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THE RABBITS GUILD

THE third Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, October 3rd, the eve of St. Francis. Patron Saint of Animals and of the Guild, was addressed by the Master in these words: 'So great an attendance of members, filled with enthusiasm, is to me the final satisfaction which completes a year of brilliant progress. No longer can the Guild be dismissed as a joke, worthy at the most an indulgent smile. Its foundations were laid by dedicated rabbits of wisdom and vision, and on those foundations the Exercise cannot fail to perceive a noble edifice rising. The Rabbits' Guild has won not only respect, but admiration, for its labours on behalf of the depressed class of ringers, the failures. It can no longer be ignored (loud cheering). Ever a modest man, as befits the Master of this Guild; I will not claim that my voice is heard as clearly as that of the Master of the College Youths, but it is audible, quite audible, and it shall be heard louder and more authoritative as the years pass!'

On a more earnest note, he continued: 'Now I come to perhaps the most important thing I have to say. From the inception of the Guild, it has been implicit in all our aims and activities that, lamentable though our ringing is, it is the best we can do. We Rabbits know, of course, what has kept us plodding on, Sunday by Sunday, year by year; and, while we are militant in the defence of downtrodden and despised rabbits in any belfry, we cherish, too, our record of faithful service. This is perfectly understood, naturally, by all our members, but that the meaning of our activities in the belfry may unequivocably be known, in future a declaration of active churchmanship will be asked of all intending members, if you approve the proposals soon to be put before you.'

The Secretary's report was received with satisfaction and adopted, but it was judged wiser, for this year at least, not to publish names or statistics which might lead to reprisals by unregenerate Ringing Masters. The report drew attention to the heavy burden borne by the panels of rabbits who so generously give their time and travel over the country, attending towers for instruction by Masters seeking admission to the Roll of Honour. Many members volunteered to join in this work. In this connection, the report emphasised the criticism of the panels, that the most constant fault of these instructors is their slovenly way of allowing the development and fixation of bad habits, to the lasting impediment of their pupils and the production of an endless supply of rabbits. Conscientious attention to the early stages makes up for much lack of innate teaching ability. It was agreed that a set of 'Hints for Instructors,' coming from this quarter, would be of inestimable benefit.

The continuing necessity for secrecy was debated, and on a large majority indicating their willingness, indeed eagerness, to profess their membership openly, it was decided that the Guild's badge need no longer be worn next the hair shirt, but may be displayed openly, at members' discretion. It is expected that the device of a Rabbit Trippant, with its motto 'Dum in mundo tundo' (While on earth I bash), will now become a familiar sight wherever ringers gather.

Further applicants for membership of the Guild will be required to sign a declaration in the following terms:—

(1) I have applied myself to learn to ring for . . . years. In spite of earnest and constant endeavour, any progress I may make is practically imperceptible.

(2) I have not rung a peal. (Alternatively, I have rung no peals except the tenor covering.)

(3) If elected, I will (a) be a loyal churchman, (b) support and strengthen the brotherhood of the Guild, and the wider brotherhood of ringers, (c) punctually attend service ringing and practice night, unless for good reason, (d) attempt to obey all reasonable orders in the tower, (e) not despair.

On a proposal that the Guild apply for representation on the Central Council, it was decided to take no action for the present, having regard to the peculiar functions of the Guild, and information that the Central Council is likely to seek its advice. The Guild would welcome the services of an official chaplain, but is naturally and properly diffident about making an approach which might be misunderstood. It would be glad to receive offers from eligible clergy.

In recognition of his feat in bringing round the Cambridge which a member of the Guild failed to wreck, the first Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Mr. A. York-Bramble. Other distinguished ringers may be proposed for Honorary Life Membership if they appear to have deserved election.

The ringing which followed the meeting suffered inevitably for lack of a conductor. The Master, with characteristic resource, seized the treble for Bob Minor and called 'Bob,' as often as he remembered, when he seemed to be approaching lead. The bells did not come round, but as they were being rung with clappers tied, for the sake of the public, and as an example to some other ringers, this was of little moment. T. B., Master. B.M.W.D., Secretary

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	DAVID BEACHAM	8
JAMES E. DANIELS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
DAVID HOARE	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	10
LEWIS F. COBB	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
FRANK L. HARRIS	6	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	*EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
RUTH M. BORDER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	4	JOHN FREEMAN	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 WHITWICK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
*ROBERT B. SMITH	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal on the bells. First of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
ARTHUR GIBBS	5	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

WHITWICK SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 12.50.12 x 16.90
Lead-end 12. 1573 Clean

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on October 19th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

*GORDON ROTHWELL	*Treble*	*KEITH ABBOTT	6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
*‡ROGER MAHER	3	DEREK TAYLOR	8
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	9
†A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters. ‡ 25th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LYME SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY (No. 2).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal of Royal in the method.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	6
*A. RONALD LING	2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
*PETER J. EVES	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
*JOE E. G. ROAST	4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5100 SPLICED ROYAL
Comprising 2,700 Plain Bob and 2,400 Kent T.B., with 70 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN R. FAITHFULL	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
†JESSIE R. KIPPIN	2	*GERALD C. HEMMING	7
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	†MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	*TOM CHAPMAN	9
†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5	†R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by D. N. LAYTON. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Spliced Royal. † First of Spliced Plain and Kent Royal. First of Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced Plain and Kent Royal in the county, and for the Guild.

LYME SURPRISE ROYAL.
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 34.50.34 x 16.90
Lead-end 12. 1573 Clean

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 9th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN V. TEMPLE	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	PETER J. HAWCOCK	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLME PILKINGTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 100th peal on this bell.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	*GORDON H. LANE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*JAMES W. HAW	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	PETER J. HAWCOCK	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	JOHN V. TEMPLE	6
MARTIN C. FAULKES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	*GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	*ROBERT B. SMITH	6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	*T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
PETER H. LANGTON	2	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	6
*JOHN G. GIPSON	3	JAMES R. TAYLOR	7
FRANCES SECKER	4	JOHN SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 'REAL' CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PETER J. HAWCOCK	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal of 'Real' Cambridge by all the band.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERIC BILLINGS	*Treble*	*ROBIN WILSON	5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
*PETER M. GILES	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
*ERNEST G. ORLAND	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES McGUINESS	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	JACK CARTER	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
Rung as a second birthday compliment to Anne Elizabeth Whitton, daughter of the conductor.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

*KEITH A. ABBOTT	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method, and on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*THOMAS O. PIERCY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*BRIAN SMITH	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*CYNTHIA M. CLAYTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	5
†GORDON ROTHWELL	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to mark the engagement of Geoffrey D. Fearnehough and Dorothy France, and also the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Schoolden.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 LICHFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 200).

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	JOHN MCDONALD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods for the Guild.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BARKWAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
GEORGE A. SPENCER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Treble*	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
DAVID ATKINS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
†ANDREW M. MACVE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 750th peal; conducted 392, rung in 581 towers with 1,226 different ringers.

