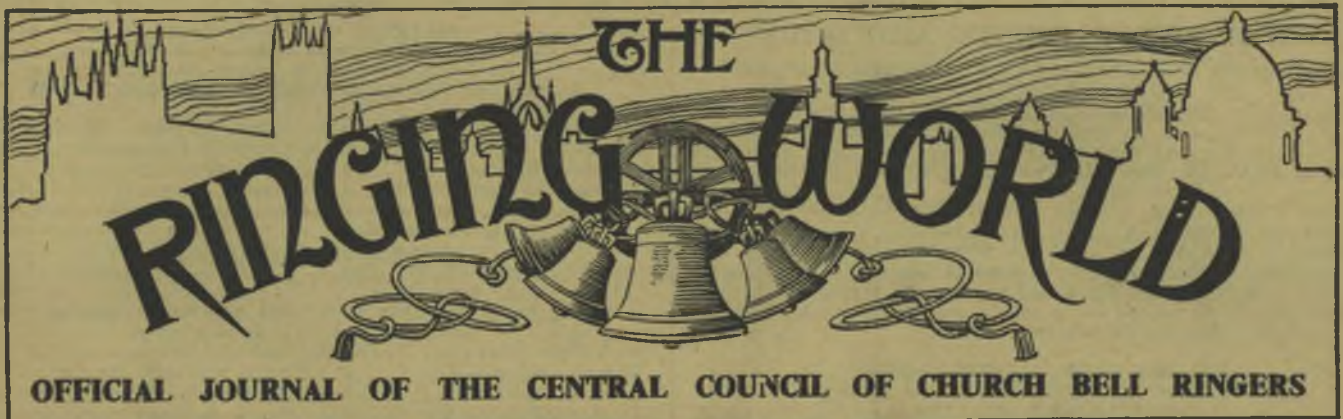




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SOUTH HAMS SORTIE

AN outing in the country, you might think, is much more of a treat for townspeople than it is for country folk. After all, the latter *live* in the country; they wouldn't find anything new in it. But you'd be wrong. Whether it be a treat or no, country people get far more interest out of a country outing than do they of the cities. The townsmen, passing the first herd of cows, looks out of the window and says, 'Look, Eth, cows'—and from then on he's *seen* cows, and so (if she wasn't too deep in the paper) has Eth. But to a country outing every field of cattle or sheep contains material for a good twenty minutes' conversation; likewise acres of grass and expanses of bare earth, to the townsman mere 'scenery,' are full of interest to his country cousin. What is more, wet weather can ruin a trip for the townsman, but when the Clawton ringers set off through the driving rain of autumn's first big gale their thoughts were of all that lovely water trickling into dry wells and empty water-butts at home.

Our road led to the South Hams, the rich, deep-valleyed country of the huge 'Red Ruby' cattle, but our first stop was by the way, at the foot of the climb to the Moor, at Meavy. Here we left our cars under the justly famous Meavy Oak—perhaps a thousand years old, propped and strutted and riven asunder, but still green and still carpeting the ground with acorns—and found a delightful granite church with a very handy six of about our own weight. Then up over Dartmoor, at its least hospitable and most typical, with the wind whistling in the heather and rain driving horizontally under cloud which covered the tops, and the black Galloways huddled sodden under the hedges, and down by Ivybridge to the 'in-country,' past Ermington's twisted spire, and almost to the sea at Holbeton. Here the Vicar met us, admirably, with beer, and we went in to the very fine church to ring on an excellent six (about 15 cwt.) among peal-boards of the Rev. E. S. Powell's day. The captain of ringers welcomed us in the tower; he has been ringing for 67 years, and looks remarkably well on it.

For lunch we went to Modbury, where the 'Exeter' gave us a wonderful spread and made us feel very much at home. It took us some little time, after such a feed, to climb the hill to the church, but we'd have skipped like rams had we known what lay in store. I rang once here nine years ago, and had wondered ever since whether Modbury was the finest six in Devon. I have still to ring on many, but I can hardly believe that anything could be finer than this wonderful Bilbie peal. The best of Bilbie's bells have a nobility, an authority, of tone that very few can match, and these, with a tenor of 20 cwt., are among his very best. They remind me of the organ-builder who, hearing a famous concert-hall organ, said, 'That instrument's good for nothing but music.' 'Well,' asked his companion, 'what do you build your organs for?' 'My organs,' said the other, 'are meant to bring a man to his knees.' So Modbury bells, shouting exultantly above the thrashing of the sou'wester, filled us with awe and astonishment that we and Thomas Bilbie together could create from hard, cold metal such true and fluent music. What is more, these bells are very well hung so that they have a natural rhythm which only positive mishandling can break.

It was reluctantly that we moved away for Brixton, and this six we found rather a rough lot, but perhaps it wasn't fair to come to them from Modbury. We didn't stay long before crossing the ridge to Plympton St. Maurice and a little eight-bell ringing for a change. Here we were most hospitably met by the young Mr. Farnham, who had stayed away from a Guild meeting to be there, and nobly recovered from the shock of finding that we rang call-changes. We don't shine on eight; we tend to keep them too far down and rush them, for the techniques of call-change ringing on six and on eight are quite distinct and we get little eight-bell practice. Still, we enjoyed ourselves fully and are much indebted to the St. Maurice band for making us feel at home.

So homewards, by way of Plymouth (for supper) and Tavistock (for beer), by roads covered with gale-broken foliage but fortified not only by some good ringing on fine bells and the contributions of Plymouth and Tavistock, but also by the prospect that in an unfamiliarly sodden Clawton there might be that rich luxury—a bath.

J. G. M. S.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The following peals were rung for the Association in connection with the 75th anniversary of its foundation.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 BENINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALICK CUTLER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	JOHN HILL 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 WILLEDEN DELIGHT MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE 5
DENNIS LAUD 3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*100th peal together. First in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PAUL ATKINSON Treble	*ALLISON MACFARLANE .. 4
*CHRISTINE RIMMER 2	GERALD PENNEY 5
MICHAEL D. FROST 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.

*First peal. First on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARGARET PREECE Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	C. MICHAEL ORME 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN 3	A. REX AGG 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

*First peal.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JENNIFER GAMBLING Treble	ROBERT A. COCHRANE .. 4
AUDREY M. BAILEY 2	ERIC EDMONDSON 5
DAVID S. HARRIS 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY BIRD Treble	SIDNEY F. CARTER 5
REGINALD D. HAYDEN .. 2	JOHN TOWERS 6
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 4	EDWARD ROCHESTER .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of fifth and tenor.

Rung by members of the Eastern District.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE E. THODAY .. Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK 5
K. PATRICIA SALISBURY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
LEONARD B. SCOOT 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

*First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle,

A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. GEORGE HART Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
VERNON GREEN 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR DAY Treble	JOHN G. CULL 5
DESMOND PAINTER 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
PATRICIA DOORN 3	FRED C. JACKLIN 7
AMY COBURN 4	STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	PETER J. COLES 6
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
*BERNARD L. MARKS 4	PATRICIA M. BOURN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

*First peal of Major.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	†ROBERT E. DAY 4
*JUNE I. DEAR 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
†LEONARD B. SCOOT 3	EDWIN G. BUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 4	JOHN A. SMITH 10
†JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM ROOT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

*First peal on 12 bells. †First of Maximus 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith on the birth of a son (Kevin John).

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TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble		*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2		GEORGE H. RANGLES 7	
JOHN FREEMAN 3		JOHN WALDEN 8	
*PETER A. SHARPE 4		GEOFFREY PAUL 9	
†GEORGE E. FEIRN 5		JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor	

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of London Royal 'inside.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	GERALD HEMMING 6
JOHN WORTH 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
GEOFFREY HEMMING 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5200 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Liversedge variation.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
ERNEST MORRIS Treble		BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6	
JOHN M. JELLEY 2		PETER J. HAWCOCK 7	
JOHN V. TEMPLE 3		JOHN A. ACRES 8	
ROBERT B. SMITH 4		ERNEST J. JELLEY 9	
SAMUEL J. HAINES 5		G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY

First peal of Royal in the variation.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Version No. 3.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.	
FRANK E. DARBY Treble		STEWART F. KIMBER 6	
DAVID E. PARSONS 2		RALPH BIRD 7	
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3		MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 8	
JOAN BERESFORD 4		MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9	
ALAN ROGERS 5		JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor	

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Rung to celebrate the marriage between H. Michael Williamson and Doreen F. Crowe at Immanuel Church, Streatham, this day.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

LEWIS F. COBB Treble	GWILYM SALMON 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS 7
JAMES E. DANIELS 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 8
MICHAEL J. BEST 4	DAVID HOARE 9
FRANK L. HARRIS 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for all except ringers of 6 and 9.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble		TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5	
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2		ERNEST STITCH 6	
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3		GWYN I. LEWIS 7	
DONALD WYATT 4		EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung for the centenary of the present church, dedicated October 19th, 1859.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*E. MARION KEY Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
B. G. KEY 2	*DAVID W. FRIEND 6
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells. Also to mark 50 years' Sunday service ringing by Mr. J. L. Stanier, local captain.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JOHN WORTH 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 3	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSBY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JACK BRAY Treble	JACK MILLHOUSE 5
RONALD CHAFER 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
PETER A. SHARP 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL 5
ANN BARR 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 50th peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HILDA OAKSHETT .. Treble	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 6
*COLIN F. MCGILL 3	JOHN W. SMITH 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	PERCY J. SPICE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

* First peal of Triples. First in the method as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. Treble	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 5
ELSIE CHADDOCK 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung in honour of St. Luke's Day.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5072 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
TOM CHAPMAN .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

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

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN .. 2	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 7
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 4	JOHN I. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 18, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Killick, late secretary of the ringers at Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PETTY .. Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 6
ROBERT E. COLES .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 7
*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	†ERNEST STITCH .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 50th peal of Grandsire, 125th peal on the bells. † 'Completes the circle' for the eighth time, with 80 peals on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Composer's Twelve-part, No. 16 in the method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 5
STANLEY W. GALE .. 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
DOROTHY PEARCE .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TONY ALLMAN .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	IVOR NICHOLLS .. 7
†MICHAEL ALLMAN .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 2	J. R. TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) .. 3	J. SCHOFIELD (King's) .. 7
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

First peal in the method by the Guild.

Rung to welcome David Graham Forbes Chalk, son of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5088 OVERLEIGH IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN PARSONAGE .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN .. 3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 4	GEOFFREY PARTING .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 212).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

MICHAEL R. ROSE .. Treble	†ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 5
*E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	*MARCUS P. BARTON .. 6
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 7
†JUDITH K. ESSEN .. 4	†DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 6
LEONARD J. MINNS .. 3	HARRY B. FULLER .. 7
CÉCIL A. THOMPSON .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 2	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. St. J. Garniss, Vicar of Hawkley since 1954, and a good friend of the ringers.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

*ALBERT J. DAVEY .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
GEORGE E. THODAY .. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE .. 3	†DEREK E. SIBSON .. 6
	†MARTYN HAWKES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARILYN M. MARCH .. Treble	HOWARD COLLINGS .. 4
JOAN GRAY .. 2	MICHAEL ROSE .. 5
†MARCUS P. BARTON .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dennis Beresford and Mary Ward, who were married on September 5th.

OXFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 UNDERSHAFT DOUBLES

Being 42 plain courses.

