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PLAIN BOB CATERS

IT was William Shipway who expressed the opinion that of all forms of ringing, that of ringing ten bells provided the greatest entertainment. Few people who have been privileged to have the opportunity to ring peals on all numbers of bells would find it easy to disagree with this statement. For whether it be Caters (of which Shipway was chiefly thinking) or Royal, in which so many fascinating methods may engage our attention, there are, in 10-bell ringing, a charm and an elegance unsurpassed on any other number of bells.

The recent peal of Plain Bob Caters at Warwick, and the interesting views of the performance that have appeared in our columns, awaken thoughts on the limited number of Caters methods available for the practitioner and on the merits and demerits of the methods that are rung. If we wish to test the soundness of the view that Bob Caters is of little value, or to assess the opinion that the method is rightly worthy of being practised, it will be well to set it alongside some of its rivals and see what advantages and disadvantages it has in comparison with Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich.

A feature of Plain Bob, of course, is the regularity and simplicity of its coursing order. This, together with the immunity of the heavy bells from the influence of calls, provides for the sustaining of musical positions over long periods. So, the plan of calling in Bob Caters will, if the bells are (let us say) cast into the Tittums, permit the regular coursing of 7, 8, 9 in six of the eight leads of each course. And if the sixth be fixed either before the seventh or after the ninth then the music of this more attractive arrangement is sustained for five of the leads of the course. This is no mean musical property. Added to this, we may note that only 35 full courses are needed for a 5,040, and that 24 of these may have the sixth behind the ninth, or alternatively, 24 courses may be used with the sixth before the seventh; and, of course, the Handstroke Home position sets before us the possibility of another 24 courses of its excellent music.

With these attractive musical potentialities where, then, lie the weaknesses of Bob Caters? The defects are probably two—a certain monotony in the work and an absence of double dodging. The fact that the heavy bells are unaffected by calls makes for the ringing of long, complete courses, but those courses, with their stereotyped mould and their lack of excitement in operation, may become a trivial round monotonous to ring and intolerable for any considerable length of time. The absence of double dodging is a serious defect, for double dodging has been described as the most beautiful phenomenon in the whole of change-ringing, and with considerable justification. In Bob Caters the mind longs for the variation of the double dodge, and the ear anticipates the repetition of the musical experience, only to be continually disappointed.

The rivals of Plain Bob Caters are powerful, despite their own defects. They avoid, of course, the slur of four blows behind; but they also avoid monotony, and they are replete with double dodging. Stedman Caters may have no music in the middle of the course unless the sixth is seconds-place bell, and then the unrivalled 7689 of the course-end is sacrificed. There is no musical advantage in keeping the sixth at home. Yet the brilliance of the course-end music, and the indefinable charm that the method has for many ringers, will hold Stedman Caters in a challenging position. Grandsire Caters, with its incredible variety of calling, its long and short courses, its double dodging, and the participation of all the bells in the bob work, successfully avoids monotony and yet provides a continuity of coursing order in which the music of the heavy bells is never absent. The fourth great rival, Double Norwich Caters, has, strangely enough, never offered a serious challenge in the Caters world. It has what some ringers consider an important blemish—an unusual and rather awkward bob. It cannot maintain the clean flow of coursing order manifested in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and the value of the sixth at home in the Tittums is negligible. Yet when it is rung it provides startling musical surprises, some of them of surpassing beauty both in the unexpectedness of their arrival and in the suddenness of their metamorphosis. It would seem, indeed, to combine the advantages of all the Caters methods. Yet it has not so far become the favourite.

Such, then, are the popular Caters methods, and which are worth ringing must always be a matter of opinion and taste. Whether we agree with Mr. Allen or with Mr. Payne we may believe that Plain Bob Caters, 'properly composed' (as John Carter would say), can provide music worth hearing.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Treble*	Frederick A. Munday	7
Michael P. Moreton	2	Roy Bettley-Cooke	8
Thomas W. Strangeway	3	W. Norman Park	9
Howard Scott	4	Roland Park	10
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Richard E. Price	11
W. Eric Critchley	6	Brian D. Threlfall	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Joan Beresford	*Treble*	Frank V. Gant	7
Thomas H. Francis	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
*Michael J. Palmer	3	Charles E. Wilmington	9
†Robert J. Chapman	4	Thomas J. Lock	10
*Lionel S. Woods	5	John H. Crampion	11
‡Harry Turner	6	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal of Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Stedman Cinques.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Darby, B.A.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*Gillian Hussey	*Treble*	Patrick J. Bird	6
†Royston Blackler	2	†Jane K. A. Cook	7
†John C. Baldwin	3	Albert M. Tyler	8
‡Sandra Lewis	4	David Heighton	9
§Gloria M. Newton	5	F. Cecil Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' § First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Harold Spencer	*Treble*	*William Fay	6
*Rohilla M. Cooke	2	Peter F. Windley	7
Doris M. Killingley	3	Bert Sutton	8
Sidney R. Elwick	4	Fred Hodgson	9
Thomas M. Cox	5	Thomas Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

B. Gillian Schofield	*Treble*	Frederick A. Munday	6
*S. Barry Schofield	2	Roy Bettley-Cooke	7
*Rita M. Jowett	3	Frederick Seager	8
*Harold B. Schofield	4	Peter M. Dawson	9
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	5	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Richard J. Warrilow	*Treble*	*Brian Wilde	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Robert B. Smith	7
Philip G. K. Davies	3	*David W. Friend	8
*David W. Brunning	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
Barnabas G. Key	5	Edmund Malin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Michael Sprackling	*Treble*	William H. Cooper	6
F. Brian Cookson	2	Francis Brotherton	7
*Florence L. Smith	3	†Frederick Jukes	8
Harold J. Shuck	4	†Ray Smith	9
William Davies	5	Frederick G. Handley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by F. Brian Cookson.
* First 10-bell peal. † First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Annual peal for the Guild, and a compliment to the secretary (Mr. Arthur Peakman) and his wife, on the recent birth of their daughter.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Charles J. Sedgley	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	6
John R. Mayne	2	Terry Earle	7
Hilda G. Snowden	3	Peter J. Eves	8
Joe E. G. Roast	4	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Howard W. Egglestone	5	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of London Surprise Royal by all the band except the conductor. First of London Royal for the Guild, and in the Eastern Counties.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 18, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Ernest J. Munday	*Treble*	Frank Lewis	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Cyril E. Lewington	6
Albert Diserens	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Helen M. Diserens	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5200 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

J. David Adams	*Treble*	Stuart Ellison	5
Eric Ellison	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
Gladys Richardson	3	John R. Kennett	7
Eileen M. Fearn	4	Alex Richardson	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Tessa P. Kemp and Brian J. Woodruffe.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sun., Nov. 1, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	Frank Lewis	5
Ernest J. Munday	2	Lewis J. Cobb	6
Norman J. Smith	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	Cyril E. Lewington	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
Rung for Evensong on All Saints' Day.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ..	5
*GILLIAN TAVERNER	2	†ALAN J. FROST	6
†ROBIN WILSON..	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	7
†DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal, apart from the treble to Minor. † First in the method. First of Lincolnshire as conductor.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN NELSON	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN... ..	2	DEREK TAYLOR	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	4	NEIL D. LOMAS.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	*Treble*	*DON C. EXELL	5
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	6
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. First of Belgrave for the Association.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	3	WALTER R. FELGATE	7
*MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	4	H. FRANK PIKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.
* 25th peal.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	2	RALPH BICKERS	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
C. JACK GIBSON..	4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GORDON H. LANE	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.. ..	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN M. JELLEY..	6
*GORDON H. LANE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method, and 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to Norman Cotton.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
*MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES.. ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	*Treble*	JOHN L. GIRT	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	*WALTER W. MILLER ..	7
*HUBERT A. METSON ..	4	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

PETER BORER	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	5
*SHEILA DOBBIE..	2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE.. ..	6
ARTHUR G. MASON.. ..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON.. ..	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLETON IMPERIAL MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 221).

