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A DEDICATED SPORT

FROM time to time editors receive anonymous letters without a clue as to the identity of the writer. No editor summarily throws such a missive into the waste paper basket. At times these letters contain information or comment of more than passing interest, but the general rule for the conduct of all newspapers is that the name and address of the sender must be sent to the editor, though not necessarily for publication. Recently we had a controversial letter from an anonymous writer which, because of its interest, we would have considered for publication; we made an appeal in the following issue for the sender to forward his name, but although many weeks have elapsed there has been no response to our request.

The theme of the letter was one that has been frequently ventilated in our columns—the relationship of peal ringing to the vocation of a bellringer as a servant of the Church. The writer stated that he became a ringer under the impression that the purpose of bellringing was to summon people to worship or to celebrate some event in connection with the Church; and that the bells being the property of the Church, the ringing of them should be confined to these occasions, together with such practice as might be necessary to attain proficiency in this direction.

The writer goes on to say: 'It comes as rather a shock, therefore, on turning the pages of "The Ringing World" to find details of large numbers of peals which are apparently rung for neither of these reasons, or worse still, for no reason at all. Even more disconcerting are the many peals bearing such footnotes as "A's 100th peal," or "The first peal in the method on the bells," giving the impression, rightly or wrongly, that these peals were rung solely for the purpose of enabling "A" to ring his 100th peal, or whatever the reason might be.'

No peal ringer is going to be so pharisaical as to suggest that his ringing is exclusively in the interest of the Church

and is solely dedicated to that purpose. The blunt fact is that we ring bells because we love ringing. The art of change-ringing developed as a secular sport, and the sporting side of ringing with the pleasure of individual attainment in peals and the variety of methods rung as well as in good striking is as real today as in the early days of ringing for wagers and prize money. Peals are almost exclusively rung for the pleasure provided for the individual, although happily on many occasions there is a secondary reason, and in the public or Church's eyes a justifiable purpose for the ringing of the bells.

The art of change-ringing must have a standard of proficiency, and the peal or quarter peal has by custom been the recognised medium. The constitution of a true peal in performance and composition is a matter of no little concern to the Central Council of Church Bellringers. All peals are recorded in our columns and tabulated by a special committee. There are theorists—composers who expend their skill in creating on paper a true peal and in splicing various methods into a peal. They set a challenge to the skilled ringer that requires mental concentration of a high order. Spliced ringing is not service ringing; there are not half-a-dozen towers in the country that have an 8-bell Spliced Surprise Sunday service company. But it is all part of the evolutionary process that has gone steadily on since the days of Fabian Stedman.

Fortunately the art of change-ringing has a second side: it is probably the only known sport that is dedicated to the service of the Church. Almost without exception the great men of the Exercise are Sunday service ringers, taking their place with the rank and file, and ringing with them one of the four standard methods. 'We were made to honour the Lord' runs the title of an ode to the bells of a Suffolk village. And in humbleness of heart as we ring on Sundays as part of our act of worship, let us be conscious of the fact that the practical experience gained and enjoyed in advancing 'the sport' of the Exercise is dedicated like all true vocations. Yes, we, like bells, are 'made to honour the Lord.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL *

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, *

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

RUTH JACKSON Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 7
EDWARD JENKINS 2	PETER LAFLIN 8
*BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
JOHN WORTH 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* 200th peal and first of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRO. FREDERICK G. LEAKER, M.M., St. Keyna, 1833 Treble	2
W. BRO. EDWIN BARNETT, P.M., Gravelkind, 4266 2	
W. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, L.G.R., P.M., St. Clement Danes, 1351 3	
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, M.M., Burnett Lodge, 6789 4	
BRO. PETER J. STANFORTH, M.M., Highcross, 4835 5	
W. BRO. FRANK HANSFORD, P.M., Brotherly Love, 329 6	
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, M.M., Concord, 632 7	
BRO. ALBERT TYLER, M.M., Burnett, 6789 8	
BRO. WILLIAM HIBBERT, J.W., Victoria, 2671 9	
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, W.M., Burnett, 6789 Tenor	

Composed by Bro. H. J. POOLE (Highcross, 4835).

Conducted by Bro. PETER J. STANFORTH.

Specially arranged and rung to mark the occasion of the installation of Bro. A. A. Hilliar as Master of his Lodge.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 30½ cwt

ARTHUR NEWTON Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6
ARTHUR FOXALL 2	PERCY NEWTON 7
MRS. A. E. COX 3	ROLAND BIGGS 8
JOHN D. KAPE 4	ANTHONY E. COX 9
DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 5	WALTER LEE Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.

First peal of Grandsire Caters for all except ringers of 6 and tenor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	REGINALD A. READ 8
REGINALD W. REX 4	NOEL J. DISERENS 9
MICHAEL J. BEST 5	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

BESSIE A. CARTER .. Treble	*FREDERICK A. H. CATIELL .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 8
JOHN F. BUTLER 4	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 9
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 5	†ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
JOHN A. WARNER 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
ALAN R. SYDER 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

Rung for the wedding of Hilda M. Snowden and Robert Dixey, who are both members of the St. Andrew's band.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Aidan,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ERIC N. HARRISON .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 5
MARION CAPEY 2	THOMAS SEWELL 6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
KENNETH ARTHUR 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

Specially arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar of Blackhill (Rev. C. W. G. King).

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
PHYLLIS POOLE 2	J. FRED MILNER 6
RICHARD F. PRIME 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
RUTH JACKSON 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	NORMAN G. GOODMAN .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	PERCY W. MILLS 5
*JOHN F. FELGATE 2	FELIX H. ERITH 6
†GILLIAN R. BROWN .. 3	WALTER FELGATE 7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight and 'inside.' The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
PETER LAFLIN 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 3	JOHN WORTH 7
BASIL JONES 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	THOMAS R. DENNIS .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
THOMAS G. HAWKINS .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

Rung on St. Thomas' Day.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	*DEREK PRICE .. 5
JOHN THOMAS .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

* First peal. 50th peal on the bells.

