two ringers who first mooted the idea of using handbells. Not least of these was the lack of any handbells of our own. Fortunately a close liaison exists between a neighbouring tower, All Saints', Benilton, and St. Barnabas', and a set of handbells was readily lent to us. Although rumour had it that several members of the St. Barnabas' congregation had had some experience of ringing, it was decided to approach a ready-made group of young people with a view to their forming a nucleus of a change ringing band. Little persuasion was necessary to get this group, none of whom had rung before, to begin practices, and progress was apparent from the earliest days. Perhaps a dangerous position may have been created by trying to teach the group the elements of Plain Bob in the first practice. Fortunately steadier influences prevailed and it was decided to concentrate on learning to ring rounds and set changes two in hand before change ringing was taught.

THREE MONTHS' PRACTICE

This period of practising continued steadily for three months, progress not being achieved at every session. Occasionally the group became disheartened, perhaps feeling that little was being achieved. Some measure of the group's progress, however, may be seen from the following details: All the original members were able to ring rounds and set changes (queens and titlums) after two weeks; six members were able to plain hunt on six bells, one in hand, after four weeks; and four members were able to plain hunt, two in hand, on six bells, after seven weeks. Progress in plain hunting was achieved by spending almost as much time at practices, pricking changes on paper, as was spent in actual ringing practice. Perhaps the classic example of 'homework'

was achieved when one of the band produced a sheet containing hundreds of changes, laboriously written out whilst trying unsuccessfully to bring Bob Doubles round.

As Christmas approached and arrangements were being made to broadcast the ringing, the group showed a renewed interest in the practices. By this time most felt reasonably proficient, but all had the feeling that they were far from ready to appear in public. Now other difficulties began to be discovered. Would it be possible to amplify the handbells sufficiently so that they could be heard over the parish? And where would be the most convenient place for the ringing to take place? The amplifying equipment is situated in the upper vestry, where much coming and going would have caused great interference. The schoolrooms are too far from the vestry, and would have required a length of cable which we did not possess. Various places were considered without satisfaction, until the north porch, conveniently close to the vestry, was suggested and accepted.

PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

Advice was taken as to the best way to connect the microphones to the amplifier. Eventually it was decided to connect them to the deaf aid system and so to the amplifier. This was achieved by taking the cable through the keyhole of the porch door. This proved to be simple enough but has led to another difficulty. The length of cable through which the sound has now to travel tends to diminish the volume of the broadcast. Fortunately there has been no interference from the cable, although this was a point about which we were warned. Before this point had been reached it had been hoped that our troubles were at an end. Unfortunately this was not so. During one of the practices a clapper stay in the tenor of the light eight broke, and arrangements had to be made to have this repaired. Although this was quickly achieved yet another blow was to fall; a few days before Christmas a clapper stay on the eleventh also broke. Though we had only been ringing on six and eight bells, this was serious as the light eight were inclined to sound too fairy-like, even for our small turret. However, the light eight had to be used for our first broadcast on Christmas morning.

It has frequently been remarked how serious most ringers appear when ringing even the most simple method. But the concentration required by those ringing at St. Barnabas' has to be seen to be believed. The slightest noise from feet or chairs, from throat or voice, is instantly picked up by the microphone and relayed to those within hearing. Obviously some method has to be devised for calling changes and, eventually, bobs and singles. This has not yet been fully considered, but it is intended to experiment with two differently coloured lights worked by the conductor from switches from his feet. For our ringing on Christmas morning no such refinements were necessary though. It was agreed beforehand that we should ring three whole pulls followed by three whole pulls of queens alternately. Although most of us can count up to three, in order to avoid too many gaps between one change and the next

the treble ringer gave his neighbour a very piercing look or even kick, which was returned with interest or with thanks. The striking left nothing to be desired, unless perhaps one felt that it was too perfect. Open hand stroke leads, almost mechanically equal to one stroke, were the order of the day. The first remark heard from a member of the congregation was certainly encouraging: 'What do you think of the ringing?' 'I suppose that is another of those awful new records?' 'No, that is live handbell ringing.' 'In that case it is very good, and is certainly an improvement on those records.'