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. *Treble*	*H. GEORGE HART 5
*ELSIE K. HART.. 2	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
*ALICK CUTLER.. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*VERNON GREEN 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

MARGATE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. *Treble*	RALPH BIRD 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
JOHN R. COOPER 3	COLIN A. TESTER 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire, 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.. *Treble*	†GEORGE FRANCIS 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS.. .. 4	†ERNEST J. LADD .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 22, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD .. .. *Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal of Yorkshire.
Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise: (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob: (3) Oxford, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) St. Clement's College Bob; 29 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. *Treble*	CAROL FERNLEY 4
EILEEN FEARN 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN... .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT.. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 23, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob: (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4), (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ERIC ELLISON .. .. .. *Treble*	STUART ELLISON 4
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON 5
J. DAVID ADAMS 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Rung by the local band as a welcome to the Rev. John Watts, assistant curate.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Cambridge S., D. Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and two extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. PRENTICE .. .. *Treble*	JOHN L. GIRT 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
HUBERT MITSON.. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, 240 calls, all singles. Tenor 11½ cwt.

KEITH R. BIRKIN .. .. *Treble*	J. DAVID ADAMS 4
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	ALEX RICHARDSON 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
The conductor's 200th peal on tower bells.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*WALTER J. BLACK .. .. *Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE.. .. 4
†G. PETER GUNNING.. .. 2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
*DENNIS SUTTON 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PAMELA M. TRIM .. .. *Treble*	*DOUGLAS EADES 4
ROGER ABBOTT.. 2	†DERRICK J. WITHERS .. 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DERRICK J. WITHERS.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

*HEATHER M. PULLON (16) *Treble*	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS (14) 4
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (11) 2	‡PAUL CATTERMOLE (18) .. 5
*JAMES E. PULLON (12) .. 3	*T. JOHN BIRCH (17).. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* First peal. † First on six bells. ‡ First in the method.
Believed to be the youngest team to ring a peal for the Association: average age 15 years 2 months.
Rung to commemorate the restoration this year of this 800-year-old church.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four different calings). 16 cwt. 10 lb.

*F. GEORGE EDMANS .. *Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 2	*GEORGE E. GREEN 5
*JAMES LINNELL 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal in the method. First of London rung on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 51, 34, 48, 50, 29, 52).
Tenor 28 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. *Treble*	PAUL MARTIN 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
THOMAS O. PIERCY 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*ALAN J. CLARKE (13) ..	*Treble*	STEPHEN J. PERRY	3
WILLIAM C. RHODES ..	2	LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal. The last peal on the bells before being augmented to six.

SIDDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN HOPE	*Treble*	PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	4
ERNEST H. JEFFERIES ..	2	BRUCE WAKEFIELD	5
*HERBERT L. COOKE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Minor. First on the bells since rehanging.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being nine methods in seven extents: College Single, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH.. ..	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL ..	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Burbidge, of Ancaster, Lincs, who were married at this church. Mrs. Burbidge is sister of the conductor.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKIN	*Treble*	ERIC YOUNG	4
*GLENDA ROWLEY	2	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT ..	5
ALBERT LAWTON	3	G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal of Bob Minor.
Rung for the golden wedding of Henry and Elizabeth Watkin.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. J. COOK	*Treble*	VICTOR G. ROBERTS ..	4
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN ..	2	FRANCIS C. MOGWOOD ..	5
†JOHN A. POWELL	3	‡JIM MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGWORD.
* First peal on treble. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
A compliment to Prince Charles on his birthday.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of London and two extents each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

RONALD F. DISERENS ..	*Treble*	FRANK LEWIS	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Rung for the Feast of St. Machutus, B.C.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*TREVOR R. SMITH	*Treble*	*WALTER S. SMITH	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	*BRIAN W. SMITH	5
*DERYCK DRURY	3	JOHN M. BLAIKIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Rev. G. A. Tyson after serving 43 years in the Ministry.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Mon., Nov. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents differently called, every call a single.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT.. ..	*Treble*	OWEN NORTHWOOD	4
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	2	PETER R. JOHNSON	5
DEREK M. SAWYER	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new altar and furnishings by the Archdeacon of Leicester on the previous day.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	5
CHARLES McGUINESS ..	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*IVOR G. HUGHES	*Treble*	†DAVID T. NORTH	4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ..	2	*FREDERICK J. CASELEY ..	5
*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON ..	3	‡GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Cambridge Minor.

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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 COVENTRY DELIGHT MINOR
Being four extents and a 2,160 (C.C.C. Nos. 114, 115, 118, 120 and 121).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID G. BRUNNING	4
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.25).

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*KEITH D. WAPLES	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	4
*RONALD W. PICTON	2	†D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	5
WALTER AYRE	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in more than one method. † First in three methods 'inside.' The conductor's 750th peal.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 COTSWOLD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 10 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	PETER WAKEFIELD	4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
DAVID STAPLES	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
		B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Nov. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
AT 2, SUNNYSIDE, NEWPORT ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 120's and six 240's.

*DAVID W. FRIEND	1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY	3—4
		E. MARION KEY	5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal 'in hand,' and first of Doubles.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
MICHAEL THOMAS	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
TOM CHAPMAN	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	8
		GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by P. C. WRIGHT. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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HALF PEAL

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 18th, 2,817 Stedman Caters: F. C. Mogford 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, D. J. Hunt 5, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 6, P. J. Bird 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. M. Tyler 9, A. A. Hilliar 10.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, B. R. White 2, B. Coggins (first of Caters) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, J. Drewitt 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, E. Drewitt 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: June Dear 1, R. Castledine 2, P. Flack (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, L. Hughes 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Beeson (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, F. W. Bird 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, V. Griggs 6, A. Streeter 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Walker (first of Triples) 1, G. North 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, W. A. Riddington 4, F. A. Page 5, A. W. Bond 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Hussey (first in method) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, V. J. Williams 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung before the Family Communion as a 60th birthday compliment to A. Charles Baker. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, Miss G. Hussey 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, F. Skidmore 4, A. C. Baker 5, M. J. Hoskins (first quarter) 6, F. R. Hussey 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First quarter in four methods by all. Rung on the dedication festival for the public ministration of baptism.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Betty Faunch 1, Maryl Crossthwaite 2, D. Lawson 3, Judy Moir 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all except 5.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Luck 1, D. A. Chapman 2, Elizabeth Rogers 3, L. V. Chamberlain 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, N. J. Davies (first as cond.) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary Powell 1, R. G. Beck 2, Monica Horseman 3, E. Wadman 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, H. Baber (first of Major) 6, J. Brain 7, D. Purnell (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,300 Winchendon Place Bob Doubles: M. J. Horseman 1, J. Brain 2, R. D. Short 3, M. Stone 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Cook 1, C. W. Batton 2, W. R. Hendry 3, D. Smith 4, L. J. Francombe 5, H. J. Ferris (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Smart (captain of the ringers) and for the 83rd birthday of Mr. W. J. Coombes (Vicar's warden).

