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APPLETON 'FOURTH-OF-MARCH-DAY'

'May friendship and freedom this day much abound;
May mirth and good humour go jovially round;
May the young and the old, may the grave and the gay,
Remember that this is March-the-Fourth-Day.'

SO runs the song, composed by John Harding, of Appleton, and sung on the first "Fourth-of-March-Day' in 1818 when, through the generosity of Squire Southby, the whole village was entertained to feasting and dancing to celebrate the opening of the ring of six bells he had given to the parish church. We know how much they enjoyed themselves on that occasion for many of us rang with stalwarts like Richard White, who related first-hand accounts of the proceedings he had heard from his grandfather, Alfred, who rang on that never-to-be-forgotten day. So much did they enjoy themselves that they resolved to commemorate each anniversary by special ringing, and a dinner, at which the traditional songs should be sung. Except for the gloomy years during the last war, each anniversary has been commemorated, most of them by a peal and by a dinner or high tea afterwards.

Change-ringing was introduced into Appleton tower by James Newman, one of the original band in 1818. He had formerly been a member of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers. But the great personality was Alfred White, who established a few years later the bell-hanging business now carried on by his great-grandson. It was not the first connection the White family had had with either bell-founding or bell-hanging, for Alfred's half-brother, Chamberlain White, had been at one time assistant to the Berkshire bell-founder, John Hunt, and through him had some connection with the Aldbourne founders. It was not long before Alfred made himself responsible for augmenting the Appleton bells to eight. This he did by adding a second-hand tenor, formerly the fifth of a ring of eight at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, and a new treble. The hanging was done by Alfred, and he overcame the difficulties occasioned by the smallness of the tower by removing the roof and hanging two of the bells in a lantern above.

Following the successful completion of their first peal of Stedman Triples in 1861, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, founder and first Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, gave two tenors to augment the number of bells in the ring to ten. In hanging these Alfred White made a name for himself, and the masterly way in which he overcame all obstacles is a lasting memorial to his craftsmanship. He hung the tenor, eighth, seventh and fourth in the lantern above the tower walls. There they remain; and many are the record peals rung on them, including the 21,363 Stedman Caters, in 12 hours 25 minutes, on April 22nd, 1922, and the 16,271 Grandsire Caters, in 9 hours 20 minutes, rung on December 27th, 1932.

On Saturday, March 1st, we met once again to celebrate 'The Fourth.' Friendship and freedom did abound! and the day was full of mirth and good humour, to quote the words of the traditional song, which it has been the writer's privilege to sing now for a good number of years. As reported in the peal columns, a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted on this occasion by Stephen Ivin, opened the proceedings. After lunch the tower was open to visitors. They came from Berkshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Leicestershire, and the Plough Inn was filled to capacity when the company sat down afterwards to enjoy a high tea. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. Frank White, and it was gratifying to see how well he fulfilled the duties, done for so long and so admirably by his late father. The toast of 'The Appleton Ringers, the Whites and the non-Whites,' was proposed by the president of the Central Council—not the first holder of this office to do so, for it was done for many years by Canon G. F. Coleridge who, like the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seldom missed attending this gathering. Sir Basil Blackwell responded to the toast on behalf of the parishioners of Appleton.

Then came songs by members of the White family and visitors, and tune-ringing by the Appleton Ringers on the fine set of handbells made by Frederick White, Frank's grandfather. This gathering, as usual, was conspicuous for its informality and friendliness. But unlike all other 'Fourth-of-March-Days,' there was something different—it was a special occasion. The B.B.C. had sent down two engineers to make a record of parts of the celebrations. They recorded part of the morning's peal of Stedman Caters, a brief interview with Mr. Frank White, the Appleton handbell ringers, and some of the traditional songs. These were heard in 'Town and Country' in the Home Service on the following Monday, and so a much wider circle of friends was able to hear a little of the one-hundred-and-fortieth anniversary of that memorable day when John Harding sang:

'In this present year which we have now all seen,
The number: one thousand, eight hundred, eighteen;
The six well-tuned bells, that by Southby were given,
Rang their first merry peal, our hearts to enliven.'

F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in C sharp.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	*HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	KENNETH A. ROE	8
JOHN BRAMLEY	3	ALAN CATTELL	9
COLIN P. WALKER	4	*T. EDWARD HARROLD	10
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	JOHN B. BENNETT	11
*WALTER H. POOLE	6	ALAN HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

DENIS A. BAYLES	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	7
*CHARLES N. LEA	2	*EDMUND P. CROWDY	8
DAVID PRIESTLEY	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	*KENNETH LAWSON	10
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	ROLAND PARK	11
W. NORMAN PARK	6	*ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
STEPHEN IVIN	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	8
BRIAN R. WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
PHILIP WALKER	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

DENNIS HEWITT	*Treble*	JAMES WALLMAN	6
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise and of Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
RUTH JACKSON	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	9
ALAN J. FROST	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	†‡JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
DEREK P. JONES	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 400th peal for the Guild. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung to mark the retirement of Ernest Morris as verger of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the previous Saturday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*JOAN M. BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	PETER BORDER	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	‡G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
†ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal on the bells. ‡ 50th peal together.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	†JOHN B. LONG	5
JUNE GLADMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOSEPH GRENSTED	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*HAZEL DADSON	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
LAURENCE MITCHELL	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Emily Walker and Mr. Francis J. Cheal, who were married at the above church prior to the peal. Both are members of the local band.

CHURCH CLOCKS
NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS
INSPECTIONS AND ESTIMATES FREE ANYWHERE IN THE BRITISH ISLES
'Smith of Derby' CLOCKS
JOHN SMITH & SONS - DERBY

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES	*Treble*	DAVID JACK	5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
LESLIE SHENTON	3	GEOFFREY BURTON	7
SHELAGH K. SEERY	4	ALBAN J. JACK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 1 and 6.
Rung in memory of Charles H. Page.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*A. CHARLES BAKER	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
ERIC SUTTON	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
*PATRICK J. BIRD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Treble*	DOUGLAS THORP	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	MAX P. PAGE	6
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	JAMES THORLEY	7
KEITH WILLIAMSON	4	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.
In memoriam Miss Margaret S. Rhodes.
First peal on the bells since being recast.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	PERCY WHITAKER	5
DOROTHY HOGG	2	ARNOLD COLE	6
FRED BENNETT	3	IRVIN SLACK	7
WILLIAM DIXON	4	RONALD H. DOVE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss Margaret S. Rhodes, a member of the local company.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the present bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	*HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	2	*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
*PERCY STONE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kate Tatlow, of the Rainbow Inn.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*FRED HARROLD	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	BERT GOGLE	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER (Six-part No. 2).
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Harrold.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. MAYNE. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan's No. 150). The ringer of the tenor has now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
RALPH BIRD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 22). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	7
GORDON T. PETERS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
*MICHAEL J. PALMER	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE COUSSINS	*Treble*	MARY R. JAYCOCK	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	2	GORDON W. LIMMER.. ..	6
*JANET ADAMSON	3	RICHARD E. DEAN	7
†KENNETH BUCKINGHAM ..	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First in the Kent variation. The conductor's 100th peal on Burnham bells (79 conducted).