In memoriam E. P. Thomas, of Claines, donor of one of these bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 5
MRS. FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Richard Randles, mother of the ringers of the seventh.

ENDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
ALAN E. JACQUES .. 4	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29½ cwt.

ROBERT SMITH .. Treble	NEIL D. LOMAS .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 6
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 3	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. Treble	EDGAR GLASS .. 5
E. JOHN MANLEY .. 2	GEORGE SKINNER .. 6
NORMAN MALLET .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 4	ARTHUR MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bells, dedicated on Christmas Eve, 1897.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Christmas Day, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*GEORGE E. VERNON .. Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	JOHN VERNON .. 6
RODNEY RICHARDSON .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the local band to the glory of God on Christmas morning.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ROBERT B. BLOND .. Treble	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY .. 5
HENRY L. BISHOP .. 2	FRANK E. GODDEN .. 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 3	†WILLIAM E. FULKER .. 7
JAMES E. GODMAN .. 4	JAMES P. BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

JEAN DAWSON .. Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 6
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
†J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt.

NORMAN V. HARDING .. Treble	FREDK. R. SCOTT .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 6
ALAN J. FROST .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.



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CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	†WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 2	JOHN E. COOK .. 6
†JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
LOUIS WILLIAMS .. 4	†G. LEONARD THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Julian Paul and Miss Heather Needham.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

BRENDA M. SMITH .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 5
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2	DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	EDMUND MALIN .. 7
JOHN C. SLATER .. 4	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* 100th peal together. The conductor's 100th peal and first of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor on their engagement.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

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

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

A birthday compliment to Patricia M. Clark, who was 21 on Christmas Day.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. Treble	†BRIAN R. DOWNES .. 5
DENNIS HEWITT .. 2	*HUGH NEILL .. 6
*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. 3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 7
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 4	*LIONEL S. WOODS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM A. YATES .. Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 5
GEORGE E. GREEN .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS .. 6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
ROGER CADAMY .. 4	HERBERT C. BEARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

The band wish to associate the name of Reginald H. Howson, who kindly made the arrangements for this peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 5
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 2	*ROBERT PLUMMER .. 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. 3	*GEORGE FILBY .. 7
*LEONARD J. MINNS .. 4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT .. Treble	BERNARD GROVES .. 4
*GEORGE FORRESTER .. 2	ROBERT SMITH .. 5
LEONARD COPNALL .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.

* First peal of Minor.

In memoriam James Fernley

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,880 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CRAPNALL .. 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	ROBERT DOWNING .. 5
BRENDA DOWNING .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Ernest Cook, churchwarden, whose funeral took place on November 30th at the above church.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN G. GIPSON .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

* 50th peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the 'arrival,' on November 30th, of Graham Eustace, second son of the ringer of the second and Mrs. Bullman.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
DENNIS LAUD .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three different 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING .. Treble	JOAN BERESFORD .. 4
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 2	*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods.

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 720 of Plain Bob (three callings), 4,320 Grandsire (ten callings and one Morris's 240).

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*AVRIL EVANS .. Treble	*BRYAN JOHNS .. 3
†JACK ALSOP .. 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 4
GEORGE WARD .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first on five.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Monmouth as Archbishop of Wales at his Cathedral, St. Woolos', Newport, Mon, in the afternoon of this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*JAMES LINNELL Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS .. 2	†J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the first birthday of Richard William, son of the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

CECIL BARKER Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD 5
JOHN A. WARNER 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Leonard Thompson.

HASLEBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
ROGER J. FOX 2	*ALAN W. BEST 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. 50th peal as conductor.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE FORRESTER .. Treble	LEONARD COPNALL 4
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	DEREK BRISCALL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal in five Doubles methods by all the band.

Rung in appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered to the church by J. Baston, former tower Master; W. Bracegirdle, vicar's warden, and T. Roberts, sidesman and former Sunday School teacher.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM G. WILSON .. Treble	*J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 4
*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 2	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5
†JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*RICHARD BRANDRICK .. Treble	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 4
†JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
RITA M. STRATEORD .. 3	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal (age 13 years). † First peal 'inside.'

The conductor has now 'circled' this his home tower to peals, being first to do so.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER W. BARTLETT .. Treble	HUGH FALKNER 4
ERNEST H. JEFFERIES .. 2	*PETER WAKEFIELD .. 5
*BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 95th birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B., three extents Kent T.B. and two extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*ALAN R. BRIDGES Treble	ALAN S. PIPE 4
†LEONARD P. BAILEY .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY .. 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	EDGAR C. PIZZEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.

* Tenth peal in ten years. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal at this tower.

The bells have been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., and a new treble added, the gift of Mr. Reuben Wright as a memorial to his wife.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5046 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) and (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
NEIL D. LOMAS 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
DEREK TAYLOR 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

In memoriam James Fernley, of Norbury.

