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MR. AND MRS. BIRMINGHAM

TODAY, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker celebrate their diamond wedding, and the congratulations and good wishes of the whole Exercise will be extended to the happy couple on this unique occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were married at St. Andrew's Church, Taunton (Mrs. Walker's home town), on December 12th, 1898. He was 22 years old, having migrated to Taunton when his father's employment took him from Birmingham. Whilst in this town he became interested in ringing, and learned to ring, together with the late James Hunt, in 1895, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, where the conductor was Thos. W. Radford. It was mainly at the suggestion of his fiancée, as she was then, that he took up the Art; and he rang his first peal on February 1st, 1896. This was Grandsire Triples. He was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild in 1897. On his return to Birmingham about 1900, a rather sorry state of affairs confronted him. There was a band capable of ringing Stedman Cinques but they had no conductor, and had to be content with ringing plain courses.

This did not suit Albert, so he commenced studying conducting, and in 1904 he called his first peal of Stedman Cinques; and from that day Birmingham never looked back. Between 1904 and the present time he has taken part in no less than 553 12-bell peals, conducting 239. Seven were non-conducted, the most outstanding being Stedman Cinques on handbells, when the six ringers drew for a pair of bells out of a hat held by the umpire, James George.

Albert called the first peals on 12 at St. Mary's, Taunton, in 1923, Exeter Cathedral in 1924 and Buckfast Abbey in 1930. He called the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Birmingham, being the first on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band. He has taken part in peals on no less than 45 12-bell towers, including St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Another noteworthy performance was the first peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells, which he conducted. He organised a 12-bell week, when six peals in different towers were planned. Five were successfully accomplished, but a broken rope at Wolverhampton brought one failure. His total peals number 850, of which he has conducted 346.

Albert Walker's life has been one of loyal service to St. Martin's Guild and the Exercise generally. He served as Ringing Master from 1906–1910, and 1921–1935. In 1944 he was elected Master and, because of his insistence that the office should go round, served for three years. However, in 1949 the Guild again elected him as Master, when he served two years, resigning to give place to Ald. A. P. Smith, who was in 1950 Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The Guild once again elected him as Master in 1953, and he served for another three years. He has been tower warden and Sunday service Ringing Master at St. Martin's for more years than he can remember, and is held in highest esteem by Canon Bryan Green, the present rector and successor to about a dozen rectors under whom Albert has served.

Naturally, a man of such outstanding ability would find his way to the Central Council, and in 1932 he was elected an honorary member, and has served on the Standing, Literature and Broadcasting, Carter Ringing Machine and other committees with distinction.

For all these efforts Albert has been encouraged, helped and sustained by Mary, his wife, or spouse, as he calls her sometimes. She is as well known to ringers as her husband, and those who enjoyed her wonderful hospitality when they lived at 81, Baker Street, will long remember her kindliness.

To many ringers up and down the country, Albert Walker *is* Birmingham, and Birmingham *is* Albert Walker. Very many owe to him their grateful thanks for giving them the opportunity to ring their first peal of Stedman Cinques. Also quite a number, including the writer, have him to thank for his willing and patient help when they were trying to master the mysteries of calling Stedman. During the whole of his married life he has never spared himself any trouble in helping those with less ability than his own, and he has so many friends and admirers that it is certain his name will go down in ringing history together with other great men associated with Birmingham, such as Thurstans, Lates, Johnson and Carter.

Contemporary with Carter's later years, Albert Walker was among the first to see the value of Carter's compositions, and was the first to conduct the more complicated efforts which he produced, many of which would never have been rung but for Walker's enthusiasm. It is fairly safe to say that he put Carter on the map. Such is his modesty, however, that he would never lay claim to such distinction, and it is left to the writer to say what ought to have been said long ago. Walker saw the evolution of

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	GORDON T. PETERS	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	8
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	9
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	10
*ALAN ROGERS	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
STEWART F. KIMBER	6	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
*DEREK P. JONES	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit DZ).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

DAVID HOARE	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	7
RONALD D. SHORT	3	ERIC NAYLOR	8
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	4	GWILYM SALMON	9
DONALD E. LEE	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
Rung as an expression of gratitude for the life and work of the Very Rev. F. P. Harton, late Dean of Wells, and in memoriam Stephen Wood.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, in 3 Hours ond 17 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	GERALD FARRER	8
EDWARD POTTS	4	HEDLEY WOOD	9
DENNIS HENSHAW	5	DONALD PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. Cooke, inducted at Christ Church on Tuesday, November 18th. Also for the weddings of Miss B. Booth to Mr. P. Brough and Mr. D. Pearson to Miss P. Crowder, Miss Booth and Mr. Pearson being members of the local company.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ROBERT SMITH	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
BASIL JONES	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
RICHARD A. PRIME	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
BRIAN MARTIN	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

HARRY J. GAYLARD	*Treble*	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	5
*ANTHONY R. MANN	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†GORDON GAYLARD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First in the method.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 CHILDWALL COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

AVRIL J. THACKRAY	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major methods, No. 280).

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
*PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
*†DOREEN DUTTON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method. The conductor's 375th peal and 100th peal this year, conducted 178 (61).

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	COLIN CONWAY	7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.
Rung for the diamond jubilee dedication festival. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Allan Mitchell, son of the ringer of the second.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. ROBERT LINDSAY	*Treble*	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	5
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	†JAMES E. BURLES	6
FRANK BIRKETT	3	RAYMOND SUART	7
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal. † 100th peal.
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the work of restoring the tower, clock and bells, and the gift of two new trebles. Also as a tribute to the late James Walker, and a salute to Canon and Mrs. W. E. Bradley on their golden wedding anniversary.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR PEAKMAN	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
FREDERICK JUKES	4	REGINALD CHANCE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jukes on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Jukes is the leader of the local band.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*F. KEVIN THOMPSON	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	ROGER A. BREWIN	6
H. LESLIE WYKES	3	†KENNETH W. GRAHAM	7
DEREK M. SAWYER	4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † First of Bob Major 'inside.' The ringers of 1 and 2 have now 'circled the tower.'

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 3 variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN F. GROVE	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	A. LESLIE PEARSON	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	HARRY POYNER	7
THOMAS R. BUTLER	4	J. HENRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
Rung to mark the 400th anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth I. Also as a token of respect to the late Ringing Master of this church, William Pilkington.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	*DAVID YOUNG	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
DAVID VINCENT	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* 25th peal.
A welcome home to Peter Crook, sen., after four months' absence in Canada.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

DENISE SHALLCROSS	*Treble*	ROGER KING	5
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
GEOFFREY PARTING	3	JOHN S. DEAN	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN S. DEAN.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Treble*	*JOHN E. EWER	5
*JUNE E. SINFIELD	2	†MICHAEL D. FROST	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	JAMES G. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	4	GEORGE HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples. Mr. J. W. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower.'

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	7
JOHN N. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William S. Deason.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	*ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	FRANK RUFFLES	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 53). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Superlative.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.29).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal of Major in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

T. REGINALD DENNIS	*Treble*	*PETER LANGTON	5
*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	2	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD	6
*HILLARY MUIRHEAD	3	JAMES R. TAYLOR	7
*†GEORGE THODAY	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HAROLD BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5376 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	†ROGER BALDWIN	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* Greatest length. † 50th peal of Surprise Major and 25th different Surprise Major method for a peal. First in the method, rung without previous practice.

VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR
—36—14—58—16—34—38—16—58
L.E.: 13527486; 2nds.
F.C.E.s: 32465, 43265, 52643, 36524, 65243, 46532.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 KILBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOHN HILL	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

KILBURN SURPRISE MAJOR.
—38—16—56—16—14—38—14—38
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
*FREDA M. HANKEY	2	†ALAN STREETER	6
FRANK OAKSHOTT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	‡BRIAN COWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, November 19th, 1898.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 1,260 each of College and London Bob, 588 Double Oxford, 1,092 St. Clement's and 840 Double Grandsire, with 233 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD J. SHUCK	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
FREDERICK JUKES	2	BERNARD LAWTON	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
ARTHUR PEAKMAN	4	STEPHEN MALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 2).
Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
Rung as a compliment to John Lloyd on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at Brierley Hill.
This composition is rung for the first time and is the first peal of Spliced Triples to be rung with changes of method at both plain and bobbed leads.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 18 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

*JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	3
GORDON BROWN	2	LEONARD MILLS	4
†COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	HAROLD E. RAXTER	4
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	ROBERT W. COLE	5
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	3	TERENCE SPARKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
First peal of Doubles in seven methods by all the band.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of the church and bells; also a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. Gordon Brown.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Tenor*	ANTHONY A. AGER	4
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	COLIN B. LONGMORE	4
GORDON BROWN	2	*ROBERT W. COLE	5
LEONARD MILLS	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Minor in the method.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	†CECIL T. CLARKE	3
†DENNIS G. MILLER	2	†FREDERICK W. SWEET	4
GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles, and in the method as conductor.
† First of Stedman. First in the method on the bells, recently rehung.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS HOLLAND	*Treble*	†TOM W. SENIOR	4
*REV. ARTHUR KING	2	†OWEN A. OVER	5
†A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Over.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and a 240 of Grandsire (Morris's arrangement).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	3
KEITH PRIME	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	4

GWILYM SALMON .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
Rung for the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's and Single Court, two 720's of Single Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob . Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	*RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung for the 11th wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	E. T. CHAPMAN	4
A. W. BIRD	2	DORIS E. LIDBETTER	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGRESS.
First peal as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung within the Octave of the Festival of St. Edmund, during a week of social activities in aid of church funds.

COWDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

*JOHN E. WARNER	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
JANET FRENCH	2	ERIC J. BRUNGER	5
KEVIN S. HOHL	3	†STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

TOM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward J. Long, tower captain at Preston Candover for the last ten years, who died on November 15th, 1958.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods and 14 variations, consisting of one extent each of Winchendon Place, St. Luke's, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's and St. Martin's, and three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Seighford, April Day, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	4
REGINALD F. CROOK	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	RICHARD H. C. CANN	6

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in 22 variations of Doubles methods by all the band.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOEL J. DISERENS	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

TIMOTHY WOODING	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. ROOME	3
PATRICIA F. CURTIS	2	†ALLAN R. JONES	4

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. *Tenor*
Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal. First in the method for all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Festival of St. Cecilia.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Single Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
RICHARD C. CLIFTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN HEPPENSTALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
RONALD BIRCH	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	5
GEORGE R. HINER	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George West, of Wentworth.

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ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

*MICHAEL J. MULVEY	*Treble*	JOHN H. ALLEN	4
†BARRY J. PERKINS	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
MARGARET PRITCHARD	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
*ANN M. COX	2	*JAMES H. PAILING	5
*FRANK A. BARRETT	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. M. I. Pailing.

EBRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, composed of seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 80 75 79, 83 82 81, and 58). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	4
*MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
†REV. ALBERT WEBB	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8
ERNEST MORRIS	9—10		

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 31, HIGHFIELD CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in E flat.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	1—2	DON C. EXELL	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	*DAVID J. FORDER	7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal 'in hand.'

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

DIANA J. PERRINS	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

JOYCE DODDS	1—2	*MICHAEL D. FROST	5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4	STANLEY HUCKLE	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal 'in hand.'

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

STAINES, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 29th, 2,624 Plain Bob Major: R. I. Shepherd 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, J. L. Hayns 3, Patricia Doorn 4, W. A. Peck 5, G. Penney 6, M. W. Harbott 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Longest length in the method for 2 and 3.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Larkin (first quarter) 1, J. C. Perrin (first 'inside') 2, R. Bird 3, D. W. Woodcock 4, C. F. McGill (first as cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. A compliment to the Vicar of Addington (Canon F. W. Greenaway) and Mrs. Greenaway upon their 35th wedding anniversary.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Buss (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Allen 2, R. Russ 3, A. Diserens (cond.) 4, Miss E. Hiley 5, F. Lewis 6, R. Diserens 7, R. W. Rex 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Carter, Pangbourne.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann E. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, V. F. Gough 2, D. A. Shaw 3, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. Girling 3, J. J. Prentice 4, H. Fuller 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for service of Remembrance.

BARMING, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, F. Manser 2, W. Grice 3, W. Manser (cond.) 4, G. Ruffle 5, M. Gunner 6. For Rochester Diocesan Festival.

BETHNAL GREEN, E.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hutton 1, S. Penfold 2, M. Bland 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, D. Salisbury 5, L. Woods 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BLADON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall): R. A. Jackson 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, Mrs. D. H. Niblett 3, A. R. Pink 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evangeline Roberts 1, A. J. Willis 2, T. R. Sullivan 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, G. W. Reed 5, T. Sullivan 6. First by 2 and 6. A wedding compliment to R. A. Southwood and Jill Tremelling.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Nov. 20th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Daniels 1, L. J. Muller 2, Glenys Evans (first 'inside') 3, D. Llewellyn (first of Triples) 4, F. Rowsell 5, G. P. Sandford 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, W. T. Petty 8. A farewell to J. Daniels and Mrs. Daniels on their return to Bournemouth.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Boughton 1, E. Calcutt 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, B. C. Ashford 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. A. Hilder 6, G. W. Boughton 7, T. Stride 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Jones, who has been a ringer 58 years and a chorister 57 years at this church

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Nickolls (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St. Clement's, Turnford, a daughter church of the parish.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Southrepps, 240 Grandsire): S. Miller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Love 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, A. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, G. Shail 6. For Advent.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): C. Clegg 1, Miss G. Fishwick 2, G. Salmon 3, P. Cockshott 4, R. Cockshott 5, L. J. Williams (cond.) 6, B. Martin 7, F. Fishwick 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of augmentation of the bells.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. Brinson 1, Anne White 2, A. J. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. Wedlake 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Tavener (first quarter) 1, Mary J. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Marshall (first of Doubles) 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, H. M. Johnson 6. Rung for All Saints'-tide pr or to Parish Communion, celebrated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, K. Small 2, E. J. Coode 3, J. Hurrell 4, Brenda Slark (cond.) 5, G. B. Beebe 6, E. B. Crowder 7, R. Clarke 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. J. Coode and a welcome to W.O.2 G. B. Beebe, R.A.P.C.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Advent Sunday, 1,385 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Dewe 1, A. J. Sanger 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Mary Beard 4, Marion March 5, J. R. Badman 6, R. J. March 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. First quarter by 1 and 4. By resident service band.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrabin 1, Elizabeth M. Yardley 2, Ann Cook (first quarter) 3, M. Hall 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Advent.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett (first away from tenor) 1, T. Mathews 2, B. Stepney 3, Miss J. Funnell 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A 60th birthday compliment to A. Ellis.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. White (first quarter) 1, L. Mutter 2, D. Salter (cond.) 3, L. Morrell 4, L. Hart (first 'inside') 5, R. Mutter 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Gaisford 1, R. Purnell 2, D. Lovelock 3, A. Bartlett 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, B. Mace 6. For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, S. Carter 6. First quarter in three methods for 1 and 6.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Marsh 1, Colin Payne 2, Mary Tysoe 3, C. Lovell 4, J. Long 5, K. Wakefield (first as cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, J. J. Webb (cond.) 3, L. H. Jones 4, K. Goodwin 5, J. Clark 6, E. Goodwin 7, T. H. Browning 8. For the dedication festival.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Burt (first quarter) 1, D. Wesley 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. Harland 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, G. Clark 6. First quarter on the bells since the war. Rung for Advent Sunday.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Weaver 1, J. R. Wilson 2, Miss D. R. Saunders 3, M. Fromm 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6, H. C. Weaver 7, E. R. Heasman 8. For the school's centenary service.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drayton 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, Margaret Strickland 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, W. Monckton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Bonning, who was interred earlier this day. Ringers 3, 4 and 5 were ex-school friends of the deceased.

SHIPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Pond 1, G. Monckton 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, K. Welch 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pimm 1, C. Woodley 2, K. Clark 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, B. Coles 7, W. Webb 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. C. Pimm, a ringer for 50 years.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Shaw 1, P. Graves 2, O. Fyson 3, R. Waller 4, D. Pollard 5, F. Talbot (cond.) 6. First of Minor by Sunday service band. For the patronal festival.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Monckton 1, R. Welch 2, R. C. Beale 3, G. E. Monckton 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Welch (cond.) 6, T. Jefferies 7, W. Harwood 8. A farewell compliment to Terry Jefferies.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. K. Stretton 1, J. M. Jelley 2 B. S. Chapman 3, J. R. Smith 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dinsdale 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. M. Jelley 3, R. K. Stretton 4, A. J. Poynor 5, J. A. Acres 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, C. L. Powdrill 8. For Remembrance service.

STANTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 600 Plain Bob): R. W. Winstanley 1, B. A. Cole 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, J. Salter 4, R. H. Jones 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Cooper (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, A. D. Fellows 6, P. W. Webb 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Advent Sunday Evensong, also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, who recently attained the age of 90. Mr. W. H. Cooper has now 'circled' the tower in quarter peals.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Keen 1, Miss B. Causer (first quarter) 2, E. J. Causer 3, A. A. Rackham 4, E. Elton 5, G. H. Peers, jun. (cond.) 6, G. H. Peers, sen., 7, N. W. Attaway 8. To celebrate the 65th birthdays of Mr. G. Peers, sen., and Mr. H. J. Dakin.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Ford, sen., 1, H. W. Butt 2, E. W. Ford 3, R. B. Ford, jun., 4, M. T. Butt 5, W. J. Andrews (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5. A tribute to R. B. Ford, sen., a regular ringer at this tower for over 50 years; also to welcome Anne Mavis, born November 9th, daughter of the ringer of the third.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On No. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. G. Newman 2, June E. Sinfield 3, I. Knox (first quarter) 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong .

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Chase Doubles: R. W. Hawkes 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, P. D. Warren 3, A. A. Jopp 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6. First quarter in method by all the band.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, E. Griffiths 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. O. Berry 5, J. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, E. Bucknell 8. For harvest festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, F. A. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, A. R. Greenough 4, J. Berry 5, R. Tuckwell 6, K. C. Timbury 7, R. Blond (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Percy (first quarter, 12 years) 1, J. Maple 2, Miss E. Willard 3, F. Brooks 4, B. Farrell (cond.) 5, D. Heigill (first quarter, 14 years) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. W. E. Bird (first quarter) 1, D. T. North 2, I. Hughes 3, G. J. Gammon 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Powell 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, J. Ferris 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Shippey 1, Miss D. Green 2, Miss A. Barnes 3, G. Sharpe 4, L. Harvey (cond.) 5, Mr. J. Bird 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. Rung in connection with the Parish Mission.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5–6, L. N. Melton (first quarter on handbells) 7–8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Bloyce 1, B. Gibbons 2, J. C. Macbeth (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 4, P. Perkins 5, D. Culham 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Greetings will ring out on Christmas Day, from 9.20 to 9.30 a.m., in the Home Service, from the towers of All Saints', Rotherham; Woodchester Parish Church, Gloucestershire; Christ Church, Lurgan, Co. Armagh; St. Clement Danes', London; St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh; St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk; All Saints', Gresford, Denbighshire; and (recorded) from the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem. Stuart Hibberd will introduce the programme and link the various towers.

Among the apologies read at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was one from Mr. A. York-Bramble.

Mr. Norman Chaddock contributes an interesting article on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church to 'The Phœnix Gazette,' the monthly journal of the United Steel Companies Ltd. There is a very good picture of the present band.

By ringing in a quarter peal at Bethnal Green, London, with the band from Hornchurch, Mr. Sid Penfold made a very welcome return 'home' after a lapse of over 40 years, for it was here he learned to ring as a pupil of Matt Wood. Peal boards commemorating peals in which he rang, conducted by Mr. M. Wood and Mr. Attwater, still hang on the walls of this rather uncared-for ringing chamber, but the bells still 'tell a tale' in this East End backwater.

Would the former 'admirers' of Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden please note that the printing of her name in a half peal on November 8th at Wotton-under-Edge as Elizabeth Grime does not denote that her marriage did not really take place at all last February, but was a lapse on the part of the conductor, for which he is humbly apologetic. To make amends he called Lis and Dick Bowden a 'wedding' peal at Cheddar on November 29th.

When Mr. Ernest Morris rang in a quarter peal at South Wigston on Remembrance Sunday his memory went back to November 11th, 1918, when, as S/Sgt. E. Morris of the District Purchasing Office of Supplies, R.A.S.C., he rang the 54¼ cwt. tenor in York Minster to 1,260 Grandsire and also conducted the quarter. The tenor then went badly.

We have still a supply of survey forms available for any Guilds or Associations inquiring into the state of ringing in their areas.

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell enquires what are the longest lengths of Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

The handbell peal at South Wigston on November 2nd (see page 806) was the 200th peal together of Brian G. Warwick and John A. Acres.

Included in the band which rang the peal of Kent Major at Leyland, Lancs, on November 29th, was Miss Dorothy Crook, of the local company. Although capable of ringing this and other methods 'inside' (often round the heavy end), she modestly chose to ring the treble. She is probably the first Leyland lady ever to take part in a peal, and to show their pleasure and appreciation the male members of the Leyland band presented her with a brooch.

Two-and-a-half hours after the start of a half-muffled peal to the memory of the late verger at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on November 19th, the lights were switched off at the mains by an intruder. It was the first time for some years that the emergency gas lamp was not lit prior to a peal attempt, and the ringing came to an abrupt conclusion. A churchwarden came up to the ringing chamber some minutes before to watch and had left the vestry door open.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Rev. H. G. Lillingston

A representative gathering of members met at Marsham on November 29th to give practical appreciation of the services rendered to the Association by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston during his presidency, 1955–57. This was the gift of an 8-day travelling alarm clock.

Making the presentation, the president (Mr. Nolan Golden) paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work and encouragement that Mr. Lillingston gave to ringers and ringing in general in the diocese. His attendance at Branch meetings especially gave the leadership that was required, and during his period of office the Association went from strength to strength. It was with great dismay that members learned that he must retire on account of ill-health, and they were all pleased that he had now recovered.

In his reply, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston thanked the members most sincerely and assured them of his continuous interest in the Association, and everything he could do to further their aims he would do.

Fifty members and friends attended the service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, who also gave the address.