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, F. V. Gant 2, J. Carrot 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, M. Bland 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service and as a compliment to Mr. G. J. Andrews, who this day completed 30 years as organist and choirmaster.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt 1, C. Lloyd (first of Stedman) 2, Ethel Clear 3, G. F. Pratt 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. First quarter of Stedman by a local band at this church.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, M. Sprackling 3, Martin Fellows (cond.) 4, Michael Fellows 5, D. Thurston (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 22nd, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Smith 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, G. M. Harvey 3, H. J. Eldred 4, S. Croft 5, F. Ranson 6, D. Theedom 7, D. C. Morgan 8. First of Triples by 1 and 8. Birthday compliment to F. Ranson and his daughter Vera.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Winfield, jun. (first away from tenor) 1, Miss P. Reason 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, H. J. Winfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. J. Cross (82), verger at this church from 1936 until retiring last year.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, Miss A. M. Severs 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. A farewell to Miss A. M. Severs on leaving for York. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann 5. First in the method by all the band. Rung for St. Martin's Day Evensong.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss Tessa P. Kemp 1, K. R. Birkin 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, J. D. Adams 4, K. Ellison 5, S. Ellison 6, E. Ellison 7, N. J. Goodman 8. First of Major for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. G. Banham 1, O. W. Garnham 2, L. W. King 3, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. B. Fuller 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stanley Nunn, ringer at this church interred this day.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): F. Salter (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Beach 2, Mrs. M. Pailing 3, Miss D. Armstrong 4, N. Pailing 5, D. Beach 6, F. Bradley 7, Geo. Clift 8. First touch of Treble Bob Major for 2 and 6.

HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hayball (first on a working bell) 1, C. Webb (cond.) 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparks 4, Preb. E. V. Cox 5, W. Webb 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Woolven 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, E. F. Packham 3, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. A 70th birthday compliment to A. L. Ryman, a member of the local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Jean Warner (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. First in the method for all except 5. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Old, April Day, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jennifer Sceeny 1, Mary F. Carr 2, H. Oglesby (cond.) 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, Ann Secar 6. For Matins in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Reading.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith and R. Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, J. Meredith (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. R. Norris (first quarter on a working bell) 1, Joyce D. Walsh 2, M. Wooldridge 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pauline Hood (first quarter) 6, K. C. Knight 7, D. Robinson 8. A compliment to Harry Richardson, a member of Hurstpierpoint band of ringers, on his 87th birthday.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Christy 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5. For morning service, also as a birthday compliment to the captain, the ringer of 2.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Clarke (first quarter, aged 13) 1, B. R. Cummings 2, J. Basford (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Perry 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Perry (first quarter, aged 14) 1, E. Drake (first 'inside') 2, T. H. Smith 3, W. G. Lane 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5. Both rung by members of the local band.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Terry (first quarter) 1, H. S. Humphrey 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, R. Swift (cond.) 4, A. J. Hicks 5, L. Terry 6. For Confirmation service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, G. Jeanes 2, G. Gaylard 3, R. P. Selway 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, H. G. Keeley 6, J. Looker 7, A. W. Dyer 8. A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. G. L. Tiarks (Vicar) and Mrs. Tiarks.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4-6-8 covering): T. Dodd 1, T. Pritchard 2, Miss E. Jones 3, J. L. Stanier 4, F. W. Jones 5, Miss D. Lewis 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, H. Hyde 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Mitchell 1, J. Robinson 2, B. Rumney 3, E. M. Quinn 4, G. Rumney 5, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 4 and 5. A compliment to Derek F. Yates and Barbara Llewellyn on their engagement.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 21st, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Anne C. Garnett 1, Susan Rawlings 2, R. Bird 3, A. Bagworth 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. First of London for 1, 2 and 4.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Morris 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. Corbett 3, R. E. Tallis 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Shaw 1, R. D. Henebury 2, Helen M. Thacker (first in method 'inside') 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6. For Evensong.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Rose 1, Miss C. Smith 2, E. H. Amery 3, R. J. Vardy 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. H. C. Cooper Anderson on his retirement.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Buncombe 1, Kathleen W. Apps 2, R. P. Bullen 3, W. Rogers (cond.) 4, F. Hammond 5, J. F. Buncombe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, Monica Horseman 2, E. Ford (first of Kent) 3, R. D. Short 4, J. Brain (first of Kent Minor) 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J. R. Hutchings 1, P. Hart 2, Helen Sharland (first quarter) 3, W. R. Richards 4, T. Furbear (first 'inside') 5, J. Furbear (first as cond.) 6, A. G. Selley 7, F. J. Down 8. A welcome to the Rev. Colin Marr after his induction as Rector.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hodson 1, W. Buckley 2, Christine Glover (15, first in method) 3, Sheila Hodson 4, L. Bowden 5, Glenda Rowley 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday by the Sunday service band.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian A. Williamson 1, T. J. Gray 2, F. E. Grant 3, Sheila J. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson 5. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4. First quarter on the bells.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Gleed 1, T. Pritchard 2, F. Garland 3, T. Witts 4, V. Deane (cond.) 5, M. Simpson 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. T. Clarke (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, Mary Powell 3, E. Ford (first of Stedman) 4, J. Brain 5, M. Stone 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are already looking forward to Christmas. Our popular Christmas greetings feature will appear in the issue of December 18th (price 4s. for 36 words). The issue of December 25th (Christmas Day) will go to press on Saturday, December 19th. This means that Notices must be received before that date to ensure insertion.

A big difference.—The peal rung at Willenham (page 682) was Kent Treble Bob Royal—not Minor. Our apologies.

Belton, Lincs, bells have been augmented to six. Two new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln on November 4th.

The tower representing Northern Ireland in the Christmas Day broadcast will be St. Donard's, Belfast. This tower is also doing a programme on bells in the Northern Ireland Home Service on December 24th, at 7 p.m.

'Even if "The Ringing World" was put up to 1s. a week I think most of us would still take it. We don't expect the impossible, and I am sure most ringers are not downright mean.' —Stephen Ivin.

'The decision to increase the price of "The Ringing World" to 8d. should be accepted by all loyal readers. Don't take too much notice of those who like to have a grumble. They like to find something to grouse about.' — W. Shepherd, Addlestone.

With the object of interesting parishioners in their bells, an admirable series of articles has appeared in the parish magazine of St. Nicholas', Harpenden, written by Mrs. Mary A. Coburn and Mr. J. D. Painter. The articles not only deal with the history of the bells but the development of change-ringing. We hope to publish this information at a later date.

By the laws of progression it seems that the stupendous task of ringing the 40,320 extent of Major will eventually be achieved. Mr. Stephen Ivin and his gallant band narrowed the gap by ringing 28,850 changes at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on November 22nd. Congratulations to all concerned.

The London Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh on November 21st was the 150th peal of Surprise by Charles J. Sedgley, and his first on the treble.

Sending 1s. per rope for a peal of London Minor at Great Horwood, Bucks, Mr. F. G. Edmans comments: 'Where else could you get three hours' entertainment or pleasure?'

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett, of the East Grinstead Guild, on their silver wedding anniversary. A quarter peal was rung at Wadhurst on November 18th in honour of the occasion.

Meeting short, through illness, for an attempt of Albanian Surprise Royal at Southover, Sussex, on November 21st, the band rang a good peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods.

Miss Gillian Tavener, whose first peal, apart from the treble to Minor, was at Burton Latimer, Northants, put up a very creditable performance in ringing Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Unfortunately, her teacher, Mr. Pat Chapman, missed the peal through an attack of 'flu.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at Bradford Cathedral on November 19th was conspicuous for the good work of young ringers. Barry Schofield, who is only 11, rang his first peal on ten, and Miss Rita Jowett has not been ringing very long and she, too, rang an almost faultless peal.

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HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE AT SELBY ABBEY

Saturday, October 19th, was a double anniversary date at Selby Abbey, Yorks, being the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells after the great fire in 1906, and the half-century as a ringer completed by Mr. Horace S. Morley.

Four of the eight bells fell during the fire and the other four had to be taken down. The bells were recast at Loughborough and increased into a ring of ten bells and reopened on October 19th, 1909.