BARKWAY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 56 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 34 x 58 x 16 x 1
2nds place. L.-e. 5738264.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT A. COCHRANE	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ELLIS	5
JOHN E. EWER	2	†GERALD PENNEY	6
MICHAEL D. FROST	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
*JOHN G. CULL	4	STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ALAN N. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	3
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. H. Arnold.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROY V. BELDOM	*Treble*	REGINALD HOUGHTON	4
EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector (Rev. J. Murray) by members of the Ely Diocesan Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Scholars', Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

RICHARD CARTLEDGE	*Treble*	ROY WORRALL	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
HAROLD C. LONYON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.
The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

VICTOR A. PERRY	*Treble*	†JOHN W. HALL	4
PERCY AMOS	2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	5
*RICHARD J. DANBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 2, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	4
PETER J. CHILTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
CHRIS. L. POWDRILL	3	A. JAMES POYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNER.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JAMES A. HOWES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
LUCY ALLEN	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	MICHAEL J. DYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. DYER.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Robinson, of Huntingdon.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six extents of Plain Bob and one of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	4
DAVID W. BRUNNING	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
ELSIE K. HART	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in two Minor methods, thus completing peals in from one to 12. Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'circled the tower.' First of Minor on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Phizacklea, of Appleby, uncle and aunt of Mr. H. George Hart; also of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, parents of Mr. William Miller, captain of the ringers.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4) Plain Bob; (5) Single Oxford and Single Court; (6) Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*CELIA COWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
C. WILLIAM HALL	2	*FRANK CHAMBERS	5
*TOM HARRIS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 13 Minor methods.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS F. CARFORD	*Treble*	JACK CARTER	4
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
LEONARD P. WILSON	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*BRIAN SMITH	2	MARTIN FAULKES	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in three methods.

DRAYTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	*Treble*	DAVID T. DARBY	4
JOHN G. PUSEY	2	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	5
ANDREW N. STUBBS	3	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 70 years.

Congratulations to Kathleen and Peter Wright on the birth of a daughter.

NORTHENDEN, CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt., approx.

JOHN SOAMES	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	4
DAVID A. HOULT	2	RONALD JOHNSTON	5
BARRY S. SHEPPARD	3	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

Rung to mark the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to Manchester University, to open two new Halls of Residence.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH W. BAILEY	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	5
*ALAN G. PAYNE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

In remembrance of the Fallen.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARGARET A. SMITH	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
†DAVID J. TUBBS	2	PETER G. SMART	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

Rung for Remembrance Day.

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ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
ROYSTON BLACKLER	2	BRIAN J. WYLDE	5
JOHN C. BALDWIN	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
A coming-of-age compliment to Michael T. Rothwell.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extent each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN COATES	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
*MALCOLM FOSTER	2	JAMES T. ROOKE	5
VALERIE WATERFIELD	3	†RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal, all rung for the Guild.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
C. HAROLD WHITTON	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK H. BEENEY	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	4
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	2	GEORGE BEENEY	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary (November 10th) of the ringer of the fifth and Mrs. J. Beeney.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Wath Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HOWARD SANDHAM	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	JOHN POTTS	5
ALAN SHEPPARD	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
First touch of Wath Delight by all the band.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Jim Burley, a local parishioner.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In three methods: Plain Bob, Little Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK LORD	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE S. FEIRN.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. I. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, Rosalind Hicks (first quarter) 2, J. E. Camp (cond.) 3, A. Fortin 4, D. Lawson 5, F. Peers 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, C. J. Stevens 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, M. Stone 5, C. Clarke 6, R. D. Short (cond.) 7, L. Morrell 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Haie 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Davies 5, J. G. Lloyd 6, E. M. Smith 7, T. E. Hiddins 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lewis 1, R. G. Davis 2, J. E. Daniels 3, E. Kennett 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne P. Dunnett 1, K. C. Knight 2, Lois E. Petman 3, D. S. Anderson 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, C. Bindon 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Owen 1, M. Legg 2, C. Mogford 3, R. Brice 4, V. Roberts 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Miller (first quarter) 1, R. White 2, G. W. Rendell 3, K. Pinney 4, S. White (cond.) 5, H. Brunt (first quarter) 6, S. Wills 7, G. Mabey 8. Rung half-muffled for British Legion Remembrance Day service.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 18th, a quarter peal: E. Paulson 1, D. A. Melton 2, M. H. Paulson 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, H. E. Taylor 7, J. Astbury 8. For Hospital Sunday.

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Halls 1, I. G. Stracey (first in three methods) 2, H. F. Churchman 3, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 4, R. A. Wright 5, F. Wallman 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Ely for Confirmation service at which I. Stracey was a candidate.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, G. A. Ingleby (first of Major) 3, J. R. Holmes (first of Major) 4, J. Watson 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Shirley Colson and Roy Stephenson, married at Bexleyheath the previous day.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Shaw (cond.) 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, Miss W. Smith (first 'inside') 3, T. Durn 4, A. Corran 5, L. Grice 6. For the harvest festival.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wake (first quarter, aged 15) 1, Margaret Marshall 2, D. Jones 3, P. Richardson 4, R. Wake 5, M. Marshall 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Seymour 1, Mrs. M. Hill 2, T. G. Bannister 3, A. R. Turley 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, M. Palmer 6, N. D. Robinson (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the arrival of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, Miss J. Purnell (first quarter) 3, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, D. Uphill 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland 1, N. Leslie (cond.) 2, D. Leslie 3, A. Cantwell 4, M. Edney 5, A. Ralph 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland (first quarter) 1, Pam Rooney (first quarter) 2, N. Leslie 3, M. Edney 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, J. Moland 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday

LINTON, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Gosling 1, S. Dobbie 2, E. Barnett 3, J. Unwin 4, S. Walter 5, F. Macey 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, C. Norris 8. All the band have been members of the Kent County Association for 50 years or more.