Three new ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected at the meeting.

Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its autumn meeting at Banham on November 8th. The Rector (Rev. H. R. Barton) conducted the service, after which tea was served in the Church Room by members of the Mothers' Union.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided over the business meeting, supported by Messrs. A. G. Harrison and H. Tooke (vice-presidents), W. Love (general secretary), W. G. Saunders (Ringing Master), C. F. W. Phillippo (Branch Secretary) and members of the committee.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for use of the bells, the organist, and the ladies for arranging the tea.

Ringing on church- and handbells continued well into the evening.

The annual meeting of the Branch was fixed for February 7th at Diss.

REDEDICATION

Charlton Kings, Glos

Recently the rededication took place of the eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. For a long time these bells had gone very badly; some say that they should have had a new frame when last rehung instead of patching up the old. It may well be that those people were right; it always pays best in the long run to do a job well, and make do and mend is not always cheapest in the end.

These bells now have a new frame, and as we heard at tea after the service, new voices as well, for they have been retuned, and a recording of them from the same spot was made before and after and played over to us. These bells have been placed at a lower level in the tower in order to send the sound more upward and outward, thus covering a larger area of this large parish and at the same time making the bells much more tolerable to those who must live under the tower.

The Bishop of Gloucester, in the sermon which followed the act of rededication, spoke of the message behind the call of the bells. He said: 'It is nonsense to say that God can be worshipped outside the church. Our moral standards spring from God, and if we are going to uphold these standards we must constantly renew acknowledgment of God by constant worship.'

MR. & MRS. ALBERT WALKER

To-day Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. On behalf of ringers the world over we extend to them our love and best wishes on this happy occasion.

MR. & MRS. BIRMINGHAM

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that wonderful piece of mechanism, Carter's ringing machine, and, like the writer, had the experience of seeing it under all sorts of conditions whilst it was under construction. It was always being altered and improved. At one time it would be arranged to tap out changes on a piano keyboard; at another, to tap them ont on bells; and at another, to tap them out on nothing, but simply produce the graph showing the method being worked out. How appropriate that Walker should have been appointed by the Central Council to be one of the trustees of this wonderful piece of engineering!

The writer regards Albert Walker as one of the two greatest exponents of the ringing and conducting of Stedman Cinques the Exercise has ever seen, and feels confident that he would agree that the other is none other than his old friend Herbert Langdon, of London.

May the happy couple be spared to be with us for many more years. JAFUS.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite the fog and cold, over 40 members and friends attended the meeting, held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 29th. Ringing started a little later than advertised, due to a baptism, but the bells were kept going to a variety of methods, and during the afternoon and evening five Surprise Major methods were rung.

An excellent tea was provided in the nearby schoolroom (those ringers who are teachers seem fated to a six-day week of 'dinner duty'), and at the business meeting which followed ten new members were elected. The Vicar of St. Chad's was present, and in a short address to the members said how pleased he was to see a new generation taking up the art of ringing.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Walton 1, Miss G. Bridgford 2, D. Young 3, J. Bogle 4, R. Eastham (cond.) 5, R. Crook 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The Inquest

The Railwaymen Ringers came to Christ Church, Crewe, on November 29th to do honour to a well-known ringer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, by attempting a peal of 5,040 Stedman Caters as a compliment on his 70th birthday and to commemorate his 25 years as a regular Sunday service ringer.

The ringers came from as far afield as Scarborough, Leeds, Bedford, Bridgwater (Somerset), Leamington Spa, Chester, Nantwich and Crewe, and included Mr. Richard D. Langford, the conductor.

But the inquest? After an hour-and-a-quarter's good ringing a trip occurred, and crash went the peal. Then the inquest, with such questions as Who was in the slow?—Who was quick bell?—Who did not make the bob?—Who was dodging with who? Some of these could not be answered, so it was decided to go for a quarter peal. Again, after 45 minutes and only a few courses from home, something went wrong and up went the quarter. Another inquest and again no verdict—unless it was lack of concentration.

However, nothing daunted, off they went again; and yet again misfortune dogged them, for after another 40 minutes' good ringing the railwaymen ran off the line.

As it was now too late for a further attempt the ringers retired, not too gracefully, for tea and to commiserate with Mr. Stenson, who was in 'the band.'

Despite no positive results after three hours' ringing, the visitors enjoyed and much appreciated the ringing and companionship, and arranged to come again in the New Year. Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Stenson for her kind hospitality.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 9th. 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Neil (cond.) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, Miss F. Secker 3, J. Schofield 4, P. J. Shipton (first in method) 5, P. Langton 6, A. R. Hopenstall 7, C. M. P. Johnson 8. Rung by the Cambridge University Guild for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

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Brightest and Best
4.444—6456545.6—8.776444—345667—
5.555—76565456—6.7.1234567.876.8.

Hesperus
6664.87.76—4445.46.57—
7777.75.54—6666788.78.

Venice
4.34 56 7656—887.6567—
74.56.41.23—745.6778.

St. Lawrence
86654.3678—4314.5667
8765.43456.3—143678.

Austria (adapted)
8.76756778—34567684—
8.76756778—34567684—
7677856778—4566554—
1.234.34456—76543578.67.

Devonshire
414634456—7865434—
42416567—6541121.

Even Me
654.85667.765.7878 (Repeat)
464.686.654—86.78.

Auchincairn
4.634.6.55.745.6—43.1412.1234—
1.6344.341667—65.321.411.121.

St. Peter's
41234456—678567—65634456—867878.

Home Sweet Home
86.554.645.6576—86.554.645.65.78.
41.234.645.6576—41.234.645.65.78—
4.578.7.6—

Huddersfield
84.34.85678—88.7645667—
46.7813465.67 867—487.65678.

Evening Hymn
6.65.667878—
5.67.6456.67—
1.634856.78—
7.76.4346456—
7.56.434.1234—
5.6675.6.78.

Elmhurst
66.656476—83.4566.77—
16.54.12.34—457.321.

Maryton
6665.67.77—4456.11234—
4341.22345—67.85.67321.

Praise, My Soul
44441234—5634657—
66663445—4321654—
12341234.34578678.

Scarey
6667.88.78—7776.44.54—
3332.14.56—6667.88.78.

Rosseau
667887768—4456678768.
66.5443346—66.54431.34—
66.5887768—44.5667.87.68

Salzbourg
86.44566.78—88784566.7—
88.34688.34—11356578.

Tallis
86544334.412334—
86544334.856778.

Drink to me only
6665.545678.54856.78—Repeat
44641.44644—43.44566.7—
6665.545676.54856.78.

Danny Boy (notes adapted)
4876.76346783—8654.346867—
4876.76346783—4876.567878—
4321.22343467—4321.223465—
4446.77843468—4876.34678.3.2.1.

Diademata
88.8663—348567—
764345674.121334—
446783—335672—
21234576456778.

Hark the Herald
411.21667.444.5678—
411.21667.477.1234—
44485667.4448567—
3.334565.765.48876—
3.334565.76548878.

Warwick
864134534678—643123454—
435134.657456—43211121.

St. David
84164567—848534—
43648567—486578.

Salamis
8.767.6456534—6.5461.2345.66—
8.767.6456534.44—57886—6.7.8.78.
6.542.34.56.75.66.65.46.1234.5.66.7—
8.767.6456534.44—5788.66.7878.

Hebron
678765.3456778—6456778.8766556
6545676.776.5445—4634567.6456778.

Nox . . .
66.687665.786456—
63.456765.3216.78.