HANDBELL PEALS

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT No. 49, LONG STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDON 1—2	JOHN VERNON 5—6
ALFRED BALLARD 3—4	MICHAEL VERNON 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Cox, of Stoney Stanton.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. 1—2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6
*GIBSON JACKSON .. 3—4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7—8

Composed by D. PRENTICE.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* 100th peal for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Kent and Oxford: S. W. Bigmore 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Everitt 1, R. Rose (first quarter) 2, E. Nice (first quarter) 3, C. Stannard 4, W. Goodship 5, L. W. Banks 6, W. Stannard (cond.) 7, G. Jennings 8. Before morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Cambridge, Kent and St. Clement's and 180 Plain): Miss S. M. Schofield 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, E. M. Bradley 4, D. Thorp 5, P. Dawson 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, J. Stockbridge 2, A. Butler 3, T. Phillimore 4, B. Luck 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. In honour of the engagement of T. Phillimore to Miss S. Powell.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Hewitt (cond.) 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. F. Lewry 5, W. Rawlings 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Euston 8. For carol service.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jewell (first quarter) 1, S. G. King 2, Miss J. Parsons (first 'inside') 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. Jewell 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Gullick, who was interred this day.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Evans 1, T. Hutchings 2, H. Blick 3, J. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, B. Thomas 6, E. Carter 7, R. Lee 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales, which took place at Newport this day.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Airey 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, D. R. Airey 5, D. Newton 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For the Christmas festival, also a compliment to Mr. T. Hill and Miss D. Shaw on their recent engagement.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Lyons 1, R. Bridges 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, T. Hobbs (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, C. Kortright 2, Miss M. Fray 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, L. Derrick 6. First in method by all the band. For the festival of St. John.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, W. Paul 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. M. Reeve 4, W. Bowers 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. For morning service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, F. W. Parsons 4, W. A. Ridlington 5, R. V. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial John W. Blair Fish, church official and editor of the parish magazine.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Rayner 1, W. W. Webb 2, G. Golding 3, C. J. Newnes 4, P. Ruch 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, P. Bettridge 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Brandist (first quarter) 1, R. Harris (first 'inside') 2, Miss T. J. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. For early Communion.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. M. Lander (first quarter) 1, R. L. Arnold (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. H. Price 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Cull (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. Newbold 6. For the carol service, and as a farewell to J. Newbold, who is leaving Kimpton to live in Knebworth.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. J. Wells (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy 4, W. J. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, W. H. Manning (first quarter) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Strathee (first quarter) 1, J. B. Webb 2, J. B. Dinenege 3, J. H. Allen (cond.) 4, C. M. Smith 5, Miss D. J. Perrins 6. Rung after a peal failure.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Pile (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. M. Batchelor (first quarter) 2, Peggy Skinner 3, Elizabeth Rogers (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Batchelor (first as cond.) 5, Iris Burford 6. First quarter by a local band resident in the parish. Rung for the first Evensong of Christmas.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis 1, C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, W. Ritchings 3, T. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Gibson 1, Miss J. Cook 2, V. Gibson 3, R. E. Dean 4, M. Spracklen (first of Stedman) 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Silvey. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bonner 1, Miss J. Cook 2, M. Spracklen 3, E. Silvey 4, E. D. Poole 5, Miss E. Gibson 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For morning service.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Brewin (first on eight) 1, D. N. Sellars 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. E. Chilton 5, H. Stevenson 6, W. L. Exton 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. Rung on the eve of Christmas.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Dale 1, F. Bennett 2, M. L. Bennett 3, P. Woodward 4, D. Lockwood 5, D. Cubitt 6, M. Cubitt 7, G. Townend 8, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 9, M. L. Lockwood 10. Rung fully-muffled in memorial L.A.C. Colin Michael Stephenson, a local ringer, who was interred this day.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 780 Grandsire): C. Leighton (first away from tenor) 1, G. Green 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, C. Wixey 5, S. C. Pugh 6. Trooper S. C. Pugh, home on Christmas leave, rang in this quarter after 18 months away from ringing. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Waite (first quarter) 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter 3, A. Wixey 4, C. Wixey 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, A. T. Shelton 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, C. S. Hoad 4, W. H. Inwood 5, F. T. Hoad 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. Taylor 1, A. Cook 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, C. Tarr 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8, covering): J. M. Clifton (first quarter) 1, D. Priestley (cond.) 2, Christine Wood (first 'inside') 3, L. Priestley 4, B. Whitworth 5, G. Smith 6, J. M. Clarke 7, C. Whitworth 8. For Christmas Eve.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. T. Bartlett 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, Miss J. Robinson (first 'inside') 3, K. R. Foot 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, J. K. Foot 6. For the eve of Christmas.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (6-7 covering): F. Shaw (first quarter) 1, C. Graves 2, R. O. Fyson 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. Pollard (first as cond.) 5, P. Graves 6, M. Whitehead 7. Rung prior to Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, J. Wallman (cond.) 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett (first of Major) 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, Mary Piper 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Perrett 4, C. Aldridge 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6. The 25th quarter on the bells during the year. Rung for the Parish Communion.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swayne 1, H. Whittering 2, R. Day 3, W. Houghton 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, Miss D. Honey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stephenson (first quarter) 1, A. Key 2, L. H. Taylor 3, B. Brown 4, R. Howard 5, W. B. Dawson 6, J. P. Morris 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sharp, also a 21st birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Griffiths 1, S. Lewis 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, G. Thomas 5, I. Jenkins 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, T. Osbourne 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of M. Jenkins, son of the conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (being one extent of Oxford and 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. D. Stuteley 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills (cond.) 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills 5, P. W. Mills 6. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Harding 1, L. Hitchins 2, G. Harding (cond.) 3, C. Butcher 4, D. Knight 5, J. Case 6, J. Lucas 7, E. Hitchins 8, F. Slatford 9, R. Burbidge 10. First of Caters 5, 6 and 8. For the festival of Christmas.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, at the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burrows 1, Nadine Price (first quarter) 2, Pauline F. Sprackling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, N. Sprackling 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial William George Sprackling.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, A. L. M. Shepherd 8. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lumsden.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Yates 1, P. R. Johnson 2, R. Bowles 3, D. H. Baker 4, G. Northwood 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. For Christmas morning Communion.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Waterfield (first quarter) 1, T. Randall 2, M. Kemp 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson (first quarter) 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): N. Abbott (first quarter) 1, J. Hillard 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, R. H. Abbott 4, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 5, D. T. Robertson 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bagworth 3, M. P. Moreton 4, P. Devcnish 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Wood 1, V. A. Headland 2, Miss A. Coulson (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Gibson 4, B. A. Coulson (first as cond.) 5, J. Groom 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. First quarter by present Woodford band. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain (first as cond.) 2, Miss A. Coulson 3, Miss D. Gibson 4, B. A. Coulson 5, J. Groom 6. For Midnight Mass.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 14th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Dingat, Llandoverly. After a little attention being given to the stay of the treble, the bells were set going by the members who came from Llanelly, Burry Port, Carmarthen, Tenby, Llandilo and Sketty.