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 4
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 5
	JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Tenor

First peal in the principle.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	Tenor 10½ cwt.
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	DAVID C. URQUHART .. 4
ADRIAN WILLS .. 3	ROY W. SPENCER .. 5
	AUBREY B. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

A late birthday compliment to the conductor, and to congratulate the treble ringer and his wife on the birth of a son, Timothy.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	JOHN L. GIRT .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 27 lb.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble	GEORGE FRY .. 4
*†EDNA M. EVEREST .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
†HARRY W. BROWN .. 3	†STANLEY W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY W. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung in honour of the christening of Valerie Margaret, daughter of the conductor, at Hurstpierpoint the previous Sunday.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of College Exercise, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt.
*HERMAN RUSBY .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 4
FRED COWLING .. 3	GRAHAM SMITH .. 5
	*NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* 25th peal together.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the bells, which were fully-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Godfrey Crompton, who was accidentally killed on October 4th.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

HENRY WARNS .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE .. 5
	TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung half-muffled by members of the Western Branch to the memory of Cecil V. Ebberson, Ringing Master of this Branch.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*JUDY MOIR .. Treble	DONALD LAWSON .. 4
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 2	KENNETH BONEHILL .. 5
*BETTY FAUNCH .. 3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE Tenor

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Moir.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

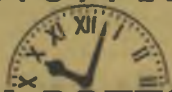
Being seven extents, called differently.

JAMES B. MORLEY .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt.
*MARGARET E. NEWBY .. 2	WALTER D. BAILEY .. 4
BARBARA MATTHEW .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal.

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HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, Place Bob, Winchendon, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble | ALFRED E. HINMAN 3
J. HARRY COOK 2 | GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT 4

ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke.

MORETON-CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: 480 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
ROBERT BARRATT... .. Treble | BERNARD I. ONGLEY 4
LEONARD COPNALL 2 | ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3 | GEORGE FORRESTER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

First peal in nine methods by all the band.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings: C.C.C. Nos. 58, 59, 67, 68 and 69). Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble | J. MARTIN THORLEY 4
THOMAS H. CHARLTON 2 | C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
JOHN G. AMES 3 | CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to mark the diamond jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BENFIELDSIDE, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Court Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.
THOMAS PIERCY (King's) Treble | CHRIS. J. HERBERT (S. John's) 4
BRUCE PIPER (St. John's) .. 2 | NICHOLAS WEBB (King's) 5
JOHN THORLEY (King's) .. 3 | BRYAN PATTISON (Bede) .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

First peal for the Society.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, who has just completed 21 years as Vicar of Benfieldside.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

MRS. J. W. HAW Treble | JAMES W. HAW 4
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN 2 | EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
*MRS. R. C. NOON 3 | RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW (extents 1 and 2), EDWIN T. CHAPMAN (3 and 4) and RONALD C. NOON (5, 6 and 7).

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.
JACK PILGRIM Treble | †ERNEST G. PEARCE 4
*JAMES B. MORLEY 2 | PETER S. BEDFORD 5
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3 | *LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MOLLIE R. COSGROVE .. Treble | J. IGGLESDEN 4
*H. IGGLESDEN 2 | R. SHERLOCK 5
*R. WATERHOUSE 3 | J. O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by J. O. WELLER.

* First peal. First on the bells.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B. (no bobs), (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. J. R. RENDER Treble | EDWARD M. BRADLEY 4
ALAN EVANS 2 | JOHN POTTS 5
ALAN SHEPPARD 3 | KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

First peal in ten methods for all except the fourth ringer. First as conductor on tower bells.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Terence Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Sissons.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 20 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (2) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York; (3) Cambridge and Primrose; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Beverley and Surfleet; (6) Carlisle, Munden and Chester; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 97 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRUCE WAKEFIELD Treble | VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
LESLEY J. HAWES 2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
RONALD A. WRIGHT 3 | BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in 20 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
CHARLES J. COPP Treble | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2 | WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3 | HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTEBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*SERGE ZVEGINTZOV Treble | *NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 3
ALEC GAMMON 2 | ROY H. JONES 4
†EDWARD VENN Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.

* First peal. † First in the method. 32nd peal on the bells.

Rung for United Nations Day.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1—2 | †GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
*JOHN FREEMAN 3—4 | †JACK BRAY 7—8
Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob 'in hand.'

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 202)

The following schedule of first performances of regular Plain Major methods will expand the table given in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods. Since its publication in 1952, there have been many more of these methods rung to peals and named, and unless the table is brought up to date there will inevitably arise some confusion as to which methods have been named and which have not. Therefore the following details will include the number of the method in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major, 1952. (In using the tables in the Collection, take care not to confuse with the number in Driver's Collection.)

Plain Bob Major.—The earliest known peal is 5,040 at St. Bride's, London, on April 26th, 1725, by the College Youths. But there may have been earlier peals by the College Youths and the London Scholars. C.C. No. 1.

Double Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 14th, 1727, by the College Youths. (1726 old style calendar.) Details on page 253, 1958, are incorrect. C.C. No. 3.

Reverse Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 22nd, 1751, by the College Youths. (The peal at Harrietsham on March 23rd, 1751, by the Lenham Society, was *Double Bob Major*.) C.C. No. 2.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Michael's, Coslany, on March 9th, 1741, by the Norwich Scholars. C.C. No. 12.

Double Oxford Bob Major.—6,000 at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832, by the Norwich Scholars. C.C. No. 15.

Single Oxford Bob Major.—5,040 at Warnham on January 10th, 1889, by the Sussex County Association. (1899 is incorrect.) C.C. No. 20.

Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Brading, I.O.W., on September 8th, 1911, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 74.

St. Clement's College Bob Major.—5,040 at Eccleston on December 28th, 1911, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 38.

Dublin Court Major.—5,056 at Gosforth on September 27th, 1913, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 53.

Hereward Bob Major.—5,040 at Reddish on August 20th, 1914, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 13.

Victoria Little Court Major.—5,064 at Gillingham on July 12th, 1919, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 78.

Crayford College Major.—5,024 at Deptford St. John on December 20th, 1919, by the Kent County Association. The peal given in 'History and Art' at Crayford should be deleted. C.C. No. 37.

St. Lawrence Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Guildford on February 10th, 1920, by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 75.

Cambridge Court Major.—5,088 at Nuneaton on July 19th, 1923, by the Warwickshire Guild. Previously rung on handbells at Surfleet on September 12th, 1922, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 33.

Edmonton Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on April 18th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 9.

Marlborough Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on October 14th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 7.

Winchester Bob Major.—5,008 at Willesden on December 9th, 1924, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 5.

Crayford Little Court Major.—5,040 at Crayford on January 16th, 1926, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 73.

Pershore Bob Major.—5,056 at Pershore on August 20th, 1927, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association. C.C. No. 14.

Gainsborough Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Tickhill on July 21st, 1928, by the Yorkshire County Association. C.C. No. 77.

Loughborough Bob Major.—5,056 at Liscard on May 18th, 1929, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 34.

Wellington Little Court Major.—5,040 at Hemel Hempstead on June 27th, 1929, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 76.

Shipway's Court Major.—On handbells at Leverstock Green on January 17th, 1934, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 4.

Chesterfield Bob Major.—5,088 at Pulham on January 23rd, 1935, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 11.

Richmond Bob Major.—On handbells at Bushey on February 2nd, 1935, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 32.

Little Oxford Bob Major.—5,040 at King's Langley on February 22nd, 1936, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 79.

Wymondham Bob Major.—5,184 at Walsby on June 6th, 1937, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 51.

Painswick College Bob Major.—5,056 at Crayford on July 16th, 1937, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 44.

Pulford College Bob Major.—5,184 at Crayford on September 24th, 1937, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 40.

Single Norwich Court Major.—5,216 at Alburgh on November 20th, 1937, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previously rung on handbells at Cambridge on January 10th, 1922, by the Cambridge University Guild. C.C. No. 19.

Ashbourne College Bob Major.—5,056 at Staines on July 6th, 1938, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 42.

Double Coslany Court Major.—5,056 at Twickenham on May 13th, 1939, by the Middlesex County Association. C.C. No. 21.

Cheltenham Bob Major.—5,056 at Crayford on June 16th, 1939, by the Kent County Association. C.C. No. 17.

Fulbeck Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at East Dereham on June 24th, 1939, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 124.

Gonville Bob Major.—5,008 at Handbridge on August 5th, 1939, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 36.

Avalon Court Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 15th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 39.

Lavenham Court Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 17th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 8.

Highbury Bob Major.—On handbells at Bushey on July 25th, 1941, by the Hertfordshire County Association. C.C. No. 6.

Kidlington College Court Major.—On handbells at Oxford on June 6th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 43.

Norfolk Imperial Major.—5,184 at Coslany on December 21st, 1946, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 307.

Double Mancroft Bob Major.—5,056 at Frodsham on March 17th, 1947, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 22.

Maidstone Bob Major.—5,184 at Kingham on June 7th, 1947, by the Oxford University Society. Previously rung on handbells at Oxford on June 16th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 10.

Tiverton Little Bob.—5,040 at Buckley on October 18th, 1947, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 81.

Hethersett Imperial Major.—5,120 at Hethersett on December 19th, 1947, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 106.

Sawston Imperial Major.—5,088 at St. Giles', Norwich, on December 27th, 1947, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 48.

Longney Bob Major.—5,040 at Kirtlington on January 3rd, 1948, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 55.

New London Court Major.—5,088 at Hethersett on August 27th, 1948, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previously rung on handbells at Canterbury on August 10th, 1946, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 31.

Spalding College Major.—5,184 at Clifford on April 25th, 1949, by the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild. Previously rung on handbells at Oxford on May 12th, 1944, by the Oxford University Society. C.C. No. 41.

Norwich Little Bob Major.—5,000 at Kenninghall on May 7th, 1949, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 195.

Trinity Court Major.—5,184 at Hethersett on April 11th, 1950, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 35.

Truro Court Major.—5,056 at Hethersett on Oct. 27th, 1950, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 49.

Leamington Bob Major.—5,152 at Hethersett on April 30th, 1951, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 16.

St. Lawrence Bob Major.—5,040 at Frodsham on February 2nd, 1951, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 162.

Colville Bob Major.—5,280 at Witton on May 17th, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 46.

Saxlingham Imperial Major.—5,184 at Saxlingham Nethergate on September 15th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 202.

Coslany Imperial Major.—5,056 at Coslany on October 6th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 242.

Owens College Bob Major.—5,056 at Stretford on October 18th, 1952, by the Manchester University Guild. C.C. No. 222.

Buckley Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Buckley on November 8th, 1952, by the North Wales Association. C.C. No. 250.

Daresbury Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Daresbury on November 15th, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 218.

Aldeburgh Court Major.—5,184 at Saxlingham Nethergate on November 19th, 1952, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 121.

Grosvenor Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Pulford on November 22nd, 1952, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 366.

Liscard Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Liscard on January 10th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 220.

Westminster Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Pulford on January 24th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 203.

St. Valentine's Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Daresbury on February 14th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 248.

Malpas Imperial Bob Major.—5,040 at Malpas on February 28th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 276.

Bebington Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Bebington on March 14th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 224.

Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major.—5,000 at Hingham on April 19th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Sedbergh Court Major.—5,056 at Hethersett on April 27th, 1953, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 120.

Cholmondeley Bob Major.—5,152 at Malpas on June 13th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 52A.

Poulton Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Pulford on October 17th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 364.

Christleton Bob Major.—5,152 at Christleton on December 5th, 1953, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 108.