QUARTER PEALS

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. D. R. Reed 2, A. E. Woods 3, W. J. Foote 4, A. Buswell 5, D. R. Reed (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Miss F. P. Greaves 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, S. Croft 4, G. Harvey 5, D. Theedom 6, F. Ranson 7, R. Davies 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For morning service.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Abbs 1, G. W. Howlett 2, H. W. Easey 3, M. Solley 4, A. Crowe 5, D. Carr 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, A. E. Coleman 8.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): Miss M. E. Simons 1, R. Eady 2, B. R. Care (cond.) 3, J. Knight 4, T. Deacon 5, B. Hambilton 6. A wedding compliment to Beryl Thompson and Richard Miller.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Judd (first quarter) 1, F. Lane 2, C. Swann 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 8th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, T. M. Haines 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For the marriage of Miss N. W. G. Williams to Mr. T. Johnson. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. S. Roberts 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, E. Billings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, T. Jennings 8. A compliment to Miss D. M. Miller and Mr. T. Billingham on their engagement. Also on Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss J. White 1, R. Keeves 2, P. Amos 3, D. Taylor 4, R. S. Roberts 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, E. Billings 7. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, T. Haines 2, G. F. Roome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, E. Billings 5, R. S. Roberts 6, H. Wooding (cond.) 7, T. Wooding 8. For harvest festival. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Oct. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. F. Curtis 1, E. Billings 2, K. D. Perkins 3, D. Bowen 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, R. S. Roberts 7, M. R. Bennett 8, G. F. Roome (cond.) 9, G. J. Neale 10. A compliment to Mr. D. Bowen on his leaving the district.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam 1, F. Lane 2, C. Swann 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Young 1, Miss B. Carter 2, D. Hoire (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. Rung to mark the baptism at Matins of Judith Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eades.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worbovs 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, G. D. Sandwell 7, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. L. Northway (cond.) 2, Miss A. Knight 3, H. J. Page 4, A. W. Fry 5, D. Greenlaw 6, C. M. White 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Spires 1, Joy Smith 2, C. Phillips 3, A. J. Poulton 4, T. Cooper 5, R. G. Powell 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, R. S. Chew 8. First on eight for 1, 3, 6 and 8. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Spires 1, Joy Smith 2, W. Cox 3, P. Clarkson 4, A. T. Poulton 5, A. L. Barry 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, F. Blowen 8. Rung to welcome visitors to this town for the national ploughing competitions.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: R. Woodward 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, I. Tilling 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For the patronal festival.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pendlebury 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, J. R. Joyner 4, L. Hill 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday, and also in memory of Mr. T. Kendrick, for many years a ringer at St. Augustine's Church, interred the previous day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Christine Pullin 1, C. F. Sayer 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, J. Thwaites (first in method) 4, G. W. Debenham 5, E. Edmondson 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, H. V. Frost 8. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Royal: S. P. Darvill 1, K. J. Darvill 2, C. F. Sayer 3, Miss C. Pullin 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, J. Thwaites (first of Treble Bob and of Royal) 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. 1st of Treble Bob Royal for 1, 2 and 4.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triple: W. Reynolds 1, D. Hoult 2, R. Thomas 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, G. Horritt 5, L. H. Jones 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, C. Berry 8. First of Triples 4, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Williams, verger of St. Briavels.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. V. Beldom 1, C. W. Cook 2, J. Ward 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, W. A. R. Chamberlain 5, M. J. Dyer 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. Gipson (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Prout 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, M. Page 3, Miss Y. Eloie 4, L. Page 5, R. Turner 6, J. Mussell 7, J. Lewis 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 7, A. Wenban (cond.) 2, G. Acott 3, S. King 4, G. Godfrey 5, H. Woolley 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. M. Kippin 1, O. N. Curtis 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, J. R. Faithfull 4, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 5, R. C. Kippin 6, R. R. Savory 7, G. C. Hemming 8, G. J. Hemming 9, J. Pittfield (first quarter) 10. Rung for the Royal Naval Reserve Centenary Commemoration service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, B. Smith (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. A. R. Haines 3, A. J. Poynor 4, E. Morris 5, B. S. Chapman 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, P. Norman 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At all Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. Baldock 3, C. Perkins 4, R. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong. Also 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, P. Baldock 3, C. Matthews 4, R. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Sprackling 1, Jill Tombs 2, Barbara Stephens 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. D. Fellows (aged 14, first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Harding 1, F. Slatford 2, J. Phippen 3, E. Norris (first in method) 4, F. Ross 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6, N. Knee (first in method) 7, T. Mallard 8. Arranged for the ringer of 4.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, H. Ivings 4, J. Ivings 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Newstead 1, S. Wooding (Herne) 2, H. Palmer 3, W. Gray 4, S. James (cond.) 5, D. Holness (Herne) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael Holness of Herne.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Hill 1, Marilyn Bird (first in method) 2, E. J. Townsend 3, P. Beedie 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, A. R. Cornish 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For the christening of Susan Jane, daughter of A. R. Cornish.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The old tradition of mixing Christmas puddings in time for 'Stir-up Sunday' was observed by an unsuccessful peal band in an Aldershot ringer's home last Saturday. An attempt for Superlative on Aldershot bells before being 'boiled up' was lost after two hours and ten minutes. It is easy to guess what the wish would be had the band had a stir.

The peal at Silverdale, Staffs (page 685), was rung on Saturday, October 31st

Mr. R. Hobbs rang his 50th peal at Gamston, where he rang his first peal.

Information has reached us that a band of ladies is to attempt a 'same name' peal early in December.

Mr. A. Wrigley, of Chatham, was among those who attended the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The bells of St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, are to be silent for an indefinite period. There is a likelihood that the tower may have to come down and be rebuilt.

Mr. W. Viggers has postponed the publication of his calendars of noted towers to next year. He has received many appreciative messages in connection with his Christmas cards.

We regret that we were misinformed that a quarter peal was rung at Putney for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fenn. 'Please, no more Putney surprises!' writes Mr. A. Clayton.

After Parish Communion at Chobham on Sunday, November 15th, the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Acworth) presented Mr. G. Talbot with a 'Delight' record book, on behalf of the Chobham ringers, as a token of their esteem. Mr. Talbot has now moved to Devon.

Of the 25 peals rung at Chobham since 1892 11 have been rung since the present Vicar took office. So far, none has been Surprise.

Several of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton's Irish tour party had a reunion at Loughborough on November 14th and rang two peals. One was a new Surprise Major method, which was named 'Monaghan,' the Irish county of the 'little hills' (drumlins).

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, on November 7th was 5,000 and not 5,040 as printed in the 'R.W.' last week.

Geoffrey and Gerald Hemming say 'Thank you' to Charles and Jessie Kippin and Roger Savory for a very enjoyable week-end in Southampton.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby has presented to the Campanological Museum at Chicago a collection of membership certificates of various English change-ringing Societies.

How many regular peal ringers are there? Statistically-minded Mr. A. P. Cannon informs us in sending in his 750th peal that he has rung peals with 1,226 different ringers in 581 towers. He has conducted 392 peals.

Anticipating more peal successes, a Somerset tower band have asked if we will accept £1 to cover the cost of printing their next five peals. Any practical gifts of this description are always welcome.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beeney was not allowed to pass without a peal rung at Hellingly, Sussex, on November 14th. They were hosts to the band afterwards to a 'lovely' meal, for which the band express their thanks.

Mr. E. A. Barnett asks us to state that through a slip of the pen he stated in the front page article on 'Next Year's "Ringing World"' the charges for advertisements will be advanced by about 12½ per cent. This should be 15 per cent. He regrets the error.

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LEICESTER GUILD RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S INSIGNIA

THE annual festival dinner of the Leicester Diocesan Guild took place at the Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, on November 7th. The president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth), accompanied by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, presided over a company of 144. The chief guests were the Lord Bishop of Leicester (Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams) and Mrs. Williams.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' which was proposed by the Lord Bishop; but before proposing the toast the Lord Bishop presented an Insignia of Office to the president. The Insignia, consisting of a mounted bell, has been presented to the Guild by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth in memory of Harold J. Poole (first president, 1946–1953) and Mrs. Poole.

Amidst applause, the Insignia was placed round the president's neck, the Bishop remarking that it was as difficult as zipping-up his wife's dress! He then made welcome the members, especially the younger people present.

After checking up a few statistics, the Bishop found that Leicester was the twelfth largest diocese out of 43 in bell-ringing: 1,306 ringers were registered in the diocese (the official Guild figure is 689). Although not knowing much about bell-ringers, he mentioned that he had saved St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, for the ringers. Should ringers hear complaints from the public he urged them to take no notice, for they did not know what was good for them! Whether people went to church or not, they heard the bells ringing out for Divine Service.

LEICESTER STILL TOP FOR PEALS

The president, replying on behalf of the Guild, thanked the Bishop for presenting the Insignia. He also expressed his appreciation of the Bishop's attendance, and thanked the various officers of the Guild who had helped to back him up since he had been elected president. Leicester still maintained, he said, first place at the top of the whole country for peal ringing.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells by B. G. Warwick 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and J. A. Acres 9-10.

The Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (Vicar of Copt Oak and chairman of the Loughborough District) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He mentioned the joys of being a ringer, this being his third diocese as a ringing member, and he noticed that strangers were soon made welcome. He found that city ringers on the whole rang faster than ringers from the country and rural areas. He welcomed the following visitors: R. B. Smith (Marple, Cheshire), Miss J. Thomas and friend (Oakham), T. O. Piercy (Newcastle), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart (Stanmore, Middlesex), K. Dunstan (King's Langley), J. Webb (Lichfield), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Joan Cotton and Norman Cotton (Overseale), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lane (Castle Bromwich), Mr. V. Green and friend (Stanmore), E. Cole (Heckington), Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. Morley (Belper), Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carlisle (Sandiacre, Derby), Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (Derby) and Miss Jean Hoy and friend (Oakham). He coupled with the toast Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke (Whatton, Nottingham).

Mr. J. W. Clarke, in a well-chosen speech, thanked the Leicester Guild for their welcome, and added that this was his first visit to a Leicester dinner.

The social evening which followed was arranged by Mr. Frank Measures (vice-president), and included the Beltonian Handbell Ringers, led by Mr. S. Harrison, a quartet from Aylestone Parish Church choir, whistling by Mr. Bailey, from Burbage, games and dancing.

The task of toastmaster was ably performed by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

On October 17th the Middlesex Association were once again hosts to the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon. The bells of St. John's and those of St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, were put to good use during the afternoon, ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

During the service the Vicar was asked by the St. John's ringers to accept the restoration of the historical peal tablet which records early peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Hillingdon. Prayers were said, and a touch of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' was rung by A. R. Twinn, F. C. Price, F. W. Goodfellow and W. H. Coles.

An excellent tea followed the service, some 80 persons attending. Following the Vicar's welcome, and the replies, Mr. Goodfellow spoke about Mr. W. W. Webb who, owing to illness, was unable to attend the meeting for the first time in many years. The gathering wished him a speedy recovery.

The social evening commenced with games, after which some delightful colour slides were shown. Later in the evening, the bitter annual battle for the coveted trophy took place between the Oxford Guild and the hosts. The latter retained the cup for a further year as a result of a resounding victory! Two talented younger members of the local band, a singer and a violinist, entertained the gathering.

Norfolk Veteran Of 87

The 87th birthday of Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of Acle, Norfolk, was celebrated on November 11th by a successful peal attempt on the bells of the Parish Church, and a gathering of ringers at Hollycroft afterwards.

Mr. Lidbetter and his daughters entertained the company to supper, and afterwards handbells were rung. A titbit of the evening was a conversation in Norfolk dialect between the Rector and Mr. Nolan Golden.

Although Mr. Lidbetter retired from peal ringing two years ago, he is still a very active service ringer and always ready to help.

Good luck and good health, Mr. Lidbetter!

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DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Over 60 ringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the annual ringing festival at Blandford Forum on October 31st. This was a record number and speaks well for the enthusiasm of Dorset ringers. This festival is made possible under the will of a late citizen of Blandford—Samuel Francis Pond—who also left provision for the curfew to be sounded daily.

There was ringing for all, from rounds up to Kent Treble Bob Major, on the fine 8-bell ring of the lovely Renaissance parish church. The ringers were welcomed at tea in the Town Hall by the deputy Mayor—the Mayoress, the Town Clerk and the Rector of Blandford also being present.

The service touch was Grandsire Triples, during which the deputy Mayor and Mayoress visited the belfry and watched the ringing. The festival service was held on the eve of All Saints' Day, and it was a great joy to join in the first Evensong of this great festival of the Church. An interesting address by the Rector on English bell customs of earlier days, and special prayers for the occasion, happily combined the lesser festival with the greater. A collection was taken for the World Refugee Year.

After the service, ringing continued in Blandford and in neighbouring towers to round off a good day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch Annual Meeting

A most successful annual meeting was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 31st, attended by many old friends from various parts of the country. We were especially honoured by the presence of Mr. F. Skidmore, the Ringing Master of the Association, and Mr. C. Rouse, the secretary. The evening service was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy, the Rev. M. Seacombe and the Rev. J. Breay. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and we were entertained by a witty speech from Canon Purefoy, who once again drew attention to the need for retuning and rehanging the bells, although he was bound to agree, after consulting the oracles amongst us, that it appeared that the bells were by no means the worst in the country.

The business meeting which followed resulted in the appointment of new officers. Mr. E. W. Penn was appointed chairman in place of the Rev. E. V. Smith, who did not seek re-election, and Miss N. Price was appointed secretary in place of Mr. G. H. Burrows, who also did not seek re-election. The retiring officers were sincerely thanked for their considerable services. Mr. E. T. Newbury was re-elected Ringing Master. It was decided to have a District practice at Hasfield on December 5th, to have three ordinary meetings at Beckford, Chaceley and Eldersfield, and the annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey. The meeting discussed the question of the division of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and it was generally hoped that more information would be forthcoming to enable members to make up their minds on the matter. Mr. Rouse was, however, able to enlighten the meeting on a number of abstruse points.

Attention was drawn to the Christmas cards on sale for the restoration of the Abbey bells.

The evening provided ringing in many methods from rounds to Stedman Cinques, and a most pleasant meeting was brought to a conclusion by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. E. W. P.

ALVINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Horrit (first quarter) 1, R. Thomas 2, D. Sims 3, J. Long 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

ACTIVITIES OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. A. G. Hill

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith. The Rev. S. Groom, late Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sidcup, and one-time curate at Christ Church, officiated at the service in the enforced absence of the Rev. K. Jocelyn (Vicar) owing to ill health. The service embodied an interesting address, which included an invitation to the congregation to remember the late Canon A. W. Boulden, who gave the tower and bells to the church in 1915, and to whom the Rev. S. Groom was curate. Mr. Gordon Phillips accompanied the singing at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford.

After the service, a company of 74, including visitors from the Ashford, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts, partook of a splendid tea in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. S. Groom presiding. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, and the election of one member, previous to a peal attempt, was ratified.

The annual review of the year's work was read by Mr. A. G. Hill and adopted. The report indicated a quietly satisfactory state of affairs and rather more activity by peal and quarter peal ringers, a small increase in membership and encouraging news of reorganisation at Bromley Common and Beckenham. One regrettable announcement was that ringing had ceased at Woolwich, though the Association still had one or two loyal members there.

SECRETARY FOR 35 YEARS

Miss M. R. Andrews, of Bexley, was appointed hon. District secretary, being elected by the unanimous vote of the assembly. At this point, Mr. E. Barnett, in a short but completely adequate speech, thanked the retiring District secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) for his services, extending over a period of 35 years, and presented him with a cheque in the name of the Lewisham District and one or two other members who had associated themselves with this valedictory gesture. Mr. Hill thanked Mr. Barnett and the District generally for their kind words and unmerited generosity, and wished his successor a long and happy tenure of office.

Miss Andrews' appointment at that meeting, and Mr. A. S. Richards' election as hon. auditor at the annual general meeting, meant that two new District representatives had to be chosen. Mrs. O. D. Barnett (Crayford) and Miss F. Cannon (Greenwich) were elected unanimously. Mr. I. H. Oram (Association peal secretary) was re-elected District Ringing Master.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 23rd.