At 4 p.m. a service was held at the church, at which 30 members attended. The Vicar (Canon J. Rees) officiated, and the organist was the Ringing Master, Mr. Gwyn Thomas. After the service the members were entertained to a very welcome tea at the Church Hall, which was given by the ladies of the Mothers' Union.

The Vicar presided at the usual business meeting and opened the proceedings by extending a hearty welcome to those present. All the members stood in silence while the Vicar said a prayer as a token of respect to Mrs. L. Hurren, who had passed on since the last meeting. The agenda was disposed of very quickly and an apology was made for the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, who had to leave early to get home.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pembroke in March, 1958.

It was agreed that Mr. Ivor Jenkins be made a life ringing member of the Guild, and also that the Vicar be made an honorary life member of the Guild upon his retirement, as an appreciation for his interest in the Guild's activities. The members were very concerned about the illness of Mr. W. L. Williams, of Carmarthen. After the secretary had assured the meeting that he was out of hospital and getting about a bit, the secretary was instructed to write him hoping he would make

a speedy recovery and be back at the bell-ropes before long.

Another pleasing incident of the day was the marriage of Mr. Mervyn Jonkins, of Tenby. St. David's Guild wish him joy and happiness during his married years.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for having the Guild at Llandoverly, and to the kind ladies who provided the tea. All were aware that the Vicar was retiring at the end of the year and spending the rest of his years in London. He has been in the Ministry for 51 year; 30 of these have been spent in Llandoverly. Although regretting his retirement, the Guild hope he will be spared for many years and enjoy his retirement.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Gwyn Thomas, the Ringing Master, and members then returned to the tower to finish the evening. C. H. H.

The Extra Call

The quarter peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset, on December 27th, was not without incident. Apart from 60 calls in the first 720 and 18 in the second, the proceedings were enlivened by an extra call in the second part when the trapdoor in the floor of the ringing chamber rose, and the face of a coalman appeared, asking where he had to put a load of coke for the church.

Following comments from various members of the band, the face was withdrawn, and the quarter brought to a successful conclusion.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF HEAVITREE BELLS

The ringers of Heavitree Parish Church, Exeter, recently marked the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, as reported in our peal columns.

It was on Christmas Eve, 1897, that the bells first rang out and were dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. According to old records, tenders were received from no less than 16 of the chief bell founders of the country, and eventually Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough, were given the contract. The four old bells which hung in Heavitree's old tower were taken by the founders, and the total cost of the new octave was £825 17s. 5d.

A member of the recent peal band, Mr. A. Mitchell, recalls the joyous occasion when the new ring was first rung out by ringers from other towers in the city. N. M.

THE LADIES' GUILD Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Chewton Mendip on December 14th, when, in spite of a very cold afternoon, a good number of members and friends gathered in what must surely be one of the finest of Somerset's churches, containing an equally fine ring of bells, which were put to good use during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next (the annual) meeting at Beckington, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. One new member was elected, Miss Frances Massey, of Frome.

The Guild service was held at 6 p.m. and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Kingdom, to whom thanks are due for the welcome given to the District. M. O. E. J.

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In conducting from the
treble Mr. A. J. Pitman's
well-known composition of
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lative, with all the work of each method for
every bell, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, of Don-
caster, has now called this composition from all
the eight positions. He believes this to be
unique.

To the memory of the late Mr. Harry Mor-
gan, a hymn board has been given by his
widow to Bilston Parish Church.

Mr. J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, has
'circled' his own tower to peals of Surprise
Minor.

The peal rung at North Stoneham on Novem-
ber 30th was a non-Association peal and not
for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan
Guild, as published.

For the first peal on Theberton bells, Mr.
Alan R. Bridges invited five members of the
Leiston company to stand in. It was at this
tower he learned to ring, ten years ago.

Not every ringer has Cambridge Surprise
Major for his first peal, but such was the case
of Derek Price, of Welland (nephew of Fred
Price, Bournemouth), at St. John's, Worcester,
on December 21st.

The Exercise is indebted to Mrs. Steeples
for the efficient and painstaking manner in
which she has taken charge of the Central
Council's library's despatch department for
the past four years. Miss Elizabeth Sharpe is
her successor.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening ser-
vices to be broadcast at 7.45 from West-
bury Parish Church, Wilts, on January 19th
(captain of the ringers, Trevor Holloway) and
from Paul Parish Church, near Penzance,
on January 26th, both in the West Home Ser-
vice only.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The peal at Bramford
Speke, on Boxing Day, was
arranged to enable the con-
ductor (Mr. E. M. Atkins) to celebrate the 50th
anniversary of his first peal. This was at
Isham, Northants, and was also of Plain Bob
Minor. It was the first peal by all except the
conductor, the late Mr. Edward Chapman,
of Kettering, who had instructed the band
formed when the bells were opened in June,
1906.