Mr. Morley joined the tower six months before the new bells were used, when the late Mr. F. Cryer was captain, and took over the position of captain over 20 years ago, a position which he still holds. Chairman of the Selby and District Society of Change Ringers since the formation of the Society after the last war, he is secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, a position he has held for the past 28 years. For 21 years he looked after the Abbey clock and carillon, climbing the steps to the clock four times weekly.

It is interesting to note that at a broadcast of the bells by the B.B.C. some time ago, the announcer jocularly referred over the air that the bells could really be called 'Horace's Bells.' To mark the occasion, ringers from Sherburn-in-Elmet, Goole, Hemingbrough and Selby Abbey attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but unfortunately, owing to a change course, this was unsuccessful. His numerous ringing friends wish him good health and many more years to continue as an active ringer.

L. M. W.

NIGHTLY PRACTICES RECALLED AT GOFER DINNER

THE seventh annual Gofer dinner of the Newark Parish Church ringers was held at the Bowling Green Hotel on Friday, November 13th. Much to the relief of the organisers, the typical Gofer weather of the previous day cleared early on the Friday morning and enabled the 53 ringers and friends to arrive safely.

After a most enjoyable meal, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The toast of 'The Society' was submitted by Mr. M. Wilson, who recalled some of the earlier incidents in the history of the Society. It was given new life, he said, by its re-formation in 1896, and it was during this year that, after practising consistently every night of the week, much to the annoyance of a local shopkeeper opposite, who threatened to sue them for loss of trade, they finally rang for Sunday service for the first time in July, 1896.

Mr. Wilson recalled many of the earlier ringers who had served the Society well during the early years, including one founder member (Mr. C. H. Chapman) who was present.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Raithby), in reply, thanked Mr. Wilson for his kind words. During the past year, he stated, the bells had been rung for every service, and only twice had they only been down to eight bells. He thanked the ringers for their support and especially the younger members, who had come forward at the end of last year and who had given such yeoman service since.

Mr. E. F. Taylor proposed the health of the President, and said how pleased he was to be able to welcome back the Vicar, restored once again to full health after his serious illness.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the Society for their good wishes and said how glad he was to be back. He recalled many amusing incidents which had happened to him whilst convalescing and since his return.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed in a light vein by the secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. He welcomed the visiting ringers, wives, husbands and sweethearts of ringers, but not, apparently, sisters! The toast was acknowledged by Mr. E. Warren-Butler.

Entertainment was provided by the songs of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodward and the monologues of Mr. Matt Wilson.

The company included the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter), the Master and Mrs. Raithby, Mr. E. F. Taylor and Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Cove, Mr. and Mrs. F. Derry, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mumford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden and Mr. and Mrs. E. Warren-Butler.

Messrs. C. H. Chapman, A. E. Chilton, C. J. Copp, G. E. Foster, M. Grinter, L. Hemstock, D. Hough, C. Jackson, A. Lacy, J. L. Millhouse, J. Pearson, F. Pickard, J. Pratchett, B. Plummer, G. Randles, D. Simpson, J. Smalley, C. Town and M. Wilson.

The Misses N. Bibby, G. Burchnall, K. Burchnall, J. Canner, M. Chilton, A. Cove, B. Millhouse, J. Richardson, E. Rose and E. Tutty.

Rang 28,850 Changes In Loughborough Attempt

A very gallant attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major was made at Loughborough Bell Foundry on November 21st.

After a false start of 25 minutes, due to the conductor not learning the composition properly, we got off to a good start at 7.35 a.m.

The band stood: John A. Anderson 1, Alan J. Frost 2, Dennis Knox 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, Barrie Hendry 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Edgar J. Smith 7, Stephen Ivin (conductor) 8.

The first few parts were rung at a fairly steady speed, and the first peal came up in 2 hours 20 minutes. After this the ringing increased in speed, and the halfway came up in 9 hours 16 minutes. The trips (missed dodges) up to this point could be counted on one's fingers, and everything was most encouraging. Discipline was strict enough to satisfy *even Jayfus*, and practically nothing was eaten by anyone.

The band had really got their second wind by now, and the ringing was proceeding like clockwork at a speed of 2.15 for 5,040. When the 12-hour mark passed there was every hope of success. From the standard of striking it was hard to believe that we had rung the clock round, as the tape-recordings taken at intervals will prove.

Trouble came when the conductor called a bob 'Fifths' a blow late, although within two or three changes the ringing resumed its steady beat. We had then been ringing almost 13 hours.

About half-an-hour later one of the ringers had some trouble with his rope, and incorrect instructions as to what he should have been doing led to some confusion. This was speedily rectified, but the conductor felt, personally, that it was a pity to mar an otherwise excellent effort, and 'Stand' was called. In this opinion, however, he was in a very small minority—himself alone, in fact! However, the fact that there was no incompetence on anyone's part soon mellowed the disappointment, and we felt that such a gallant end would be a challenge to other bands making the attempt.

The end came in the third lead of the 259th course, after 28,850 changes, approximately, in 13 hours 18 minutes. STEPHEN IVIN.

REDEDICATION

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE

Although the weather was far from pleasant on November 7th, ringers from all over the diocese and several towers beyond were present at Hartlebury for the rededication of the bells after retuning and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. W. H. S. Davies), who used the Association's form of service. He gave an excellent address, outlining the efforts which had been made to bring about this restoration, which was carried through concurrently with extensive repairs to the fabric of the church, following a plan which had its inception in the time of his predecessor.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn 'Now thank we all our God,' followed by the Blessing, after which the majority of the assembled company adjourned to the school, at the invitation of the churchwardens (Messrs. E. H. Sobey and M. C. Grazebrook), where a bountiful buffet tea was waiting.

Further ringing followed, with something for everyone, much satisfaction being expressed at the excellent job which Messrs. John Taylor had done. The regular Friday evening practices are now resumed, and visitors may be sure of a welcome. B. C. A.

Ancient Society Of College Youths

At a meeting held on November 14th at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., the following were elected officers for the year 1960:—

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

The following were elected Central Council representatives: Messrs. John Chilcott, J. Frank Smallwood, Cyril G. J. Watts and Wilfred Williams.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' 1959 TOUR

ALL roads lead to ——! On Bank Holiday week-end this year the blank would have read Grantham, for it was here that the Pilgrims had the first ring of their tour, ringing for morning service. What a lovely ten to start a really glorious week.

After lunch we journeyed to Harthill, with its medium eight, which I had thought little of on my first visit; but I was happy on this my second acquaintance with them to rate them much higher. From here to Campsall (my new tower), where ringing was delayed by a baptism service. Here Eric Critchley came to see us, and it was grand to see him in circulation again after his operation. Tea was at Pontefract, and after this our coach did a shuttle service between St. Giles' and All Saints', so that all the party had a ring at both these towers. So on to Leeds, our resting place for two nights.

'HIS OWN MIDDEN'

Monday was spent in the heart of the West Riding, with the 'cock crowing on his own midden,' and I think the Pilgrims will agree that apart from 'Yorkshire ends' (sorry, Pauline), there was something to crow about. Starting at Tadcaster, a town with three breweries and a lovely ring of eight at a ton (should those two items have been reversed?), the route was via Collingham—a lovely village—, past the gates of Harewood House and along the valley of the Wharf to Otley. The 16 cwt. tenor here was the lightest ring of the day. Lunch was at Ilkley, and here, between touches, ringers went to view the Snowdon window. Skirting the moor where someone courted Mary Jane and caught their death of cold (translated specially for Roddy), and following the valley, we arrived at Skipton, and a grand eight (crowing again) were soon away to some well-struck touches.