HALF PEAL

SUTTON BENDER, WILTS.—On Oct. 17th, 2,640 Doubles (1,680 Reverse Canterbury, 600 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Rita M. Webb 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, T. J. Milsom 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5. Believed to be the longest length on the bells.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Worrall 1, J. Riley (first 'inside') 2, R. Cartledge 3, V. Stonier 4, B. Corbishley 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Bush 1, C. A. S. Harwood 2, G. Thoday 3, L. Scott 4, P. Flack (first in method) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For the 75th anniversary of the Hertford County Association.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, J. Camp (first of Cambridge Major) 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Ann Shields 3, R. Broadley 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Winsrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Gwen Reeves 3, Audrey Green (first 'inside') 4, M. Broadley 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. For Evensong on St. Luke's Day.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, W. Moreley 4, I. Harris 5, J. Benfield 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, S. Hitchcox 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill N. Richardson 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, G. C. Jackson 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. For harvest festival.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Purnell (cond.) 1, C. Lansley 2, A. Bartlett 3, C. Howlett 4, P. Gaisford 5, F. Box 6. **BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, H. Preece 6, E. M. Smith 7, D. W. Davies 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hiddins; also a 2nd birthday compliment to the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davies.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. North 1, W. A. Riddington 2, A. W. Bond 3, L. Batting 4, F. Cruttenden 5, F. Page 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, G. North 8. For Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Checksfeld, a ringer at Burmarsh for 60 years.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Unwin 1, P. Newing 2, S. G. White 3, S. Walter 4, M. J. Holness 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, D. M. Holness (first of Triples) 8.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Minimus (New Little Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Original): Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. A farewell to the Rev. A. V. Ledbury, who is leaving the parish.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, J. Hanley 2, W. S. Crawford 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Lloyd 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the centenary of the first peal on the bells (October 7th, 1859) after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters the previous day.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, J. Higgs 2, S. Hill 3, M. Harrison 4, D. Armstrong 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, Evelyn D. Wallis 5, R. H. Peters 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, G. F. Tizzard 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 5. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung by the local band for harvest festival Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, A. Higginbottom 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Mitson 5, H. Ivings 6, J. E. Ivings 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FISHTOFT, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Gilbert 1, L. H. Tavior 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Leggett 4, A. H. Flatters 5, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. F. J. Coveney.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Jackie Underwood 1, A. J. Davey 2, P. E. Wells 3, J. Storey (first 'inside') 4, C. L. Goodzer 5, L. Ransom (cond.) 6, J. A. Witney 7, G. W. Henson 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,272 Minor (720 Netherseale and 552 Norwich Surprise): Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Cherry 1, Jean Croft (first 'inside') 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on April 19th, 1,440 Norfolk Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 3rd, 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 17th, 1,440 Annabes London Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Heyhoe 1, Frieda A. M. Frost 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, W. J. Bailey (first quarter) 4, P. Woodcock (cond.) 5, H. J. Larwood 6. As a token of respect to Cecil V. Ebersson.

HOLME PIERREFONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, R. Mills 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For evening service.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Union, St. Simon's, Stedman, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Blake 1, Mary Powell 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. T. Owen (first quarter) 1, T. Owen (cond.) 2, R. Owen 3, R. Allcock 4, J. E. Couzens 5, D. Allcock 6. Rung by the local band in memoriam Cecil V. Ebersson.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela M. Turner 1, R. G. Morris 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. E. Tallis jun. 4, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 5, V. Nash 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Judith M. Gwilt 3, R. E. Tallis 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. R. Tallis 6. For Matins. Also 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela M. Turner (25th quarter) 1, R. D. Herbury 2, C. J. A. Goy 3, R. E. Tallis, jun., 4, M. C. Hughes 5, V. Nash 6. Callings conducted alternately by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Dr. C. Guy Roworth (first of Caters in method) 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, D. W. Townsend 3, Mavis Wright 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, R. G. Townsend 6, B. Bladon 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Arranged to enable A. G. Wells to ring a quarter on the bells.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sumner 1, A. Pickles 2, R. Price 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Howarth 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. Roger Martin, of Preston, who was interred this day.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cherry 1, L. Runnacles 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for a memorial service to Horace Roberts, 60 years verger and ringer at this church.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Stapleford 1, D. J. Barnett 2, C. Barrable 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Robinson 1, R. Raven 2, Susan Sherwood 3, Susan Alexander 4, Cynthia Smewin (first as cond.) 5, Sonia Allen 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. A. Cross, churchwarden; also the 15th birthdays of 1 and 5, and the 17th birthday of 4.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. Streeter 2, G. Olliver 3, W. Parrott 4, F. E. Roberts 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. R. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled by officers of the Surrey Association in memory of George F. Hoad, who funeral took place earlier in the day.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Oct. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Westcott 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 2, M. Hill Brown 3, Gillian Neal Smith 4, Jill Barron 5, J. D. Rock 6, C. M. Bloomer 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. Rung by a band from the Daughter Church of St. Matthias (which has no bells) to welcome the new Vicar of Richmond (the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A.).

RISE, YORKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire—Pitman's and Morris's): J. Lum 1, H. Rodmell 2, R. Carllil 3, C. Gray-Nicholson 4, J. Holmes (cond.) 5. First quarter by all the band and believed to be the first on the bells, installed 1904.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Pointer (first quarter) 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman (first of Triples) 8. For the patronal festival.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, H. Collin 3, H. Grocock 4, J. Musson 5, T. Needham (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, L. G. Gates (first 'inside') 2, H. Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Wainwright 5, R. Newman 6, H. J. Hazell 7, J. Wallman (cond.) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Warner 1, M. Stanley (first 'inside') 2, M. Wriath 3, T. R. Collins 4, R. G. Townsend 5, A. T. Collins 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, W. B. Kvnaston 3, Miss M. Wright 4, R. G. Townsend 5, F. Wilton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Townsend, a member of Christ Church for 36 years, passed away September 28th.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Witten 1, A. C. Clarke 2, D. C. Urquhart 3, A. E. Briggs 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Tessa Lovell.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. M. Boum 1, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 2, S. Petter 3, Miss B. Mayers 4, K. Newman 5, C. A. Slyfield 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, R. W. Jordan 8. For harvest festival. **WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Evans 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, M. Morley 3, O. Mills 4, B. Cooper 5, P. Mills 6, B. K. Lewis 7, D. Ashton 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Miss H. White 2, R. W. Rex 3, Miss C. White 4, B. Mills 5, O. G. Smart 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. W. Dodd (cond.) 8. First on eight for 1, 2 and 4.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret Lucas (first quarter) 1, B. A. Matthews 2, P. Langton 3, Jane Langton 4, S. A. Paice 5, J. Smith 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. A farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4, who are leaving the district; also for dedication festival.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Richardson (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Childs 2, B. L. Marks 3, C. A. Critchley 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, P. M. Bourn 6.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss W. Hale (first quarter) 1, D. Neville 2, Miss G. Martin (first quarter) 3, D. Elliott 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. For harvest festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Sansom 1, Miss M. White (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, Miss D. Smith 4, C. Pound 5, K. Tipper 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, N. H. Bassett 8. For Evensong.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, P. Ruth Hosken 2, Marv Carveth 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, S. A. Read 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8. Rung in honour of the recent engagement of Cyril A. Wratten (Cheltenham) to Margery A. Birch (Kenwyn); also to celebrate the birth of a son (David Glanville) to Jennifer (nee Hosken) and Roger Egans, of Constantine.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The Society held its autumn meeting at St. Augustine's Church at Rugeley. The weather, unfortunately, was poor, but even so, more than 60 members and friends from all parts of the Archdeaconry made their way through the pouring rain to this pleasant little town on the edge of Cannock Chase. They were well rewarded with the hospitality of the Rugeley ringers and helpers who provided an excellent tea. During the afternoon and evening the six bells were put to very good use, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin, and his assistant, Mr. J. Dineneage. Methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. H. Townshend, who in his address said how much the clergy appreciated the work done by ringers. Tea followed in the Parish Hall where, as mentioned before, an excellent spread had been prepared by Mrs. Joyner and her lady helpers. In the evening the bells of Colwich and Blithfield were made available to ringers searching for fresh towers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

It was disappointing that only 30 members (eight from Kelvedon) attended the Northern District meeting at Great Bardfield on Oct. 17th, but those who were there had a very happy and enjoyable afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. O. Masheder, and Mr. Webb was at the organ. The tea and meeting were held in the café.

Mr. Jennings and the local band welcomed the ringers. Various methods were rung, some of which were recorded. It is hoped to hold the annual meeting at Earls Colne on January 16th.

UNDERSHAFT DOUBLES

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Plain course of 120 changes; no bobs or singles required.

First peal in the principle rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Oxford, October 10th, 1959.

The band which rang the first peal on the new bells at Biggin Hill wish to record their appreciation of two local ringers, Miss Barbara Howard and Mr. Nadon, who met them prior to the commencement of the attempt, remained outside throughout the peal and provided refreshments at its conclusion.

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The first peal of Undershaft Doubles has been rung at Oxford. The band resisted the temptation to submit this peal as Jeremy Salter's first as conductor, though he did shout 'Go, Undershaft,' and 'That's all,' and also had the arduous task of counting 42.

With the peal at Heene on October 21st, Messrs. H. C. Weaver and Raymond P. Wood have now 'circled the tower.'

Mr. Peter N. Bond was not present at the Lincoln Guild dinner, as erroneously stated in our last issue, but was at home in Kent.

Among the votes of thanks at the Oxford Diocesan Guild autumn meeting at Banbury was one to two young ladies who inadvertently not only washed the Church House floor but also themselves when they turned a tap the wrong way.

Two bands of ringers rang for the induction of the Rev. Derek Landreth to the living of Richmond, Surrey. For the first half-hour the band from St. Matthias' (a daughter church without bells) rang 672 Plain Bob Major, conducted by Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, and the band of the Parish Church took over for the second half-hour. Both choirs also sang for the service. A week later the St. Matthias' band rang a quarter peal to welcome the new Vicar (conductor, Mr. R. G. Leale).

With the peal of Whitwick Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry, Ernest Morris has now rung 250 peals on these bells, being the first to reach this total. Included in these peals he has conducted Plain Bob Major, 7,008 (twice), 9,600 (400 singles) and 13,440 (extent of tenors together). Also 9,120 Ilkeston T.B. (extent), 6,720 Little Bob (extent tenors together); also taken part in 9,600 Worcester T.B. (extent) and rang the tenor to 10,976 Bristol Surprise. The peals include Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Appreciation was not lacking at the annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the K.C.A. on October 24th, when the resignation was received of Mr. A. G. Hill, after 35 years of loyal and devoted service. He was presented with a cheque as a small thankoffering from past and present members of the District.

The Crosthwaite (Keswick) Handbell Ringers are appearing on B.B.C. Television on Wednesday, November 11th, at about 10.45 p.m.

For those who like real drama, read James W. Gibbon's playlet, 'The Ringer's Dilemma,' where the heroine is tied to the clapper of the tenor and the hero has to raise the bell. This thriller appears in the October issue of the quarterly 'The Ringers' Magazine.' P. A. C. should find 'Bells in Philately' interesting: perhaps with his wide knowledge of the subject he could add to the collection.

Four schoolboys who were members of a party who had a day's ringing in North Staffordshire on Tuesday, October 6th, spent their spare time thinking of excuses to give at school next morning. Perhaps one of our schoolmaster ringers, or even the great Professor Dodge, can think out an appropriate punishment. Learning a method for each tower visited might be more appropriate than a few cuts from a rope end!