The band who rang the quarter peal at
Easton-in-Gordano would like to thank Mr.
and Mrs. Bennett very much for their hospi-
tality after the attempt.

Readers are indebted to Mr. H. R. Roper,
of Adderbury, near Banbury, for again pro-
viding the Index to 'The Ringing World' for
1957. Copies reprinted suitable for binding can
be supplied on application to this office with
a stamped addressed envelope.

Mr. B. Stedman Payne, of Barrow-upon-
Soar, Loughborough, in sending the second
family peal, states that the first family peal
was rung at Cossington, near Leicester, in
December, 1922. The Paynes are hoping that
it will not be another 29 years before the next
one.

Mr. Hermon J. Oliver, of Downham, Essex,
celebrated his 50th anniversary as a ringer by
ringing at Shenfield on Christmas Day. It was
there on December 25th, 1907, that he first
rang for service. The local band congratulates
him and thanks him for his valued support of
ringing at Shenfield.

The ringers at Farnworth, Lincs, after ring-
ing for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve,
turned on the portable radio to hear the bells
of Dedham Church, Essex. Also, after ringing
for Mass on Christmas morning, switched on
again to hear the Christmas bells which were
broadcast in the Home Service.

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'WE WERE MADE TO HONOUR THE LORD'

Story of Theberton Bells

Saturday, December 14th, was a memorable day for the village of Theberton, Suffolk. There have been bells at Theberton from the days of the Reformation. According to the late Dr. Raven there was one dated 1553, another of 1594, which bore the arms of France and England, the Royal initials E.R. and the inscription 'nos sumus instructi ad laudem Domini.' The others were two of 1614 and one of 1663 by John Darbie.

The earliest bell had disappeared when, in 1875, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank recast the four bells into a ring of five with a tenor of 7 cwt. In A. These bells, alas, were rehung by a local blacksmith, and as two of the bells hit each other in their revolution only chiming could be done. In 1943 the bells were regarded as unsafe and were taken down.

It was when Canon J. R. Chapman was rector that a bell restoration fund was started, and then, under the leadership of the present incumbent (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway) the sum of £1,175 was collected as the result of a gift day.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and this included the retuning of the five bells and the provision of a new treble bell, the gift of a parishioner as a memorial to his wife. The inscription on the new bell reads: 'In memory of my wife, Alberta Louisa Wright, died 4th January, 1944.' The tenor now weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in the note of B. flat.

There was a large congregation present for the service of dedication performed by Canon J. R. Chapman, now Rector of Great and Little Whelnetham. During the singing of the hymn 'Angel Voices' Canon Chapman, preceded by Mr. A. Bridges (captain of the ringers), the churchwardens and clergy, processed to the tower, where the new bell was dedicated and the old bells rededicated. In handing the ropes to the Rector, the Canon repeated the dedication charge:—

'Receive these bells, which have now been solemnly set apart from profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed unto thee, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

As the procession returned to the east end, six members of the Suffolk Guild rang rounds: A. R. Bridges (Theberton) 1, A. S. Ling (Blaxhall) 2, L. G. Brett (Framden) 3, J. M. Bailey (Leiston) 4, C. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh) 5, J. W. Blythe (Halesworth) 6.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

In his address, Canon Chapman described the service as being one of thanksgiving for the culmination of a five-year plan, when he became Rector, five years ago. Much had been done in rethatching the church, but the walls of the interior were in a deplorable condition, and there was much more to be accomplished. First the choir was re-formed and robed. Then the church was redecorated and the lovely pews removed from the Doughty Chapel to the chancel. Then a fund was started for heating the church and restoring the bells. Now they thanked God all these things had been completed. The purpose of the bells was a call to prayer, and he asked his congregation to resolve another five-year plan and, as they heard their music, to draw the younger generation to God's house and the consecration of their lives to His service. 'May the sound of the Theberton bells help all who hear them to dedicate their lives anew to God's service,' he said.

As the congregation left the church a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung.

A cordial welcome to the visitors was made at the tea by the Rector, and Mr. C. W. Pipe, in reply on behalf of the visitors, recalled that he was present only three and a half years ago at the dedication of Stenham Aspal bells when the Rector was their present incumbent (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway). He presented the Rector with a cheque for £5 5s. from the Suffolk Guild Restoration Fund.

Mr. A. R. Bridges has been training five boys and a girl at Leiston to ring Theberton bells. Assisting him have been Mr. J. Bailey and Mr. S. Bailey. During the last four years Mr. Bridges has raised £200 for the Bell Restoration Fund.

CHIMES OF THE THEBERTON BELLS

(Theberton, October 20th, 1874)

SONG OF THE OLD BELLS

*For thrice one hundred years our cry
Has sounded from the belfry high,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.**

*For thrice one hundred we tell
Our message from each warning bell,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

*Worn out at last by service long
Our followers must repeat the song,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

*Neglectful hearts they still will rouse
Inviting all to God's own house,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

*If any wander near in doubt
Hark let them hear the bells ring out,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

*If any fainting in despair should cry
Why was I born? The bells reply,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

*Let all who hear the solemn lay
Or young or old, for pardon pray,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.
W. B.*

* Inscription on one of the old bells, dated 1595. (May be translated 'We were made to honour the Lord'.)

THE GLEANING BELL

Until about half way through the last century one interesting custom still held its own at Theberton — the gleaning bell, when the poor were allowed to glean after harvest. Parish bills show that from 1815 to 1849 a gleaning bell was paid every year.