The motion submitted by the Rochester District, seeking to impose a levy on all adult peal ringers taking part in Kent County peals, was then discussed. Speakers saw no reason for the levy and it was decided, with three adverse votes, that the District's representative be instructed to convey the opposition of the District to the next committee meeting.

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KENT VETERANS RING A QUARTER.—On Saturday, October 31st, there met at Linton, Kent, a band of Kent County Association stalwarts, all of whom had 50 or more years' membership of the Association.

Unfortunately one of the original band was taken ill during the previous day, with the result that the intended peal attempt had to be abandoned. Mr. W. Gosling, of Boxley (also a 50-years' member), who was to have been a spectator, kindly offered to attempt a quarter, despite his physical handicap.

The band shown in our photograph (left to right) are: W. Gosling, L. Head, F. Macey, C. Norris, J. Unwin, E. Barnett, S. Dobbie and S. Walter. For details, see quarter peal page.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Shields 1, T. Milstead 2, H. Luck 3, A. Stone 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6. J. Tumber covering. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. F. Cockburn, for many years churchwarden, interred in the churchyard this day.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, G. Acott 2, G. Godfrey 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, H. Woolley 6. For Evensong.

(Continued from previous column)

Mr. I. H. Oram and Mr. A. G. Hill deplored the disappointing response to the Surrey Association's invitation to visit Beddington for the annual combined meeting on October 10th, and urged that such events be supported to better effect in future years.

Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. S. Groom), the ladies who had so successfully undertaken the catering, the organist, and all others instrumental in arranging so successful a meeting, concluded the business.

Rochester District

This year's annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on October 17th. The fine bells of St. Michael's were rung to various methods, under the watchful eye of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. S. Jarrett)—his last duty before retiring from this office. A short ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Meacham (Vicar) and the lesson was read by the well-known ringer, Rev. P. T. Robbins, the newly-instituted Vicar of Lower Halstow. We were very pleased to welcome him and his good lady and family to the Rochester District.

Some 85 ringers and friends sat down to tea, which was kindly given by the Sittingbourne ringers and friends. At the business meeting the Rev. J. D. Meacham was elected chairman. The District secretary (Mr. T. Barton) in his report stated that 12 peals had been rung in the District, a drop of eight peals, but that membership was now up to 174. Six new members were elected to the Association.

The following officers were elected: Mr. T. Barton, District secretary; Mr. F. Cheal and Mr. A. Dunk, District representatives; and Mr. G. A. Naylor, Ringing Master. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. E. C. Barton, who has retired from being one of the District's representatives, also to Mr. C. S. Jarrett for his term of office as Ringing Master. Mr. T. Beaumont passed a well-deserved vote of thanks to those responsible for such a happy meeting. F. L. C.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Miles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss P. Fennell (first in method) 3, Miss M. Taylor (first 'inside') 4, M. E. Miles (first 'inside') 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A WELCOME CHANGE'

Dear Sir,—Though it was rather facetiously written, I for one found Harold Chant's last article interesting and a welcome change from the generally dreary reports of meetings and outings which occupy too much space in this journal; but I was cynically amused to read A. H. May's letter on space wastage in an issue of the 'R.W.' containing a lengthy account of the Yorkshire Association dinner and also a front page article on the same function. You, sir, could have printed either: you ought not to have printed both.—Yours faithfully,

Wakefield, Yorks. DAVID CUBITT.

CLUN IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Mayne's letter: the method rung at Clun was No. 228 in the C.C. Collection, and I shall be glad, therefore, if the Peals Analysis Committee will record it as a peal of Hedingham Bob Major, having regard to the fact that it has already been rung under this name.

I have endeavoured to keep a note of the peals rung in the Plain Major methods, but apparently this one escaped my notice, and I should like to apologise to the members of the band who were led to believe that they were partaking in a peal in a new method when on a day's outing on the Shropshire/Herefordshire border.

Having regard to the time that has elapsed since the Central Council's Plain Major methods book was issued, the information contained in Mr. Blagrove's article in your issue of November 6th is much appreciated, and it is to be hoped that this will be continued to give first performances up to date. Unfortunately, this information was not available when we visited Clun.

Can the C.C.C. number for Hingham Little Imperial Bob Major be quoted, please? The correct spelling of Cholmondely is as written here. Highbury Bob Major was rung on tower bells at Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, on September 30th last.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

A SCOUTERS' PEAL?

Dear Sir.—All those of us who are fortunate enough to have both Scouting and Ringing at heart will welcome warmly the introduction of the new Scout badges for ringing. The Scouting movement could prove a very wonderful source of new recruits. Tower captains and others should seize the opportunity of contacting their local Scoutmasters and inquire whether it is possible to talk to the boys on the subject.

My real point in writing, however, is to ascertain whether there would be any interest in a Scouters' peal—to give the badges an appropriate start. If bell-ringers who are also Scouters or in any way connected with Scouting would contact me, if they are interested, I shall be very pleased to try to organise such a peal. —Yours faithfully,

E. W. PENN,
District Commissioner for Boy Scouts,
Tewkesbury District.
1, Somerset Place,
Priors Park,
Tewkesbury.

THE NEW PRICE

Dear Sir,—It is not often that I am constrained to write to you, but I read of the increase in price of the 'R.W.' with grave misgivings. Lest I be misunderstood, let me say at once that I would gladly pay another 6d. per week, if I thought it was justified, but I am convinced that the increase in price is not the answer to your financial problems; in fact, I believe it will only increase them.

I know I am sticking my chin out, but I want to suggest that a fixed charge should be made for the publication of peals and quarter peals, which should be of sufficient dimensions to enable the 'R.W.' to pay its way. I can almost hear the howls already, but my point is that week after week after week we see the same old names appearing in the peal and quarter peal columns, with monotonous regularity, and I would like to know in what other paper could they obtain such cheap publicity?

I have rung few peals myself, but I am not, repeat not, averse to peal ringing, except when it reaches a state bordering on fanaticism. I have yet to meet the ordinary Sunday service ringer (who after all is the backbone of the Exercise) who is the least bit interested in whether Bill Brown has rung 1,000 peals or Tom Smith has 'circled' such-and-such a tower.

My advice is, sir, be bold, fix a charge; they will still go on ringing their peals and getting them published—they love it.

I am afraid that, feeling as I do, the time will soon come when I shall discontinue my purchase of 'The Ringing World,' and I shall be sorry.—Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE J. SOPER.

Potters Bar, Middlesex.

P.S.—I started ringing in 1908; my father and grandfather were ringers at Wolverton in Hampshire.—M. J. S.

ITINERANT RINGER AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I say that I fully support Mr. William Birmingham? The purpose of the Church and that for ringing many peals is as wide apart as Conservatism and Socialism, or oil and water. My wife and I have in our retirement taken to caravan life, travelling the country and ringing on Sundays wherever we may be. Consequently we see, as Mr. Birmingham, the other side of this peal ringing, and agree with the priest whom we met and who exclaimed: 'It is no responsibility of the Church to raise large sums of money merely to amuse ringers to ring peals, often to the annoyance of nearby residents.'—Yours sincerely,

HENRY C. PURCELL.

MARRIED COUPLES' MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—I'm afraid we suffered from the Editor's blue pencil and did not claim the first 'married couples' peal of Minor at Deeping St. Nicholas, but inquired *if* this was the first in seven Minor methods by such a band.—Yours faithfully,

E. T. CHAPMAN.

Spalding.