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	DAVID YOUNG	5
JAMES BURNS	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
RICHARD BENSON	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
A memorial tribute to W. Bro. Fredk. Ralph Williams, of Manchester, and W. Bro. James W. Grounds, of Standish—the latter was cremated the day previous.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*DENNIS F. WEST (14) ..	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH..	5
HELEN M. SHARP	2	IVAN COOPER	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	PERCY W. MILLS	7
EDWARD B. SMITH	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. First peal on eight as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT.. ..	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	2	*DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW	6
HERBERT A. BRADBURY ..	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ..	4	*JOHN R. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 each of Yorkshire and Pudsey, and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ..	5
RONALD N. MARLOW.. ..	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in seven methods for all.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUEENSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3	HAROLD TAYLOR..	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung to celebrate the arrival of a son (Ashley Maxwell) to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Turner the previous day.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET FORREST.. ..	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	6
ALEX G. DIMMOCK.. ..	3	CYRIL LOW	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam James W. Grounds, who was cremated the day before; also E. Firclough, who died in February, and John Booth, who died in December: all members of the local band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

STEPHEN WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
*MARGARET JOHNSON ..	2	FRANK BRUNT	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL ..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*BRIAN HEPPENSTALL.. ..	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung for the wedding of Colin Ashton and Margaret Cutts (both members of the local band), which took place earlier in the afternoon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5640 DOUBLES
Being one extent of St. Simon's, four of All Saints', 21 of Reverse Canterbury and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

*STEPHEN PIERCE	*Treble*	DENNIS MITCHELL	3
*BRYAN BURROUGH	2	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4

GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the 29 years' work in the diocese of Dr. G. K. A. Bell, upon his retirement as Bishop of Chichester.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT BARRATT	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	5
GEORGE FORRESTER.. ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Minor. 25th peal on the bells.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

D. RUSSELL EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	JACK DEAN	4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS ..	2	*BRUCE GRAINGER	5
L JOHN EVANS	3	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire.
A birthday compliment to L. John Evans.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*PETER A. HILL..	*Treble*	*JOHN E. COOK, JUN. ..	4
DENIS A. FRITH	2	W. RUSSELL READ	5
PETER E. PARRY	3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal in six Minor methods.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	4
KENNETH BROWN	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for St. David's Day; also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ALLAN R. JONES	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	2	JIM C. RAINBOW	5
SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT	3	ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

First peal of Kent for all the band.

Rung for the feast of St. David. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Care on the birth of twin sons.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS KNOX	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
R. JOHN SCOTT	2	*WILLIAM G. SEAR	5
IVOR PETT	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 22 methods.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	†MARY R. JAYCOCK	4
*JANET ADAMSON	2	HOWARD OGLESBY	5
GORDON W. LIMMER	3	†GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † Pupil and tutor's 50th peal together.

Rung for St. David's Day.

NORTON-DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK DERRY	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
*J. EDWARD BROWN	3	*G. COLIN JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

Rung for St. David's Day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	BARRY W. M. COWPER	4
MERVYN FROMM	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. H. Dyer).

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. F. J. CHEAL	*Treble*	ALBERT DUNK	4
CECIL C. BISHOP	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 25th peal.

Arranged as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and the third.

WESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in eight methods: Two of Stedman, four each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, and eight each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER F. G. FLACK	*Treble*	†LEONARD B. SCOOT	3
†ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	2	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	4

‡JACK S. DEAR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First in eight Doubles methods. First of Doubles as conductor. The most methods yet rung to a peal on the bells.

Rung on St. David's Day.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 28 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (3) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Lincoln and Coldstream; (5) Westminster and Allendale; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

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BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of York, Wells, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the treble ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 7 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
*JEAN HORTON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	3	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since June, 1938.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughters—Penny and Katharine.

BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob, one 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*PATRICIA J. HOUSTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BURNELL	4
†PERCY C. TAYLOR	2	‡SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	5
*JOSEPH C. NICHOLS	3	*ALLAN CAMPDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

Rung to welcome John Mark, son of Phyllis and John Tole, both local ringers, and grandson of the ringer of the fourth. Born February 26th, 1958.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of St. Remigius', St. Osmund's, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas' and St. Martin's, and 720 each of St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	7—8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	†MICHAEL VERNON	11—12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. † First touch on 12 bells and 50th peal for the Guild.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 2, Linda M. Forrest 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. For Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, Miss J. Kirkman 2, J. H. Cook 3, P. Minchin 4, R. Looker 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavill on the birth of their grand-daughter, Clair Belinda Ann.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Evenden 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, Miss D. Gould 4, E. J. Booth 5, M. J. Best 6, C. Conway (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. A first birthday compliment to Nigel Alastair Mitchell, grandson of Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Brook (first quarter) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, Miss B. G. Schofield 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 6, A. Ashton 7, E. H. Simpson 8, T. Pedder tenor (covering). Rung prior to Evensong in memoriam Margaret S. Rhodes, a ringer at Leeds Parish Church.

BRENTFORD, MIDLX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, Jill Barron 2, Meriel Holden Brown 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by the Guild of St. Matthias, Richmond, for the patronal festival of the latter church in its centenary year.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Burford (first quarter) 1, C. Skidmore 2, F. Jukes (cond.) 3, A. Peakman 4, J. Lloyd 5, R. Allport 6. For Confirmation service.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Townsend 1, R. Vickers (first in method) 2, F. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, W. Townsend 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: U. W. Wildney 1, Evelyn R. Cansdale 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, E. P. Duffield 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, F. G. Oliver 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7. Rung as a token of respect for the late G. W. Moss, of Mistley.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, G. Cartwright (first in method) 4, N. Brown 5, Miss H. Talbot (first 'inside') 6, Mrs. P. Humphries 7, H. G. Pratt 8, G. H. Humphries 9, N. G. Steere 10, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 11, R. Abbott 12.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Clement's Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Blake 1, J. Ingham 2, J. Burton 3, V. Goss 4, A. S. Watt (cond.) 5, A. C. Goss 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Hurrell 3, K. Small 4, T. Culver 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, R. H. Mills (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Miss E. Taussig 4, P. Murgatroyd 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 5 and 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 1, D. d'A. Blackwall 2, B. Claridge 3, R. C. Kippin 4, J. L. Queen 5, D. C. Exell. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all the band.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. E. Cooper 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. To commemorate the visit of the Rt. Rev. Montague D'Arcy Collins, Coadjutor Bishop of Bathurst, N.S.W.

HANDSWORTH.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrabin 1, A. R. Crumn 2, J. Eaton 3, M. F. Hall 4, J. Lindon (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (one extent each of St. Osmound, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. I. Martin 1, Mrs. P. A. Latchford 2, A. L. M. Shepherd 3, D. E. Latchford 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, W. Churchman 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bowden 1, Janet Miles 2, Angela Carpenter 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Eve Pearson 5, H. Gaunlett 6, J. McDermott 7, A. Queen (first as cond.) 8. For Matins.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Kentish 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, S. F. Cull 3, W. T. Holmes 4, H. Nobbs 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, E. Edmondson 7, L. F. Cull 8. With best wishes to John T. Kentish on his 80th birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. A. Price (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. D. Funnell (first of Minor) 2, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin (first of Minor 'inside') 3, F. H. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, G. Beeney (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of Kevin William Tonkin, godson of the ringer of the 3rd.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Haynes 5, G. Shellard 6. In memoriam John Dytam, 56 years a service ringer at this tower.

KILBURN, N.W.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne White (first quarter) 1, J. Clark-Maxwell 2, T. Herbert (first 'inside') 3, Jean Clark-Maxwell 4, R. B. Meadows 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of 1 and 3.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and three differently called Pitman's 240s of Grandsire): M. G. J. Elson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, J. B. Webb 3, E. Edgington 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, J. A. Fox 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Benfield (first quarter) 1, F. Benfield 2, B. E. Frost 3, J. W. Felce 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, P. M. Giles (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Mar. 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Chilton (first quarter) 1, B. Hebborn 2, V. Pratt 3, P. Desbrow 4, D. Simpson 5, G. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, P. Simmonds (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Thomas 1, R. Walsingham 2, A. Kent 3, A. Wedgwood (cond.) 4. First quarter on bells and by all the band.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Mackey 1, Jill Cranshaw (first quarter) 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, K. Osbaldiston 4, Osbaldiston 5, B. Groves (cond.) 6. Average age 16 years.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Schofield 1, P. Whitehead 2, D. E. Lodge 3, S. A. Jaine 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, R. Carter 6. Rung as a compliment to Janet Elizabeth Cater, daughter of the conductor, born January 14th, 1958, and christened at this church on March 2nd.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, at the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: A. S. Boar 1, A. G. Bason 2, C. Curson 3, F. N. Golden (cond.) 4, G. Sayer 5, S. W. Copling 6, C. Bird 7, F. C. Goodman 8, W. Love 9, H. W. Barrett 10, B. J. Gogle 11, T. N. J. Bailey 12. For Evensong, and as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, C. McGuiness 2, W. Robson 3, D. Priestley 4, G. S. Deas 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6, E. P. C. Rowdy 7, R. W. Leighton 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, C. McGuiness 3, W. Robson 4, G. S. Deas 5, C. N. Lea 6, D. A. Bayles 7, J. Hedley 8, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 9, R. W. Laughton 10. Both for Evensong.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. M. Bates 1, C. Watson 2, D. Stone 3, J. Coombes 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman 6, G. Coussins (first as cond.) 7, Miss E. Foster 8. First in method for 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Also first by local band. For morning service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 9th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bush (cond.) 1, S. Wright 2, H. Goakes 3, F. Boyall 4, T. Bevis 5, J. Bluff 6, J. Haw 7, D. Simmons (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong and the christening this day of Carol Stephanie Hamm.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rainbow 1, H. Curtis 2, R. Roberts 3, E. Billings 3, A. Jones 5, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: I. Tilling 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Miller (first of Minor) 1, Pam Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, J. Wallman 6. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, S. G. Peck 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6. First of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Both rung for Parish Communion.