Finding the belfry door locked, an outing party went in search of the Vicar, who was found cleaning out his chicken run. He mistook the visitors as canvassers for the Tory party. Although an octogenarian, he sportingly came to watch the ringing, which included London, Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire. This tower-grab party saw more than the belfry—they admired the window to the memory of Isaac Walton, which contains a picture of St. Mary's Church, Stafford; and the church is at Madeley.

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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION LOOKS BACK 75 YEARS

THE early 18th century Town Hall of St. Albans, with its portraits of Stuart monarchs, made a fitting setting for the 75th anniversary dinner of the Hertford County Association on October 24th. Mr. G. W. Debenham, the Association's president, who was accompanied by Miss Debenham, presided over a company of 150. A strong musical programme, which included a recital by the Launton Handbell Ringers and singing by the North Mymms Women's Institute choir, conducted by Mrs. Kathleen Lock, was interspersed between the speeches.

The company present included the Dean of St. Albans (Very Rev. A. K. Mathews), the president of the Central Council and Mrs. F. Sharpe, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Miss Steel (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Plummer, Mr. E. G. Buck, Mr. J. Watkins (head verger of St. Albans Cathedral), Mr. T. J. Lock (secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Lock, the Rev. Hart Synnot (Vicar of St. Stephen's), the Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Rector of Launton), Mr. B. C. Johnson, Mr. T. J. Southam, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Critchley.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church and State,' submitted by the president, who took as his theme the influence of the State on the Book of Common Prayer. He quoted in particular the controversy over the Revised Prayer Book of 1928, as showing the deep interest the people, as represented by the House of Commons, took in the English Church.

RINGERS' DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As individuals, he said, they were members of the State and Church, and lastly ringers. The vast majority of bell-ringing was in ecclesiastical buildings, and it was only right that those bells should be rung conscientiously Sunday by Sunday and on occasions of State. If they carried out those two duties they would be fulfilling their duties to Church and State and to the Supreme Being.

The Dean of St. Albans referred in his reply to his service to the State as a chaplain in the Royal Navy in the last war, in which he saw service in the Battle of the Bismarck and the Battle of the North Cape.

In the association between the Church and State he hoped the State would do everything in its power to make life good and fair, and if the Church in its way could help the State steering on that course, and keep ever before it the standards of God, he believed that association would mean much to England and, pray God, under such circumstances it would grow stronger, finer and ever closer.

The toast of 'The Hertfordshire County Association of Change Ringers' was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel. He called to mind the formation of the Association 75 years ago, when travel and life were very different. The Articles of the Association framed then still stood—to raise the standard of change-ringing, to do their duty to the Church and to be recognised by the Church.

Since then they had passed through two great wars, and people had changed. There was not now the same civility. Seventy-five years ago they had to go very humbly to their employers if they wished to get a Saturday afternoon off for ringing.

LIFE TODAY

Look at the picture today. Visualise a little village in the county on a Saturday afternoon, filled with an air of expectancy. At last there would be heard the snorting of a car which would draw up in front of the church, and

from it would be disgorged examples of masculinity and femininity. The car would be followed by motor-cycles, mopeds and bicycles. When they were assembled, someone would say: 'Don't you think we ought to go and have a pull?' They would sort themselves out and catch hold of the ropes. The reason he gave that picture was because that was the way the life of the Association was being carried on. All the time they could encourage these young people they would have no fear that the Association would die. He asked them to drink to the founder members, officials and members of the Association.

The Master, in acknowledging the toast, regretted the absence of the Lord Bishop and also the Master of the Middlesex Association. The members of their Association were a team; people were anxious to join it, feel they were members and leave something behind them that was permanent. He thanked Mrs. Dodds for presenting to them Peal Book No. 3 in a beautiful leather case, which they would find in St. Peter's Church.

It was probably true that their Association had made good the ravages due to the war, when for three years there was no ringing and some did none for five years. They probably had not the brilliant Surprise band who rang a new Surprise method each week, under Mr. Cashmore, or the handbell band of 25 years ago, and he was certain it would be many years before they looked on their like again.

They had heard of those men who met at the Deanery at St. Albans and started the Association, and it was the present members' job to ensure that they handed on the Association at least no worse than when they entered.

He would like to tell them of the debt of gratitude they owed to some of the old London ringers who were mentioned in a recent article in 'The Ringing World.' Many of those men came out and rang peals with the Hertfordshire Association or as College Youths. They were what they would now call characters, and were the product of the highly-competitive age in which they lived. No one then would dream of ringing with one hand or be asked which bell would they ring—they would be told which one. Many of the stories told about them were apocryphal. One, it was said, put in for the job of hangman at Newgate, and his name appeared on peal boards in their county.

A PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of the toast Mr. Debenham was presented by the Dean with a silver tankard, inscribed: 'Presented to George W. Debenham, president July 1875–October, 1959, Hertford County Association Change Ringers.'

Thanking the Association for this gift, Mr. Debenham said he spent a considerable time in hospital, and the thing that struck him was the number of letters and visitors he had. 'What I did to deserve this I don't know, but I can assure you it will be put to very good use.' [Applause.]

Proposing the toast of 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,' Mr. R. G. Bell said on Easter Tuesday, 1890, there was a gathering of ringers, and the convener was a man whose name became a household word among ringers—Arthur Percival Heywood, later Sir Arthur. The object of the meeting was to discuss things of interest to ringers, and among the things discussed was the desirability of holding these meetings yearly. A year later, on Easter Tuesday, 1891, the first meeting proper of the Council was held.

It was interesting to note that at that first meeting the Hertfordshire Association was represented by Leonard Proctor, the famous squire of Bennington. He had a Surprise Major band among his workers. He was succeeded in

1894 by Edward Percy Debenham, of St. Albans, a much-loved man and well known to some present that evening.

Many famous ringers had passed through the Council since then. He would, that evening, like to pay tribute to two—Edwin H. Lewis, who graced the presidential chair for so many years, and George Fletcher, who carried out the duties of secretary for practically the same period.

WISDOM BACKED BY EXPERIENCE

The work of the Council was too well known for him to elaborate. Through its committees it endeavoured to guide the ringing Exercise by wisdom backed by experience. The committees were composed of hard-working people who gave freely of their time for a single purpose—to further the art of change-ringing. They looked back with gratitude on all that people had done during the years. The Council was not without its critics, and criticism ranged from the highly intellectual to the mundane. The latest undertaking of the Council was the Sunday Service Ringing Survey. They could take it as a great challenge to all of them.

Stating that this was the first time he had to reply to the toast, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Council, said change-ringing did not start in Hertfordshire 75 years ago, because they knew that in All Saints', Hertford, a peal of 5,040 Triples was rung in 1724, and also shortly afterwards in St. Albans, on the then new bells of St. Peter's, they rang 'a complete peal of Bob Major.' Later, in 1779, there was a peal of over 12,000 changes. Long before that there was ringing at their Abbey. They knew that in 1077 they had bells given to the Abbey, and there was a long and interesting history; throughout the ages the ringers and clergy of Hertfordshire had an interest in bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The achievements of the Hertfordshire Association were many, but first he would place Sunday service ringing. When Stahlschmidt wrote 'The Church Bells of Hertfordshire' they would find only 5 per cent. of the towers rang for Sunday services. The remainder were merely chimed with the tenor as sermon bell. The Survey had shown that bells were rung in 68 per cent. of the towers of the county, due to the good work of the Diocesan Guilds and County Associations. That represented a great advance in the art of change-ringing, which used to be only the pleasure of the few. That result in their area was due to the activities and spade work of the members of their Guild. To their officers, past and present, he would like to say a word of congratulation.

A tremendous amount of work went on behind the scenes in the Central Council. One example was 'The Beginner's Handbook,' which had sold out an edition of 5,000 in under a year, and they were now in the process of re-printing. It had been an outstanding success and he hoped to see many good results from it. He brought to them, as president, the good wishes of the organised ringing Societies in this country and overseas on this their 75th anniversary, and may the good work they had done in the past continue and flourish.

GUESTS

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said they had with them that evening representatives of the Essex and Bedfordshire Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had rung many peals with Essex people, and it was a great happiness to him to hear the Master of that Association propose a toast, because he liked the Essex drawl.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER—Cont.

They were also delighted to have with them Miss Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association. His first acquaintance with Miss Steel was at Rammore, at a Sheffield District and old East Derbyshire Association meeting, when they were both proposed members of that Association the same day.

In the old days they had to watch their step; there used to be enmity between the Associations. He would not then dare to fix up a peal for his Association in the territory of another Association. He suggested that courtesy should still exist and permission be sought.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied.

The concluding toast was 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. E. G. Buck and responded to by the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Rector of Launton.

Apart from the musical programme mentioned above, there was conjuring by Mr. F. W. Ellis. The excellent arrangements for the dinner were made by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. G. W. Debenham, with Mr. H. V. Frost as secretary.

THE SERVICE

The service in the afternoon in the Cathedral was conducted by the Dean, assisted by Canon Hudson and the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Evensong was followed by a recital by the Launton Handbell Ringers, introduced by Mr. F. Sharpe, the band being Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Mrs. C. P. Sherwood, Miss S. Gilpin, Miss E. Sharpe, Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Mr. P. Allan and Mr. F. Sharpe. An address was given by the Dean.

Ringling during the afternoon was at the Abbey, St. Stephen's, St. Peter's and St. Michael's.

AN ABERAVON CENTENARY

The old Norman church at Aberavon, Glam. was dismantled in 1857, and a large modern one, built in its place, was dedicated on October 19th, 1859. At the suggestion of the Vicar, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to mark the centenary. Mr. Ernest Stitch, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Leamington, who had rung together at this tower for nearly 40 years, returned and took part.

Both also stood in a peal on the new Swansea bells the following day, with the result that four who took part in the last peal on the old bells in 1938, before the blitz, also rang in this one. Then on the following Wednesday a peal was rung at Bridgend, enabling Mr. Stitch to ring his 80th peal on them and to 'circle the tower' for the eighth time. It is ten years since he rang his last peal at this tower.

T. M. R.

A CORRECTION TO DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir.—There should be a small correction regarding the recent Devon tour. The peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Honiton Clyst was the first of Spliced Surprise on the bells, but not the first of Surprise on the bells because a peal of Cambridge Major was rung on them a few years ago.—Yours sincerely,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh.

OXFORD GUILD'S GIFT TO 'THE RINGING WORLD'

There was a very full discussion on 'The Ringing World' at the autumn general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Banbury on October 3rd, with the deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) in the chair. The attendance numbered 150.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) moved 'That this Guild contribute £10 per annum towards the cost of production of "The Ringing World," commencing 1959.'

He said that as a result of the printing dispute 'The Ringing World' Committee was faced with a lot of extra expenditure, and as a result the cost might go up to 9d. Their Guild had always taken the initiative in matters and he hoped that it would once again give a lead to other Guilds and Associations.

The motion was seconded by Miss M. R. Cross.

Mr. Cave (Banbury) felt that 'The Ringing World' was uninteresting. He suggested that advertising material concerning the journal should be sent to the towers.

Mr. A. Diserens suggested that the way to get an improvement was to write to the Editor.

The chairman stated that the Editor welcomed leading articles. 'The Ringing World' was the ringers' own paper. It would be a major catastrophe if it failed. The increased cost of £1,000 must be met by increased sales or charges.