WANT OWN BELLS

Does this mean that our experiment has proved a success? We would like to think so, but there is still some opposition to be overcome. Still some complain that the bells are not loud enough. This is true, but it is merely a technical matter which we hope to overcome. Others may complain that rounds and queens, with occasional excursions into plain hunting, make for monotonous ringing. This also is being remedied and it is hoped that the first touch of Bob Minor will be heard from St. Barnabas' in the near future. Another important matter to be settled is that of our own set of handbells. It was fortunate that we were able to borrow a set from Benilton, but this can obviously only be a temporary measure. Perhaps this will prove to All Saints' to have been a case of 'casting your bread upon the waters' as already two of the St. Barnabas' band have started learning to handle tower bells. This in itself creates difficulties, especially when services are held at the same time in both churches. But not one of these difficulties is insurmountable. Given perseverance, keenness and support we consider that at St. Barnabas' we have found one answer to the problem of the church built without any provision for bells.

C. F. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch finished the year with a social gathering on December 29th when, despite adverse weather conditions, an enjoyable time was spent.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Totnes Parish Church, where Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples and a course of Plain Bob Major was rung. From here the next call was at Dartington Parish Church, where some good touches of Stedman Doubles and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, thus providing a good opportunity for the less experienced ringers.

After an excellent tea at a Buckfastleigh café hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for organising the event and for acting as host. Some of the members then returned to their respective homes whilst the remainder spent the rest of the evening with handbells.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 23rd 1,500 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob 480 Bob and 540 Grandsire); Angela Mellor 1, D Simms 2, J. Cruickshank 3, T. H. Smith 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Following the comments of the anonymous Central Council member (perhaps a trifle harsh) on the Christmas Day ringing broadcast, I would like to make the following observations and comments:—

This annual programme of ringing on Christmas morning must be heard not only by the non-ringing public, but also by thousands of ringers. They are listening not only to the bells of the next village, where they have often rung themselves, but to bells they have most probably never heard before. It is also quite feasible that many are hearing 12 bells rung for the first time.

Surely it would do the Exercise as a whole far greater credit if, on these occasions, it could be arranged that such ringing could be above the type of criticism recently incurred.

I would like to suggest that a motion be placed before the Central Council to ask the Broadcast and Television Committee to approach the B.B.C. and ask them to consider a list of selected towers submitted by the committee from which to broadcast on this important occasion. Each Association in turn could be asked to nominate a tower to represent them, and in this way a good standard of ringing would be assured. The towers taking part in the broadcast could be published in 'The Ringing World' prior to Christmas, and listeners 'in the know' would then be better able to enjoy and appreciate the ringing.

What better start could such a programme have than Stedman Cinques from Birmingham Cathedral, with, of course, such competent ringers as Albert Walker and George Fearn, etc., performing?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. COOPER.

Ashford, Kent.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Dear Sir,—I write to you in the hope that you may be able to solve a knotty problem.

Recently, at the annual dinner of the Worcester Cathedral Guild of Ringers, and also at the dinner last year, I raised this question:—

Some years ago (I think about ten) I listened on the radio one night to a talk on ringing, during which the speaker demonstrated various peals with records. One demonstration I remember in particular, because the speaker emphasised that this particular peal could always be recognised from the fact that the last bell—I presume the tenor—was always a little after the others, or late. In my ignorance of ringing I can only put it to you this way, and hope you will see what I mean. There was certainly a name to this peal, but I cannot now remember what it was. Here is the demonstration:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 — 10
1 3 2 4 6 5 8 7 9 — 10

Always the last bell was just that trifle late.

Have you any knowledge of such a peal? All the ringers stoutly deny there is such a peal. The Master maintains that the only explanation is that the tenor ringer was late with his bell. But I cannot accept this, as I remember the demonstration very clearly, and the explanation of the speaker.

I should be very interested to hear an explanation.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR DOWSE,

Registrar of Worcester Cathedral.

IN DEFENCE OF TOM INGRAM

Dear Sir,—I hope there aren't too many ringers who agree with Mr. Newman's tirade against the article by Tom Ingram in the Christmas 'Radio Times.' Not that the article was written for ringers, anyway. It was written for laymen by a layman who is interested enough in bells and ringing to have written a book about them—a book whose wit, vividness and whimsicality would probably give Mr. Newman apoplexy, so he'd better not read it. There are among us those who will overlook small inaccuracies (in the books we read) in the interests of qualities like those.

