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ANNUS IRAE — II. AFTERMATH

LOOKING back to the events of sixty years ago it is not difficult to perceive how the accusations and disclosures that followed the Kidlington dispute were the outcome, directly or indirectly, of that classic contest. William Pye did not forget Willson's intervention and William Willson did not forget Pye's contemptuous references to his ringing prowess. Neither could feel charitably inclined towards the other, and neither could restrain the wish that something could be found to discredit his opponent. It was Willson who led off on September 2nd with a violent attack on a peal of Stedman Caters called by William Pye at Bermondsey. With what now seems a perverse desire to aggravate the situation, 'The Bell News' headed the letter, 'The bogus Bermondsey peal.' Again the storm burst, and this time with great bitterness and an absence of restraint, and the matter was complicated by Plain Speaker's mysterious reference to a letter from Tom Newman, of Caversham, which could not be printed because it would reopen the Kidlington wounds.

Once again it needed influential suggestion, and a letter from C. E. D. Boutflower deploring the tone of the correspondence, to bring the affair to an end. But more was to come. At the end of the year a peal of Stedman Cinques at Bristol, rung in just under three and a half hours, raised a controversy emanating from the Ipswich district, where 'W. R.' maintained that peals of Cinques could not be rung in the time given. Despite a widening of the discussion, the right of the matter seemed to be with the Bristol ringers, for whom the opinions of F. G. May carried great weight; and the most interesting and instructive part of this argument will be found to lie in George Daltry's letter of February 24th, 1900. This expresses some very thoughtful views on weights of bells and speeds of ringing.

The Bristol controversy was (in its setting) a mild interlude, and before it was settled the rumblings of a more dreadful storm were apprehended in Plain Speaker's columns, where there appeared rather more than a hint that the first peal of Treble Bob Royal to be rung in Ireland had proved not to be a peal at all. The peal, in which William Willson took part, had been conducted by Washbrook a year or two before, and rumours were now going round to the effect that the composition was false. Alas, it was so. The peal had, in its concluding stages, been called into the Plain Course by two bobs at Middle, and in the absence of a bob or bobs at Home to start the peal, this necessarily rendered the composition false. A letter from Gabriel Lindoff, published on March 24th, left no doubt about the matter, but two things turned what might have been a genuine mistake into a minor scandal: the alleged placing of some irrelevant figures with the Association under whose auspices the peal was rung, and the fact that a considerable number of folk in England seemed to have been aware that there was something queer about this performance and yet had done nothing to bring the truth to light.

To Mr. Pye, of course, it seemed that the enemy was delivered into his hands; Washbrook and Willson were at his mercy. Willson was silent, and it was some weeks before Washbrook could be brought to offer any sort of explanation. Before he could do so, Tom Newman got his head into the open and chose this moment to cast a doubt on Washbrook's record length of London Surprise, rung in 1896. Newman asserted that during that peal T. Payne set his bell and someone else pulled it off for him. Subsequent correspondence showed that there was little evidence to support this accusation, and the Oxford folk, led by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, arose, as may be supposed, in a body to defend their reputation and their achievement. Washbrook was able to mitigate the Treble Ten embarrassment by a justifiable defence of the record London. Mr. Tom Newman's intervention was futile, and his case died; but there was yet one more burst of fury in this year of wrath, and it was directed against William Pye by Mr. T. H. Taffender, who attacked a peal of Treble Twelve rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The exchanges that followed were crude and hard-hitting, and it may here suffice to say that of one letter the Editor remarked: 'We have taken the trouble to tone this letter down a little,' and of an epistle from the other protagonist: 'We have felt compelled to eliminate a sentence from this letter.' It was clearly time to call a halt, and a measured, considered appeal from Canon Papillon in 'The Bell News' of April 28th expressed what all right-thinking ringers had in mind. The columns of the paper were closed forthwith to this and all allied disputes. The great year of wrath was ended. E. C. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

George E. Symonds	*Treble*	Herbert G. Jillings	7
Ronald Bugg	2	Gilbert R. Goodship	8
Roger K. Whittell	3	Alan Andrews	9
Charles J. Sedgley	4	Ernest Pearce	10
James Morley	5	Edward E. Davey	11
Harry D. Lister	6	Ernest V. Blake	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by George E. Symonds.
First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all except the ringers of 1, 7 and tenor.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Jillian M. Hussey	*Treble*	Albert M. Tyler	6
*Brinley A. Shackleton	2	Elisabeth A. Bowden	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	Reginald G. Hooper	8
†Molly P. Smith	4	Richard J. Bowden	9
Mary H. Hall	5	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 24 cwt.

John P. Partington	*Treble*	*Neil Bennett	6
Robert B. Smith	2	*Geoff. D. Fearnehough	7
*Trevor Taylor	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
*Philip G. K. Davies	4	Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	*Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of London Royal.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, steeple keeper at this church.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Frank L. Harris	6
Michael J. Best	2	*Gordon Gaylard	7
*Roger J. Fox	3	Harry J. Gaylard	8
*Colin Conway	4	Thomas J. Setter	9
Trevor E. Marks	5	*Harry Hebditch	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Herbert E. Audsley	*Treble*	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	Norman Bagworth	7
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Joseph Marks	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	Reuben Sanders	9
Maxwell F. Oaksheit	5	Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
Arranged for the 86th birthday of Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 25 cwt.