The following lines are quoted from 'Suffolk Largess' (1865). The speech is fairly well rendered:—

(Morning)

Why! listen, yow be quiet, bo—the bell is tolling eight.
Why don't yow mind what you're about?
We're allers kind o' late!
Now, Mary, get that mawther dressed—oh dear! how slow you fare!
There come a lot o' gleaners now. Maw, don't stand gawkin' there!

* * * * *

(Evening)

Dear me! there goo the bell agin—'tis seven I declare.
And we don't fare to have got none—the gleaning now don't fare
To be worth nuthin'; but I think—as far can tell
We'll try a coomb somehow to scratch, if we be live and well!

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION 50th Anniversary of Queensbury Bells

December 14th, 1907, was a memorable day for the ringers of Holy Trinity, Queensbury, for on that day their newly rebuilt tower and augmented ring of eight bells were dedicated by the then Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Boyd-Carpenter. On this occasion a 'date touch' was rung by eight prominent members of the Western District, namely: J. Hardcastle, J. E. Jenkinson, J. Cotterell, J. S. Ambler, J. Barraclough, T. B. Kendall, G. B. Bollard and J. Broadley. On March 21st, 1908, these gentlemen rang the first peal on the bells—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. Cotterell.

It was, therefore, most fitting that the final meeting of the Western District in 1957 should be held at Queensbury on December 14th, even though, at the time this was suggested, no one was aware that the date coincided with the 50th anniversary of the dedication ceremony.

Ringling commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, followed by the business meeting in the schoolroom. Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Spliced Surprise Major.

The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar of Queensbury, the Rev. A. Ridings. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and other helpers was carried with applause.

The Vicar formally welcomed the visitors to Queensbury and expressed pleasure at seeing so many ringers present on this particular occasion. He praised the work done by ringers in summoning people to church, but stressed that this in itself was not enough—this act of worship must be completed by attending the service to which they had called others.

Following the business meeting, further ringling brought to a close a most successful meeting.

Eastern District

The winter meeting of the Eastern District, a combined one with the Beverley and Selby Societies, was held at Goole on December 21st and was attended by over 60 members and friends representing 21 towers.

The Vicar conducted a short service in church. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Taylor, who also made a Christmas cake, which was cut by Mrs. Pomsher, wife of the Vicar of Snaith. After tea Mr. L. M. Woodhead read a letter of congratulation and best wishes to those present and especially to those with over 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, in answer to a letter sent on behalf of those veterans by Mrs. J. J. Taylor to Her Majesty, conveying loyal greetings and best wishes for Christmas.

The vice-president, Mr. A. C. Sellers, presided over the business meeting. Mr. James Thompson, of Patrington, and Mr. Ronald R. Worford, of Selby, were elected members. Bridlington was selected for the next meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed. The business of the Beverley and Selby District Societies was then proceeded with. Mrs. Taylor was most heartily thanked for all she had done for the success of the meeting and the comfort of those present.

A social hour and a sumptuous tea followed the peal at Blankney, Lincs, on December 21st, in honour of the birthday of Mr. G. Leonard Thompson. The event, arranged by Mr. Thompson, came as a very pleasant surprise to the peal band.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The combination of changes rung as Saturn Treble Bob Doubles does not constitute a method, since its plain course is not true to itself, there being repeats when the treble is in thirds.

It is obvious that any four-lead Treble Bob Doubles method on this treble plan must have a single change when the treble makes thirds. This would mean that a bell would have to lie still for three consecutive blows. This is, of course, permissible in the case of Doubles.

If, however, it is desired to have no more than two consecutive blows, then a three-lead slow course type of method is possible, there being two of these. I suggest that they be named Ockham and St. Mary's.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Ockham T.B.

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St. Mary's T.B.

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54132
45123
41523
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41352
14325

13425
Bob
13245
12354

14235
Bob
14325
13452

For 240 call bob every third lead (three callings).

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite near-Arctic conditions, a fair proportion of the 'faithful' of both Associations arrived at Staveley on December 14th. After ringing on the pleasant ring of eight during the afternoon, members made their way to the Schoolroom, where an excellent tea was provided by the locals.

This was followed by the brief business meetings. That of the Sheffield and District was considerably enlivened by a warm discussion as to the place of the next monthly meeting, a motion to change the venue from All Saints' to St. Marie's, Sheffield, being defeated.

A return to the tower was then made, where ringing, including rounds, call-changes, Superlative and Yorkshire took place, the proceedings being rounded off in typical style by some excellent London Major.

J. M. H.

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in the publication of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles in your issue of December 13th, and in the subsequent record of a peal in this method. More than 40 years ago I framed this hunting course and experimented with it for a long time in attempts to produce a six-score. In one of my scribbling books of that time I find it dated November, 1916, and a note beneath says: 'See note book.' The 'note book' is unfortunately lost, but I recollect that my experiments were inspired by Law James' Treble Bob Caters which, not long before, had set all the method experts chattering and had caused much controversy in the Exercise.

I can find no example of the use of this hunt in any of the old books. The nearest approach to it appears in a queer manuscript book of the last century called 'The Five- and Six-Bell Peals of Mr. Richard Valentine,' and in this book we find two six-scores of Doubles, one called 'Double Grandsire' and the other 'The Dream.' In each of these the treble describes a complicated path, as follows:—Four blows at lead, two in seconds, two in thirds, treble bob work behind, two in thirds, two in seconds, and so to the four blows at lead again. This produces a treble lead of 40 changes (as in Saturn), but most of the work of each 120 is highly unorthodox.

My own experiments, although extensive, were purely empiric, and were directed chiefly to attempts to secure the 60 in-course rows, with a view to doubling to 120 by the use of two singles. The idea of a 12-score does not seem to have occurred to me. I have often thought, however, that someone skilled in method construction might from this material make something worth while for Doubles ringers.