I cannot understand many of Mr. Newman's complaints. Mr. Ingram is describing what I am sure he witnessed, and I know him well enough to be certain that his description is as accurate as it is graphic. How dull it would have been if he had broken off his story halfway through to explain how bells are raised and rung! Of course, he finished his story first, and then, when the readers were interested, gave them the explanation which he had induced them to want and prepared them to receive. And don't the sallies disappear through holes in the ceiling? Ours do. And aren't the sallies checked in their upward movement, as the article says, 'by the ringers pulling on the tails of the ropes'? It isn't the accepted practice to bounce the bell off the stay.

The photography may not represent the well-appointed ringing room of a city church, nor the occupants of such a place, but then Mr. Ingram is describing a country tower and country ringers. In fact this 'old-fashioned cowedsh' is the ground floor of a church, as you can see from the pews in the foreground. It appears to have a timber steeple, to judge by the scissor-beams. Many country ringers, more's the pity, ring in an unorthodox style, and as Mr. Ingram is describing what he saw and not what the College of Campanology would like it to be, the photograph, which is beautifully composed and lighted, accords well with his article—better anyway than a portrait of the College Youths in St. Paul's. As to the drawing, I can only say that Miss Barbara Jones, who drew it, has no claim to fame in engineering draughtsmanship but has been considered good enough to illustrate several excellent books.

When he came to 'The Whirligig' and 'Blunderbus' as good names for methods, Mr. Newman burst out with 'What rubbish!' That's his opinion. For myself, I regret the timidity which has paralysed the names of methods during the last hundred years and more, and which has given us lists of methods which read like random selections from the A.A. handbook, with only here and there an old method whose composer adorned it with a name like 'Morning Star' or 'Trinity Sunday.' Mr. Newman is welcome to the geographical tedium of 'Morpeth Surprise' and 'Bacup.' Some of us would love to call 'Go Blunderbus.'

However much it may afflict Mr. Newman's conscience, the methods which we ring are based on permutations, and so are football pool perms. Most of the readers of this article would not understand what the writer means if he put in mathematical terms, but many of them, for good or ill, are familiar with the pools, and his simile, even if it might worry the opponents of games of chance, is accurate and informative. He might, perhaps, have inserted a footnote denying any other connection between ringing and gambling, but he probably thought it unnecessary. So do I.

As to the whole article's being an inducement to recruits, I can see no reason why it should not be. The fact that fatal accidents have happened in belfries might deter some, but I should be ashamed of the name of an Englishman if I thought a remote possibility of danger was going to make our young people frightened to go into a belfry. The article presented ringing as an ancient exercise, full of fascination and holding a challenge to body and brain; it showed it as it is followed by ordinary, simple people, in ordinary places. Such a presentation is more likely to attract youngsters to it than a spirit of unimaginative criticism.—Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton Abbot.

REDUNDANT BELLS WANTED

Dear Sir,—We are anxious to install in our parish church a ring of bells; yet, what a cost they are! At the most all we can hope to do is to provide a very light ring of six, unless some act of fortune enables us to find a redundant ring of bells (five, six or eight) which we could acquire and have rehung in our tower.

Up and down this country, as I know, there are many bells, now neglected and often despised by the churches which possess them, which could be put to good use here. I wonder if any of your readers could give me any information about the likelihood of finding a ring of bells, so that from being disused, they can be restored to their full purpose of the calling the people of God to worship?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE RAYNER,
Vicar.

Holy Trinity Vicarage,
Taunton, Som.

A QUESTION FOR EXPERTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. Chant's letter in the edition of January 4th, may I be allowed to ask 'After all what?'

Mr. C. K. Lewis has been able to insert Belvedere Little Bob, Mendlesham and Wakefield Alliance in his original 22-method 720 in a different way from Mr. Chant, thus giving a 720 of 25 methods. It can be adapted in the same way as Mr. Chant's 720, to include 26 methods, with a plain lead of each method included.

It would be interesting to know the opinions of others about the validity in a record peal of a 720 which included only a bobbed or singled lead of any one of the methods. The problem seems to be confined to Minor, though the ringers of Spliced Doubles may correct me if I am wrong.

There was some discussion a few years ago as to whether, in a composition of Spliced Surprise Major, New Gloucester should be rung as Cray, because it was rung with a 4ths place bob, and the problem was cunningly solved or by-passed in Cheshire by reversing the composition. What would happen if both New Gloucester and Cray were included, one with a 6ths place, the other with a 4ths place bob?