Mr. G. Edmans also felt that the paper had become uninteresting. The hon. librarian agreed with this view and suggested the Central Bucks Branch should send in material so that the Editor had a choice.

Mr. A. D. Barker commented that the reports of meetings were all the same and that was one reason why they were not put in.

Mr. J. Diserens, while in favour of saving 'The Ringing World,' complained that interesting reports were drastically cut.

To this the chairman replied that the Editor hated doing this but sometimes it was necessary.

Mr. A. K. Pink said there was scope for improvement in 'The Ringing World,' but he realised that it had gone through a very difficult situation. He therefore proposed as an amendment that a grant of £20 be made for 1959 and that the matter be reviewed each year. As a result he hoped 'The Ringing World' Committee would be 'gingered up.'

This was seconded by Mr. A. Diserens and carried.

THE SURVEY

The hon. general secretary (Miss Cross) reported that the Sunday Service Ringing Survey had been well received by the clergy, who were now showing a keener interest. The Bishops of Oxford, Dorchester and Buckingham, and the Archdeacon of Buckingham, were all taking a keener interest in the work of the Guild. It was therefore up to the members of the Guild to do everything in their power to improve the situation.

Mr. W. Parker thought it was a question of leadership. Where there were no leaders there was trouble.

Mr. H. L. Roper's proposition of the general secretary calling a meeting of Branch secretaries so that something concrete might be done was accepted by the meeting.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

On the question of a week-end course of instruction the hon. general secretary reported that Big Wood, Radley, was willing to hold a course at 25s. per head per day.

The hon. treasurer said he had opened up negotiations with the Diocesan Retreat House at Stoke Poges but had received no definite offer.

The chairman announced that both the Yorkshire Association and the Suffolk Guild were holding week-end courses.

Mr. W. Butler said that his Branch had held a lecture on learning methods, which had proved very successful, and he felt that such a course should be held.

The hon. librarian considered that much of the Dillington House course had been over the students' heads. He felt that the Guild must decide on a higher or lower course or both run conjointly.

The chairman stated that some of the Dillington House course was over his head, but he felt that everyone who had attended had learnt something.

The meeting agreed that a committee of the officers of the Guild should be set up to make the necessary arrangements.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

A motion by Mr. W. Birmingham that the annual committee meeting be held after the agenda for the Central Council had been published, so that some guidance might be given to the Central Council representatives should the Guild deem it necessary, was carried.

The service in St. Mary's Church, Banbury, followed the business meeting. This was conducted by the Vicar, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of Buckingham. A very large congregation nearly filled the church. A buffet tea was served in St. Mary's Church House to over 210 ringers and friends. Ringing was available in no fewer than 14 churches.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

Representatives from the farthest points of South and West Wales were among the 18 towers attending the South Wales District quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Swansea, on October 3rd.

Canon H. C. Williams, in his fine address given at the service, mentioned that he was the man who had made the most noise in Swansea during this century. He had been responsible for the restoration of Sketty's eight bells and for the installation of the new ring of eight at St. Mary's, Swansea. An excellent tea was served in the new Church Room adjoining Trinity Chapel afterwards. Mr. J. Alsop thanked Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers. Miss Dorothy Atwell (vice-president) thanked Canon Williams for his warm welcome to Swansea and for his interest in the Guild.

At the business meeting four new members were elected—the Misses Hazel Everett and Diana Johnson (Llandaff), Maureen Hawkins and Elaine Thomas (Cowbridge). Whitchurch, Cardiff, was chosen for the next meeting, possibly on November 21st.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL TOURS AND GUILD FINANCES

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. W. Birmingham, which appeared in last week's issue, prompts me to question the accuracy of several of his statements. But first let me make it quite clear at the outset that I am concerned only with his references to the Cheshire ringers' peal week, having no personal interest in the other two points raised.

Mr. Birmingham appears to base his remarks on three precepts: (1) That this tour served little or no useful purpose; (2) That the ringing of these peals was a financial burden to the Guilds concerned; and (3) That peal weeks reduce the whole status of change-ringing to the level of a sport.

Mr. Birmingham is clearly unaware that in most Cheshire ringers' peals it is the normal practice to omit superfluous footnotes, and that if these had been inserted he would then have seen that three of the ringers taking part rang in their first peal of Surprise Major, and that nine of them rang in their first in a new method or methods. In fact, one person rang in six peals to which this particular footnote might have been applied, and another person in three. The ringer who 'stood in only two attempts' had been on holiday during most of the week and did, in fact, ring in all peals for which he was available. It would seem that this peal week was, even by Mr. Birmingham's standards, of real benefit to at least 12 of the 18 ringers who took part.

Secondly, it must be remembered that both the Chester Guild and the Lancashire Association charge a peal-booking fee of 6d. per rope which, in the case of the former, provides 26 per cent. of the cost of the annual report. Add to this the subscriptions from the 150 members who ring in peals, and the cost of the 40 per cent. of the space devoted to peals in the report is adequately covered. So a peal week is certainly not the financial handicap to the Guild which Mr. Birmingham would have us believe. I might also add, whilst on the subject of finance, that *everyone* in the peal week is a regular subscriber to the 'R.W.'

If, by doing something we enjoy, we turn ringing into a sport, a suggestion with which I disagree entirely, I must remind Mr. Birmingham that the same thing could be said of a cathedral organist who gives recitals in other churches. Is he a sportsman, too? I think not!—Yours faithfully,

NEIL BENNETT.

Aberystwyth.

PEAL TOURS

Dear Sir.—Since writing my letter, which appeared in the last issue, I am informed that the Devonshire Guild has a peal levy, so the cost of the peals will have been met. However, many Guilds, like my own, would have had to bear their cost, had they been credited to them. I am not attacking the bands concerned but the general practice of peal tours by bands of experts, the success of whose attempts are almost a foregone conclusion, as they have all rung the methods to peals countless times before.—Yours, etc.,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I send the following figures of a composition of Spliced Surprise Major in the four methods in which is given more work of London and Cambridge than is usual in 3-lead course peals.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Leamington Spa.

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23456	M	W	H	Methods
23564	2	2	—	L B X B L
23645	2	2	—	L B X B L
34256	2	2	—	L B X B L
36452	2	—	—	L B X L
45362	—	—	—	L C B B
26354	—	—	—	L X L
53624	—	2	2	L X C L L B
65324	—	—	—	L C L
65243	2	2	—	L B X B L
62453	—	2	—	L C L B
63254	2	—	—	L L C X L
45236	—	—	—	L X L
62534	—	—	—	B B C L
35264	—	2	2	L X B L B

Repeat twice as from 34256, omit last two bobs Home in third part and the lead of Bristol. X Cambridge or Superlative.

A GOOD RECAP

Dear Sir,—Having read the report, 'A Good 50 Years,' in a recent issue of the 'R.W.', I was surprised to see the following in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th, 1913:—

TO THE WEST

'On October 11th a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evening service at Charing Church by H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, C. L. Prior 3, W. C. Good 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. An attempt for a peal of 5,040 had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. This was arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. C. F. Good, who has since left for Canada. On Tuesday, the 18th inst., he was the recipient of two valuable purse belts, subscribed by the Charing ringers.

'The Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Fotheringham), in making the presentation, said he hoped for the day when the ring of six at Charing would be increased to eight. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. Colbreay, C. L. Prior, W. and H. E. Good and T. Ifield, jun., with Mrs. Walker at the piano.

'The Charing band are about to start on Bob Minor, and if any gentlemen in the district would volunteer to assist they would be heartily welcomed on Tuesday evening at 7.30, or any other evening by arrangement.

Mr. H. E. Good still rings—can he still sing?—Yours, etc.,

P. M. TOWN.

Linton, Kent.

P.S.—I'm often in the Charing district. If Mr. Good would like to know of old friends I might be able to help and would be pleased to do so.—P. M. T.

SOUTH AFRICA IS IN THE RINGING WORLD

Dear Sir,—I can only hope that Mr. Phil Corby has been misreported in the account of the Kent dinner (page 587). I refer to the words 'Except for Australia, the United States and Canada, . . . the art was *not* practised outside these islands.' No doubt South Africa lags behind North America in many ways, but to anyone who reads his 'Ringing World' our record of activity does not merit this relegation to the limbo of silent towers.

I know that some of those present were in a position to correct this impression, and I would like to think that they did so.—Yours truly,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Cape Town.

CHANGE RINGING AT DURBAN

Dear Sir,—On page 553 of issue dated September 25th you published news from Durban. In this Mr. Chambers says that in August the first touches of Grandsire Triples for 20 years were rung in Durban. I would like to say that in June, 1943, Grandsire Triples were being rung. The occasion that springs to my mind was the dedication in that month of a chancel screen or rail by Dr. Fisher, Bishop of Natal. There was in the band Alan Pink, then a naval lieutenant, a naval petty officer who rang at Hereford Cathedral, and myself, a naval rating. Others were soldiers and airmen who were stationed in camp at Wentworth, just outside Durban. If memory serves me correctly, the captain of the band at that time was a Mr. Westley or Westlake, who was the manager of a large newspaper and stationer's shop nearby.

May I send my best wishes to the band at Durban, and especially to Mr. Chambers, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Carlisle in September, 1956.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN LISTER.

St. Mary's, Slough.

DEVON PEAL TOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the peal of London rung at Exminster during the recent peal tour of Devon was not the first of Major on the bells. Double Norwich was rung there on November 10th, 1951, conducted by G. Stedman Morris. It was also incorrect to claim the first peal of Surprise at Withycombe Raleigh, as Superlative was rung there in 1949.

Would it not save trouble and printing space to ensure that information regarding peals is authoritative before placing such records in the printers' hands?

Whilst on the subject of visiting bands, it is apparent that peal tours are becoming more popular, especially in areas such as the West Country. Might I mention that a little courtesy, such as leaving the ropes the same length as they were found and perhaps a few shillings to the local bell repair fund after a peal, does make things more pleasant when future bands wish to visit the towers, especially when the local band is 'call-change' and does not appreciate our change-ringing peculiarities.

My remarks are not intended to be offensive but merely constructive criticism based on occurrences which have taken place during this year in Devon.—Yours faithfully,

D. MALLETT.

Exeter, Devon.

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MR. G. E. FEARN'S PEAL TOUR OF DEVON

THE bright, sunny morning of September 26th found four cars travelling south-westwards along the winding roads of Somerset and Devon, heading for Buckfast Abbey, where was to be attempted the first of 13 peals arranged for our party of ringers from Birmingham, Lincoln, London, Brierley Hill and Taunton, amid the beautiful county of glorious Devon.

Before the peal attempt we lunched in Buckfastleigh at the King's Arms Hotel, which was to be our headquarters for the week and where we met Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, who had undertaken all the ringing arrangements. At the Abbey we were welcomed by the Rev. Father Oswald Mowan, who took us up to the belfry. The bells were raised, band placed and ropes adjusted, and we prepared to settle down to four hours of Cambridge Maximus. But this was not to be, for after three courses a slight mix-up on the front necessitated the conductor to call 'Stand.'

Sunday morning was crisp and clear, and for morning service ringing we visited St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where Mr. T. G. Myers was very pleased to welcome us. A course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters were unfortunately all that time allowed. Mr. Myers then took us up on Plymouth Hoe and round the Old Harbour before we had to say goodbye and make our way back to Buckfastleigh for lunch. There was a peal arranged for us in the afternoon at Wolborough, and here we got off the mark with a good peal of Bristol.