THE DEVON TOUR

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter any controversy on the above subject, but as I made all the arrangements at this end I trust you will allow me to say something.

Having read all the letters which have been published, one can only come to the conclusion that the whole thing has been a 'storm in a teacup,' and it never ought to have been started.

With regard to the letter from the general secretary of the Guild, there were a few points which needed explaining, so I took the trouble to write to him direct and give him my observations.

I am sure that the tourists will agree with me when I say that every effort was made to avoid any unpleasantness which might have arisen, and I went so far as to point out in all applications for bells that a peal would consist of not less than 5,000 changes, and would take about three hours to ring.

Mr. Atkins mentions the Wolborough peal being rung on a Sunday. Well, I took part in a peal there on a Sunday a few years after the war, and nothing was heard of it afterwards, but when the possibilities of a Sunday peal was raised on this occasion, I contacted a tower where there are at present no ringers. The Vicar was not keen on the idea, owing to people living near the church, but he readily offered me the bells on any of the weekdays, an offer which I gladly accepted. I think the Rector of Wolborough could have easily taken this step, too, but as he gave his permission for the Sunday attempt neither the tourists nor myself can be blamed for that.

I hope that this correspondence will now close.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

FORTHRIGHT VIEWS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Recently there seems to be some movement towards restricting forthright views in 'Letters to the Editor.' The word 'bickering' has been used by the critics of this most interesting feature of our journal—Mr. Alan Ward used it in his recent letter.

I am not of the opinion that 'bickering' is the correct term to apply to fair criticism, and I would say that the correspondence of which Mr. Ward complains is definitely fair criticism. I would further suggest that it would be a pity to suppress such letters; indeed, it seems to me that the correspondence appearing in our present issues is by no means as spirited as that written and published, say, 25 years ago and earlier.

Another point, this sort of correspondence (Mr. York-Bramble would term it 'somewhat incisive' correspondence) tends to stimulate interest in our journal in much the same way that the strip cartoon boosts the sale of a daily newspaper. A well-known ringer once said to me: 'I like there to be a bit of a *do* going on in our correspondence columns, especially if the letter-writers are good.'

We have several good writers in the Exercise, and I for one look forward to their continued contributions.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

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OBITUARY

MR. W. POSTON

An outstanding personality in ringing in Herefordshire, Mr. William Poston, of Pool Mill, Bridstow, died on November 2nd, aged 85 years. For 60 years he was a ringer and chorister at Bridstow Parish Church, churchwarden since 1937, and also hon. treasurer and secretary to the Parochial Church Council.

Born in 1874 at Evancoyd, Radnorshire, he started his ringing career in 1894 at Hempsted, Glos, and in that year rang his first peal. He obtained further ringing experience at Merthyr Tydfil and Ewyas Harold, and in 1899, when he came to Bridstow, he was appointed conductor of the band.

During his period of office at Bridstow Church the bells were twice augmented, first to six in 1910 and to the full octave in 1924. He took a great interest in maintaining a band for Sunday services, and he also found time to conduct numerous peals, both at Bridstow and at other towns in the district. In all, he took part in 252 peals, of which 244 were for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he conducted 206.

From 1919 until 1954 he was Master of the Ross District of the Guild, and when he retired in 1953 he was presented with a chiming clock in recognition of his great services. He was also District secretary between the years 1938 and 1945. As an instructor he established a reputation for good handling and striking, and would not countenance bad ringing on a Sunday.

Until he retired in 1953 he was gardener at Bridstow Vicarage. Joining the Bridstow Parish Council in 1904, he later became clerk, an office he held until his death. He was also assistant overseer and registration officer and secretary of the Bridstow Men's Club for 32 years. Deeply interested in local history, he was the author of 'A History of Bridstow and Wilton Castle.' He is survived by two sons, Mr. W. T. Poston, of Ross, and Mr. Reginald Poston, of Peterstow. His wife predeceased him in 1941 and his second son, Walter, died in 1957.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral service at Bridstow Church on November 5th, which was conducted by Preb. P. A. Lushington, assisted by Canon A. J. Winnington-Ingram and Preb. A. L. Moir. The many wreaths included tributes from the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, and the Ross District.

During the evening muffled touches were rung on Bridstow Church bells by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild: A. W. Davis, A. T. Poulton, R. Poston, H. Powell, H. W. Swain, A. T. Wingate, J. Eisel, J. Read and H. Munn.

MR. HORACE V. ROBINSON

The Gloucester and Bristol Association has lost, with the passing of Mr. Horace Robinson, of Wickwar, a vice-president who was described by his rector as a great Christian gentleman. He died on November 3rd, and was buried on the 7th in the churchyard at Wickwar. In this church he had rung for over 50 years and sang in the choir for even longer. He was 70 years old.

At the funeral service the Rector was assisted by the Rev. W. A. Peel, chairman of the Wotton Branch. The Association was represented by the Master (Mr. F. Skidmore), Mr. H. Hobbs (Branch Ringing Master), Mrs. C. Rouse (Branch secretary) and many others. Half-muffled ringing took place both before and after the service.

Mr. Robinson was an excellent teacher, noted for his kindness and patience with the young ringers. For about 35 years he was captain of Wickwar tower and for ten years Ringing Master of his Branch, resigning through ill health two years ago. He had rung in 17 peals, all in his own Branch area, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Major. His last was Grandsire Triples in 1953.

NEWS OF THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Concern was voiced by Mr. R. Collins, at the nomination meeting of the Chertsey District held at Christ Church, Esher, on November 14th, at the practice of ringing peals in the Winchester Diocese for the Guildford Guild. He said it would be better to ring these peals as non-Association rather than embarrass the Guild.

Major Bragg replied that the Guild executive would discuss it.

The Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) was in the chair, and all the retiring officers were nominated. Mr. John Maybrey was nominated to serve on the executive committee in place of Mr. G. Talbot, who has left the District. The Master paid tribute to the work Mr. Talbot had done.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne made a strong appeal for more support for 'The Ringing World,' particularly for postal subscribers.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was inspiring, and Mrs. Maybrey and her helpers were thanked for an outstanding tea. Over 40 ringers were present and ringing up to Cambridge Major took place till 8.45 p.m.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Johnstone 1, Miss E. Pearson 2, Miss R. Corner 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, J. Macdemott 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. For harvest festival.

Leatherhead District

With the approaching dedication of Guildford Cathedral it behoves the Guild to think about the bells for it, said the Master at the Leatherhead District's meeting at Dorking on October 17th. Towards this end it was essential for the bells fund to be better supported. Mr. Parrott suggested that a collection be taken at each meeting for the fund, and it was decided to start straight away. The hat was passed round and the fund benefited by £1 16s.

Members were also asked to think about suggestions for a suitable memorial to Alf Pulling, and a new Ringing Master, as Mr. H. V. Young would soon be leaving to live in Somerset.

Previous to the meeting there had been ringing at Ranmore, followed by a service and an address by the Rev. C. Munt (this was our first service there for many years), and tea had been provided in St. Martin's Hall by Miss Clear and her lady helpers, which 35 had tried (unsuccessfully) to clear. After the meeting ringing was resumed at Dorking.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Drury.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Carson 1, Caroline Carpenter (first 'inside') 2, Anne Garnet 3, A. Bishop 4, Susan Rawlings 5, G. Goodman (cond.) 6.