Have Mr. G. Feim and Mr. N. Golden come up against this problem in compositions of Spliced Plain Major methods? — Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

Monken Hadley bells, which have been silent for over a year, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were rung for the first time last Sunday. The oldest of these bells was cast in 1702, and two more in 1706 and 1710.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch Has a New Secretary

Some 50 members, including visitors from Chippenham and Swindon, attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Devizes on January 5th. The Guild service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector and assisted by Canon Blair, of Southbroom. The company were the guests of Mr. A. Weeks for tea served in St. John's Parish Room, and he was accorded a special vote of thanks.

At the business meeting Mr. Slatford tendered his resignation as hon. secretary owing to pressure of work. He was heartily thanked by the chairman on behalf of the Branch for his work.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. A. Weeks; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Cockell. The next three meetings will be held at Hilperton, Rowde and Trowbridge.

Mr. Weeks told the meeting that he had just completed 40 years' service as a ringer, and the Rector voiced the congratulations of the meeting.

After the meeting the towers of St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' were open for ringing.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Kingston District was held at Presteigne on January 5th. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Benson, R.D.) and tea was kindly provided by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, members stood in silence in memory of two honorary members of the District—the Rev. C. Dencer, of Lyonshall, and the Rev. L. Perry, of Staunton-on-Arrow—who had died recently.

The secretary reported that three meetings and five practices had been held in the past year and fairly well attended. Four methods of Doubles and five of Minor had been rung. Four peals—two of Major, one of Triples and one of Doubles—had been rung during the year.

Mr. B. Ellsmore was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Preece re-elected District secretary. The spring meeting was fixed for May at King's Pyon, and a combined practice at Lyons-hall in April. The usual votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION Higher Income for Districts

A well-attended meeting of the London County Association was held on January 5th at the historical and popular towers of St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Mary's, Battersea.

The business meeting at Battersea included the nomination of officers for election at the annual meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 2nd. These were:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretaries, Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Miss Jean Scrutton; treasurer, Mr. W. G. Wilson; stewards, Mr. C. Meyer and Miss Betty Nolder; trustees, Mr. J. A. Hales and Mr. C. W. Ottley.

Three of the items on the busy agenda were as follows:—

(1). The income from the Northern and Southern Districts to be raised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. in respect of each member elected by them. Money would only be paid from Districts to general body when the amount held by them exceeded £5.

Whose Subscription?

Will the reader who purchased 21/- and 7/- postal orders at High Road, Harrow, Middlesex, and sent them to Mr. J. E. Jeater for his subscription, please forward his name.

There are still a large number who have neglected to renew. Delay involves extra clerical work and expense.

(2). It was announced that the Northern District secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock, had collected £6 5s. towards Bow Bells Appeal. A request was made to all Association members who had not yet subscribed to send a subscription to one of the secretaries, so that the total sum could be paid over.

(3). A good entry for the 'Dawe' handbell cup contest at the annual meeting on February 2nd was requested. This contest is open to all towers in the area of the Association and the requirement is for four members of the Association from any one company to ring at least a full course of not less than 70 changes of any method on eight bells. Full rules for the contest are contained in the 'History and Rules' 24-page publication, issued free to all new members, or otherwise available from the secretaries at a cost of 1s. 6d. H. W. R.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A Reminder on Lent Ringing

At the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch meeting held at Shepton Mallet on January 12th the chairman, Mr. J. T. Dyke, took the opportunity of reminding members of the 1954 report of the Association in which the Master wrote uncompromisingly: 'It is an unwritten rule of this Association that no peals shall be rung during Lent, and I do hope that all members of this Association abide by this unwritten rule, despite their personal feelings in the matter. Self-denial is never popular, but it is, none the less, a good discipline for all of us.' Mr. Dyke continued: 'These were the words of the Master of the Association at the time, and I, too, hope that they will never be forgotten by any of our members. Those who formed this unwritten rule took all circumstances into account, and it would become ill of us if we failed to appreciate their wisdom.'

'Always should we see to it that the bells are rung for their proper purposes, and we should not cling to some custom which has no foundation in religion.'