STAFFORD.—On Mar. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. Vaughan (first of Caters) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, C. J. Evans 10. For morning service and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. J. Chester 1, J. Linnell 2, M. Saunders 3, L. Wootton 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. F. Carter.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hart 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss P. Gaunt 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, H. Lawrenson 6, G. Wiggins 7, D. Murrum 8. Rung for the dedication service of the new war memorial screen and for the restoration of the organ and belfry repairs.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Swanne 1, B. Claridge 2, M. E. L. Beamish 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. C. Exell (cond.) 5, D. d'A. Blackwall 6. For the Southampton University Guild.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, R. J. Chapman 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. W. Sykes (first in method) 4, B. R. Downes 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. St. J. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. Footer 1, A. Ballam 2, W. Rickwood 3, R. Stannard 4, A. T. Ballam (cond.) 5, E. V. Ballam 6. Rung to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. W. Fuller).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, L. Smith 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, G. W. Holland 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 2 and 3, also to Patricia Green, daughter of the 6th ringer.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Jacobs (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, A. Bishop (first of Treble Bob Major) 6, M. Sinden 7, F. Corfield (first as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome back the conductor to the belfry after five months' illness. Mr. Sinden and Mr. Tomsett have both rung 100 quarter peals, with 50 of them together.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Smith (first of Caters) 1, M. Horseman 2, R. Smith 3, M. Collins 4, Mrs. W. Kingcott 5, J. Brain (first of Caters) 6, H. Knight 7, W. Kingcott (cond.) 8, L. Derrick 9, M. Board (first of Caters) 10. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Newcastle Cathedral on March 8th was arranged as a farewell to Mr. C. McGuiness, who has been on the Tyneside since 1951 and is leaving for Boston, Lincolnshire. The last peal of Stedman Cinques for the Association was in November, 1946, and although a number of attempts have been made in the last few years, success has been elusive. This was the first 12-bell peal for the Association for almost seven years.

Congratulations to Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Cookham, on his 70th birthday today.

With the peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on March 8th, Mr. W. H. Poole has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Calne, Wiltshire, will be heard prior to the family service to be televised from there on Palm Sunday, March 30th, at 10 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. H. Burry.

Southampton University Society have started handbell ringing, and scored their first quarter—Plain Bob Major—on March 9th. Margaret Beamish conducted. The others—Don C. Exell, Michael V. White and John L. Queen—rang their first 'in hand.'

We regret to hear of the death following an accident on March 3rd of Mr. W. S. Bleasdale, a former ringer at St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, Lancaster. As a token of respect a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells on March 9th.

Mr. Fred Harrold, who has been a regular Sunday service ringer at East Dereham, Norfolk, since 1920, rang his first peal for his 65th birthday. Prior to the recent rehanging of East Dereham bells he did all the builder's work in the tower; and a first-class job, states our correspondent.

A turning point in the progress of the band at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, was reached on March 2nd by the ringing of the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples before Evensong—the first by an all-local band for over 18 years. Mr. S. Harrison, who became Ringing Master in 1946, has had an uphill struggle to raise the band to its present standard, and is hoping that a peal by all regular Sunday service ringers will be accomplished this year. The old band, under the late William Willson, who passed away in 1941, never recovered from the wartime ban on ringing, which was eventually lifted in 1943. St. John's has now the youngest band in the city, the youngest ringer being ten years old.

The peal of Superlative at Dunstable Abbey on February 22nd was a race against the clock. It finished three minutes before Evensong was due to start.

Readers have written in complimenting Ipswich ringers on the background broadcast to children's television circus introduction last Sunday.

A programme entitled 'Bells and Belfries' will be broadcast in the B.B.C. northern Children's Hours on Easter Sunday. A B.B.C. mobile recording unit is now touring the area interviewing young enthusiasts and recording short spells of ringing. The programme is being organised by a script-writer, Miss Bertha Lonsdale, of 9, Glenaire Drive, Baildon, Shipley, Yorkshire

In recognition of his 25 years' service as secretary of the Swindon Branch of the G. and B. Association, Mr. W. B. Kynaston was presented with a brief case and a fountain pen and pencil set at the quarterly Branch meeting at Stratton St. Margaret on March 8th. The presentation, made by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Wolsey) came as a complete surprise to Mr. Kynaston, who appropriately thanked the subscribers.

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THIRD ASSAULT UPON THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

AS briefly announced in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' a further attempt to ring 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major failed at John Taylor's Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 8th. Ringing was brought to a halt by the illness of the conductor after about 21,800 changes had been rung in a little under ten hours.

It was an unfortunate ending to an attempt which, up to the time when the half-way mark was passed, had seemed to have very fair prospects of success.

The band had stood as follows:—

Treble: Robin G. Leale (21), Surbiton (conductor).

2: Brian Blaydon (24), Stamford Hill.

3: John Smith (22), Leicester.

4: Patrick I. Chapman (26), Daventry.

5: C. Michael Orme (20), Hitchin.

6: Norman V. Harding (48), King's Lynn.

7: A. Patrick Cannon (45), Dorking.

Tenor: Philip Mehew (27), Stotfold, Bedfordshire (the organiser).

LESSONS TAKEN TO HEART

The lessons which had been so forcibly driven home four weeks previously were taken very much to heart in the preparations for the new attempt. Thus, although the start was this time to be put back three hours, 'early to bed' was the order on Friday night, and after a brief visit to the Foundry to adjust ropes and an even briefer visit to the hotel bar to pose 'in conference' for our friends from B.B.C. Television, goodnights were said soon after half past ten.

As a result of Paul Taylor's impeccable local arrangements, headquarters were once again at the Great Central, where Mr. Mozo is fast becoming accustomed to ringing habits and was quite overwhelmingly kind and helpful.

Five-thirty on the Saturday morning saw most of the band eating a hearty breakfast (whilst those new to the game were finding out exactly how the condemned man feels) and an hour later all were esconced in the pleasantly warm ringing chamber at the Foundry. Following graceful submission to further photography of last-minute preparations (including a close-up of the conductor dismembering a soon to be notorious orange) the real business of the day commenced.

It had been intended to step up the rate of striking considerably over that of the previous attempt, and, in fact, the first 5,040 was completed in only two hours and ten minutes, which augured for a time of less of 17½ hours for the extent. Although this was, of course, advantageous in some ways, it did tend to lead to a certain degree of discomfort being experienced by at least one front-ender, who found the necessary lightning hand movements, together with the unaccustomed slenderness of the rope-end, rather conducive to cramp in the hands and wrists. It is interesting to note that complaints of leg tiredness, on the other hand, are almost unknown among those who have experienced long peals, and this may well be a pointer to the desirability of making the attempt upon somewhat heavier bells (perhaps in the region of 12 cwt.) when, although the duration of the peal would, of course, be increased, it may be that the dangers of hand and wrist cramp would be substantially lessened.

SMOOTH PROGRESS

The ringing proceeded smoothly throughout the morning and early afternoon, the necessary comic relief being provided by the customary sustenance-snatching antics and the wisecracks of the tenor king, who, from his position on the seventh, was fortunate in being able to see down the stairs and thus to exchange greetings with those who were so kind as to call from time to time to inquire after progress.