Tea and ringing, in that order, were at Keighley, the most industrial town of the day. Acting as guide, I found a new moorland road to Guiseley (thanks, Jim, for suggesting it). There we were met by Cyril Walsh who, with a straight face but with a twinkle in his eye, said: 'I expected a party dressed in brown habits with hoods, and staffs in their hands, when I came to meet the Pilgrims.' After a quick ring here (we were rather behind schedule) we set off for Headingley, and here again the shuttle service operated between St. Chad's and St. Michael's. That was the end of the scheduled list, but by taxi, Corporation bus and our coach, a dash was made to enable those who had not previously grabbed the tower to ring at Leeds Parish Church—the only 12 of the week.

The first three towers on Tuesday possessed rings of eight, all round the same weight and each from a different foundry; all are good and each has its good points. They were: Pudsey, newest of the three, by Mears and Stainbank; then Northowram, by Gillett and Johnston; and so to the hills for Sowerby St. Peter's, by Taylors. From here to Huddersfield for lunch and a ring on the fine ten there, and also the eight at Almondbury. This was the last tower in Yorkshire, and we journeyed from here over the moors, passing the Holme Moss television station, into Derbyshire, where we rang at Glossop and Fairfield before seeking our hotel at Buxton.

NOT BEST FORM

Wednesday's list had five tens and an eight, and for some reason we didn't seem to strike our best form. We started at Leek, in Staffs, then over the border to Crewe, Cheshire, where we looked like making a better show but it was not to be. After lunch, Hanley and Newcastle followed a similar pattern, and Stoke St. Peter, the eight of the day, did not produce our best. At Stafford St. Mary's things looked like going better, till someone forgot 8-7 places in Cambridge. To crown all, the guide (yours truly) took a wrong turning, and the lanes got narrower and narrower and Burton seemed a long way off. We got there eventually and were split up among three hotels.

Thursday's first tower was Burton St. Modwen, having a very nice eight; we left on time, but the next tower soon upset the timetable. The heavy six at Hoar Cross were well and truly enjoyed and time passed much too quickly. In consequence we were late at Uttoxeter and also for lunch at Ashbourne. Between lunch and bedtime we rang at four very nice Derbyshire towers—Youlgrave, the heaviest, at 26½ cwt., 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' St. John's, Tideswell, and after tea, Bakewell (and no tarts), and last but not least Ashover.

IN DERBY

Thursday and Friday nights were spent in Derby, and Friday morning's ringing was at four Derby towers—St. Andrew's and the Cathedral, both having nice tens, St. Luke's, a very heavy eight, and St. Peter's, much lighter. After lunch, Duffield—the tower and the method—was enjoyed on this ten by all, as was the eight at Eastwood, which followed. Tea at Southwell was followed by ringing at the Minster: this cack-handed (Yorkshire for anti-clockwise) ring of eight was not everyone's cup of tea; but everyone enjoyed the eight at Ilkeston which followed and ended the day's ringing.

Back at the hotel a social evening was enjoyed. Presentations were made to Jim and Sylvia and to our coach driver. Then a poet (?) gave a report of the week's activities, which got 'verse and verse' as it went on, and also more scurrilous and scandalous: still, he's still alive.

Saturday started with ringing at Nottingham St. Peter's, and here I had to leave and head back to the county of broad acres and broader vowels, but from my previous experience of the next three towers on the list—Bottesford, Calston Bassett and Melton Mowbray—I feel sure the others would have a nice day.

Thanks are due to a long list of people: to all who helped to make this week in six counties a memorable one. May I, on behalf of the Pilgrims, say a really big 'Thank you.'

I. S.

P.S.—The original report was lost in the post.—*Ed.*

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Swift 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, J. Carr 3, Daphne Pankhurst 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. Pilbeam 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. W. J. B. Crouch, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

THOUGHTS ON PEALS

Have you ever rung a peal or ever tried to arrange one? There is more to a peal than merely 'grabbing it.'

Some years ago—1946 to be precise—that noted all-round ringer, 'young Tom Groombridge' from some correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on peal-grabbing, thought I was a ringer of doubtful ability (which was correct) trying to get into a good peal band (which was not correct), and suggested that if I wanted peals I should try to arrange them.

Later on I was 'invited' to stand in several peals. My 'first,' naturally, was at my own tower, by the invitation of my technical advisers, Dick Langford and George Packer — Caters.

A little later I was invited by another fine ringer-conductor, Howard Howell, of Walsall, for a peal of Cinques. Then a failure at Repton, Triples, with Sid Jones and Walter Whitehead. The next was Doubles at Marchington, Staffs, and at Montgomery for an Odd Fellows' peal with Sam Jones, junior. Then with Sam again at Eccleston for his father's 86th birthday—by the way, happy birthday, 'Father' Sam.

I think everybody will agree that these were enough to whet anyone's appetite, so I thought it was high time I tried what I had been advised to do—try arranging a peal. By now a very high standard had been set both in churches, bells and bands.

The first thing is, of course, the bells, and the proper person for permission is the incumbent, be he dean, vicar or rector. In many cases the perfect liaison between the clergy and his ringers helps considerably, and that's how it should be. Choose a nice church with good bells; ask for the bells and the goodwill of the ringers to ring them. If the incumbent knows the applicant as do the ringers, that helps with getting the bells.

As to the band, the more ringing friends you have the harder it is to choose: including the ladies, of course, there are some very capable ringers. Probably in the band there will be a 'first pealer.'

Speaking of the ladies, some time ago I arranged a peal at what has recently been described as 'our greatest cathedral,' and included a 'gracious lady.' After the ringing the band adjourned for liquid refreshment and, naturally, invited the lady, who seemed rather surprised until it was pointed out that she also was the only lady in the tower. Incidentally, another gracious lady was 'baby-sitting' for the ringer. These friendships and associations are a lovely part of the ringing world life. The ladies are a very valuable asset, and help to keep us straight.

After posting the invitations, then the headache begins. You know the Bible parable of the wedding feast—'and they all began with one accord to make excuses . . .'—especially if you don't give them reasonable notice.

Time is an important factor. For a 2.30 p.m. attempt don't come rolling up at 3 to 3.15. After the usual pleasantries, if necessary the adjustments of ropes: if you do have to alter them, please readjust them.

I have just arranged another peal, so 'Look to,' go for Stedman: keep your eyes open, listen to it, and good luck, happy ringing, and a successful peal.

This is all: stand. FRANK STENSON.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REMINDER ON LONG LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—While condoling with the band who rang such a long way last Saturday (November 21st) at Loughborough towards the 40,320 Plain Bob Major, I suggest that they might well, if successful, have given cause for future discussion and dissension, and suggest that next time they be more careful.

The Central Council's rule relating to notification of record attempts requires that the day and hour of starting the attempt be published. Mr. Ivin's letter in 'R.W.' of November 13th gave the date (22nd), which was incorrect, and did not give a starting time. So the whole object of the rule, which is clearly so that anyone, especially the holders of the existing record, may listen to the attempt, was defeated. —Yours, etc.,

W. G. WILSON.

Ealing.

OLD RINGER'S COMMENTS

Dear Sir,—I know of quite a few of the older ringers who gave up taking the 'R.W.' when the price was increased before. It is hoped that a similar occurrence does not defeat its own end. Peal records would be just as interesting if printed similar to the quarter peals, thus saving a lot of space. Reports of outings or tours are only interesting when items of interest concerning church, bells or scenery are mentioned. No one else wants to know what Monica or Bill did or didn't do, the interested parties already know.

By the way, I wonder who the silly people are who give or sell bells to scrap merchants—also who the scrap metal dealers are who don't know the value of bell metal? Or is Percy pulling our leg?—Yours faithfully,

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

No. 1 READER'S VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I hope you will allow me to say a few words regarding 'The Ringing World.' Some little time has elapsed since a fine gentleman whom I escorted to measure the tenor at my home said to me: 'Young man, do you take a ringing paper?' I said: 'Yes, the "Bell News".' He then produced 'The Ringing World,' No. 1, and I am pleased to say I have had it ever since.