FIRST FULL DAY

Monday was our first full day, and we scored two peals—London at St. Thomas', Exeter, and Lincolnshire at Thorverton. At St. Thomas', Exeter, we were met by Mr. E. W. Biffen and Mr. Norman Mallett, who took a tape-recording of the first ten minutes, and before the peal started the Vicar (Rev. J. P. Hinton) kindly said a prayer in the belfry. Thorverton, a neat little village nestling in the Exe Valley about six miles north of Exeter, contained a fair octave, which the local ringers wanted rehanging, although general opinion was that they were not exceptionally rough-going. A visiting ringer here stated most emphatically that the tenor ringer in the peal was the worst he'd ever heard, and when there was a sudden trip stormed off in disgust! Obviously he'd never heard a tenor 'turned in' before.

Honiton Cyst, with its quaint little church, possesses a good eight, though they are a ground floor ring with a very wide circle. It was here that we came first on Tuesday to be met by Mrs. G. E. Retter. Albert Pitman's 4-Spliced composition was duly rung. In the afternoon, a lovely ride through part of the wooded Yeo River valley brought us to Newton St. Cyres, where Mr. George Luxton was waiting for us, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells was marked by a peal of Rutland.

PUBLICAN'S APPRECIATION

A 'Halt' sign and a policeman caused one of our drivers a little delay on Wednesday morning, but he arrived at Paignton in time to call a peal of London, which turned out to be the first of Major on the bells. Afterwards a nearby publican treated us to drinks all round for the excellent ringing, the local ringers, including Mr. C. F. Austin, also being pleased at the high standard of striking. We kept up our Major record at Berry Pomeroy that afternoon, although there were three false starts, due to the third slipping wheel: the band then changed round and all went well for two-and-a-half hours, until one ringer suddenly found himself ringing 5ths place bell in Bristol without a rope! The conductor, however, kept everything well under control for the few mishaps, and we successfully brought round 6-Spliced. It certainly wasn't the Master's day!

The mist on Thursday morning gradually rose as we set off along the now-familiar route round the southern edge of Dartmoor and over the Haldon Hills to drop down on to the estuary of the Exe, making for Exminster, where the Rev. M. F. Judd and Mr. Way were awaiting us. These bells were Aubrey's surprise of the week, and are certainly a grand ring, sounding heavier than the 18 cwt. they are; we hope we did justice to them with another good peal of London. For the afternoon peal attempt we were privileged to visit Broadclyst where, quite appropriately, Bristol was rung. Two members of the party, who had already rung a peal there earlier in the year, stood out, and both agreed afterwards that the ringing was first-class.

Mr. C. Gatter met us next morning at Littleham, near Exmouth, the bells here being quite a contrast to Broadclyst's. Here was a good light eight, similar to Shirley, Birmingham, though about 1 cwt. heavier; and thoughts of a 'quickie' passed through our minds, but this was not entirely fulfilled, probably due to the long draught, as we took 2 hours 33 minutes over another peal of London.

The afternoon tower was only about a mile away at Withycombe Raleigh, so we were able to take lunch a little less hurriedly than usual. Quite a number of rope adjustments had to be made here before we could start, but eventually we set off and, despite several ropes jumping the wheel and bells running dry, we rang what is believed to be the first peal of 8-Spliced in Devon. Then came a dash back to Buckfastleigh for the evening meal, at which we were pleased to have Mr. Bennett with us.

THANKS AND A PRESENTATION

Afterwards we heartily expressed our thanks to Mr. A. L. Bennett for all the work he had put in to make the tour run so smoothly with his impeccable arrangements, and as a token of our gratitude Mr. G. E. Fearn presented him with a Parker fountain pen, together with a card containing all our signatures.

Early next morning we sadly bade farewell to Aubrey and departed for home, calling at Henbury, Bristol, to ring another peal which, of course, was London.

Lastly, we must thank all the incumbents and ringers who met us and allowed us the use of their bells and, by no means least of all, Mr. George Fearn, for arranging what was a most enjoyable and successful week.

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WOOLTON, LANCs.—On Oct. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. C. Hughes 1, Hilary Simmons 2, G. H. Pullin 3, Gwen Howlett 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, F. Anderton 6, P. S. Bennett (first in method as cond.) 7, E. C. Birkett 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AT DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild maintained its popularity, and the large gathering present on October 10th at Bollands, Chester, had an enjoyable evening.

The toast of 'The Queen' having been honoured in the traditional way, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

The toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' was most ably proposed by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke), who seemed not only to have inherited his predecessor's huge fund of stories but also to have added to it. The theme of the Archdeacon's speech was the importance of ringers to the church and the great value which he placed upon their services.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in thanking the Archdeacon, said he would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to the officials of the Guild for all their work. It had always been the Guild's good fortune to possess good officers.

In proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. C. W. Lawton spoke in appreciation of the quality of leadership given by the Archdeacon. The ringers should let their parson know when he did something particularly worth while. As members of the Church, ringers should let people know that they were Christians, and set an example in the materialistic world.

The Rev. E. Mercer, in reply, said that he had been told many years ago not to waste time on ringers, but he was proud of the witness which ringers gave. They told the people that the Church was doing its job, and people who hated bells did so because they offended their consciences. They remind the hearer that the Church is doing its job, and posed the question 'What are you doing about it?'

The rich fund of stories told in the speeches will enliven meetings in the next few months. The musical programme included items from Messrs. Taylor and Boyer, handbell tune ringing from the Wirral Handbell Ringers and the Macclesfield Handbell Ringers. C. K. L.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END AT WRINGTON

The third week-end in October is normally the week-end nearest to the anniversary of the death of Major John H. B. Hesse, of Wrington, and a well-known ringer all over the country. Once again, 'in memoriam' peal attempts were arranged during this week-end, at Yatton on the Friday evening and as usual at Wrington on Saturday, but unfortunately neither the Bob Major at Yatton nor Stedman Caters at Wrington were successful. After the Wrington attempt Mrs. Hesse again kindly entertained the ringers to tea—an ample spread which was much appreciated.

The company was especially pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pink and Major Freeborn, of Oxford, were able to be with them on this occasion. Major Freeborn thanked Mrs. Hesse on behalf of the company for her hospitality, and said that it was 12 years since he had last rung on Wrington bells. Mrs. Hesse made a suitable reply, and Mr. H. W. Knight added his thanks to all for coming along.

The company were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, A. Pink and H. Knight, Mrs. Joan Gray, and Messrs. E. Chivers, L. Derrick, J. Freeborn, D. Hoare, M. Horseman, E. Naylor, G. Prescott, A. Sanger, H. Sanger and S. Smith.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 2, M. C. Hughes 3, F. H. Hayes 4, F. Anderton 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5.

BELLS AND RINGERS IN STAINED GLASS

By ERNEST MORRIS

MR. T. J. LOCK ('R.W.', October 9th, page 588) mentions my name in connection with this subject, and quotes that in Ripon Cathedral belfry is a stained glass window recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on August 28th, 1886, to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the town's civic charter. Also that there is another 'ringers' window, executed by the same craftsman, in the nearby church at Sharrow. A more recent one is to be seen at St. Peter's, St. Albans—the work of Martin Webb, one of the ringers there—and shows ringers below with the swinging bells above. It records a 'victory' peal of Bob Major rung on August 16th, 1945, conducted by W. Ayre.

In one of the narrow openings in the wall of the spiral stairway leading to the belfry at St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey, may be seen a unique stained glass window depicting the figure of a man in full priestly robes, pulling a bell-rope. On his richly-embroidered robe are several golden bells, while at the head of the window on the left side are two bells with ropes suspended. In the corresponding right-hand corner—as it were through a window—may be seen in the far distance the towers and spires of the City churches. This bell-ringer, who calls upon all and sundry within the sound of his bell to 'watch and pray,' and invites all who can to come, represents the priestly office of the ringer. Higher up the same stairway is a second window, and this shows a man with a lantern at his feet ringing the curfew, one of the ancient customs con-



SAINT CAMPANIA

nected with church bells in this country. Above him is the great bell with its wheel, and through the windows of his belfry may be seen the City buildings far below.

A modern stained glass window depicting bells in every position is at Ilkley, Yorkshire. It was erected in 1887 to the memory of 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, historian and expositor of Change Ringing. Died November 16th, 1885, aged 41.' Snowdon was the son of the Vicar of Ilkley, and distinguished himself by his great abilities in our art, not only in the tower but as a writer of many articles and books on the subject.

The most famous of all such windows is the second one from the west in the north aisle of York Minster. Its distinguishing feature is the large number of bells represented in it, mostly coloured yellow. It was set up in memory of—or by—Richard Tunnoc, and may be described as a white-pattern window enriched with two horizontal bands of coloured pictures and ornaments. The three lights—each 20 feet high by 3 feet wide—are divided into five compartments. On the left is shown the mode of forming the mould of the bell, called the 'core.' One figure is turning it with a handle like a grindstone, and another with a long, crooked tool is moulding the clay into the proper form. On the floor of this compartment two bells are shown between the legs of the trestles on which the mould is being turned. The compartment on the right hand depicts three figures busily engaged running the molten metal. The furnace is of ecclesiastical type, in which the metal is kept heated up by two pairs of bellows worked by a boy who holds a handle in each hand. Another boy is helping him. Another figure represents the chief workman who having tapped the furnace is watching the molten metal running into the mould below. In the centre compartment is a suppliant figure with uplifted hands, kneeling before the archbishop, who is nimbed, seated on a rich, cushioned throne, fully vested with mitre, pallium, embroidered sandals, etc., holding a crosier in his left hand. There issues from between the uplifted hands of the suppliant a scroll, inscribed 'Richard Tunnoc.' This represents the founder presenting a bell to the patron saint of the Minster. Richard Tunnoc was one of the bailiffs of the city, and a Member of Parliament. He died in 1330.



THE 'PRIESTLY' BELLRINGER
(Window of belfry stairway,
Beddington, Surrey)

Reorganisation In The Suffolk Guild

SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT

A joint meeting of the Beccles, Halesworth and Saxmundham Districts was held at Halesworth on October 10th, attended by about 30 ringers, including visitors from Essex and Norfolk.

The object of the business meeting was to elect officers for 1960 for the new North East Suffolk District, which will replace the three existing Districts from January 1st. With this in mind, Mr. J. W. Blythe (general secretary of the Guild) occupied the chair. The officers elected were: Mr. P. S. Bedford (District chairman), Mr. J. M. Bailey (Ringing Master), Mr. A. R. Bridges (secretary) and Messrs. C. J. Gibson and R. Bickers (District committee members).

Mr. Blythe said he voiced the thanks of all to the outgoing officers, and wished the new officers every success. The first meeting of the new District will be held at Leiston on January 16th.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. J. Button), who was thanked, together with the organist (Mr. C. A. Muttitt).

The first meeting of the newly-formed South West District of the Suffolk Guild (the old Sudbury and Hadleigh Districts) was held at Stoke-by-Nayland on October 3rd, and was well supported by ringers from Suffolk and Essex. Ringing varied from rounds and call-changes to London Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon C. V. Clibbon), and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 2s. After the service, over 50 people sat down to tea, which was given by the local ringers in the Village Hall.

Officers elected for the new District were: Chairman, Mr. S. J. Twitchett (Clare); Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Cansdale (Bures); secretary and treasurer, Miss R. J. Seabrook (Clare); committee, Messrs. M. S. Webb (Haverhill), R. Thorpe (Stoke-by-Nayland), M. T. Symonds (Lavenham), H. Clarke (Hawkedon), F. Willis-Betts (Hadleigh), W. G. Perry (Clare) and Miss E. R. M. Cansdale (Bures).