After nine hours and fourteen minutes the half-way mark was passed, but very soon after this it became evident that the conductor was losing some of his poise, and he was, indeed, observed to be making somewhat alarming deviations from the vertical at ever-increasing intervals. Eventually his indisposition led, after about 21,500 changes had been rung, to his missing the first of a block of three bobs at fifths. It was immediately decided to call the peal round as soon as possible, but before this could be accomplished nausea took charge and the ringing came to a halt.

CONCLUSIONS

Thus ended the latest and longest-lived attempt to win one of ringing's most tempting prizes. It should be mentioned that, at the end, more than half of the band, and particularly the two oldest participants in Norman Harding and Pat Cannon, appeared to be perfectly capable of going on for at least another day or two. Norman, especially, impressed everybody by his rock-like stance and seemingly quite untiring demeanour; it is also notable that he ate nothing at all until past the half-way mark.

The gentlemen of the Press were not so numerous as they had been a month previously, and were generally remarkably unobtrusive, their reports being largely authentic and free from exaggeration.

It is understood that at least one other band is now making preparations for an attempt upon the extent; if the writer, who was intimately connected with the latest efforts, may be permitted to offer some general advice, it would be that the ideal band for the job might possibly be made up of eight ringers all of whom:

(a) are aged 35 or over;

(b) have turned in a tenor of at least a ton in weight to a peal of normal length;

(c) are mentally stable, of amiable disposition, and sufficiently resolute to ring for nine or ten hours and then to meet the realisation that they are still only halfway with equanimity.

Incidentally, all citrus fruits should definitely be barred. Not to mention raisins.

BEHIND ERNEST THERE WAS BEATY

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, will certainly go down as one of the blackest days in the long history of St. Margaret's, Leicester. A day of tragedy for all connected with the church; for it was on this day that our esteemed Ringing Master moved his home from the Verger's Lodge and took up residence on the fringe of the city. After 20 years as verger of St. Margaret's, Ernest has now retired. True, he is still to be found at the principal services leading the procession with his verge at the ready. He still continues as clerk to the Select Vestry. He is still in evidence at weddings and funerals and, of course, he is still our Ringing Master. Wherein then, you may ask, lies the tragedy? For this, one must look deeper.

It is often said that behind every great man there is a greater woman. To those of us who are connected with Leicester ringing, and particularly we ringers at St. Margaret's, it has long been recognised that the driving force behind the most remarkable achievements of Ernest Morris is that commanding character, Mrs. Morris, known with affection (and fear, by not a few) as Beaty. Yes, it is in the loss of Mrs. Morris that the real tragedy lies, and the question we are asking ourselves here at St. Margaret's is, 'Who is going to keep us in order?' The writer himself already misses his weekly 'ticking-off,' and this similarly applies not only to the rest of the band, but also to members of the congregation, choir and (ssh!) the clergy!!

On the Sunday following the departing of the Morrises, did we see a trace of anxiety on the Vicar's face? Did the curate seem a little lost? Were the churchwardens rather bewildered and the choir a trifle short of wind? Was the organ in tune? These questions may be hard to answer, but one thing did bring the bitter truth home to us all, and that was, that for one of the few times in his life, 'Our Ernie' was late for ringing and (get ready for it) **he never had a ring!!**

We all have much to thank Mrs. Morris for. As a critic of ringing she was unsurpassed, and foolish was the ringer who boasted a good peal at St. Margaret's before hearing her verdict!! For many years we parked our bikes in her yard (surely the safest spot in Leicester). It would be a brave scoundrel indeed who could plunder a cycle from the Morrises' yard, and an equally brave ringer who attempted to extract his or her bike after the gate had been locked at 10 p.m. This was proved some years ago when one of our number (now fled to Canada), after taking liquid refreshment at the nearby hostelry, returned to the Verger's Lodge to remove his cycle for the journey home. Alas, the gate was securely locked. After much brooding, he swallowed hard, and with the agility that only youth can muster, launched himself on to the Morrises' wall, with the intention of unlocking the gate and removing the offending means of transport. The household, however, had not retired for the night, and the keen ears of Mrs. Morris detected the sounds of treachery without, and before one could utter the word 'bike' the door was flung open and the trespasser caught aloft the wall. A few sharp words of opinion and command from Mrs. Morris saw our petrified colleague sprawled on the floor at our feet (a goodly drop of 10 feet!) and a few moments later he was joined by his bicycle!! He has, I know, never forgotten this nightmare experience and neither has the lady concerned.

Mrs. Morris once complained to me that Ernest was continually receiving mention in 'The Ringing World' and that it was high time that she received some recognition. I trust that this has now been remedied.

In seriousness I must express on behalf of every member of the band our sincerest best wishes to Ernest, Beaty and Margaret in their new home, and we hope that they will gain a well-earned rest from the ceaseless parade of parishioners, Scouts, Cubs, Young Wives, Sunday scholars, Mothers' Unionists, clergy, courting couples, workmen, undertakers, reporters, ringers, policemen, tramps and dogs that have appeared at the Morrises' door inquiring for keys and crusts, peals and polish, marriages and money, bodies and bones.

It is, I know, a matter of no small pleasure to Ernest that his retirement has come at a time when his band is gaining in strength and that he has a sound core of ringers who are capable of conducting, as has been shown in the monthly Sunday quarter peals that have been recently rung. Also, we must indeed thank him for the generous gifts of books which he has presented to the belfry, surely a unique collection, which we and our successors must treasure. We hope, too, that he will continue for many years in sound health and long may he remain 'our gaffer.'

COLIN P. WALKER.

PEAL RINGING IN 1957

An increase of 121

A preliminary survey of peal ringing in 1957 indicates an increase for the second year in succession. The figures published are subject to revision:—

	1957	1956
Tower Bells	2,335	2,191
Handbells	152	175
Total ..	2,487	2,366

Comparative figures in recent years are: 1955, 2,237 (111 handbells); 1954, 2,412 (123); 1953, 2,567 (154); 1952, 2,915; 1951, 2,925; 1950, 2,723; 1949, 2,906.

MONTHLY TOTALS

January ..	171	(174 in 1956)
February ..	220	(160)
March ..	216	(160)
April	164	(255)
May	208	(177)
June	191	(184)
July	180	(160)
August ..	242	(195)
September ..	189	(203)
October ..	204	(205)
November ..	227	(217)
December ..	275	(276)

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS OR GUILDS

Leicester Diocesan Guild	192	(136 in 1956)
Kent County Association	154	(113)
Norwich Diocesan Assn.	142	(113)
Suffolk Guild	135	(83)
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	131	(117)
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	129	(105)
Essex County Association	122	(72)
Lancashire Association ..	115	(97)
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	103	(85)

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Sudbury District held at Cavendish on March 1st, the attendance was not very good. A service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. D. Barnard, who was later elected an honorary member of the Guild.

At the business meeting Mr. Allen W. Cansdale, of Bures, was elected Ringing Master, and Miss R. J. Seabrook, of Clare, secretary and treasurer.

Peals rung in the District during the year numbered seven. There were 60 ringing members.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Assington on May 10th.

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FALSE COURSE HEADS FROM THE BLUE LINE

By JOHN SEGAR

Readers who ring Cambridge Surprise Major and know the start of every bell will see that figures in columns under 7864235 agree with the blue line of the method. Also shown are the place notation, the work of the treble and the nature of the rows. Two rows marked 3+ have the treble in the same place and are the same nature.

	1+	7864235
	2+	8753146
38	1—	8643257
	2—	7534168
14	3+	8624157
	4+	7513268
1258	3+	6514278

etc.

All systems of extracting F.C.H. from the one in Snowdon's Treble Bob to Corrigan's book of half lead systems are out of print. Some would be of little use in these days of Spliced Surprise in a large number of methods. This article introduces a new system. Some originality is claimed for it because the F.C.H. are extracted direct from the seven blue lines without any reference to the figures of a method and the blue lines are obtained direct from the place notation. Bring together

3+ 8624157
3+ 6514278 for examination

By using any system it has been found that F.C.H.s resulting from these two rows are 46253 and 32546. It may be thought that this pair of proving rows will not reveal the required F.C.H.