RAVERS LOOSE AGAIN

MANY ringers, especially those in the Home Counties, will have it indelibly printed on their minds just what the fog was like on November 7th, but it did not dampen the spirits of six Raving Ringers who met to attempt a peal. For our engineering expert the day began at 5.15 a.m. in Mrs. Granger's washhouse. His vintage Austin was soon trundling over the Cotswolds from Tewkesbury to collect other certified members from Oxfordshire in the sea of fog.

They arrived bedecked in the most awe-inspiring regalia to protect them from the cold, and together with other more local members set out to ring a peal of Minor in four methods at Hitcham, near Slough. The sound of this handy six was wafted into the gloom as extents of Reverse Canterbury and Single Oxford were rung, but later a shift in St. Clement's put paid to the attempt. We consoled ourselves with a well-struck half-muffled quarter, then had lunch, provided by a local ringer's mother.

Once more out in the fog both vehicles narrowly escaped serious collisions before the massive bulk of Bray tower loomed up, and augmented by several Hitcham ringers we rang the eight after a wedding. The rather suggestive shape of a peal board here gave rise to nefarious humour!

Members of the Exercise who have visited Braywood know just what the tower is like to find in the best of weather conditions, but in this fog even the Ringing Master, who had been there twice before, took a wrong turning! There is no light in the belfry, and darkness was falling as we finished ringing. Perhaps it is as well that the church is soon to be demolished, and rumour has it that the bells may now go to either Dorney or Taplow.

Later, in frantic efforts to find Clewer Church, the writer led the old Austin down a track which gave on to a large field. We pressed on in hope, but being confronted with nothing but fog and grass eventually decided to turn round. The mystery deepened when a large sign loomed out of the murk, saying 'To Reading and the West.' Further on there was another which said 'No left turn.' We ignored it and turned left back on to the main road. It was only then that the fog divulged its secret in another large sign further down the road—'Windsor Race Course, Car Park No. 2'!

Our ringing at Clewer was greatly enjoyed, partly from members' efforts to strike the clapperless third in touches of Minor, and because of the R.M.'s refusal to stand face to the wall so we could ring Reverse Erin by the white line on his trousers. It is only to be hoped that the Erin slow work is still intact on Mr. Butler's blackboard!

Ringing at Langley followed tea at the Grenada, Slough, and after filling the old car's petrol tank we crawled to Fulmer for the final ring. A touch of Cambridge Minor, which eluded us on the Welsh tour, was finally brought round here.

The party returned to the R.M.'s house for refreshment and the toast of 'Absent Ravers,' then members faded into the foggy small hours with spirits as high as ever. We would like to record our thanks to Howard Oglesby, the organiser, and to those who waited patiently at the towers for us to crawl out of the murk.

R. K. R.

The Ladies' Guild

Though the gentlemen outnumbered the ladies, for most of the time the bells were kept going at the Central District meeting at St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford, on October 31st. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (Rev. F. Mettrick) and Mr. Michael Austin, the organist.

SOUTHAMPTON AND READING UNIVERSITIES' TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA

The starting point for this year's joint cycling tour was St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where we joined the band in ringing for Evensong. Later at the youth hostel, when all, including the solitary hitch-hiker, had assembled, we learned that Don, ex-master of S.U.A., and the tour's organiser, had been taken ill on his way to Norwich. As one member said, 'his particular brand of humour was sadly missed during the week.'

We spent Monday in and around Norwich, being guided through Tombland's nether regions by Bridget Mutimer and David Heighton. First St. Giles' and then St. Michael's, where we preferred to read the old peal boards telling of ringers' prowess than ring the bells. It seemed reasonable to ring Norwich Surprise at St. George's, Colegate, although most of the band had to hurriedly look up the method. At the next tower, St. John-de-Sepulchre,'s we found it extremely difficult to hear the bells from inside, but later that night learnt that they are far from inaudible outside, as the warden's daughter had been prevented from concentrating on her exam because of our ringing. On the way to this tower any doubts about the S.U.G.'s master's cycling ability were fully justified when he fell headlong into the road after patting the indicator of a stationary car.

After a brisk ride out to Ketteringham and Hethersett, we returned to Norwich for supper, and spent the evening exploring the town. That night David discovered his pyjamas carefully sewn up, and after inadequate inquiries on his part, the innocent secretary found his pyjamas much later, airing on a bush in the rain!

MOLLIE'S AERIAL TRIP

Leaving Norwich behind us on Tuesday, we had our first encounter with Norfolk's flat countryside. Those unacquainted with the area failed to appreciate or even acknowledge its flatness until later in the week, when North Essex was reached. However, Pat was always there to push along any straggler. Between Saxlingham and Pulham Market, Mollie—not to be ontdone by Dave—took an 'aerial trip' around a hedge top and landed in a ditch. Faith in our two masters now totally shattered, John took over as pilot and was next seen at Pulham Market tucking into his customary square meal.

Two easy-going rings of eight at Pulham Market and Pulham St. Mary gave us an opportunity for good ringing, and Dave's hitherto elusive touch of Stedman, containing Queens, Whittington's and Tittums, at last came round. The heavy eight at Diss required more effort than we could muster to ring well, as the long ride on a road unsheltered from the sun had temporarily exhausted us, and we welcomed the help of two resident ringers. While the foreman was demonstrating the carillon, fame descended upon us in the form of a reporter from the local paper, which later published an article about the tour.

The youth hostel for the next two nights was at Finningham, two tiny cottages miles from civilisation, which must hold the record for the ability to pack the largest number of people into the smallest possible space without undue lack of comfort. Here, to compensate for our lack of handbells, we made an octave out of glasses of water (even a large flower vase and cracked china mug were given an audition before the final result was achieved), and the dining room resounded to courses of Plain Bob and 'The Bluebells of Scotland.'

Only three towers were scheduled for Wednesday fortunately, for this day proved to be the hottest in the week. Tar was melting on the road and sticking to our wheels, making cycling difficult. At one point the front mudguard on Adrian's bike burst into flames and had to be extinguished. Stedman, Kent and Cambridge were rung at Wickham Skeith (a six) before we were treated to iced orange squash and biscuits by a neighbour. Thorndon bells, another six, are badly in need of attention, and we rang only three short touches of Doubles here before setting off for Stowmarket, but apparently even the bells found it too hot for ringing, and the sixth rope came unspliced after only ten minutes' ringing, and we retired to a milk bar. That evening we went to the Bull at 'Backbeyond,' where Ray recited poetry accompanied by Geoff. on the piano, and then a touch of pat-a-cake rounded off the day's ringing.

EXPOSED BELFRY

First stop next day was at Cotton, with its belfry partially exposed to the open air. The bells went well to a touch of Stedman and Yorkshire. Then we were joined for the rest of the week by Mary Russell before leaving for Stonham Aspal. The ring of ten here we found tricky. Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal went reasonably well, but Cambridge Royal broke down after three leads.

At Debenham the Vicar welcomed us to the church, which has one of the finest eights in the district. After clambering through a coal cellar at Framsden, we brought round the course of Pudsey that had broken down at Debenham. Our departure from Framsden coincided with the start of a sharp thunderstorm, and capes were brought out for the first time. Ringing at Helmingham came to a temporary halt when the third refused to be set by any except Pat, although Ray offered double whiskies to all successful attempts. Superlative was rung here for the first time during the week. The last ring of the day, at Ashbocking, produced a pleasant course of London Minor. Naughton Mill, a first-class youth hostel, was home for the night. We spent the evening indoors variously occupied.