Referring to the Branch being the first in the Association to inaugurate an annual corporate communion, he said: 'It was a bold thing to do in the first place, in view of the facts that some of our towers are 20 miles apart, and that few of us have any means of mechanical transport, and there is always the problem of getting back to our own towers to ring for morning service. In June we visited Kilmersdon, where the local ringers entertained us to breakfast before we dispersed to our own towers. This sort of thing demands sacrifice, and I trust that we shall never fail to make it.'

All were exhorted to take (not merely to read) 'The Ringing World,' and tower captains were reminded to make sure that the younger generation knows the literal meaning of the opening word of the Belfry Office, now restored to its original form as it was probably written by Archbishop Cranmer: 'Prevent, us, O Lord . . .', i.e., 'Go before us.'

Mr. E. J. Chivers, the secretary, reported a good year with healthy signs of activity among the young ringers. A number of peals have been conducted, including one each by D. Robertson and R. Abbott, of Frome, both at that time still at school.

A record number of new members were proposed, from Leigh-on-Mendip (five), Hinton Blewitt and Paulton (four each), Radstock, Shepton Mallet and Chewton Mendip (two each), Whatley, Kilmersdon and Binegar (one each), 22 in all. Twenty-one towers are affiliated to the Branch; Whatley and Beckington have joined during the year and Buckland Dinham (in need of a new frame) and Compton Dando have left.

The retiring officers were re-elected unanimously with the addition of Mr. D. Hoare, of Radstock, as Assistant Ringing Master.

It was arranged that the Corporate Communion should be held at Radstock on June 23rd, and that the quarterly meeting should be: May 4th, Nunney; July 13th, Beckington; October 12th, High Littleton; and the next annual meeting on January 11th, 1958, at Frome, all subject to permission.

Before the meeting members stood in silence in memory of Franklyn D. Rickards, who died recently. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, the Rev E. W. Eyden, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir, Mr. Lane (tower captain) and Mrs. Lane and helpers for the tea. Some 50 to 60 members were present, representing 25 towers. E. D. O.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 15th, 2,160 Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Manning 1, P. J. Skinner 2, E. Walklate 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Reverse Canterbury and 960 Bob): Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day and 240 Bob): Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, S. Brook 2, H. Turner 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Abbott 5, F. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Webb, Rector's wife.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Bob): Margaret E. Bailey (first quarter) 1, W. R. Read 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, H. R. Woods 4, J. E. Cook (first as cond.) 5, A. Nicholls 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev. E. R. Gaymer-Harris.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (four callings and a 60): P. M. Adcock (15, first quarter) 1, M. J. Stokes (16) 2, R. W. Bickers (first of Doubles) 3, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (15, cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Peter M. Adcock, and for the festival of Christmas.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Reeves 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, H. Wingrove 3, J. Meads (first 'inside') 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Hatfield (first in method) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, W. Edwards 7, D. Kay Adkins 8. Specially arranged for D. Kay Adkins, of Abbots Langley.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Benton (first quarter) 1, W. G. Challen 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, H. J. Stoveld 5, H. Stacey 6.

BOTESFORD, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Jallands 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, T. Relf 4, A. Ward 5, L. Squires 6, R. Woods 7, B. Box 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. I. H. Trueman 2, I. H. Trueman 3, D. Highton (cond.) 4, F. D. Mack 5, T. P. Edwards 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society prior to Confirmation service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 2, L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, E. G. Swift 5, P. G. Badcock (first as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Miles.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (756 Stedman, 504 Grandsire, with 17 changes of method): W. Newman 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, W. Dyer 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, D. J. Marshall 6, C. A. Wratten 7, T. Borcham 8. First in two methods for all except conductor. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. W. Beard (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. S. Marshall (first of Caters) 2, Miss V. Willard 3, Miss S. Parsons 4, D. J. Marshall 5, I. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratten (first in method) 7, P. Baker 8, W. A. Farmer 9, W. Newman 10. Rung to greet 1957.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, J. Real 2, W. Webb 3, H. Netherway 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Parr 6. A compliment to Miss M. Snell on her 21st birthday, and Miss M. Curtis on her engagement; both members of the Cotleigh band.