I wonder if Mr. Moreton or Mr. Leale would be good enough to let us know who arranged the Doubles, or from what source they came for this occasion, and also if any six-scores (as well as 12-scores) are available for use.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warks.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Llandaff Branch held a quarterly meeting at Llantrisant on December 14th. Very cold weather conditions probably caused quite a few members to miss this meeting. However, 32 braved the elements, and this included 12 from one tower! The General Ringing Master, Mr. T. Yeomans, kept the bells going throughout the afternoon, catering for all standards.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edwin Davies). Tea followed in the nearby hall, which had been prepared by several young ladies of the local youth club. A vote of thanks to those concerned was given by Mr. L. Malings.

During the business meeting Mr. Neville James spoke of the good progress now being made by the young ringers at the Cathedral. At the conclusion further ringing took place, but many members then left for home.

R. E. C.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A good touch of Stedman Triples opened the Southern District's nomination meeting on the fine ring of eight at Bletchingley on December 14th. Although the start was a little late, some good ringing was enjoyed until 4.30 p.m.

The service of shortened Evensong was conducted by Father Nicholls, who also played the piano for the hymns as there was no organist. A very good tea was provided at the Church House, with thanks to Mr. F. W. Bird, his wife and helpers.

The business meeting followed in the usual form, except that nominations were required for officers in 1958. All the members who held office now were renominated, also Mr. B. A. Cracknell for Ringing Master and Messrs. A. P. Cannon, E. G. L. Coward, F. E. Roberts, A. R. C. Clarke for the committee. Votes of thanks were then passed by members to Father Nicholls for taking the service, and to Mr. F. W. Bird for the arrangements of a successful meeting.

Ringing was resumed afterwards until 8.45 p.m. with methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A. S.

OUR CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Our Christmas Crossword proved to be popular with readers, and we are indebted to Mr. Bert Sutton, of Scarborough, for providing the competition. The first prize, a book voucher for 10. 6d., has been awarded to Mr. Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

The solution was as follows:—

Across: 1 Saddleworth, 8 Rye, 9 Irvine, 10 Places, 12 Heels, 14 Meter, 15 Alloa, 16 Nobly, 18 Nolan, 20 Troyle, 22 Extent, 23 Ram, 24 Kingsbridge.

Down: 2 Daniel, 3 Lore, 4 Weep, 5 Rogate, 6 Heighington, 7 Eastington, 11 Wells, 13 Say, 14 Man, 17 Leyton, 19 Ostend, 21 Eros, 22 Emir.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN H. BROTHWELL

Appreciation from North Nottinghamshire

The sudden death of 'Old Jack' or 'The Old Man,' as he was affectionately known, has taken from our midst one of the truly great characters of the Exercise.

His regular attendance at the monthly meetings of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild made them always lively and instructive. A forthright and fearless critic, he spared no one.

His one aim in ringing was perfection in striking, and for a youngster to receive a 'well done' from 'Old Jack' was praise indeed! Month by month and year by year his example of punctuality (always there by 2.30) and faultless striking did much to raise the standard of ringing in this area. Although an excellent ringer on higher numbers, his greatest enjoyment came from Minor ringing. His alertness of mind, especially in the realm of Minor methods, right to the last was a source of wonder to all.

We will remember long his cry, 'Get on with it!' which should be taken as a challenge: if we do that, there will be no doubt as to the future of ringing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I have had some amount of correspondence with the B.B.C. recently (chiefly through Mr. Henry Riddell), and this being on the happiest of lines, I look forward to an improvement in future broadcasts of ringing.

Certainly the broadcast of Christmas bells was the best ever in that we heard the ringing without interruption (a special feature among my several requests). A postcard to Mr. Stuart Hibberd, B.B.C., London, thanking him for a good broadcast, would be greatly appreciated.

At their request, the B.B.C. now have in their possession a list of some of the best rings of bells of all numbers in all the counties of the British Isles.

It appears that the length of time allowed for ringing prior to a service very often depends on arrangements made between the incumbent and ringers. In some cases the bells are over-looked, and a timely reminder by the ringers to the B.B.C. staff will usually result in a broadcast of the bells. Quite often where there is a fine ring of bells the ringers 'are not available.'

Listening to bells, especially those on the air, is a great delight to some people, and I would like to suggest as a New Year's resolution that those ringers whose local church has a broadcast service will do all they can to co-operate with the B.B.C. and put their bells on the air.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

A POINT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to learn the opinion of other members of the Exercise on a point which is brought to mind by the recent long peal of Minor at Stisted. I have been startled to find that many of my acquaintances, if they were to be involved in an attempt upon the Minor record which broke down in the interior of the eighth or a later extent, would not be prepared to submit the first seven or more complete extents for publication as a peal of normal, abnormal or even record length.

My own attitude, which I almost fear to state in view of the hostile reception with which it has been met recently, is that I should have no hesitation at all in publishing any seven or more consecutive extents as a peal, as I fail to see how anything that occurs after the end of the last published extent can detract in any way from what has gone before.

Perhaps some other and more authoritative of your readers would care to comment on this question.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

MR. NEWMAN'S VIEWS ENDORSED

Dear Sir,—I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without writing, through your columns, to say how heartily I endorse Mr. Newman's sentiments about the infamous propaganda which has lately appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

In this age it is to cheap sensational papers that we look for examples of this type of vulgar primitive wit, and not to respectable journals such as 'The Ringing World.' As the official organ of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers it is to be hoped that in the future 'The Ringing World' will confine its tastes to articles of a more refined nature.—Yours sincerely,

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Beccles, Suffolk.

THOUGHTS ON CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I am very interested to read other opinions about R. J. B.'s cartoons and also my opinion on same.