Lead Heads	Proving Rows
2345678	7864235
4263827	8642357
6482735	6423578
8674523	4235786
7826342	2357864
5738264	3578642
3527486	5786423

This table shows the positions which figures 7864235 occupy in each lead head. In these proving rows there is no alteration of figures in relation to each other except when the first figure becomes the last of the next row. This will be called rotation. The row 6423578 has 78 behind so the scale 45362 brings it back to the original course head 23456. This gives the two clues required. Rotate two proving rows until the duplicate pairs of figures come behind and transpose by 45362. Try this on the example above.

	Rotated	Sc.45362	F.C.H.
3+	2415786	15472	46253
	5142786	42175	
and	6241578	41256	32546
	6514278	14526	

No difficulty will be found in reading off the F.C.H. as shown. A leaflet on this system is in print. It does not include the above explanation. Instead it has a ready reckoner to give the F.C.H. without doing the work. My average time to extract the F.C.H. of a method is fifteen minutes. Readers interested should see this week's advertisement.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD MEMORIAL DINNER

THE sixth annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association, with which the name of Sir Arthur Heywood, the first president of the Central Council, is commemorated, was a most enjoyable function on February 22nd, held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby.

Three peal attempts took place in the morning, each of which failed. That at Eastwood, Notts, was due to a clapper falling out, and on investigation it was found that the bells and fittings badly needed the services of a bell-hanger. Ringing in the afternoon was at the Cathedral and St. Andrew's, Derby.

In a welcome to the company of 92 at the dinner, Mr. D. R. Carlisle said the function kept alive the name of Sir Arthur Heywood and freshened their thoughts of him and other great ringing personalities of the past. It reminded them of the debt that all ringers owed to them.

On behalf of the Derby District he welcomed members from other Districts of the Association. Chesterfield members were represented from Chesterfield, Bolsover and Staveley; Peak District by Buxton members, and the Ilkeston District by a strong band of Sandiacre ringers. He also welcomed ringers and friends from neighbouring Guilds: Mr. and Mrs. G. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. E. Malin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carlisle, Mrs. Mason and Miss Anne Brown, Messrs. J. M. and D. Holland, Hough, R. E. Carlisle and G. R. Edwards. These represented the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, the Sheffield and District Society, Chester Diocesan Guild, Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor were then introduced as the principal guests.

Mr. Paul Taylor replied with a short and amusing speech mainly composed of anecdotes resulting from the recent attempted record. For example, one member of the lay public, intrigued by the mathematical nature of this feat, sent a request to Mr. Taylor for a copy of each of the 40,320 changes.

Social events, mainly consisting of games and dances, followed.

Mr. D. P. Jones, the acknowledged leading belfryman in the area, provided a lively one-man act depicting bell-ringing characters from some odd towers in Hertfordshire.

The highlight of the evening, as usual, was the presentation of the medal of the order 'Capita Magnissimus' to the belfryman of the year—in this case Mr. P. Bellamy-Knights, of Stapleford. The claim for the award was mainly for the performance he enacted during a quarter peal attempt on the bells of Ashbourne. These are notorious for their difficulty in handling due to the very long draught of rope.

A choir, selected from the gathering and unrehearsed, followed up the presentation with a most stirring rendering of the 'Song of the Medal,' written for the occasion to the tune 'Gaudeamus.'

There are now six holders of the coveted award, and it would not be surprising if a peal attempt of medal-holders was arranged before the next annual dinner.

The organising committee wish to thank all the company for their enthusiastic co-operation. They particularly wish to thank Mr. A. B. Cooper, Mr. Derek P. Jones and the Carlisle brothers for helping with the entertainment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am a little surprised at Mr. A. P. Cannon's contention that 'the faster six bells are rung the better they sound.' If for 'six bells' we substitute 'old-fashioned light eights and tens' I could agree, for where there is no great depth of tone available, rhythm is the thing, and at that a quality of sustained rhythm unknown to our young 'rock 'n' roll' experts.

I find it hard to decide on a particular rate until the peal is under way because it depends on the wishes and ability of *all* the band and not just those on the tenors. What does A. P. C. do if he finds ringers on 2 or 3 who will not be driven at 2 hours 35 minutes' pace on a medium six? Does he 'cut their tails off'?

As I have said before, re Hoar Cross, it is a great mistake to chase musical heavy sixes as they have their own special music and grandeur missed by those who never venture on smaller numbers. By way of postscript, my Leicester friends may note that I have revisited Hoar Cross recently, spending under 3½ hours there this time (they might think I could not do it), but convincing myself afresh that 3 hours 40 minutes is a more sensible time to take for a peal there.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

Note.—We should like the opinion of our bell-foundry friends as to the speed with which the bells they tune should be rung.—*Ed.*

SERVICE RINGING IN LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter from M. P. P. in 'The Ringing World' I feel I must write and say how much we appreciate his kind words about our ringing at Liverpool.

Regarding service ringing at Leicester Cathedral, it is only on rare occasions that the 12 bells are not rung for Sunday service—Maximus and Cinques are rung most Sundays. Considering that we have lost during the last five or six years, through ringers leaving the District and death, upwards of 20 Surprise Maximus ringers, we can still look with pride on our ringing at the Cathedral.

It would be interesting to know where Mr. T. C. Belton does his Sunday service ringing. On looking through the 1957 report of the Leicester Guild, I fail to find his name; perhaps he has a reason for this. I am sorry Mr. Belton was so distressed to hear only Doubles being rung for Matins on Christmas morning. As at all festivals at the Cathedral, we have only ten minutes' ringing for Matins. In this time we have to lower the bells which had been rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service.

May I take this opportunity to say how proud we are to have in the Cathedral company the leading peal ringer for 1957, Mr. John A. Acres, also the leading lady peal ringer, Phyllis Poole. All honour is due to them, as both are loyal Sunday service and practice ringers. Peal ringing is the best practice, and means progress and good service ringing.—Yours truly,

HERRICK B. BOWLEY,
Ringing Master, Leicester Cathedral.

BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir,—I recently selected from various Association reports nine different prayers suitable for use before ringing for services, practice and other occasions, and duplicated them on foolscap-size paper.

I shall be very pleased to supply a copy to anyone who sends me a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

OFFICIAL ANSWER TO MR. R. G. LEALE

Dear Sir,—The matter mentioned by Mr. R. G. Leale has, I think, been argued before, though when I cannot recall at the moment. The official answer, surely, is that a peal must begin and end with rounds, and if rounds does not appear at the conclusion of the ringing, no matter how many times it may have come up previously, then the performance is not a valid peal. That, at all events, is how I should look at it, although I can see something in Mr. Leale's argument.

Of course, this serves to bring up again a point which I have mentioned once before in these columns, and frequently in private, that it is really only by stretching the meaning of words that 42 or more extents of Doubles or seven or more extents of Minor can be regarded as peals, since they contravene a basic principle of ringing that there shall be no repetition of changes. In reality one cannot ring 5,040 changes of Doubles or Minor. This is not a revolutionary idea, for if one looks at 'The Bell News' for the years 1894 to 1896 one sees Doubles and Minor under the heading 'Performances on Five and Six Bells,' which to my mind is a far more accurate description.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

STRIKING IN ODD PLACES

Dear Sir,—A misprint in my letter (page 175) which appeared in a recent 'R.W.' altered the sense. It should read: '. . . but the popular Queens, well (not will), sing that too; it is hard work putting emphasis on the odd places.' This was an invitation to the reader to sing the change for himself to see where the natural emphasis falls.

My theory (that in ringing, emphasis usually falls on bells striking in even places) is supported by the old nursery song, 'Upon Paul's steeple stands a tree,' which opens thus:—

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(e.g., emphasis on bells striking in even places in a round and Queens).—Yours sincerely,

H. Y. PRICE.

Kimpton, near Hitchin.