What concerns me now most is this. I am now enjoying my pension, nearing my 70th birthday. Now I ask all ringers whose names appear regularly, what is our paper for? If we send in a notice of a meeting we pay for it. I would have thought the only way to keep it solvent and within the reach of some of us was not to rely on cheap advertisements and to pay for peals they send in to publish.

If the Oxford Guild members who proposed giving £20 from Guild funds would subscribe more themselves, it would not give away part of the subscriptions of those members who subscribe regularly and never once have a peal or quarter peal sent in without sending a donation.

I am afraid I shall have to be like a few other ringers and give the increased suggested subscription before paying for other people's pleasure.—Yours, etc.

J. KEYTE.

Freeland, Oxford.

CARBIS BAY DEDICATION

Dear Sir,—The report of the above states: 'The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon I. S. Jenkins.' I am glad to say, however, that I am still Vicar of Carbis Bay, and conducted the service. Canon Jenkins, Vicar of St. Ives, read the lesson. I am making this correction so that my many friends will know that they can still write to me whenever they want to come to try Cornwall's new light ten.

This is an opportunity to thank all those who, over the last two-and-a-half years, have supported the completion of the tower, because of which it has been possible to add the two trebles. Many and generous have been the gifts from visiting ringers. The co-operation, too, of all, has been marvellous, and none more than of my own local band. During the five months of building operations ringing took place twice every Sunday and on Friday evenings. Only on one practice night did we have to give up when, with no roof, an unexpected thunderstorm brought rain dropping on us through the ceiling. Dust and rubble on the floor perturbed no one. Even the hanging of the two trebles made no difference.

Mr. John Walker started on a Monday morning, and despite the rearrangement he had to do, he dropped from among the bells on the Friday evening, telling us with his happy smile that the ten bells were ready to try; and so off we went to a sound several of the band had never heard before.

My gratitude for the support received in what at first thoughts seemed an impossible undertaking, at the hallowing of the bells, and finally at the dedication, can only be repaid by welcoming those who wish to come to try and enjoy the only ten in a parish church in Cornwall.—Yours sincerely,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the rules by which a Scout can obtain the Ringer's Badge. I enclose the rules which apply to the Girl Guides in the hope you can publish. Miss J. Emery, a Guide who rings regularly in our tower, has just passed her test, and is awaiting her badge.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. EDNAMS.

Great Horwood, Bucks.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Below is a list of requirements to obtain the badge.

1. Be able to ring rounds accurately.
2. Be able to raise and lower a bell, in peal preferably.
3. Be able to ring two standard methods—(*a*) Grandsire, or (*b*) either Plain Bob Doubles or Plain Bob Minor preferred.
4. Be able to explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower.
5. Describe the parts of a bell, and how it is hung.
6. Demonstrate ability to splice a rope, and show that she understands the importance of rope maintenance.

COMMENTS ON OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the remarks in Belfry Gossip, several people have written to me, inquiring (1) the price to pay for old bells, if any good; (2) for information about small bells (other than handbells) suitable for tune playing; (3) whether I could pen a few articles on tune playing.

Though not in the scrap or second-hand trade, I can, on pretty good authority, state that the present day catalogue price for old bells of bell metal (not steel bells) is 1s. 1d. per lb.

Small bells, like large, will at times have hair cracks and casting flaws, noticeable only by holding up the bells and sounding them. Such bells do not pay to be recast and so are best left alone. The shape and design of small bells (as with large) have a lot to do with their tone. They differ in a variety of ways in their designs.

Some have short waists and flat, almost razor-edged, crowns: those are not always the best-toned. Other have flat crowns but longer waists: these generally give a better sound than the first. Some there are with slightly raised crowns and rounded at the rim instead of 'razor-edged.' If the lip (or sound bow) of these is fairly thick, they are are a rule the best-toned, especially if the lip is deep and not short, as are some.

As in large bells, the size does not always indicate depth of note: a small bell can sometimes be in a deeper note than another half as big again. The second is, I believe, heavier than the third at Finedon Church; there is some peculiarity of this sort, too, at Kineton, and at Irchester there is a difference of 9 cwt. between the seventh and the tenor of their eight—12¼ cwt. against 21¼ cwt.

As for tunes, one could keep on writing for ever about these—especially on an octave eight, and equally so on the first eight of 12, if one is interested in hymn playing. Some really lovely tunes can be got on the last named, as, for example, 'Bright the vision,' or that sweet little tune to No. 98, English Hymnal, sometimes sung to 'Peace, perfect peace' in place of the one more commonly known: neither of these can be got on an octave owing to the flat second necessary.

Something like 20 to 30 are possible on the last six of an octave, but only a very few on five. I only know of three: 'Now the day is over,' the Advent Litany ('God the Father, God the Son') and a tune sung by the Salvation Army a lot to the words 'Nothing but the blood of Jesus.'—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

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LETTERS—Continued

A SUGGESTION

Dear Sir,—It appears, from the report of a meeting published in 'The Ringing World,' that the cost of 'The Ringing World' is to be increased as from January next, and that there will be the usual spate of letters arguing for and against.

Some of the letters will undoubtedly give constructive criticism, whilst others will probably reflect the reverse side of human nature, and show how mean we really can be.

If we expect to be provided with a paper that is exclusive to our particular hobby, then we must expect to pay an exclusive price.

We are told that one of the things we must try to do is to increase the sales, and I would like to suggest something on the following lines.

There must be many towers where money is paid from the church in to the belfry funds, and where many of the ringers do not desire to be paid directly for services rendered. There will also be many towers where one 'Ringing World' is purchased for the general use of the ringers, and although it may be delivered somewhere either Thursday or Friday, does not reach the belfry until the Sunday, and sometimes later.

Meetings may have been advertised in the current issue for the Saturday, of which many ringers are unaware.

I would therefore like to put forward for consideration by interested persons that the annual postal subscription to 'The Ringing World' be paid from the belfry funds for the members of a tower, which may have the effect of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and perhaps also increase the attendance at some of the badly-supported ringing meetings.—Yours fraternally,

FRED HODGSON.

Darlington.

IN DEFENCE OF 'THE MASTER MIND'

Dear Sir,—The last article by Mr. H. Chant seems to have caused some unrest amongst the 'trippers.'

Now, sir, let me put the lid on this bickering. Professor Dodge resides in the land of 'Cartwheelers,' violent and champion ringers of Great Britain, who think that some information from the 'master mind' is much better reading than the tower-grabbing trip reports.

I shall also throw a challenge to anyone interested. Professor Dodge's pupils consider themselves the champions of Great Britain, and the title will be rung for at the next shield contest in the summer of 1960. Only those teams who can ring a 720 of Minor, any method, with no more than 45 faults need compete.—Yours, etc.,

'ARTFUL DODGER.'

Huddersfield.

MR. YORK-BRAMBLE AND THE RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—We must beg to be allowed to correct your misprint in the issue of November 27th. Mr. York-Bramble was elected the first honorary life member for his feat in bringing *down* the Cambridge which a member had failed to wreck. For the Rabbits' Guild to honour him for bringing it *round* would, of course, be pointless.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. W. D.,
Secretary, R.G.

Edgbaston.

OBITUARY

MR. MORRIS A. TURNER

Mr. M. A. Turner was a ringer at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, for many years, until he emigrated to the United States before the Great War. He paid two return visits to this country, in 1956 and 1958. On the first visit he rang two peals but, during the second, ill health forced him to restrict ringing activities.

His death in Philadelphia, at the age of 78, bereaves the former tower captain at Kettering—his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner—to whom our sympathy is extended.

On November 17th the bells were rung half-muffled in his memory. A touch of 432 Stedman Triples, one of 'Alf's' favourite methods, was followed by some plain courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. May he rest in peace.