CROYLAND, Lincs.—On Dec. 24th, at the Abbey, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: R. Strickland 1, M. Strickland 2, G. Pepper 3, A. Strickland 4, W. A. Smedley 5, M. Brown (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass, and a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Strickland (tower captain). His son rang 4 and his grandson 2.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. ad 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Machell 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, S. W. Ball 6, W. Mead 7, J. Dafters 8. For morning service.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey (cond.) 1, W. E. Critchley 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, L. G. Webb 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. A. Chapman 7, J. McCluskey 8. Rung to mark the retirement from the local company of Mr. E. C. Stacey, ringing master since 1938.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. T. Rooke 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, R. Lucas (first in method) 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss N. Willcox 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, R. Lucas (first in method) 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 27th, 1,956 Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, D. Frith (cond.) 3, J. Cook 4, R. Read 5, W. Rose 6. A 'date' touch on the front six.

GREAT GLENN, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Moody 1, L. S. Allen 2, J. Ratnut 3, F. Wheat 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, W. J. Allen 6. For Communion service.

HARROW, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): C. G. Pitcher (first in two methods) 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Sylvia J. Heasman 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, C. W. Simpson 6. On the occasion of the family service and pageant attended by the Bishop of Willesden.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: F. Poplewell 1, Miss E. Westmoreland 2, H. Armitage 3, W. Dransfield 4, H. H. Smith 5, J. Pearson (cond.) 6, W. Sykes 7, J. Newton 8. For the Nativity.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cannon (captain, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Ivin 3, P. Mehew 4, A. J. Tuttle (16, first in method 'inside') 5, A. Woodfield (67, first quarter) 6. The ringers of 1 and 6 are the first members of the local company to ring a quarter peal. Rung to mark the close of the year.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, L. N. Melton 5.

RUARDEN, GLOS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beard 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, G. W. Hollis 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. In memoriam Mrs. M. Scott.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Crane 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Savory 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. L. Edwards.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Keyte 1, P. F. Coombes 2, J. J. Bonfield 3, H. Pratley 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, I. Harris (cond.) 6, E. J. Townsend 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Pittaway, a local ringer, and his wife on the gift of a son.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, Barbara Wilson 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, Kathleen Watts 4, T. Gwilt 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Adams, who are leaving for Sussex.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss M. Piper 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, W. Bowden 3, A. J. Wallman (cond.) 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge 6, M. Stanyon 7, J. Perrett 8. First of Minor by 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong, and in memory of Mark Fensom, for many years a member of the Southgate band, and Mrs. C. J. M. Foster (Mollie Miller), formerly a ringer at Christ Church.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sewry 1, P. B. Knights 2, K. Faulkner 3, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Faulkner 5, J. Ryde 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt (first of Surprise) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, H. Howson 4, M. Rowe 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cole 1, H. Thorn 2, J. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, F. Treble 5, B. Beasley 6.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 360 Bob and 120 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Simon's and April Day): R. Jackson 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, F. Barrett 4, H. Floyd 5, W. Godwin 6.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hemming 1, G. W. Hollis 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, N. Anderson 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. Half-muffled in memory of A. Q. Barton, churchwarden and bellringer of this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. R. J. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, C. Snowden 3, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 4, W. S. Girling 5, R. E. Lester 6, L. N. Melton 7, K. G. Brown 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Austin 1, Dr. G. Roworth 2, T. Collins 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, F. G. Wilton 5, R. E. G. Lutton 6, A. R. Peake 7, E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, J. Cook 6, C. Nicholls 7, R. Sanders 8. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,290 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. Sanders 1, J. Rea (first of Surprise) 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Chapman 4, G. Parsons 5, C. Nicholls 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders. Also on Jan. 6th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, J. Chapman 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Rea 4, J. Euston 5, G. Peters (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: John Thorley 1, D. Audas (first quarter) 2, James Thorley 3, T. D. Leask 4, D. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6, E. Thorley (covering) 7. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Marian Mills (first as cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, I. Cooper 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TODMORDEN, LANCs.—On Jan. 6th, 1,344 Bob Triples: P. Whitham (first quarter) 1, P. Schofield 2, N. Barker 3, C. Ashworth 4, G. Cheetham 5, H. Sutcliffe (first 'inside' Bob Triples) 6, R. Cryer (first of Bob Triples as cond.) 7, W. Stansfield 8. First of Bob Triples 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Langdon 1, C. W. Jose 2, B. A. Parkin 3, F. Roberts 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, H. Harper 6, A. Locke 7, D. Burnett 8. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Langdon, secretary to the Cathedral band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Bob, 240 Old, 240 Norfolk): J. S. Clark 1, W. G. Knight 2, J. Sheehy 3, G. K. P. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, P. Bawden (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob): P. Lester 1, Miss A. Lester 2, R. E. Lester 3, L. N. Melton 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. For carol service.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Outley 1, N. G. Hollingworth 2, D. R. Randall (first of Major 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ransom 5, L. Batley 6, J. Hales 7, P. J. Hutchings (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for evening service and believed to be first quarter on the bells since 1939.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 720 Oxford and 552 Kent Treble Bob: G. Pearl 1, A. Lawes 2, C. Brown 3, W. Cracknell (cond.) 4, G. J. Filby 5, G. Filby 6. For Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLUS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Jefferies 1, D. Elliot 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, E. Thomas 4, T. T. Walters 5, H. Taysom 6. First quarter of Minor for all the band except the conductor. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Pederick (first quarter) 1, M. Hendy 2, V. Cater (first 'inside') 3, H. Taysom 4, T. T. Walters (first as cond.) 5, M. Morgan and W. F. Scudamore 6. Both rung to mark the engagement of T. Jefferies to Miss B. Pederick.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED TALBOT