YOUNG RINGER AND PEAL WEEK

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Trevor Bailey's letter in your issue of February 28th with some amusement, though no doubt I ought to feel suitably abashed. He appears to be one of the 'angry young men' we hear so much of, and his highly-coloured picture of me as a miserable old curmudgeon is, I hope, contrary to fact. Indeed, it is difficult to see on what he bases his somewhat wild accusations, as his knowledge of me must be precisely nil. He appears to act on the well-worn principle, 'If you have a weak ease, abuse your opponent.'

I observe that Mr. Bailey also adopts the totalitarian attitude that criticism should not be allowed, but I shall never subscribe to such a theory. Nobody suggested that the lad in question was forced to ring in peals, but a great responsibility rests on those who instruct the younger members of the Exercise, to guide their enthusiasm wisely. To push along too fast at too young an age is to invite staleness and loss of enthusiasm later.

Finally, I would mention that several ringers who lack neither ability nor enthusiasm have expressed their agreement with my remarks. I bear Mr. Bailey no ill-will for his personal attack and am sure that he will acquire a more adult approach in the fulness of time!—Yours unrepentantly,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

'FEARED STARVATION'

Dear Sir,—If an old hand, now out of the running, might venture a comment on the recent long peal attempts, it would be that too much stress was laid on food and drink.

One reads, especially in the first and second attempts, of a 'self-serve cafeteria' layout in the ringing room. All sorts of refreshment, even extending to beer and cigarettes, were there we read. One might ask if these lads feared starvation or even what the striking was like while a beer was being lowered.

The old rule used to be, for a long peal, 'without food or rest.' One peal tablet, at Debenham, mentions this.

Allowing for the excessive length of the extent of Major, assuming that all had a real good breakfast before starting, surely a few pieces of chocolate, or nourishing tablets placed handy with instructions not to touch for, say, 12 hours, would be sufficient for men in the prime of life to last out.

After all, William Pye rang a 30 cwt. tenor for 12 hours, and a 25 cwt. bell for nearly 12 hours, and I have heard that he never even looked round, except at his comrades.—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Heaviley, Stockport.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

A few days of arctic conditions had given way to some beautiful weather (for February!) when the U.B.S.C.R. set off on their Rag Week tour on the 26th. The cycle party, thoroughly warmed by this time, arrived ten minutes early at Easton-in-Gordano. Here is a six to be enjoyed, and although they are a little odd-struck, there was some good ringing from rounds to Cambridge.

Portbury was approached with some trepidation due to the notoriety of this hard-going six. Their reputation was found to be well deserved. The rise proved their difficulty, and the ensuing rounds and Grandsire Doubles were not of the highest standard.

The ride down the Gordano Valley was followed by tea in a pleasant cafe at Clevedon, before going on to the old church (St. Andrew's), perched on its cliff top at the southern end of the town. A reasonable eight, these, upon which Plain Bob Maior and Grandsire Triples were rung and Stedman was miscalled. We had to depart all too soon.

On the hurried ride to Nailsea our 'short cut' merchant, despite warnings, again found himself lost in the lanes of Somerset, and only arrived to hear the end of the second touch on the beautiful six. The ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed, ranging from rounds to Surprise Minor.

The usual refreshment followed, during which time the East somehow managed thoroughly to beat the West at darts. The 'short cut' home inevitably proved more uphill than the promised down, and it was a tired party that reached Bristol that night. P. J. B.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

Forty-eight members and friends attended the annual dinner of the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers, which was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on February 15th. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Tyler) and toasts were drunk to 'The Queen,' to 'The St. John's Guild' and to 'The Visitors.' Replying to the second toast, the captain, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, said that 1957 had been a very successful year, particularly for the learners, and the tower could now at least boast a resident 'Surprise' band. After the dinner five members rang a well-struck (and evidently much practised) touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells, and the evening continued with games and dancing until 11 o'clock. N. D. R.

THE LEATHER JACK OF LINCOLN IS HOME AGAIN

A FEW years ago Mr. Ernest Morris wrote a series of articles on 'Ringers' Jugs and Pitchers' and commenced by saying that the most famous was the Leather Jack of Lincoln. At that time the Jack was not in Lincoln, as the then owner lived at Hove, but now it has been returned to Lincoln Cathedral and it seems to me that a few notes on it and its history may be of interest.

This leather jug is 15¾ inches in height, the base being 9½ inches in diameter, with the opening at the top 4½ by 3½ inches, and spouted for pouring. It is said to hold 11 quarts.

On the front side of the jug is inscribed '1782 City Ringers.' It is adorned on one side with the City Arms, and on the other side with a bell. The following legend runs from side to side past the handle and fronts on the leather:—

'This Jack was the gift of Alderman Bullen to the Company of Ringers.'

Alderman Bullen, who was a brewer, was Mayor of Lincoln, 1781-2.

The jug was kept in the ringing chamber of the city church, St. Peter at Arches (now demolished).

Bellringing was a very strenuous employment, especially in hot weather, and undoubtedly when ringing was finished some liquid refreshment would be most acceptable to the ringers.

When the city ringers went to ring the Cathedral bells they took their jug with them, most likely getting it replenished at the Great Tom public house, which was situated in the Exchequer Gate Arch.

The Great Tom Inn was closed in 1822 and the Black Boy Inn across the Castle Hill became the ringers' house.

On one occasion the ringers pawned the jug with the landlord for 13s. The ringers never redeemed the jug and the landlord (Mr. John Kirk) claimed it in the inventory.

It is said there were two leather mugs with silver rims, but these were lost sight of.

When the licence was taken from the Black Boy (now the Castle Hill Club), Mr. Kirk's daughter and her husband loaned the Jack to the Lincoln Museum until 1926, when they took it away to Hove, near Brighton.

I made many inquiries during the last 30 years as to whether there was any possibility of ever getting it back to its rightful place.

In the early part of 1957 we learned that the owner had passed away and on inquiry being made by the Dean of Lincoln, the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop, we were informed that she had left it to the Dean and Chapter, the Dean himself bringing it home from Brighton on September 21st, 1957.

It is now housed in one of the side chapels of the Cathedral. J. A. F.

PREVIEW OF MAIDSTONE BELLS DURING LEICESTERSHIRE WEEK-END

A PARTY of 28 visitors from all over Kent made a round trip of 380 miles to spend an interesting and enjoyable week-end in Leicestershire on February 22nd and 23rd.

The party was organised by Mr. Thomas E. Sone. Mr. Frederick G. Huckstepp was at the wheel, and Mr. Peter Bond chief navigator and back-seat driver. Between them these three seemed to have first-hand knowledge of every tower on the route.

The weather deteriorated after St. Albans, where a brief halt was made for refreshment, but this was offset by the warmth of the welcome given by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the energetic young secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who met the party at Loughborough.

After an excellent lunch at The Three Nuns the visitors proceeded to the Bell Foundry, where they were welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor. The new ring of ten destined shortly to be rehung at All Saints', Maidstone, was awaiting inspection. Maidstone ringers in particular were very gratified by the sight and sound of their new bells. Mallets were used to tap out a plain course of Bob Minor on the front six. Mr. Taylor and members of his staff kindly showed the visitors round. In the campanile the tourists rang rounds, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major, but the ringing here, generally, suffered from inexperience from handling bells of such lightness and short draught. Admiration was expressed at the ingenious shelves which remained as evidence of the late much-publicised attempt to ring the extent.

The visitors then rang on the beautiful ten at Loughborough Parish Church, and agreed that its claim to be one of the finest rings in the country was justified. We were fortunate to have Mr. Warwick to act as our guide to Coleorton and Copt Oak, where he had arranged for us to ring, as weather conditions made driving more than ordinarily difficult.

At The Bell Hotel, Leicester, where the visitors enjoyed bed had breakfast, the handbells proved quite a counter-attraction to some of the dancers from the nearby ballroom.

The Sunday morning, which saw us ringing at South Wigston, Aylestone and St. John-the-Divine, was bright and sunny. At Glen Parva the coach made a slight detour to enable old friends to renew, and new friends to make, the acquaintance of Mrs. B. G. Warwick.

Not the least memorable part of the whole expedition was the morning prayer at Aylestone Parish Church. Perhaps it was simply the change of environment, but the Purcell voluntary, the lovely minor chant of the penitential 51st Psalm, the simple rendering of our matchless liturgy, the familiar Lenten hymns and the clarity and relevance of the sermon, all combined to make this service one which, the visitors said afterwards, would long be remembered.