S. R. C.

MR. STANLEY NUNN

By the sudden death of Mr. Stanley Nunn, in his 64th year on October 30th, Garboldisham, Norfolk, loses a great character and an enthusiastic bell-ringer.

Stanley, as he was known all over South Norfolk and Suffolk, had a varied life. He was son of a miller who worked the old windmill in Garboldisham, his birthplace. Educated at Framlingham College, he was apprenticed to Brooke Marine, of Lowestoft. Experience in steam engines, trawlers and ships gained there stood him in good stead, and following service abroad in the 1914–18 war with the Ordnance Corps, he was a taxi driver in Paris—an unusual job for any Englishman, and an experience from which Stanley could bring forth a spate of amusing yarns. He returned to England in 1924, having been a cinema owner in France, and started up a motor garage, in which the quality of his work had become a byword in these parts.

Following the sad death of his wife in 1956, he took up bell-ringing. Athough a fair handler he could never master method ringing; but this did not damp his enthusiasm for call-changes or rounds. But his main love was bell-hanging. The good condition of the mechanism at Blo-Norton is mainly due to Stanley's ingenuity and patience; and he was always ready to give advice and carry out practical repairs in a sensible and economic way at any tower. He was something of an antiquarian, and loved to drive his old Austin car many hundreds of miles to visit churches in out-of-the-way places. His red, beaming face at the wheel of his car, full of other ringers, will be missed from the roads of East Anglia.

The packed church at Garboldisham on Nov. 4th bears testimony to the respect owed to him on the day of his funeral. Wreaths included one in the shape of a bell, complete with headstock, and inscribed 'N.D.A.' in pink carnation petals from the South Branch of the Norwich Association. A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung to mark the occasion by two separate bands—his own faithful company at Blo-Norton and a South Branch band at Garboldisham.

P. J.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Sheffield and District Society held their meeting at Treeton on November 7th, the Vicar made a strong appeal to the Society for help with the training of the local company. The youth leader, said the Vicar, was teaching a few young people to handle a bell, but his own ability was limited, and outside aid was necessary if the team was to start change-ringing. The team would welcome anyone who might help, even if only occasional visits.

Through the arrival of visitors from Wakefield, Bradford and Todmorden, a good standard of ringing was maintained. Unfortunately only three towers were represented.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch

The Rev. John Scott, of Clawton, was elected chairman of the N.W. Branch at its annual meeting on November 7th at Hartland. He succeeds Mr. F. C. Smale, who has resigned, and the meeting proposed that life membership should be conferred on Mr. Smale. The other officers were re-elected. Some 30 members attended, and ringing was of a good standard, including Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Thanks were accorded the Vicar for conducting the service, the organist, and those who kindly supplied the tea.

Mid-Devon Branch

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Buckfast Abbey attracted ringers from Babbacombe, Teignmouth, Chudleigh, Axminster and Taunton, who, with members of the Abbey team, climbed the 126 steps to the ringing chamber.

Touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Triples, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were successfully rung in the presence of the president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

The highlight was the chiming of the seventon Hosanna bell. Following tea at Buckfastleigh, a business meeting was held, at which Mrs. R. Border, Mr. C. Skidmore and Mr. N. J. Goodman were confirmed as life members.

Ian Hay, Philipa Russell, Elizabeth Rossiter and Patricia Sharp were elected members of the Guild, and a certificate was presented to A. van Doorninck. The meeting ended with a visit to Holne Church, where a number of call-changes were rung.

RINGING CONDITIONS IN WORCESTER

THE recent peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Worcester Cathedral has given rise to a spate of letters in the 'Worcester Evening News and Times.' Complaints have also been made concerning the ringing of bells at All Saints' and St. John's churches. A few of the letters are in praise of church bell music.

The Dean has taken a sensible view of the protests. He has since met the ringers and told them not to worry about what they had read, and that as far as he was concerned there was no question of altering the ringing arrangements. He felt that the complainants were in a minority.

We think our readers will be interested in the following conditions governing ringing in Worcester, supplied to us by Mr. David Beacham:—

(1) We always make a point of giving advance notice in the local Press of peal attempts at the Cathedral. Unfortunately, on this occasion the notice was not published, through a misunderstanding, although submitted.

(2) In an endeavour to be reasonable about peals, it is our rule to make one peal attempt a year on the ten or 12 and one a year on the middle eight. The last peal was in February, 1958 (Stedman Cinques), of which notice was given and no complaints received.

(3) Peals are normally rung in the afternoon.

(4) The bells are rung for about 35 minutes every Sunday, mornings and evenings alternately. There is no practice ringing. We have about two visiting bands every year.

(5) The bells of St. John's are rung every Sunday evening for an hour, and practice night is generally every other week. The bells are reasonably quiet.

(6) All Saints' bells are rung alternate Sunday mornings for half-an-hour and practice alternate weeks. These bells are also reasonably quiet.

(7) If asked to cease ringing due to sickness, etc., in the vicinity, we do so.

(8) We agree that the Cathedral bells are noisy outside (hardly surprising!), but feel our ringing arrangements are very reasonable.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT

The fog of the preceding days did not deter 24 members, representing 13 towers, of the Society from attending a most successful meeting at All Saints' Church, Hessle, on November 14th. A wide variety of methods was rung, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. Emmel, and a short and sparkling address was given by the Rev. J. Johnson, who afterwards joined in the evening ringing. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by the local ladies, and was followed by the business meeting, when Mr. Peter Came, of Danbury, Essex, was elected a member. Cottingham was selected as the venue for the annual general meeting in February.

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By W. E. CRITCHLEY

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Rung at Waterford Cathedral, Eire, August 4th, 1959, conducted by D. P. Jones.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS

The first outing of the young band who ring the new five at Church Gresley, near Burton, took place on one of the closing days of the glorious summer, being transported in cars by the Rev. K. Roy Upton (Vicar), the Rev. David F. Towers (curate) and Mr. D. P. Jones (instructor). Although only call-changes were attempted, useful experience was gained on the light sixes visited, help being provided by local ringers.

The journey to Taxal, in its pretty valley, lay over high places in the Peak District and Buxton, passing the nearly-empty Fernilee Reservoir, emphasising the severe drought in the Stockport area. Disley was next visited before crossing the valley for a meal at Strines, Marple.

The afternoon was spent touring Longsight, Manchester, railway locomotive depot, where over 60 engines were seen and a thorough inspection made inside a large new diesel locomotive, also in the coaling plant. Next, enjoyable hours were spent in the nearby amusements and zoo at Belle Vue Park, before proceeding to Chelford and Bosley, the final towers.

WALTHAM ABBEY

Waltham Abbey ringers enjoyed their outing on September 12th in the Thames Valley area. The pleasant ten at Rickmansworth were first rung. At Marlow, however, ringing was rather disrupted on account of a funeral, but Mr. Poole spared no effort to ensure that everyone had a chance to ring.

Interests were divided at enley, where some 'relaxed' by rowing, but those who went to St. Mary's Church enjoyed the ringing. An hour's ringing at Wallingford preceded tea, and later came Thame and Tring towers to end an enjoyable day, for which we owe thanks to incumbents and those ringers who made us so welcome. M. C. A.

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YATTON VISIT PLYMOUTH AREA

In the early hours of November 14th, another of Bert Price's popular outings commenced. The party of nigh on 50 consisted of the Yatton ringers and friends, and representatives of the following towers: Keynsham, Chew Magna, Winford, Kingston Seymour, Mark, Locking, Worle, Kewstoke, Wrington, Uphill and Beckford (Worcs).