For many years a keen ringer, Mr. A. Talbot died at the Gardeners' Benevolent Home, Horton, Bucks, on January 8th, aged 79, and was buried in the churchyard at Thursley, Surrey, on the following Friday. He learned to ring at Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, and rang his first peal there in 1898, in which the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also rang his first peal. In 1902 he went to Benington, Herts, where he assisted in forming a new band after the departure of Squire Proctor. Later some of the old ringers returned to the belfry. While there he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths when they met one short for a peal of Double Norwich on July 20th, 1912.

In 1919 he was at Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire, and was elected secretary and Ringing Master of the Leominster and Presteigne Districts. In 1924 he went to Nottage, in the Bridgend area, where he rang several peals. He went to Thursley, Surrey, in 1927, but as there were no bells near he did very little ringing apart from occasional visits to Guildford and Farnham. He rang about 35 peals, some of which he conducted.

MR. E. SELLARS

The death took place at Kirtton-in-Holland, Lincs. on January 11th, of Mr. E. Sellars, at the age of 75. He had been connected with Kirtton Church over 60 years and for most of the time as a ringer. The funeral took place at Kirtton Church on Monday, January 14th, the service being fully choral. W. E. C.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Guildford District, held at Guildford on January 12th, was Mr. I. Slack, from Leeds. Other visitors came from Portsmouth, Leicester, Bedford and Oxford. Ringing took place at Holy Trinity, S. Nicolas' and St. Mary's Churches. The Rev. H. Puntis conducted the Guild's form of service at S. Nicolas' Church, which was followed by an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Collins and helpers.

Mr. G. L. Grover presided at the business meeting, and Miss M. E. Collins, joint hon. secretary, reported an increased membership, which now stood at 99 full members and three junior members. She deplored the small number of towers which supported District meetings. Of the 14 towers in the District only four were represented at the nomination meeting. There was no ringing at Albury or Hascombe. Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke commented that the Rector of Albury stated that morning that there were people at Albury willing to learn but no one to teach them. A promise was given that the officers would see what could be arranged.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; joint hon. secretaries, Misses M. E. Collins and Ann Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman; representative on the Guild Executive, Mr. T. Mark White.

The programme of meetings was left to the District officers, but the hope was expressed that towers visited would accept responsibility for local arrangements. Two new members were elected. Nominations were received for Guild appointments and votes of thanks were moved by Mr. T. Mark White to the officers, and by Mr. A. C. Hazelden to those responsible for the arrangements for the meeting.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. A. H. Pulling. The meeting instructed the secretaries to send him a letter expressing the hope of a speedy recovery. A social evening followed, with Mr. H. J. Collins as M.C.

Big Ben Sounds Different

The B.B.C. state that now the Ministry of Works have sealed all the openings surrounding the tower of Big Ben with wire mesh to prevent birds nesting, this may account for some listeners' views that the sound of Big Ben has altered since its return to the air!