The good weather continued during the return trip. Fred Huckstepp varied the route to pass Bunyan's Tower at Elstow and reach the Parish Church of Southgate, Middlesex, by 5.30 p.m. where we joined in the ringing for Evensong.

For the remainder of the journey the party continued to be entertained by the handbell ringers, by anecdotes from Mr. Sone and by Mr. Bond's conversation. C. T. H.

OBITUARY

MISS MARGARET S. RHODES

Margaret Stansfeld Rhodes learned to ring ten years ago and was the first lady to do so at Leeds Parish Church. It was a pity she had to wait until she was on the wrong side of her 40th birthday to do so just because it had been taken for granted that these bells were too heavy for lady pupils to manage, for then not only could she have gone much further in ringing but we might have known her longer.

She rang in all a modest 17 peals, which do scant justice to her attainment, and their number is unrewarding of her effort. Her first peal, Bob Major, at Drighlington in 1950, was a near perfect peal, and she took part in the first peals on the new bells at Hemsworth and Chapel Allerton, where she also rang her last, Bob Minor, last Easter.

While willing to stand in peals when invited and delighted to visit fresh towers when the opportunity arose—and her tower record book shows that she had rung in almost 500 towers spread over 18 counties—there were to her no bells to compare with Leeds and no ringing of such importance as service ringing there.

Her record of service ringing was outstanding and it was service in its highest sense, and to Margaret service spelt sacrifice. Commencing Sunday ringing barely one month from her introduction into the belfry, until illness brought her active ringing to a close last July, she had missed only 20 out of a possible 1,000 attendances, and this in spite of living eight miles from the tower—a standard by comparison with which some of our efforts do not look so brilliant. Once, when transport was unobtainable, she even walked the eight miles, passing near to two towers where she would have been welcomed and could well have been excused had she obeyed what must have been a real temptation.

Her ringing career to all intents and purposes ended in July, when she entered hospital, although upon her leaving hospital she made several courageous attempts to ring when she could manage to climb the steps, and she rang for the last time one Sunday towards the end of October, a few days before the relapse from which she never recovered.

Long and faithful service seems to have been a feature of her life—when she died on February 20th she was within two days of completing 38 years with the firm to which she went from school, and management, staff and workpeople of Henley's Telegraph Company were all present at her funeral on February 26th to pay their tribute.

Before cremation at Lawnswood, the Precentor (Rev. T. H. Bone), who is also the belfry chaplain, conducted a service at Leeds Parish Church, and referred to Margaret's regularity as a communicant and to her example of service as a ringer.

The 12 bells she loved above all others were rung half-muffled both before and after the service, and ringers from other towers joined with us to bid her farewell, and on the following Saturday eight of her friends, among them several who took part in her first peal, rang to her memory a peal of Bob Major, the conductor thoughtfully selecting the same composition as her first peal.

During my ringing career I have enjoyed many privileges, but there is none I value more highly than to have been Margaret's instructor.

R. H. D.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Falkiner 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond) 5, F. Southwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the seventh Earl of Dartmouth.

MR. G. BLANCHARD

By the death of Mr. George Blanchard, of Barnetby, at the age of 83, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost one of the few remaining founder members. He was a regular attender at meetings and was for a number of years Ringing Master of the Grimsby District.

There are no ringable bells at Barnetby, and Mr. Blanchard used to walk to the 6-bell tower of Bigby, at which church he was tower captain and a regular service ringer, and also at one time churchwarden. He served this church faithfully and devotedly and maintained his interest to the end. As churchwarden he took part in what is believed to be the only churchwardens' peal on eight bells.

Although Mr. Blanchard had not rung a large number of peals, he did great work for the Guild and was always ready to help learners in any tower near enough for him to attend.

Canon H. Thackray (president of the Grimsby District) assisted at the funeral service, which was attended by officers and members.

Among the flowers there was a tribute from the Guild.

MR. J. W. GROUNDS

The Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members by the death on March 3rd of Mr. James William Grounds, of Standish, at the age of 70. He had attended a meeting of the local Freemasonry, and as the Lodge meeting ended he collapsed and died.

Until his retirement about five years ago, he was a maintenance engineer at a local colliery. All his life he had been associated with St. Wilfrid's Church, Standish; he was a ringer for 53 years, and for the past seven years had been people's warden. He is survived by his widow and a married son.

The funeral was at Standish on March 7th, and the large congregation was eloquent testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Grounds was held. The choral service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. E. Bramley) and the address was given by a former rector, Canon Mellor, of Rufford. The cortege left the church to the singing of the Nunc Dimittis. Cremation afterwards took place at Wigan Crematorium.

The Lancashire Association were represented by Messrs. P. Crook (treasurer), T. Marshall (Parbold), E. R. and W. K. Martin (Preston), J. Marsh (Aughton), D. Vincent (Hale) and the local band. Touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung half-muffled after the service and a peal of London was rung the following day.

AN APPRECIATION

In his address, Canon Mellor described Jimmy Grounds as a man who believed in doing things, and in all he undertook that was the keynote. He was known to ringers all over Lancashire along with his friend the late John Booth. The inseparables, or the twins, as they were jocularly called, must have rung 150 peals together, and now they have both passed on.

Jimmy Grounds was of a quiet disposition, a safe ringer and a true friend. Men like him are not easily replaced. He left the conducting to others, but he was interested in composition and liked to see the figures after a peal. He joined the Lancashire Association before World War I and had rung 250 peals. A few of these may have been for the Yorkshire Association and the Chester Guild, but it will be some time before the list is checked over. His enthusiasm for ringing and his devotion to Standish Church will remain as an example to all of us.

May he rest in peace. E. R. M.

MRS. ELIZABETH BIBBY

The news of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Bibby will have brought back many pleasant memories of the '20s and '30s, when ringers were welcome visitors at London Road, Frodsham, where with her husband, the late William Bibby, she lived.

Her pleasure in welcoming visitors made one a member of the family in no uncertain manner, and her interest in ringing was as intense as any ringer's could be. Any failure of a peal attempt had to be explained in a thorough manner, and the delinquent was subjected to motherly leg-pulling; a successful attempt was as much a source of pride to her as it was to the participants.

For the last few years she had lived with her daughter, Norah, at Lincoln, where she passed peacefully away on February 16th. One ringer will remember her as almost a mother and a very noble lady. E. J.

MR. ERNEST E. GRIMES

The death took place on March 9th at Ipswich of Mr. Ernest E. Grimes ('Ted'), who had been in failing health for some three years. A grocer by trade, he was the son of the late William Grimes, captain at Debenham tower for years, and brother of the well-known Alfred W.

He rang his first peal at Debenham in 1910, the only surviving members of that peal being James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, and the ever-young Peter Laflin. An excellent striker of any bell, he had taken part in 108 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. He also rang peals for the London County Association, of which no information is available. He was District secretary for St. Edmundsbury District from 1919 until the formation of the Suffolk Guild in 1923. He served in the 1914-18 war and was badly wounded; although always belted up he would turn in tenors with grace and ease. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on March 14th. Amongst the many flowers was a wreath from the Framsden Company, and the Guild was represented by Messrs. W. J. Button, G. A. Fleming and L. G. Brett. As a last respect a well-struck peal of Cambridge was rung at Debenham, his native tower.

L. G. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

The ladies who attended the A.G.M. at Oatlands Park and Walton-on-Thames on February 22nd were very pleased to welcome Miss Colgate, the Guild secretary, who had motored from Sevenoaks in the cold and wet weather.

The afternoon was shared with members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild, who held their A.G.M. (a report of which appeared in last week's 'R.W.'), and thanks are due to them for their cheerful co-operation. Mrs. Lathbury and Miss Shorter, two members of both Guilds, prepared a fine tea enjoyed by all.

Miss Colgate kindly took the chair at the business meeting. The main item was election of officers. Mrs. Hazelden had written saying she felt unable to continue as vice-president and suggested Miss W. Oliver as her successor. This idea was warmly applauded and Miss Oliver has since accepted the position. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazelden for the interest she has always taken, and it is hoped she will be seen at summer meetings despite her 83 years.