William E. Turner	*Treble*	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Henry G. Keeley	2	Harry J. Gaylard	6
Raymond P. Selway	3	Gordon Gaylard	7
Joseph Barrett	4	Albert W. Dyer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Gaylard.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

ST. PETER'S IN ISLE OF THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Mary Elsdon (16)	*Treble*	*Robert G. Dadds	5
Mrs. N. Bridges	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Sonia Davies	3	Thomas H. Holmes	7
*Christine Cobbold (17)	4	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.
A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ADDERBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

*Michael W. Coleman	*Treble*	Richard F. B. Speed	5
Marie R. Cross	2	George W. Holland	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
William A. Yates	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Bristol on the bells.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

DARLING POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
(St. Jude's Society, Randwick.)
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*Mervyn J. Bray (R.N.)	*Treble*	John C. Sheehy	5
*Audrey E. Peters	2	*David W. Kerley (R.N.)	6
†William D. Watson	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
†John H. Fryer	4	*James F. Hammond	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal. † First tower bell peal. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Ann Brown, who left this day for a holiday in England.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Harold Hamer	*Treble*	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Gordon Rothwell	2	Keith Abbot	6
*John P. Partington	3	Colin S. Taylor	7
†Barry Wild	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Hamer.
* 50th peal. † First of Major.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	Michael Elson	5
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	John McDonald	7
John A. Anderson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by John McDonald.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Erdington (Rev. W. S. Power), upon the completion of 50 years in the Ministry.

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STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
MAURICE BENNETT	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all the band

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	6
ARTHUR B. COOPER	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	7
*KENNETH RUTLAND	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal in the method.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*MARY J. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
‡GILLIAN TAVENER	2	*HUGH M. JOHNSON	6
‡FRANCES JOHNSON	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
*HILARY M. JOHNSON	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Hilary M. Johnson.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*KEITH C. BEGRIE	*Treble*	‡ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
†JOAN BACON (14)	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
HOWARD OGLESBY	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
GEORGE COUSSINS	4	*DONALD T. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † First 'inside' other than Bob Doubles. ‡ First in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
CECIL RADDON	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung for the 70th birthday of C. Raddon and the 14th birthday of J. Hayes.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ETHEL CLEAR	*Treble*	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
FRANK OAKSHOTT	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	6
WILLIAM PARROTT	3	GEOFFREY PRATT	7
*SYLVIA MARSH	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Major and first 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Oakshott, tower captain and District Master.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
*HARRY J. MILLATT	2	RODERICK PIPE	6
TERRY EARLE	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
HOWARD EGGLESTONE	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

RUNG SILENT.
Composed by S. J. IVIN. Umpire: LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* 100th peal for the Essex Association.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal of Major in the method.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	5
RAYMOND W. PECK	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	ERNEST G. PEARCE	7
JAMES B. MORLEY	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*TONIE J. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*SUSAN FUNNELL	5
*LINDA M. HUGHES	2	‡ALMA M. GREAVES	6
†J. MARY FUNNELL	3	*ROGER J. GAY	7
*VERONICA MILES	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Major.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MARCUS P. BARTON	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
JOAN GRAY	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
HOWARD COLLINGS	3	JOHN H. GILBERT	7
MICHAEL R. ROSE	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Society.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5152 REPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

SYDNEY JONES	*Treble*	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
PAT A. M. HALLS	2	PETER B. KNIGHTS	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
CLIVE W. WALKLATE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome home from Australia Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Campbell, daughter and son-in-law of the local captain and treble ringer. Also a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Harcombe.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MICHAEL E. TURNER	*Treble*	PHILIP N. TUBBS	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	ALBERT W. DYRE	7
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

REPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1458 x 36 x 78
L.E. 18674523. 2nd place L.E. 4th place bobs.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ..	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* 500th peal.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,336 Cambridge and 2,720 Superlative, with 91 changes of method.
J. W. Parker's arrangement of Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING ..	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ELAINE A. RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN FROOME	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	PETER CROOK	6
JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	STANLEY ANDERTON	7
THOMAS BRATBY	4	JOHN W. HAMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the honour conferred upon Titus Barlow, O.B.E. (a ringer at this church), in the New Year's honours.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's' Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR NEWTON	*Treble*	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5
MRS. A. E. COX	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL ..	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	PERCY NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Foxall, a member of the above tower.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

COLIN F. MCGILL	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	7
PETER F. BORER	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 10). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
25th peal as conductor.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,016 Plain Bob, 2,016 Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's; 377 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	5
JOHN S. DEAN	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ..	6
ROGER KING	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
JOHN F. HUGHES	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. FEIRN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*SHELAGH FITZPATRICK ..	*Treble*	†ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING ..	2	*DONALD J. BEACH	6
†MRS. MARY BEACH	3	JOHN MEREDITH	7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ..	4	F. NEVILLE PAILING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. NEVILLE PAILING.
* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor at first attempt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID G. PICKETT	*Treble*	MALCOLM G. LANE	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES ..	2	CHRISTOPHER G. V. BURGESS	5
	3	ANDREW D. GRANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Withers-Lancashire as Precentor.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. N. BRIDGES	*Treble*	*MARY TAYLOR	4
*SONIA DAVIES	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*PAULINE FENNELL	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal (all aged 16).