Work for the night is coming
465443.4.888.876—
465443.4.87678—
7.77.765.67—66.6654—
4.65.443.4—876.78.

Pilgrim Song
4.34456.7.654—4.344.56.7.456—
5.566.77.5334.54—
4.122.335—6.5.7.8.

Sweeping through the gates
66.7876.76.54.35.346565.46—
1122334.35347—68—
4.346.11343467—7765.3456.54—
4.346.11343467—35347.68.

York
86453647—764454—
86453647—656778.

Belgrave
46.41.65437—45.65.43234—
16.37.487667—4456.7878.

Westminster College
8.8768654.4.5678654—
3.45687.8—
1.1124334.1.1124334—
8.76567.8.

Mitford
8.8768654—8.8768654—123.4—123.4—
1.1445654—1.1445654—567.8—567.8—
123.4—123.4—567—8.

Eaton
887645678—76541234—
4456—4456—433415.67—
8134—5.68134—88.76.54.5678.

Missionary
864434—6.888566—864434—6.763454—
4145634—214566—864434—6.875676.

Pilgrims
6.456.787656.7—4.123.4.57657—
6.456.787653.4—1.2347634.5.4—
7.654.8.3.456—1.23468566578.

Pearsall.
412163.4—456776—865443.4—432112—
134565.7—345674—3212163.4x456778.

St. Fulbert
44873456—464312—14348556—676578.

St. John
866441—123454—432134—456778—
88768654—432111.2.1.

Nun Danket
444334—456767.8—444334—456767.8—
777647—7654354—434565—678878.

Quam Dilecta
656678—436787—
764434—7656.78.

University College
6834567—6844454—
6783456—6646678.

Vigilate
66563.34—6666657—
6654348—5.7.8.

St. Cuthbert
88.8765.56—416654—
56.654334—6.4.5.6.

Aurelia
666566.7—883456—
541122.3—454687—
765433.4—11.2365—
766566.7—887678.

For All the Saints
4.654.4.33333.4—
4.11234.567.3.4—
4.767.8.44345—674.8.567.8.

Rock of Ages
88765.56—8876778—
86443.34—8644334—
88765.56—8767878.

Darwell
868461—234567—768345616234—
43.2.1—87654321—21.2.1.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW OFFICERS

The election meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths resulted in the following being appointed officers of the Society:—

Master: Mr. Wilfred Williams; secretary, Mr. John Chilcott; treasurer, Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. James G. A. Prior; junior steward: Mr. Michael P. Moreton; trustees, Messrs. Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL AT BOW CAUSES BAN ON WEEKDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Since the restoration of Bow Church, E.3, six years ago, I have been happy to allow visiting parties of ringers to come to ring the bells whenever a request to do so has been received.

I much regret that I shall no longer be able to grant every application, as on Wednesday, November 19th, a party of visiting ringers rang the bells continuously from 6 to 9.30 p.m. The church stands in the middle of the road and across the road on each side there are many people living in flats. Only a few yards separate the church from these homes.

The annoyance caused led some of the residents to call the police. The ringers had obtained my keys from the Rectory when they arrived and had locked themselves in. My spare keys were with builders engaged on repairs, and some time elapsed before I was able to obtain a key to enable a young man to climb the railings and enter the church and bring the deplorable session to an end.

From time to time former ringers from Bow come back with friends and ring for an hour or so, and I had no reason whatever to expect such prolonged ringing on this occasion.

Some of the greatest sufferers were members of my congregation and parents of young children, and some time will have to elapse before any visitors can have permission to sing the bells on a weekday.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS METTRICK,
Rector of Bow and Rural Dean of Poplar.

EAST LONDON FURORE

Dear Sir,—The peal which was rung on a week night at Bow-in-the-Road has caused such a furore in East London that it may well close the tower to all non-service ringing.

I await with interest the footnote to this peal as it must have been an occasion of much import that an attempt was justified.

It is a great pity that the occupants of the flats opposite did not take matters into their own hands and ensure that it would be physically impossible for the 'backbone of the Exercise' to ring for a long, long time.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

A MEMORY OF BALLARAT

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Pilgrim' regarding the first peal on Ballaarat Town Hall bells, if my memory serves me right we have William Linter, of Fareham, Hampshire, still with us, and maybe carrying on the good work of change-ringing.

It is quite a coincidence the two peals occupied the same time—3 hours 17 minutes. We had tried to ring Double Norwich but it just would not go, so we rang a good peal of Stedman.

My memory of the peal dwells mostly on having a grandstand view of people going and coming along the corridor, at times pointing out to each other as the ringing went smoothly along, a new experience for all of us when ringing a peal.

I was never more thankful for the finish of a peal than this one.—Yours, etc.,

C. SHARPLES.

THE NEW EIGHT AT HAWKSHEAD

Dear Sir,—Wherever a new ring is installed or a ring augmented there is a certain eagerness or rivalry noticed among ringers to be the first to score a peal on them. Hawkshead, in the Lake District, is an instance of this.

Everything there is brand new (bar the old six bells): frames, wheels, ladders, catwalks, the two trebles—the lot; everything in the tower looks new, and it is not surprising that a band of ringers from the neighbourhood should have an eye on this prize and accordingly arrange an attempt for it.

This was made and was successful on Saturday, November 22nd, and two locals were included in the band. The Vicar of Hawkshead was one of them; he rang the treble. His perseverance was rewarded, and when rounds came up in 2 hours 50 minutes he was surprised to know that nearly three hours had passed so quickly.

After the peal came the pleasant part—the adjourning to the tea room, where the inquest is held mingled with the knives and forks. There was no need for much inquest, however, and the talk soon reverted to consideration of the peal footnote and the answers to Norman Chaddock's questionnaire. Most fellows are agreed that Norman takes some answering. Finally someone said: 'What about paying the score for this tea?' It was then learned that a benefactor had provided it. As one who had partaken I inwardly bestowed my thanks and appreciation.

I am sure that those of our fraternity who do as I do—go pealing on Saturday afternoons (when I get the chance)—will appreciate how pleasant the meal after the peal can be.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

'WAIT FOR ME'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent's letter about the 'light ring of eight' at Congresbury reminds me of a visit to this, our neighbouring tower, for the benefit of one of our local ringers who had never rung there.

The bells are a ground floor ring, and our visitor grasped the tenor rope to ring some rounds. 'Go' was called, and the slow, stately tones rang out 1234567—1234567. Number 8 tried valiantly to complete the octave; indeed, he even played at pendulums in his efforts to join us. It was all to no avail, however, and when the plaintive call, ''Ere, wait for me,' was heard in broad Somerset dialect, we sensed defeat was near. I believe the call of 'Stand' in this instance was received with relief from the heavy end!

Subsequently we spent a very enjoyable evening, and left well satisfied with our efforts on this 'light eight.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Barkwell, Somerset.

P.S.—On another occasion I saw an aspiring but inexperienced 'heavy-bell' man rung by the tenor to a course of Major. That was the end of him for the rest of the practice!—J. B.

MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I would very much like to thank Mr. W. G. Wilson for his article on the old ringing paper 'Campanology' and its proprietor, William Bedwell, whom I knew well and rang with over 60 years ago, in your issue of November 28th.

Mr. Bedwell came to Lewisham from Essex some time in the late 1880's, and when I knew him he was in charge of that tower. He was, as Mr. Wilson states, secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, and he was District secretary when I was elected a member in January, 1897. I am now the only ringer left in the District who knew and remembers him. I well remember, too, Mr. Bedwell publishing his paper, and until last year when they had to be cleared out for restoration work there were several copies in the clock room above our ringing chamber.