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New members elected were: Canon Clibbon (honorary member), Maurice E. Downs, of Maidstone (life member), P. Robertson, of Assington, Commander C. J. W. Simpson, Messrs. R. A. Jerrold and R. M. King, of Stoke-by-Nayland, and Miss Janet Rawlings, of Sudbury (ringing members).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Lavenham on January 16th.

SEND, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: B. Priestley 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, J. Martin 5, D. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. E. ROGER MARTIN

The Lancashire Association has suffered a great loss in the passing on October 24th of Mr. E. Roger Martin, of Preston, in his 73rd year. His death after only a short illness came as a great shock to his many friends, most of whom were unaware of his recent incapacity.

The funeral service was held in Preston Parish Church on October 27th and was attended by relatives, friends and many ringers from the Preston and neighbouring Branches. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and six ringers acted as bearers. The interment took place at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave.

Roger learnt to ring at the age of 17 in his local tower at Walton-le-Dale, but there was no immediate vacancy for him in the Sunday service band. He therefore joined the band at Samlesbury, and for several years he walked from his home in Walton to Samlesbury and back twice every Sunday to ring for service. This was typical of his immense enthusiasm, an enthusiasm that remained undiminished throughout his life. Shortly after the First World War he joined the Preston Parish Church ringers, and he was soon appointed captain, an office he held until a few years ago, when he insisted on 'making way for a younger man.' At Preston he will long be remembered for his reliability, progress and teaching.

He was invariably one of the first to arrive, and never missed ringing for service or practice unless he was ill (which was very infrequent) or away. 'Progress' was always his aim. He was often heard to remark that a band which did not progress would soon break up, and it was largely through his drive that the Wednesday practice at Preston became widely known as a progressive practice. Even on his last appearance in the tower, some two weeks before his death, he was encouraging some of our younger members to 'look up Double Norwich for next week.' He was responsible for training many learners in his time, and wherever he went he was ready to offer advice on the technique of bell-control and good striking.

He had been a member of the Lancashire Association since 1907, and had held office both as a Branch secretary and Ringing Master, and also as vice-president of the Association. He was well known and respected throughout the county both for his devotion to the Exercise and for his talent as a ringer and conductor. Some measure of his skill in conducting can be gathered from the fact that out of a total of 207 peals rung he conducted 105, and that, with the exception of Stedman Triples, he never called the same composition twice. Details of his peals are as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—1 method 8 (conducted 3), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 9 (6), 4 methods 4 (2), 7 methods 9 (5), 10 method 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (2), Stedman 18 (12).

Major.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Kent T.B. 36 (20), Oxford T.B. 5, Kent and Oxford 5, Double Norwich 37 (28), Little Bob 2 (1), Cambridge 15 (5), Superalive 12 (8), Yorkshire 4 (3), New Cambridge 3 (1), Ashted 1, Bristol 3.

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 9 (4), Double Norwich 2.

Royal.—Kent 4 (1), Oxford 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, Prittlewell 1.

HANDBELLS

Bob Major 3, 13 Minor methods 1.

Total 207 (105).

Roger will be sorely missed in all the Preston Branch activities, but in his life he set an example which is both an inspiration and a challenge for us all.

MR. C. BROWN

On Sunday evening, October 25th, the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Creaton, Northants, rang half-muffled for the passing of Mr. C. Brown, aged 83, who was laid to rest on the previous day.

A founder member of the Guilsborough Branch of Peterborough Association, he was tower captain for 50 years and clerk since 1946. 'Charlie,' as he was affectionately known, learned to ring about 1888 at nearby Cottesbrooke, whose six bells now lie in the Loughborough Foundry for rehanging.

He was not a peal ringer but was devoted to regular service ringing and good striking. When in recent years ill health prevented him from taking a rope, he would listen with critical and yet appreciative ear from his pew.

His quiet and sincere manner, both in the belfry and elsewhere, was an example to all. He spared no effort for the progress of the many pupils who passed through his hands—amongst them five of his sons and the writer. Many friends will miss him and will remember him with gratitude.

To his widow and family we extend our profound sympathy.

R. J. S.

MR. G. W. WILKINSON

The sudden death of Mr. G. W. Wilkinson, who was for many years conductor at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, Co. Durham, is regretted by his colleagues in the Durham and Newcastle Association. Of a very quiet nature, he learnt to ring at Christ Church, Consett, in 1919. His great work for ringing was at Blackhill, where he strove for many years to train a full team to ring on Sundays. He was a practising churchman and a conscientious ringer.

On the day of his funeral, October 22nd, the following band rang Grandsire Triples (half-muffled), his favourite method, as their last gesture of respect: C. T. Lamb, N. Errington, G. Wall, S. Thompson, K. Cheeseman, K. Arthur (conductor), R. Skelton and R. Oliver.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S MEMORIAL RING

Although the Society has only been in existence about 15 years and most of the members are young, we suffered a terrible loss at the end of 1958 when three of our members died. Geoff. Carter had been a member since the start and was a vice-president and beloved by all; David Priestley was secretary for two years during a time when the Society grew and progressed tremendously, and John Morris had given freely of his very great talent as a ringer to the Society.

We decided, therefore, that we would subscribe to a fund with which to purchase something for the Society in their memory, and an appeal was launched in March of this year. We hoped to be able to buy some handbells, but were a little apprehensive about the prospect of getting the money for more than an eight. However, almost everybody in the Society willingly and promptly sent money in and by May it was clear that a ring of 12 was not beyond us, and they were duly ordered. By the time they were delivered in September we had all the money we needed and more than £10 to spare. A flat sixth to make a light octave is now on order.

And what a glorious ring of bells they are, too! The Society benefited enormously from the lives of Geoff., David and John, and the many who knew them will never forget them, and in addition now future generations will benefit in a practical way.

P. M. J. G.

A SUFFOLK TOWER 'REDISCOVERED'

Covehithe, now little more than a name on the map, is situated on the coast of Suffolk, some four or five miles above Southwold. A few cottages only seem to comprise the village, a delightful spot during the summer for picnics and bathing, but obviously very bleak in winter time, exposed on the cliff top to the easterly gales from the sea.

Little seems to be known locally of the ancient history of the church: this was of minster-like proportions, only the outside walls and tower now being in existence. A small brick church is erected inside the old walls, occupying perhaps one-eighth of the original space, and this now serves the village.

The tower is of flint and is well over 100 feet high, the five bells hanging practically in the top, and these had not been rung since before the 1939-45 war. Various ringers had 'done battle' with the churchwarden, but the answer was the old, old story—unsafe. The various rectors that came and went repeated this.

However, came the day when the Diocesan Adviser paid the tower a visit, and gave his opinion that, apart from neglect the bells were all right and safe to ring, and it was suggested a trial ring should be arranged. The writer was privileged to be invited to this, and for the fourth time made a round trip of about 110 miles to the church.

The day in question found the tower a hive of activity, and several made the somewhat nerve-racking ascent up the tower. An old mediaeval-type ladder gave entry to the second floor, a similar ladder went half-way up the next chamber, then across a 'catwalk' and up a further ladder to the bells.

Nuts were tightened, bearings oiled, pulleys freed and ropes which had been cut off at wheels replaced. With the Diocesan Adviser (Mr. R. Clouston) 'up top,' others on the next floor, the bells were pulled up singly, rung singly then adding one on until the five were going. It was found that the 'go' was excellent, even with upwards of 100 feet of rope, and apart from a poor treble the bells are a good five.

So another 'unringable' tower is proved otherwise. Unfortunately, there being no ringers, the ropes had to be returned to their original place for chiming, so once more it will be no ringing; and probably after another long time someone else will be able to rediscover the tower, and ring the bells as they should be rung.

U. W. W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch

Canon T. W. Page-Phillips (Vicar) conducted the service at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown, on the occasion of the autumn quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers on September 26th.

The six bells were rung from about 2.30 p.m. until the service, when Canon Page-Phillips welcomed the ringers and spoke about the part played by the laity in the furtherance of the Christian religion.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the ladies of the church, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the Branch chairman (Rev. P. J. Heaton), supported by the vice-chairman (Rev. E. B. Brooks), Canon Page-Phillips and Mr. R. H. Duke (hon. secretary).

Branch practices were arranged as follows: November 7th, Fordington; 21st, Wyke Regis; December 5th, Preston; 19th, Wool. The next meeting will be the annual meeting, to be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 16th.

About 40 members were present.

R. H. D.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5129

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Farnham (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. 5143

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Cranleigh (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 5128

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Broseley, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 5158

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 5096

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Treeton, Saturday, Nov. 7th, starting 3 p.m. Tea available, names not necessary.—J. Seager, Sec. 5146

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Hodnet (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 6 till 8 p.m. Look up London. 5196

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 5132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Tangley (5), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Andover (8) from 6.30 p.m. onwards. 5118

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Hartlebury, Worcestershire: rededication of the bells at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7th. All welcome 5153

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5130

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Royston, near Barnsley, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food.—J. W. Buxton. 5166

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods, Beverley Surprise and Double Court. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade. 5162

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 12th to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle. 5163

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tattenhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by first post Wednesday, Nov. 11th, the Rev. J. S. Gamon, The Rectory, Tattenhall, near Chester.—Edna Price, Asst. Hon. Sec. 5156

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea by Nov. 11th (important) to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 5193

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for 5 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5120

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5173

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Nov. 11th Mary Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown. 5199

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Esher, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 5195

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Berkhamstead, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5112

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury; latest date, Nov. 11th. 5137

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 5171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Childwall, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Childwall, Liverpool, 16.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5194

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Leyland St. James', Saturday, Nov. 14th. Refreshments provided. Direct bus from Preston, Fox Street, 2.13 p.m.; frequent buses from Preston, Chorley, Wigan, etc., via Leyland Cross to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 5165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nominations for officers.—Hudson, Sec. 5174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shephed (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Room 5 p.m. Names by 4th to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed.—C. W. Hall. 5157

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting, Croxton Kerrial, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea not later than Nov. 9th, please, to Mr. Dewey, Church Cottage, Croxton Kerrial, near Grantham. 5172

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. Marsh, 22, Blundells Road, Tilehurst, Reading. 5161

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th, Compton Bassett (5). Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—F. Rumming, 43a, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts. 5175

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Smith, 19, Gitten Street, Oswestry, Salop. No names no tea.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5145

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner, Swan Hotel, Stafford. Saturday, Nov. 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Few tickets (price 13s.) still available from D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Staffs. 5145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (10) and (8) will be available at 4 p.m.—L. Wright, organiser. 5178

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting joint with Tonbridge District of KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION at Limpsfield Chart (6) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 5148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heene (8), on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 3 o'clock. West Tarring bells available after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5184

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Collier's Wood. 2.15 to 3 p.m.; Mitcham Parish Church, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea, followed by ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, 6 to 7 p.m. All welcome. 5148

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea essential not later than Nov. 10th to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 5203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Attleborough.—Official opening of the bells (6) after rehanging, on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Ringing 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. 5190

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Mistley, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 18th, please, to Mr. A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. 5181

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ewell, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Notifications by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell (Ewell 4986). Further ringing after meeting.—A. H. Smith. 5183

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Sheppard, The Bungalow, Stonegate, Gedney, Spalding, Lincs. 5160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Blyton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Messingham bells after tea.—Geo. A. Lunn, Crowgarth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5182

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of Eye and Stowmarket Districts will be held at Stowmarket, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Election of new officers for the new District. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 18th.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 5200

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice methods, Oxford Bob Triples and Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 17th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5186

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Full details later.—P. Dickinson, Hon. Sec. 5202

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Llangattock, Breconshire, in which 30 members took part, under the instruction of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Williams, of Swansea.