Friday's schedule included more good heavy eights, the first of which was Lavenham and its famous tenor. Next, Sudbury, where we had only a short time to ring and one touch of Little Bob was over before the tenor man had discovered how he started. Long Melford and Clare both gave us some difficulty, but at each a fair touch of Stedman was rung. Two sixes completed the day's ringing at Cavendish and Castle Hedingham, and at each we tried Undershaft Doubles unsuccessfully, and once again Ray's double whisky reward went unclaimed.

A course of Cambridge tapped round smartly at Halstead next morning, the last day. There followed a long climb to Stisted for Kent and Oxford. After lunch in Bocking, Rayne was visited, where Undershaft Doubles at last came round. Great Dunmow, with another fine eight, was the week's final tower.

We extend our thanks to the incumbents of the 33 churches visited, to Don Exell and David Blackwell for making all arrangements, to the two Ringing Masters, Dave and Mollie, and finally to the green two-seater which took all excess luggage, tired bikes and riders, all of whom contributed to an enjoyable week.

Footnote.—Impression left with one publican: 'Ringers? — oh yes, all knees and bottoms!' A. K. G. J. and J. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Visitors from Devon and Swindon attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Holt on November 7th, when there was a good attendance. The Vicar (Rev. E. L. Brewis) conducted the service, and tea was provided in the Village Hall. Methods rung reached London.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered the 6-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association, held at Ripponden on October 24th.

Before the draw took place, and after the judge and marker had been placed in their listening post, Shelley company representative asked permission of the committee to ring first in the competition as some of their members desired to attend the centenary dinner of the Barnsley Society. This request the committee granted, and the other three places were drawn for.

The judge was Mr. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, and the marker was Mr. B. Buckley, of Friezland.

The result of the draw and the contest was as follows:—

Shelley: 5 penalties, 81 faults; total 86.
Friezland: No penalties, 65 faults,; total 65.
Meltham: 10 penalties, 86 faults; total 96.
Huddersfield: 10 penalties, 175 faults; total 185.

Friezland were therefore declared the winners of the silver challenge cup.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company of ringers, special mention being made of Mr. Frank Rhodes, who provided everyone with a tea.

Elland was provisionally fixed for the next tower of meeting on April 23rd. This meeting will be a ringing meeting and *not* a contest, and the tower captain appointed is the president.

WORK ON WOODBURY BELLS

The eight bells of Woodbury, Devon, Parish Church will not be rung for some time as they are to be rehung in a new frame. The seventh bell is to be recast and the rest tuned. These bells have always been a bit tricky to handle as there is a considerable amount of movement of the tower when ringing. When rehung they will be brought lower in the tower.

Work has now been started on them and it is hoped that the bells will be back in their new frame by next Easter. This work, of course, is going to be costly—about £2,000—and of this amount the churchpeople have raised about £1,450 in a little over a year, and are going all out to clear the other £550 by the end of this year.

If anyone who has heard or rung on this grand old ring would like to send a donation, please send to the Vicar or J. L. S. Glanvill, Woodbury, near Exeter, Devon. All contributions, however small, will be welcome.

J. L. S. G.

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ENGAGEMENT

MAY—LANE.—The engagement is announced between Douglas A. R. May, of 7, St. Thomas' Cottages, East Clandon, Surrey, and Jill M. Lane, of Melbury, Lansdown, Boxgrove Road, Guildford. 5296

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WONERSH, SURREY.—Practices in future at Wonersh, Surrey, will be held on Wednesday evenings.—W. E. Enticknap. 5301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, March 19th. The annual Guild festival will be held in Oxford on July 2nd, 1960. 5323

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The week-end course, arranged at the request of the Guild, will be held at Big Wood, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, from April 29th to May 1st. Details will be sent to all towers within the Guild. Information can also be obtained from Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 5325

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—Dedication of new treble bell, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—G. H. Lane, 10, Hawthorne Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. 5320

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5256

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Barnes, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.15 to 5.15; All Saints', Wandsworth, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Dinner 7.15 p.m., The Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road. 5255

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Peterchurch (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. E. Wood. 5314

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The last meeting of 1959 will be held at Ossett on November 28th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. The secretary regrets the short notice of meeting, but for some reason or other this notice was not printed in the previous issue of 'The Ringing World.' 5312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Old Windsor, Saturday, Nov. 28th, 3.15 p.m. 5149

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 5258

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5268

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 5265

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mansfield and North Notts Districts at Cuckney (6), Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—D. H. Rooke, H. Denman, Dis. Secs. 5226

RINGERS' FESTIVAL
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Advent Sunday, November 29th, 1959.
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11 a.m., Matins (ringing 10 a.m.).
6.30 p.m., Evensong (ringing 5.30 p.m.).
Ringing after Evensong. All welcome.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd; 6.30 p.m. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1960, *not* Jan. 16th as previously arranged.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5276

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Portishead (8), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Divine Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5210

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 5317

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 1st to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 5248

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Names for tea to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. 5318

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss M. Frost, 122, Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5293

EDENHAM, LINCS.—Dedication of memorial to Arthur I. Holmes, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to W. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. Ringing till 9 p.m. All welcome. 5263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5313

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5305

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Watermoor, 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. Lewis, sen., 31, Chester Street, Cirencester. Parish Church bells 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Sec. 5291

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, St. Mary Redcliffe. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 5294

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, Dec. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd.—Mary Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown. 5298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Dec. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5285

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne St. Peter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing 6 to 7 p.m., approx. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 1st, to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 5324

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lancaster Districts.—Joint meeting, Heversham, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, P. Handley, Secs. 5316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington, Sec., 407, Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, Lancs. 5290

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Dec. 2nd Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 5315

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Kirby Muxloe, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, please, to Mr. L. Achurch, Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester. 5292

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Kirton-in-Holland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 30th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5269

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, to the Rector's Office, 27, Church Street, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5283

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, certain, please, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.—P. Newstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. Hurst, 4, High Street, Bletchley.—F. Vickers. 5309

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton (5), Saturday, Dec. 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5310

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 5th, Steeple Langford. Bells (5) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Cups of tea in Parish Hall. Please bring your own food. Wilton (6) available in evening.—Miss Eloie, Hon. Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5280

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Visitors welcome. Please notify by Dec. 2nd Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. (Bourton 316.) 5287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Y.W.C.A. Institute, Great Russell Street (rear of Dominion Theatre), 5.15 p.m. 5306

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, Llanblethian, Glam (6). Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers, especially learners, welcome.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 5289

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A special joint meeting of the Woodbridge, Ipswich and Eastern half of Hadleigh Districts will be held at Ipswich, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Election of officers for new S.E. District. Bells: St. Margaret's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4.30. Meeting 5 at St. Mary-le-Tower. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—C. R. Lovett. 5275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 5282

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 5299

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 5247

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Apsley End (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: King's Langley (8), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing will be arranged. 5311

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at St. John's Church, Bournemouth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth. St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bells available from 6 to 7.30 p.m.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 5300

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, King's Langley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Hempstead Road, King's Langley. No name, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5302

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Newington, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss H. Dadson, 105, London Road, Newington, near Sittingbourne. 5304

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business following. Names by Dec. 8th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5261

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Important—names must be sent by Tuesday, Dec. 8th, to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 5297

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