My memories of the paper are that if Mr. Bedwell had been a journalist and not a printer it would probably have flourished. Its failure to do so forced him into bankruptcy, his health gave way and he died a comparatively young man not long after. Much of the editorial work was done by the late F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich. He was mace bearer, toastmaster and personal attendant to the mayors of Greenwich. He was a fluent speaker and was equally gifted with his pen.

There are still some of us left who remember the late Mr. A. T. King, whom Mr. Wilson also mentions. Mr. King was the founder and first secretary of the Middlesex Association as we know it today. He was a civil servant and was chief of the National Debt Office. He was also a lay reader in the Diocese of London, and was one of the first laymen in London to occupy a pulpit. Mr. King had a great effect on London ringing and was a kind friend of ringers generally. Many of the London clergy had been at Winchester with him and were his personal friends, and as such he was able to open many London towers (especially the 12-bell ones) to the Middlesex Association which had hitherto been the prerogative of the very select few. He was always 'at home' to any ringers at his office and pleased to see them at any time, and if they had any personal problems would help them if it were at all possible. My memories of Mr. King are very happy ones. —Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

GOSPEL OAK'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I observe that Dr. Neil Smith has remarked that the Vicar of Gospel Oak showed great enthusiasm for the efforts to get the bells going again.

As the bells became silent at the Vicar's wish, and the local band still exist although ringing at another tower, I find this statement hard to accept.

The bells could have been put in order and rung at any time by the bona-fide band during the last eight years.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

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'CAMPANOLOGY'—Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

(Continued from page 793)

JAMES R. MACKMAN

James R. Mackman rang his first peal of Major (Kent at Gainsborough in February, 1897) reported in No. 22, and I was reminded that when I first started ringing, in 1926, Mr. Mackman was an officer at the Borstal Institution at Feltham, Middlesex, and he used to invite Ernest Turner and me to go with J. A. Trollope to watch the Borstal boys have a boxing tournament, and afterwards we would ring handbells in his quarters. I can still recall the clang of the iron gates every few yards along the corridors and the jangling of his huge bunch of keys.

A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was also recorded at Warnham, Sussex, conducted by Geo. Williams, in which each member had rung over 100 peals. Quite a feat in those days.

In an earlier issue a beginner had asked the inevitable question—which is the simplest way of conducting Holt's Original? One of the replies (from A. E. P.) was to set the calling of the bells before to the tune of a well-known hymn, thus:—

O God our help in a-ges past
5 3 4 5 4 4 4 3
Our hope for years to come
4 3 4 7 5 4
Our shel-ter from the storm-y blast
3 4 4 7 5 3 5 3
And our e-ter-nal home
7 4 7 4 3 3

The peal runs to five verses and a small bit over which was called the Amen—2 (S) 5 6 3 (S).

I believe A. E. P. was not the only ringer to call verse in aid to help with this performance.

Recorded in No. 24 is a handbell peal of Stedman Triples at Romford on February 17th, 1897: George R. Pye 1-2, William Pye (conductor) 3-4, Ernest Pye 5-6, Wesley Watson 7-8. The first handbell peal in the method by all and the first in which the three pairs of working bells were rung by three brothers.

The editorial for No. 25 refers to the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria and of various schemes for its celebration. Chatham decided to restore St. Mary's Church and provide a ring of eight bells. Our Editor once again could not resist ending up with 'We hope we may yet hear that steps are being taken to thoroughly restore the bells and belfries of Rochester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey during the present year; the condition they are now in is—at all events the latter place—a national disgrace.'

What I believe was the last issue, No. 26, dated March 10th, 1897, contains no hint of this unhappy event. The full-page illustration, which had been a regular feature, was this time St. Clement Danes', in the Strand. In this year, 1958, the picture and article could not have been more topical.

THE DECEASE

What caused the paper to stop after such a promising start? We are given no idea. But we may guess that Mr. Bedwell's printing business in Lewisham High Street had to be neglected while he was doing the job of a District secretary of the local branch of the Kent County Association, indulging his hobby of ringing on every possible occasion and at the same time trying to run a weekly paper on a personal basis. You, Mr. Editor, will agree I am sure, that a weekly paper, if you are responsible for everything, is a full-time job on its own.

If in trying to pick out interesting items for these notes I have laid most emphasis on London and its ringers, there are two reasons for this. One, of course, was that the Editor was a Londoner and gave, perhaps unconsciously, a greater proportion of his space to the Metropolis, as he called it: the other is, of course, that I too am a Londoner.

What is perhaps really surprising is how little difference there is between the format and contents of 'Campanology' and that of 'The Ringing World,' considering how much all else has changed in the same period.

And now these 26 issues of the paper must be returned to that locked box in St. Margaret's ringing chamber, with thanks to Mr. Hewett for keeping them so safely and (however doubtfully) for letting me borrow them. I wonder what else he has in that box!

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. C. F. Rogers 1, S. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffreys 5, L. Fox 6, W. A. Leigh 7, J. E. Warner 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

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Tewkesbury Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on November 29th. From the number of notifications received for tea, there had been very high hopes that this meeting would be very well attended—but this was not to be. The fog which pervaded the country made no exception of Tewkesbury and surrounding areas. As a result, many friends, visitors and members who had indicated their intention to attend were prevented from doing so. This naturally was a great disappointment to the ringers who had been able to find their way to the Abbey and who were looking forward to meeting old friends. It was disappointing, too, for the members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Guild of Ringers, who had put in so much work to make their visitors welcome and to ensure a successful meeting.

At the ringing before the service and tea, we were pleased to welcome a few visitors from Swindon. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were successfully accomplished, and we also had some pleasing rounds on the 12 bells.

The service in the Abbey was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Clutterbuck, and we were very pleased that both were able to take tea with us later.

Because of the many empty places, the masses of refreshments which had been so well prepared by the Tewkesbury ringers, their wives, mothers and friends, remained substantially unattacked—although those who were there did full justice to themselves. The vote of thanks for the arrangements was proposed by Peter Warren in his usual inimitable style. Canon Purefoy responded, and in referring to certain of the proposer's remarks stated that it was not that he disliked the sound of church bells but rather that he was of the opinion that the Abbey bells, at least to his ear, were unmusical. He hoped that perhaps some day some benefactor would give a sufficient sum to have the 12 bells recast and retuned, but until that day he would continue to suffer, at least aurally. He stated, however, that he would always be very pleased to welcome to the Abbey bands of experienced ringers.

The business meeting followed, when the following officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. V. Smith, chairman; Mr. G. H. Burrows, of 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham, secretary; Mr. E. T. Newbury, Ringing Master; Mr. A. Pulley, representative on the management committee. It was decided to hold future annual meetings at Tewkesbury and to have four other meetings during the coming year.

After the business meeting came more ringing. The tower was favoured by late visitors from Cheltenham and Wakefield, and attempts were made at Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal. Maybe it was that the fog which was thickening outside was penetrating the tower, but after a few unsuccessful efforts our visitors had to leave, and we rang touches of the 'old faithfuls.' E. W. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEOFFREY CARTER
AN APPRECIATION

Geoffrey Carter was never a very highly skilled ringer. He rang perhaps a dozen peals, but as a descendant of John Carter he had ringing in the blood. Geoffrey was the ringing companion par excellence. Whilst some parties of ringers may have been complete without him non was ever incomplete that included him. He did not miss many University of London Society functions, but when he was not there it was never quite the same. The party was not complete—it never will be again. He was a part of us in a way that no other member has been, and in the 13 years that the Society and Geoff were together we grew round him from the time that he was one of only a dozen members in all and much the most senior.