Other officers elected were Miss B. Mayers (secretary), Miss M. Collins, Miss M. Shorter and Mrs. M. Pridham. Two new members were elected. All will be welcome at the next meeting on May 17th, not May 3rd, at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The severe weather, which had almost paralysed transport in East Kent a few days previously, cleared by the morning of March 1st to enable a good muster of ringers from the Ashford District to meet at Sellindge on that afternoon.

The six bells of this ancient little church were rung up promptly at 2.30. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Petty) welcomed the visitors and conducted the service. Nicholas Davies, one of a party of six ringers from King's School, Canterbury, read the lesson; Mr. Tullett, of New Romney, was the organist.

An excellent tea was prepared and served in the nearby Church Hall, as far as we could see, entirely by Mrs. Petty and two very young ladies.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the secretary spoke on the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Association, which is to be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. Two new members joined the Association.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, the Ringing Master, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service; Mrs. Petty and her helpers for so cheerfully and efficiently catering for the needs of some 40 guests; and Mr. Peter Small for making the local arrangements.

Afterwards ringing to suit all degrees of efficiency was enjoyed until nine o'clock.

C. T. H.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on February 1st.

The chairman (Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) welcomed the members and friends from neighbouring Districts. He referred to the loss during the year of four members who had been called to higher service.

The secretary (Mr. R. F. Brewer) in his report thanked members for their support during the year, and regretted that owing to unforeseen circumstances he had to resign the secretaryship as he was now residing in another district.

The committee members were thanked for their services, and the election of officers then took place. The committee are as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; secretary, Mr. P. Nash; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Dickinson; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Mouland; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Smith.

Eight new ringing members were elected from Preston Candover, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester College, Nether Wallop and Kingsworthy.

After some discussion it was proposed to hold both the outing and the dinner again this year. An ample tea followed the meeting, and members then attended Evensong in the Cathedral. After the service good use was made of the Cathedral bells, ringing consisting of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and rounds on the 12.

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QUARTER PEALS

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Parr (first quarter) 1. G. Lloyd 2. H. Hayes 3. J. Hayes 4. D. Burgess (cond.) 5. W. Hayes 6. With congratulations to the ringer of 6 on his 73rd birthday.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 April Day and 660 Plain Bob): K. Warrington (first quarter) 1. J. B. Dincnage 2. D. W. Barr 3. A. Strathdee 4. C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. M. J. Hill 6. First in two methods for 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Goodfellow (first in method) 1. Jill Birch 2. Margaret Way 3. Miss P. J. Welch 4. N. A. James (cond.) 5. B. Taylor 6. J. D. Woodman 7. G. Stickland 8. For Evensong and in honour of St. David.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Laney 1. F. W. Burnett 2. M. J. Parker 3. R. H. R. Parker 4. A. Page 5. S. K. M. Knight 6. E. K. Jordan (cond.) 7. A. E. Hoodless 8. For Evensong.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,244 Plain Bob Major: F. Linfoot 1. S. A. Longbottom (first quarter) 2. C. Ellison 3. E. Drake 4. A. Rogers 5. P. Birkett 6. S. Blundell 7. S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. For Evensong

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RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Worbovs 1. R. D. Tomlin 2. G. S. Sandwell 3. F. C. May 4. E. J. Blower 5. W. J. Ellis 6. P. J. Coward 7. A. J. House (cond.) 8. First in method by 2 and 3. A 67th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Discrens (cond.) 1. Mrs. W. Allaway 2. K. Cottrell 3. Mrs. A. Discrens 4. W. Newton 5. B. C. Stirland 6. R. F. Discrens 7. R. H. Begrie 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Noel J. Discrens and Helen M. Brant.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Vera Bell 1. J. A. Haile 2. Mary Simpson 3. G. McKay 4. J. Tembey 5. H. Wilson (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. V. A. Callow, recently inducted to the living.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. White 1. Miss S. Morey 2. Miss A. Knight (first as cond.) 3. G. Northway 4. A. Fry 5. R. Allen 6. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Morris 1. F. Leggott 2. R. Stephenson (first 'inside') 3. W. E. Clarke 4. J. H. Taylor (first of Grandsire 'inside') 5. W. Dawson (cond.) 6. J. Petch 7. P. H. Reynolds 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias. Birthday compliments to Miss Mary Morris (14), daughter of ringer of 1, and the Rev. J. G. H. Cragg (Vicar).

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1. Miss J. Horton 2. Anita Middleton (first 'inside') 3. D. Barber 4. B. Farhall (cond.) 5. J. Young 6. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1. Miss G. Smith 2. Miss J. Horton 3. J. Young 4. B. Farhall (cond.) 5. D. Barber 6.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Cheadle, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 2006

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, March 22nd, 3.15 p.m., at Great Kimble. 6 p.m., Monks Risborough. *No tea.*—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 2026

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting at Thornby, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 2031

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Merstham on Thursday, March 27th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2015

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 27th to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough. April meeting, Bawtry, joint with North Notts.—George G. Watson. 2008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—(April) Meeting at March (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, if possible, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Feering, Kelvedon. 2004

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 29th, St. Matthew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows. Method, Bristol.—A. Bennett. 2032

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Please note: Quarterly meeting, Bitton (8), Saturday, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 2029

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, at Irthlingborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 26th, to Mr. A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.—A. E. Amor, Hon. Sec. 2021

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest underground station, Tottenham Court Road). Ringing 3.45 p.m. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 4.15 sharp. Service 5 p.m., then business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. 2024

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Darlington, on Saturday, March 29th. Holy Trinity bells available 3 p.m., St. Cuthbert's after tea. Names for tea by Thursday, March 27th, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington. 2014

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Tuesday Roy Bettley-Cooke, 35, Ash Road, Leeds, 6.—Elizabeth A. Wardill, J. F. Hodson, Hon. Secs. 2036

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Walkden, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m.—cups of tea only. Excellent eight here. Visitors welcome.—P. Thornley, Sec. 2011

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by March 26th Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 2037

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 29th, Wymeswold. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. H. Mackley, Wymeswold. 2025

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough on Saturday, March 29th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2028

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Railwaymen's Institute 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by March 27th to Miss Green, The Railwaymen's Institute, Derby.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 2017

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont (8), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. Please note change of date. 2012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—A meeting will be held at Helmingham, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 26th, please, to L. G. Brett, 109, St. John's Row, Framsden, Stowmarket. Framsden bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—W. J. Button, Dis.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Willersey, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by March 26th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2040

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on Easter Monday at 2.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements as follows: Estow (6), 9 to 9.45 a.m.; Kempston, 9.45 to 10.30; Goldington, 11 to 11.55; St. Peter's, Bedford, 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.; Felmersham, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's, Bedford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2013

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brampton on Easter Monday. Bells (6) 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. A.G.M. to follow. The bells of Carlisle Cathedral (8) will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 3rd, to Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 2038

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidbury on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by April 2nd to Mr. K. Clarke, Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford. 2000

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties, will those requiring tea please notify as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, April 1st, the Rev. J. W. E. Brown, The Vicarage, Crich, near Matlock.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2023

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee, 11 a.m., at Wrens Restaurant. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Ashford School for Girls. Tickets, *before Tuesday, April 1st*, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 1996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, St. Woolos', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 and tea arranged at 5 p.m. at Andrew's Restaurant, 7, London Road, for all who notify me before Thursday, April 3rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Kempsey (6), 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, May 3rd. Will those members wishing to travel at reduced fare on the 9.25 a.m. train from Kings Cross please notify the undersigned by April 25th. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—John Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 1984

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Advance notice.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd. Owing to impending resignation of the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston), nominations can be forwarded to the general secretary, W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 2018

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Second annual meeting, York, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing, Minster, 2 to 3.55 p.m. Evensong 4. Tea and meeting, Railway Institute, 5. Ringing: York Institute of Architectural Study (6 bells), 6.30; St. Stephen's, Acomb (6), 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to the Master, Mr. Harold Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York.—W. F. Stenson, Hon. Sec. 2019

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