The official reason is that with the removal of the brickwork on the south side of the tower there is now a closer contact between the hammer and the bell; the precautionary platform in case of disaster is now 18 inches instead of 8 inches below Big Ben, and all the bells and chamber have been thoroughly cleaned and painted.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport (St. Mary) Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 9644

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Alfreton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9643

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. 9596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—C. T. H. 9576

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting, Vicarage basement, 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9626

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. George's, Barkingside (8) (two minutes Gants Hill, Central Line), 3 to 4.30 p.m., short service. Meeting and tea to follow service. St. Margaret's, Barking (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Sec. 9639

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9621

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Wheatley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 9635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Northampton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9614

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. 9646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to B. C. S. Adler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Large attendance, please. 9631

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, Burwash. Method for practice Oxford Bob Triples.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage.—F. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 9640

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Cople on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names before Thursday, please, to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9668

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and business meeting. Reservations required by first post Jan. 30th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hooke. 9663

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Enthronement of Bishop of Ely. All ringers are welcome to ring at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from 1 o'clock to 2.30 p.m.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 9667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting at Gloucester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. St. Mary-de-Lode, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. St. Mary-de-Crypt 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 29th to G. Corby, County Surveyor's Dept., Quay Street, Gloucester. 9652

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hersham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane. Please note times. 9651

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells, St. Mary's (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Leonard's (8) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 9654

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 30th to K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley. 9675

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; nearest cafe, Town Forum Cafe. Meeting 6 p.m. in vestry.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec. 9681

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Colne, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey. 9659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Bentham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30–7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bankhouses, Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thumby, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 9655

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. 9630

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsley, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9662

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Tyingham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9656

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Woodston, Peterborough. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, Jan. 30th. St. John's and St. Mary's bells available in evening if required. Names for tea to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 9665

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham. 9665

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, West Bridgford Rectory, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9664

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Council Houses, Turner's Hill. (Kindly note change of address.) 9634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Requiring tea? Please post-card secretary by Jan. 30th at 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9664

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Carisbrooke bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Mission Hall, Newport, after service in St. Thomas's 4.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9669

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 at St. Maurice's Hall. Service 5.15 at the Cathedral. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9674

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to help the lady caterers, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 9673

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael's, Maidstone, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent. 9673

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Sibley (8) on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Good attendance requested as the Central Council delegates will be elected at this meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sibley, near Loughborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9660

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Lincs. 9671

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waveney Tea Rooms, Mere Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss. 9670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 9678

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. Ringing details later. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from D. Priestley, 50, Rosemary Avenue, Finchley, N.3. 9666

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—At the invitation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, a special meeting is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, March 2nd, at which the Bishop will give the address. It is hoped that all ringers in the Diocese will attend, including all who are not members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and all who are. Ringing arrangements will be published later. Any further information from J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9649

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phoe SPR 1025. 9657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—60th anniversary celebrations, Whit Saturday, June 8th, 1957, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Dinner in the celebrated Fan Makers Hall, with social entertainment, 6 p.m. Full details, and tickets, 15s. 6d. each, shortly available.—E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Sec., 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore. 9677

Norfolk and Suffolk Grammar Schools' Outing

On January 4th, which proved, luckily, to be exceptionally warm, a party of young ringers from Pakenham, Barking, Barsham, Mulbarton and Beccles assembled at Beccles Railway Station for a day's ringing in South Norfolk and North Suffolk. The journey was made by cycle, and the first tower to be visited was Aldeby (5, 7 cwt.). These bells hang in a central tower and are a pleasant minor five. We began with a good 120 of Bob Doubles and followed it with Spliced St. Simon's and St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and call changes for the less experienced.

At Haddiscoe (5, 7 cwt.) we had a good rise in peal, which preceded Spliced St. Osmond, St. Simon's and St. Martin's and call changes. A touch of 60 Bob Doubles was brought round in 90 seconds, followed by lowering the bells in peal.

After a picnic lunch we visited Norton Subcourse (6, 11 cwt.), where more call changes, Spliced Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully rung, although the bells are rather hard going. Inspired by this fact, a number of the party proceeded to diminish rapidly the local shop's supply of ginger beer.

The ride to Raveningham (5, 8 cwt.) involved crossing deep mud and a kale field through what is known as Sycamore Farm. When the tower was reached, after trekking through darkest Raveningham Park, the merry five were set going to call changes and Spliced Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's.

A further five miles brought us to Barsham (5, 7 cwt.), where a quarter peal of Spliced Doubles failed and some good call changes were rung, after which the party went their ways. They wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells. T. N. J. B.

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