He was invariably late, and those who weren't would be looking to the door for that little figure with the queer, stooping, springy walk, the shock of unruly, curly hair, the clothes that none but a bachelor would be allowed to wear, the inevitable pipe and the cough. When he came all knew him and he knew us all. He called us affectionately 'Old Boy' or 'My Dear,' but none ever used these phrases with more genuine affection nor received it in return. There was always much to talk about with Geoff—music, literature, travel, friends, bells, his job in I.C.I., our jobs, and many more topics of which he had such an exhaustive knowledge. He was never ill at ease talking to anyone nor they to him.

He had his faults: he was an abominable correspondent, but then Geoff wasn't the sort of person one corresponded with; he was a poor week-ender—invitations to stay for the week-end somehow never came to fruition; he never learnt to dodge his bell properly, he simply stared you between the eyes and rang over and under—but how well he could do this when the ringing had a beat.

We remember Geoff trudging the Somerset lanes in 1946 ('Two pints to the mile, old boy'); we remember, too, some story about losing his way in the women's dormitory of a youth hostel the same year; we remember him complete with crash helmet and hair flowing out round the sides on the back of David's Vespa or tucked down in the other David's 'bug'; we shall remember him in the hurly-burly of practice night at Gospel Oak. We shall remember him, too, in Somerset again this summer, a painfully sick man but still enjoying it all with that chuckling little laugh, playing with the children and one little toddler of 16 months offering him her hair brush. We shall remember his annual renderings of 'Buttercup Joe' and his fund of stories. You indeed sowed a rich harvest for us, Geoff.

God bless, Geoff . . . God bless.

J. and P. M. J. G.

MR. FRED SEAR

Mr. Fred Sear, who passed away after a long illness on November 20th, was a member of the family of Sear of Bletchley, so well known in Midland ringing circles in the first part of the century.

A railwayman all his working life, he was first employed at Rugby, and then became station master at Steeple Claydon. During his period of service here he was instrumental in getting the bells restored and ringing again. In 1920 he moved to Melford in Staffordshire, but still kept up his interest in ringing at Bletchley, often travelling there for peals, etc. Two more promotions, to Armitage in 1926 and Rugeley in 1933, kept him in the same area of Staffordshire, where he was a frequent visitor to the belfries at Lichfield and Rugeley, until the ban on ringing in 1940. In that year he retired, and went back to Bletchley until 1946 when he moved again to Rugeley to be near his daughters.

Although his new abode was on the outskirts of the town, he came down to the belfry at Rugeley very frequently, being always a welcome visitor, ever ready to help with the training of the young band there.

After a few years, however, his health prevented him travelling in so often, but he always came whenever possible, until a serious operation put a final stop to his ringing. He still kept up his interest in the Exercise, and was always glad to receive a visitor and talk about ringing.

He was buried at Rugeley on November 24th. The local band was represented at the funeral, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory in the evening.

MR. EDWIN BISHOP, Jun.

Mr. Edwin Bishop, who died on November 30th, had been a valuable member of the St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex, band of ringers for nearly 50 years. It was a great shock to everyone, as the previous afternoon he had been watching the local football team playing at home. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 66 years.

A quiet, lovable, unassuming character, he was always most regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice nights; he was always ready to help learners, and Frank H. Hicks, now of East Grinstead, and the writer of this are just two who benefited from his help.

Mr. Bishop only rang about five or six peals in his early days of ringing, as he had a very serious operation which prevented him from standing in any more peals; but his love for St. Denys' Church and the bells knew no bounds. He was one of the original band who learnt method ringing when in 1908 the bells were augmented from five to eight.

The funeral took place at Rotherfield on December 3rd, and the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect. A full peal had been arranged in the evening but had to be cancelled because thick fog prevented some of the ringers getting there. It is hoped this will be rung at a later date. Mr. Bishop did not have any family, and our condolences go to his widow who was also a great friend of all ringers. He was laid to rest near the church within sound of the bells he loved so much, and so we said farewell to our brother ringer—may he rest in peace.

W. R.

THE LADIES' GUILD VISIT BETHNAL GREEN

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild, augmented by a number of the sterner sex, held a small but enjoyable meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on November 30th.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a much-appreciated tea in the comfortable Church Hall. The following business meeting was presided over by the vice-president. Several apologies for absence were received, including one from Mrs. Lock, the president. Although her absence was regretted, members asked the secretary to convey to her their congratulations on her choir's success in a recent competition, The fact that the cup was being presented that day prevented the conductor from attending.

A satisfactory item of business was the election of two honorary and three new ringing members. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Stamford Hill on January 31st, this being the annual for the District. Heston was chosen for the quarterly meeting on May 30th. Among the appropriate votes of thanks was one to the gentlemen who so nobly washed-up while the ladies conducted their business.

Ringing in the evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise.

VILLAGE BELLS

Softly o'er the landscape stealing
Comes the sound of joy-bells pealing,
Borne on frosty air.
Sweet the tone of their deep voices,
It would seem each one rejoices
On this morn so fair.

Full of hope their notes are swelling
As their message they are telling,
Far away and near.
Now proclaim they, full of gladness,
'Most of joy and least of sadness'
For this bright New Year.

Village Bells! how sweet your ringing!
Much of comfort ye are bringing
To the sick and sad,
And to all, your merry greeting
Brings a joy, however fleeting—
Makes sad hearts grow glad.

So we meet this New Year bravely,
Hand in hand, and mutely, gravely,
Look up to our God.
He will keep up to its ending,
And whate'er is of His sending,
E'en though chastening rod,

Will be for our good—we know it;
Let us then be quick to show it,
And His mercy own;
Whether sun or cloud be o'er us
God's own presence is before us,
And His Love is shown.

D.

From an old book (circa 1889); can any reader identify author?

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QUARTER PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Nov. 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. H. Simpson 1, W. J. Robinson 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, B. Gillian Schofield 4, M. J. Thurmott 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Rayment 7, A. Ashton 8, F. A. Munday (cond.) 9, T. Pedder 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Stephen's-in-the-City Church, 1,287 Stedman Caters: F. C. Mogford 1, D. J. Hunt 2, M. J. Horseman 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, Monica Horseman (first on 10 bells) 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, J. Brain 7, A. M. Tyler 8, D. E. Cobb 9, D. G. Yeo 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2, 5, 7 and 9. Rung for the 11th anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Lawrence 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, A. G. Fuller 3, A. G. Orbell 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, C. F. Sargeant 6, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 7, N. Sargeant 8. First quarter of Triples by the Sunday service band. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Farrington (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. Newnham 3, J. Weeks 4, R. Durrant (first as cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore (first quarter) 6. First quarter by present resident band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Rogers and Miss Sylvia Blaxill, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marguerite Battram (first in method) 1, Kathleen Mallender 2, F. A. Staveley 3, F. J. Jackson 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, G. White 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of York in connection with St. George's Church centenary.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Layton (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 2, Margaret Parkin 3, Margaret Layton 4, H. Fearn 5, D. H. Paine (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, A. Timmins 7, J. N. Lindon 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Rogers 1, Miss G. A. Ashby 2, P. Amos 3, G. Atkins 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, Jean Croft 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HILLFARRENCE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Taylor 1, F. Casley 2, W. Nurcombe 3, S. N. Bristow 4, C. Tarr (cond.) 5, G. Sparkes 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for 2 and 3.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (Antelone, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): E. Drake 1, S. J. Perry 2, D. K. Lane 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. First quarter in so many methods by all. Rung by the local band for Matins.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Waples 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, B. M. Barker 4, D. J. Goodman (first as cond.) 5, A. H. Hill 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waples 1, C. E. Hayter 2, Miss W. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, Miss G. Graney (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. W. R. Picton 6, B. M. Barker 7, R. V. Wallis 8. Rung for the annual church bazaar.