The venue this time was the Plymouth area, and thanks are due to British Railways for making excellent travel arrangements, both train (reserved compartments) and coach. On arrival at Plymouth we were met by Mr. Sims, who came with us as pilot, and we are grateful to him and also the driver of the luxurious coach who negotiated the narrow, winding Devonshire lanes with uncanny skill. We passed through some beautiful scenery, but unfortunately much of it was blotted out by rain which scarcely ceased all day.

Our first tower was Stoke Damerel, Plymouth (a substitute for Emmanuel, under repair): after a short while ringing came to an abrupt end on the arrival of a bride for her wedding. We then moved on to Plympton, and after a break for refreshments spent two happy hours on the delightful bells at Plympton St. Mary (8) and Plympton St. Maurice (8).

The half-hour coach drive, which took us both sides of the River Yam to Revelstoke, Noss Mayo and the bells (8), was much enjoyed, as also was the drive back to Plymouth around the Hoe and through the shopping centre, now well lit up, to the Magnet Café, where an excellent meal was served and much appreciated by all. Here we met Mr. T. G. Myers, captain of St. Andrew's, who had made all the tower arrangements; later at St. Andrew's (10), where the ringing was again greatly enjoyed, Mr. Myers was heartily thanked by Mr. Price for all he had done.

Ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, plus Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The journey home commenced at 8.5 p.m., but high spirits that had not been damped by the rain made the necessary rest and sleep a delayed action—I am glad to report 'no broken stays!'. Our toast to Mr. Price for organising another lovely outing. P. P.

BRISTOL RINGERS IN SOMERSET

About 30 members of the University of Bristol Society and the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers enjoyed a very successful coach outing to some of the finest of Somerset towers on November 21st. An hour's run over the Mendips on a soft autumn afternoon brought us to Chewton Mendip, in its hollow, with the pinnacled church tower rising above. We paid tribute to this melodious eight with a patriotic three leads of Bristol. Then on to Shepton Mallet, where we had great difficulty with ropes which had shrunk because of the damp weather.

Tea had been provided for us at The Bell in Evercreech. Such a wonderful spread is an infrequent and welcome sight on U.B.S.C.R. outings! Afterwards, the eight at Ditcheat went rewardingly to a musical touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob, and then the last tower of the day was St. Peter's, Evercreech, home of the 'radio bells.' Everyone was given a good chance to enjoy these to Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters, with plenty of rounds for the learners.

A farewell visit to The Bell, and an unusually quiet ride home, brought this thoroughly enjoyable outing to an end. Many thanks to Miss Jane Cook and Mr. Albert Tyler for smooth, efficient organisation. B. W. A.

YOUNG RINGERS' PEAL AT DROITWICH

On November 14th a peal was rung to commemorate the restoration of the 800-year-old Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich. The average age of the band was 15 years 2 months, and all the band are past or present pupils of Bromsgrove High School (1, 3, 5), King Edward's, Stourbridge (2, 4), and King's, Worcester (6). It is believed to be the youngest team to ring a peal for the Association.

The team included four first pealers, but the striking was very good when it is considered that the ringers of 1 and 3 have only been ringing for eight months, and the treble bell was rung without a stay—no mean achievement for a first pealer!

Congratulation is especially due to the two 12-year-olds on 2 and 3, who rang very well despite their small size.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Some 50 ringers attended the Ashford District meeting held at Saltwood on November 21st. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Stanton) who, in his address, gave some interesting information about old bell-founders and bells in the district. Tea was provided and served by the Saltwood ringers and their friends.

Two new members—Mr. J. D. Burnett, of Saltwood, and Mr. P. J. Denne, of Wittersham—joined the Association. Mr. J. Willis, speaking on behalf of the meeting, thanked the Rector and the Saltwood ringers for their kindness.

Mr. T. Cullingworth acted as Ringing Master in the tower, and there was some good ringing in a variety of methods until 9 o'clock.

C. T. H.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the monthly meeting at Royston on November 14th a report was presented by Mr. Noel F. Moxon on the jubilee dinner, at which everything was satisfactory. Mr. Moxon was warmly thanked by Mr. Harold Chant for making the arrangements.

Mr. Alec Beaumont, of Wentworth, and Mr. Stephen Kestor, of Ecclesfield, were elected members, and Conisbrough, near Doncaster, was selected for the meeting on December 12th. The Vicar (Rev. R. E. K. Law), who presided, was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. Frank Mitchell and the local company for the arrangements. Attention was drawn by Mr. Moxon to a ringing course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, about Eastertime. The meeting was closed by the Vicar with the ringers' prayers.

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DEATH

TURNER, Morris Alfred.—The death occurred on Monday, November 9th, 1959, in Philadelphia, U.S.A., of Morris Alfred Turner, aged 78, following an operation. R.I.P. 5340

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SEVENOAKS, KENT.—No practice on Monday, Dec. 7th, owing to meeting in Church. Transferred to Tonbridge for that evening, 7.45. All welcome. 5354

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1960 (16s.). Non-members welcome. Annual tour, Whirlow Grange, Sheffield, Aug. 6th to 13th. Any member who has not received a circular should write to D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 5343

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 weekend 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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. J. Fox. 5346

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5th, at Hatton (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea-in-plenty 5 p.m. Warm welcome to all. 5356

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 5317

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

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—F. Vickers. 5309

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Warminster, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Service 5 p.m.—E. J. Hitchins. 5341

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

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. 5299

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Dec. 7th, 7 p.m. 5327

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Cranford, Friday, Dec. 11th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5198

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m. —John Chilcott, Sec. 5342

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, near Doncaster, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Dec. 8th Mrs. Braithwaite, Vicarage, Conisbrough, Doncaster. 5328

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5322

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Silsoe, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Special methods, Surfleet and Fulbeck. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5365

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Fairwarp, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tea at The Foresters Arms. Please send tea card.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5352

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 5351

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. A. T. Collins, 20, Percy Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 5344

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome.—F. Newton, Hon. Sec. 5360

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Lydney, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farn, Newnham, Glos. 5355

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss S. P. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5371

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, 3 p.m., Hertingfordbury.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5370

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Bath, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at the Beaufort Café, 3, Balustrade. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than Dec. 10th to Mrs. M. de Jong, Vanaarken, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 5321

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Greasley, Notts. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea no later than Dec. 12th to Mrs. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts. No names, no tea. Everyone welcome. 5359

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool, 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting, St. Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bring own food. Direct P 20 bus from Preston. Frequent buses on A6 to Withy Trees. — L. Walmsley. 5368

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, Moorside (Oldham). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Nominations for secretary. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 5349

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern (6), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory. Names by 9th to Mr. T. Harris, 21, Greenhill, Hathern.—C. W. Hall. 5319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Billesdon (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old School, 5 p.m. Names for tea by 10th at the latest to Miss P. M. Geary, Stone House, Billesdon. 5362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5358

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, 9th, please, to Mr. Geo. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. — M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5373

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Paul's, Hounslow, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, followed by service and further ringing, All Saints', Isleworth. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, Tulse Hill (8190). 5353

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hardwicke, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 5361

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 12th, St. Aldate's. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Dec. 9th, to Mr. E. Venn, 233, Banbury Road, Oxford.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Special method, Oxford Treble Bob Major.—B. C. Castle. 5348

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llandilo, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Dec. 5th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 5326

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting, St. Chad's (12), Shrewsbury, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Binsted, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by December 9th. — C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 5345

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, Pickering (8), Saturday, Dec. 12th. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to R. L. Scarth, 26, Hallgarth, Pickering. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5369

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 19th, Blaydon St. Cuthbert, 2.30 p.m. Names by Thursday, Dec. 17th, essential, to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street. 5349

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Western District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5372

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Batley, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parrotts Café, Commercial Street, followed by business meeting in School, near church. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 17th, to Dr. D. Atkins, c/o Staincliffe General Hospital, Dewsbury.—A. E. Marsh. 5357

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