The Guild service was taken by the Rector (Rev. Arthur Reed) and the lesson read by the Rev. Ivor Richards. Tea was provided by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. David's, Brecon. One new tower was elected to the Guild—Glasbury-on-Wye. The Rector and the local ringers were thanked by the Ringing Master for the way the ringers had been welcomed.

CLIVE SMITH'S 2,000th TOWER

A day's outing by a small group of ringers on September 19th covered three counties. After visiting Penn and Hambledon in Buckinghamshire, we moved to Mapledurham in Oxfordshire, Clive Smith, of Sutton Coldfield, here ringing at his 2,000th tower. Whitchurch next, then over the water to Pangbourne, Berkshire, paying tolls both ways across the bridge! The Norman church at Checkendon next, then Nettlebed and Ewelme, where there was some of the best ringing of the day on this heavy six. So on to Brightwell Baldwin, where we were privileged to hear a barrel organ in use for church hymns; then Chalgrove, Lewknor and Lane End. Thus ended another very happy tour. Many thanks to all incumbents and local ringers of all these 6-bell towers. C. M. H.

The first married couples peal in Minor was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas on October 22nd. Our correspondent informs us that it was certainly Joy Noon's first peal since marriage, and she is thinking of 'spliced' for the next attempt.

N.S.W. ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL RING AND DINNER

The annual ring and dinner of the New South Wales Association was held at St. Mary's Basilica (R.C.) on Monday, October 5th. Unfortunately two country towers—Yass and Maitland—were not represented. General ringing was from 2 to 4 p.m., and in the presence of so many pressmen, photographers, radio announcers and technicians, it was surprising that Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Three teams entered for the competition for the Association's shield at 4.30 p.m., which was for a set piece of Doubles. St. Mary's Cathedral won it, with St. Jude's second. St. Jude's, Randwick, won the Duncan shield for the best touch of Minor, Triples or Major with Plain Bob Minor.

Monsignor Meaney, administrator of St. Mary's, was the guest chairman at the dinner, and another guest was the Rev. R. O'Brien, Rector of St. Paul's, Burwood, whose ring of eight was due to be cast at Loughborough on October 16th. The chairman in his speech said bells and ringers formed an important part in the Church's life, and the message of the bells pertained to worship.

After the presentation of shields to winning teams, Miss Wendy Nichols presented to the Association a framed etching of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, given by the Melbourne ringers as a gesture of goodwill and friendship following their visit in August.

Winning teams were: St. Mary's Cathedral—Margaret and Tom Goodyer, Ted Fowell, John Cummins, John Sheehy and Jim Hammond; St. Jude's—Wendy Nichols, Audrey Peters, Robert Klema, W. Watson, John Fayer and W. Rowe.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Various methods were rung on Oakham bells at the Midland District meeting on October 17th, with the help of gentlemen present. Five new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting on December 12th at Gresley. Thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the Curate for conducting the service.

Southern District

A most successful meeting was held on October 24th at St. Mary's, Liss (8), Hampshire. Ringing was enjoyed by many members and friends until the service at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. N. Barnett). Tea followed, kindly arranged by the local ladies, after which a short business meeting was held. One new member was elected, and appreciation was expressed at the good support the meeting had received. Ringing was continued at Hawkey (8) until 7.30 p.m., ranging from Grandsire to Superlative. Thanks are due to the local bands and to the Rector of Liss for making the meeting so successful, and we have hopes of a greater success at our next meeting on February 13th. C. M. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Methods rung at the Mansfield District meeting at Eastwood on September 26th included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Major. There were also rounds and call-changes for learners.

The Rector (Rev. P. M. Caporn) presided at the business meeting, and the collection for the Bell Fund amounted to £1 9s. About 30 ringers, representing ten towers, attended.

SOME ODD TOUCHES FOR CONDUCTORS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from Page 541)

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

In the major methods the rigidity of the course and the limits imposed by the respect that must be paid to the tenors do not make for ease in the construction of a great variety of short touches. Plain Bob Major, nevertheless, comes off fairly well in this respect, and in addition to the touches that illustrate the text books there is in 'The Ringers' Note Book and Diary' a very useful page of short lengths, some of which provide a welcome change from the formal long-course touches.

The 272 given here will make a handy addition to the conductor's collection and may suggest other variations.

272				
23456	W	B	M	H
54326	3	—		
23456	S			S
288				
2345678	W	B	M	H
6452378	2	3		
3572468	1	3		
2345678	1	2	5	7
320				
2345678	W	B	M	H
5432678		2	3	4
3572468		2S	4S	7
2345678	1	2	5	7

In the touches of 288 and 320 appended, Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver has experimented in parting the tenors in order to bring up the Queen's Change in a short time. It does not seem likely that 3572468 can be secured in one course of reasonable length, but in the 288 it is reached in 10 leads. The music before and after the climax is not of any great distinction, and it may not be considered worth while to suffer so much for the sake of such a passing pleasure. Nevertheless, the touches can provide something a little out of the ordinary and are capable, by manipulation, of being extended to take in more 2468 music.

The Tittum position in Major has appreciable value only in those methods where the coursing order of the bells is well maintained from row to row. This is the case in Plain Bob, and it is, therefore, quite usual to find peals and quarter peals with long stretches of music with the 6th in fifths and the bells coursing down in the order 8, 7, 6. The quarter peal given here goes a step further and provides the extent of the music with 8, 7, 6 and 5 in coursing order. It will be seen that the position can be maintained only so long as the 6th is in fifths and the 5th in third's place. This means that in the particular block, calls can be made at Middle and nowhere else. Such a plan inevitably brings the 2nd into sixth's place, but this is compensated for by the quite majestic roll of 8, 7, 6, 5; and as for the 82's, we must console ourselves by remembering what one old ringer said: That a few 82's gave a fine opportunity to show how well a man could strike a little bell over a big one!

1,264				
23456	W	B	M	H
52364	M	I	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
25463	—	I	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	S	—
35462	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	S	—
23456	—	—	—	—

There was no real intention here of introducing blocks of peal length, but the accompanying 5,376 is so curious in the simplicity of its plan that it merits attention. Calls at Wrong and Middle are invariable, and a Single is added only when 56 are on the front at the Home. The number can be reduced to 5,152 by calling the first two courses as shown beneath, 34265 then being brought up in two courses instead of four.

The music is, of course, somewhat mixed, but at least two courses of each block have some sort of attraction. It is true, too (as Mr. Waljer Whitehead remarked when he saw it), that the coursing order is continually changing. But for the beginner it provides a very easy calling, and for the more expert plenty of practice in coursing order transposition. Moreover, it runs very well on handbells. So perhaps it offers some attraction for everybody.

5,376			
23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	—
65423	—	—	S
46352	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—

Eleven times repeated, with Single half-way and end.

23456	W	M	H
46352	—	—	S
34265	—	—	—

GRANDSIRE CATERS

The supply of short touches in this method has, in recent years, been greatly reinforced, and there is no lack of interesting material. The two touches of 287 given here have not, to my knowledge, appeared in any book, and they are worthy of attention for the large amount of music they succeed in packing into a very small space. The first of the two is perhaps the most intriguing, for the student will readily perceive that at the eleventh lead he would have the familiar 35729486 (and rounds the next lead) but for the fact that 6 and 8 are the wrong way round. The rest of the touch, therefore, is a kind of Coda, tacked on just as a means of turning over 6 and 8.

23456789				
23456789	W	B	M	H
25374968	—	—	—	—
97285634	S	79285634	—	—
98762453	—	78962453	—	—
96847325	—	76849325	—	—
S 43956287	—	S 43756289	—	—
45329768	—	45327968	—	—
42573896	—	42593876	—	—
S 78462953	—	S 98462753	—	—
76894325	—	96874325	—	—
79638542	—	97638542	—	—
S 35729468	—	S 35927468	—	—
— 42385679	—	— 42385697	—	—
S 86492735	—	S 86472935	—	—
— 79856342	—	S 79856342	—	—
— 35729486	—	— 35729486	—	—
32547698	—	32547698	—	—

The second touch is on the same plan as the first, and the Singles are introduced chiefly for the purpose of juggling with the heavy bells. I have set out these two touches by the leads, partly because this is the best way to present their qualities and partly to enable the interested student to perceive how much they resemble each other.

CONCLUSION

Here our little essay must end. If it should prove to be (as hoped) a handful of small delights, then it will have been well worth the trouble of preparing for presentation. Should it turn out to have offered nothing fresh, then our hope must be that it will stimulate the publication of many more little-known touches to the enrichment of the conductor's repertoire and the enlargement of our entertainment.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Northern District were warned at their meeting at St. Ippolyts on October 3rd that they must seek a new hon. secretary as Mr. E. G. Buck is resigning at the end of the year. The reason for this unwelcome news is that Mr. Buck has important commitments in connection with the restoration work for St. Mary's, Baldock, and feels that it will be impossible to do justice to both tasks.

During the service, held in the church prepared for the harvest festival, the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Quin) reminded the ringers that the bells were sowing seed (by their sound) with the responsibilities that implies. Miss C. Taylor played the organ.

Tea followed, and advance notice was given of the annual meeting to be held at Watford and the next District meeting to be held at Stevenage on November 7th. J. S.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, A. H. Winch 2, F. Oakshott 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, S. G. Ponting 5, H. A. May 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Margaret Smith (first of Stedman) 8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Cooper 1, E. Dorothy France 2, Eileen M. Fearn 3, P. Watson 4, B. A. Tomlinson 5, G. D. Fearnheough (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Hartley to this parish.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Brooks): S. D. Dearden (cond.) 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Mrs. J. S. King 3, R. E. Coles 4, J. E. Morgan 5, I. Yeoman 6, D. J. King 7, I. Lewis 8. A birthday compliment to R. E. Coles.

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QUARTER PEALS

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, C. Lean (first 'inside') 2, J. H. L. Blicke 3, E. White 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. L. Roberts 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, A. E. Hinman 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Colyer (aged 13, first quarter) 1, J. Streeter (first 'inside') 2, S. D. A. Price 3, T. Matthews 4, G. Becey (cond.) 5, A. Pennett 6. Rung after Evensong for the dedication of the late Vicar's memorials.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Preece (first quarter) 1, C. M. Orme 2, Mrs. A. R. Agg 3, B. L. Marks 4, G. W. Critchley 5, Mrs. G. W. Critchley 6, F. J. Plummer 7, A. R. Agg (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss V. Hester 4, D. Mitchell 5, L. Woods 6, P. King 7, C. E. Willington 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Beary 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, D. Leah 3, Margaret Wheat 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, G. Wheat 6. Rung on harvest festival Sunday to welcome the Bishop of Manchester and for the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Wallace 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, D. Leah 3, Margaret Wheat (cond.) 4, A. Sharples 5, H. M. Beary 6. Rung on the 90th anniversary of the dedication of St. Peter's Church, as a welcome to Canon J. S. Leatherbarrow (late Vicar of this parish) and as a farewell to Alan Sharples on his appointment to the University of Glasgow and Martin Beary on his commencement at the University of Sheffield.

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