LONDON, N.W.—At the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Westcott 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, C. M. Bloomer 3, Meriel Holden Brown 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, H. Makins (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Rung on the first occasion the bells were used after a silence of over 8 years, and restored by members of the band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on November 29th. About 50 ringers attended, representing 11 towers in the Branch, and there were visitors from Yeovil and the Devon Guild.

The very pleasing eight were rung up in peal at 3.30 p.m. Three methods only were rung during the day—Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire. There were also two touches of call-changes.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. P. Hinton), who also gave the address. Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson. The Branch organist, Mr. B. Elsworth, played the organ. A really excellent tea was had in the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Bridport ringers and their wives, who also served the tea.

Before asking the secretary to read the minutes, Canon Cox, the Branch chairman, thanked the Bridport ringers for their generous hospitality; also on behalf of the Branch he congratulated Mr. P. J. Roper (one of the Bridport ringers) on his award of the O.B.E. Mr. Critchard and Mr. Roper both suitably replied. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. S. Morris and Canon Havelock-Davidson, who wrote telling of his departure from West Dorset.

The hon. secretary's report and statement of accounts were passed as being very satisfactory. Canon Cox said he had given the required three months' notice that he was not seeking re-election as chairman, and he proposed the Rev. O. L. Willmott be elected chairman. Mr. Willmott, however, used his powers of persuasion to such good effect that in five minutes he had Canon Cox re-elected chairman for 'just one more year.' Canon Cox will then have been chairman for 30 years.

The remainder of the Branch officers were re-elected, with thanks for their work during the past year, and Canon Cox congratulated the Branch on the successful start to monthly practices for learners in change-ringing. It was agreed to hold quarterly meetings at Bradpole, Symondsbury, Evershot and Powerstock. The annual meeting would be at Beaminster on November 28th.

The following were elected members of the Guild: The Misses P. Hayne, D. Crabb, V. Case, E. Wall and E. Underwood; Messrs. F. Bool, H. W. Davis, H. J. Smith, C. Poole and N. Saint.

The Rev. O. Willmott said Askerwell now had £770 towards the £1,100 required to hang their bells. The Branch agreed to make a grant of £5.

Mr. C. W. Powell said how pleased the Branch was to have the president of the Devon Guild attending the meeting. Preb. E. V. Cox suitably replied.

Canon Cox expressed thanks to all and closed the meeting with prayer. J. T. B.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Miss M. Archer 1, F. Ward 2, R. S. Long 3, R. Birch 4, S. Philbrick 5, R. Wildgoose 6, J. R. Perret 7, D. Armstrong 8, J. Seager 9, B. Holland 10, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 11, G. K. Chaddock 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 1 and 7. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to the Succentor (the Rev. R. Milner), who leaves to become Vicar of Westwood, Coventry.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. G. V. Burgess 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. J. Palmer 6. For children's service.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, P. Relf 5, P. H. Barnes 6, E. Stanger 7, A. Gorham 8. For Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to Percy H. Barnes.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3490

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Banwell (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3445

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 3469

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Dec. 13th, Tonbridge (8)—Penshurst not available. Names to C. Hancock, Ridgefield, Highams Lane. Look up Yorkshire. Names for dinner, please—C. A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3450

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3466

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATIONS

The publication of 'The Ringing World' for the issue of December 26th will be printed before Christmas.

Notices of meetings should reach this office by Saturday, December 20th; to ensure insertion. Please remember that there are likely to be postal delays.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Ewhurst, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to me at 30, The Drive, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk. 3457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m., Cheshunt. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3475

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th—*cancelled* due to unforeseen circumstances. Next meeting Saturday, Jan. 10th; details later. —M. Powell. 3511

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Old Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 3411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Norsworthy, 15, The Terrace, Bray. — Butler, Hon. Sec. 3488

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chippenham bells available from 6 p.m. Note: All members please attend to discuss the rearrangement of Districts.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—An important District meeting will be held at Horringer on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Acting Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 3444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, West Tarring (6), 3 p.m. 3461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wootton St. Lawrence (6) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6 p.m. All welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, 10, Old Road, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Neston, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by previous Wednesday Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3521

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3517

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, Brampford Speke, Exeter. 3518

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 20th, annual meeting, St. Ambrose's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. Please attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 3500

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Notify for tea by Dec. 16th. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3516

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, Sedlescombe. Tea at Rectory.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3506

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Christmas meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Sandridge (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3510

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 20th, 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice, Double Norwich.—B. C. Castle. 3501

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at St. James', Wetherby, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Dec. 19th to Mr. C. H. Maxfield, 17, Second Avenue, Hallfields, Wetherby.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3476

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the rehung five bells, also the new treble, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments.—C. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston. 3502

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dickleburgh, Sunday, Dec. 21st. Dedication of new treble. Service 3 p.m. 3495

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting, Greasley (8) on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those notifying by Dec. 20th Mrs. D. Beach, Peasholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts. —D. H. Rooke, P. C. Clarke, Hon. Secs. 3497

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —IMPORTANT NOTICE.— Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

A KENTISH TOUR

Prompt on time, a party of 20 ringers arrived at Seal Chart, with its cramped belfry, at the start of a tour of the Tonbridge area of Kent. Trouble with old ropes at Ightham delayed proceedings, but ringing included a course of Beverley on the fair six. Shipbourne bells, by Lewis of Brixton, are very odd-struck, and some very mixed striking resulted.

A drive along country lanes brought us to Hadlow, which bells are approximately the front eight of a 12. An attempt at raising the back six bells of Tonbridge in peal emphasised the need for practice: we were pleased to have Mr. Walter Dobbie to stand in a course of Bristol here. Best results were achieved on the good Gillett eight at Tunbridge Wells by ringing at speed.

Having satisfied the wants of the inner man, we made our way to Speldhurst and Penshurst, which bells are rather difficult to hear satisfactorily. The entrance to Leigh belfry is unusual in that it starts as a conventional spiral stairway which suddenly ends, the remainder of the ascent being by ladder. York was rung on the average six. The seldom-rung bells of picturesque Chiddingstone are spoilt by the seventh which bangs out in the belfry, and the tenor which requires plenty of hard work to be turned in.

A short tea break and then a visit to Hever, to be met by the Rector. These bells are in need of repair but some reasonable ringing was had. The wooden tower of Cowden houses a Warner six, which go well in damp weather. The last two towers were the best of the day—Edenbridge with its fine Gillett eight, which are rung from a gallery (a good course of London here), and finally the heavier ring at Westerham, spoilt by a loud third.

A pleasing feature of this outing was to be met by local ringers at most of the towers. We extend our thanks to them, and to all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring.

I. H. O.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): A. G. F. Mathews (first quarter) 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, N. J. Maggs 4, R. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Winstanley 6. Rung by members of the Oxford University Society for the Feast of St. Hugh, and in memoriam Fr. Hope Patten.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Fisher 1, M. E. Pollard 2, M. Colton 3, J. Butler 4, T. Oliver 5, S. Adams (cond.) 6, R. A. Bartlam 7, A. Colton 8. Rung in memoriam Charles Beecroft, who rang at this church for over 60 years.

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