I would remind Francis R. Lowe, a lady or gentleman does not indulge in abusive personal remarks towards the other party during an argument. I have 'come out into the open,' as you term it, still that is not correct.

I, too, am an ardent church attendant from a boy chorister to a communicant, and often attend the church service I have just assisted in ringing for. I am not a teetotaler and, as I stated in my letter, I am not opposed to bell-ringers enjoying a glass of beer.

There is certainly no need to shield the fact. But why, on the other hand, as N. Robinson remarks, make our magazine into a brewer's journal?

To L. Bailey: If my letter gave you a bigger laugh than the cartoon, then why on earth do you support the publication of such nonsense in 'The Ringing World'? I would suggest you read again my letter. You will probably realise I am far from being opposed to bell-ringers partaking of a glass of beer: I am no prohibitionist.

What you are compelled to do after a peal is of no interest to me and does not in any way connect with any remarks in my letter. In conclusion, you have rather run off the rails of the argument. Have a drink with whom you like, but please try to adhere to the subject under discussion.—Yours,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.

COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Reading the correspondence appertaining to compositions brought back to my mind a remark by the late H. W. Wilde at the Central Council meeting held in Chelmsford in 1929, when reporting the finding of the Peal Collection Committee. He stated that he didn't know how many his colleagues had done, but he himself had gone through over 800 compositions of Major during that year. He added a rider, 'Good, bad and indifferent.'

This report gave me the impression that to try and find something original would be a waste of time. There is in the Central Council's library an unrivalled collection of peals of Treble Bob proved by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and typed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. It must be an almost impossible task to tabulate the whole of these, but the committee have done a grand job in selecting good ones and putting them in book form. Surely there are sufficient good compositions to supply the needs of all.

We keep getting withdrawals on account of falseness; there should be no need for this. Since the war I visited a certain district. A ringer approached me with a view to calling some of his Major compositions. He produced a pocket book: on every page was a new (?) composition. As he turned over the pages I noticed a date at the top of each page: they were produced (?) at the rate of one a day. It only needed a quick glance to see that heads had been cut off and put at the feet, and vice versa.

The development of splicing has certainly opened out a new channel. I like to see the footnote: 'C.C. Collection No. . . .'. It is to achieve such things that our Central Council has been built up.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Eve. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Kenward 1, Miss D. Borer 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, J. Carr 4, E. Bryant (cond.) 5, C. Verdon 6.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. Alan Ainsworth on calling Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples. He correctly assumes that there are two versions of this peal. The original composition was first rung on tower bells at Selly Oak on May 5th, 1902, and on handbells in Birmingham on August 20th, 1902, both conducted by William H. Barber. The figures of the peal were published in 'The Bell News' on October 18th, 1902. John Carter later revised the peal and the simplified version was published in 'Stedman' by Jasper Snowdon and the later edition by J. A. Trollope.

I gave Mr. R. G. Leale the figures of the original composition, which he subsequently called, and I shall be pleased to let Mr. Ainsworth have them also when I am in Newcastle early in the New Year. He will find the original composition more difficult but I wish him and his northern band every success in trying to emulate the achievements of his friend in the Home Counties.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Nottingham.

PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of December 27th the report of a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major rung at Sherfield English for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

As the composition was a 5,088 by Arthur Craven, perhaps the conductor will assure us that it was not the well-known peal that is quite frequently called to Yorkshire Surprise.

This does not run true to Gainsborough as it contains bells reversed in 5/6 in a number of courses.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, please, to R. C. Burns, 9, Murray Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1639

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 20th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec., Ermine Street, Ancaster, near Grantham, Lincs. 1636

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Harling Ringers' Dinner Mardle will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, in East Harling. Open to all ringers. Names, please, by Jan. 21st, to P. H. A. Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norfolk. 1642

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual general meeting at Paulerspury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1632

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30-4.25; St. Chad's (12), 2.20-4. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at St. Chad's Parish Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 onwards. Names for tea, by Jan. 22nd, to Mr. F. Cattell, 51, Copthorne Park, Shrewsbury. 1651

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15 (new 8), 3-4.15 p.m. (Trolley bus 623, 679, 629, 659 from Manor House Underground, alight at St. Ann's Road). St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12) 3.45-5.15. Tea 5.15, St. Martin's Canteen, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please: sorry, no name, no tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 1646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Lakerheath, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new secretary.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1646

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting following at 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead. St. Peter's bells after and also the new ring at Addington (6). The business meeting will include nominations for general officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1640

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 25th. University Refectory. Ringing arrangements: 9.30-10.30 a.m., St. Philip's (Old Market) (8); 10.45-11.45, Lord Mayor's Chapel (6); 12 noon-1 p.m., St. Stephen's (10); 2.15-3, St. Thomas' (8); 3.15-4.15, St. Mary Redcliffe (12); 5-6, St. Michael's (6). Service 6. Dinner 7.15. Tickets 10s.—Patrick Bird, 20, St. Michael's Park, Bristol 2. (Notices continued next page)

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Jan. 27th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1655

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at the Cadena at 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s. 6d., from R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. Ringing programme: Christ Church 2-3, Merton 2.30-3.30, New College 3-4, St. Mary Magdalen 3.30-4.30, St. Ebbe's 4-5, Magdalen College 4.45-5.45, St. Mary-the-Virgin's 5.15-6.15. Service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's 6.15. 1552

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Please note the change of date.—Hazel Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1623

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Blore (first quarter) 1, S. Walklate 2, J. B. Stennitt 3, C. Walklate 4, G. A. Halls (cond.) 5, Miss V. M. Horton 6, D. Walklate 7, H. Taylor 8.

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