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	4
JOHN G. PUSEY	2	JOHN CLEMENTS	5
DEREK PRICE	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HELEN NEVIN	*Treble*	JOHN B. LONG	4
DEBORAH HOPKINS	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES ..	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pattison, the conductor's parents.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

PAMELA E. JERVIS	*Treble*	*ALAN G. SPREADBURY ..	4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH ..	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
MIKAELA ERIK	2	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method by all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to Mikaela Erik.

ST. MARTIN, NEAR OSWESTRY.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ROGER POWELL	*Treble*	J. R. THOMAS	4
GUY PICKAVANCE	2	MICHAEL HART	5
†VALERIE LEE	3	COLIN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN SMITH.
* First peal. † First in the method and of Minor. First as conductor.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Grandsire and 20 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN CLUES	*Treble*	†RICHARD J. DANBY	3
*MARY J. MARSHALL	2	‡DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	4
JOHN E. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN E. GODDARD.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.' First as conductor. Average age 16. All are day school scholars.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. 79 80, 81: 75, 82, 83: 59).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

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

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Minor in the method.

ODELL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Bedford Delight, (3) Single Court Bob and Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
R GORDON CORBY	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal in 12 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.
(21 six-scores each).

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	PAUL CATTERMOLE	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	†PETER J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Jointly Conducted by MICHAEL D. FELLOWS and PAUL CATTERMOLE
* Longest length as conductor. † First peal at first attempt.
Average age of band 15 years and 1 month. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Association, on tower bells.
Rung on the eve of Epiphany as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
An Epiphany peal.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung for the Feast of Epiphany.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Southrepps, April Day; 720 Plain Bob; seven 240's and ten 120's Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*BARRY COUZENS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
HAZEL WAY	3	JOHN MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT R. HURST	*Treble*	HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	3
E. JOHN SIBSON	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. E. H. Sibson.

NEWTOWN, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. DICKINSON	*Treble*	*GUY PICKAVANCE	4
*COLIN SMITH	2	*ROGER W. POWELL	5
*JOHN R. THOMAS	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First as conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents: Ten each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and April Day, and one each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G flat.

HELEN M. THACKER	*Treble*	PETER S. BENNETT	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	5
ROGER E. TALLIS	3	VICTOR H. NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
First peal of Doubles as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 15, WOODVILLE TERRACE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in two callings. Tenor size 8 in C sharp.

*A. GRUNDY	1—2	R. R. WARFORD	3—4
†BETTY MARTINSON	5—6		

Conducted by R. R. WARFORD.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN McFALL	1—2	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6		

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in bed.

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ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, D. J. King 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, J. E. Morgan 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. King.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, B. Coggins 4, F. Messenger 5, B. J. Coggins (first of Caters) 6, H. C. White 7, F. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, F. Absolom 10. A 17th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Coggins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Hopkins 1, June Dear 2, P. Flack 3, L. B. Scoot 4, L. Hughes 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, J. R. Castledine 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 2.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Godwin 1, R. Perkins 2, B. S. Payne 3, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 4, B. Lowe 5, J. Lowe 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Cooper 1, Jeanette Winchester 2, Jean Lavender 3, F. E. Darby (cond.) 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, D. E. Parsons 6. First on six bells by 1 and 2.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on January 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Helen Nevin 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, J. B. Long (first of London) 3, K. Wakefield (first of London) 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, J. R. Taylor 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, S. Ivin 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. C. Collins (first quarter) 1, Christine S. Rowland 2, M. Anne Burton (first 'inside') 3, Emily Lane (first quarter) 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, Patricia Collins 6.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1, K. Ather (first quarter) 2, J. Vickery 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver cover.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Knowles 1, Alice E. J. Lester 2, F. Anderton 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, T. Fitzgerald 5, F. H. Hayes 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Liverpool.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 1, W. French 2, F. Mynard 3, A. May 4, K. Tompkins (first quarter) 5. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): K. Tompkins 1, W. French 2, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, A. May 4, F. Mynard 5, A. Coley 6. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Walters, who is still a ringing member at Bradwell.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Edmunds (leading) 1, S. Henson 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, H. Preece 5, E. M. Smith 6, D. L. Hughes 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Hiddins 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, E. M. Smith 5, D. L. Hughes 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hughes in their 40th wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hoskins (first on a working bell) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, A. C. Baker 3, Miss G. Hussey 4, B. A. Shackleton (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hooper 6, F. Skidmore 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Also at the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Cook 1, Beryl Abbott 2, I. Maycock 3, Angela Grainger 4, J. C. Baldwin (first of Minor as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Boner 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss J. Spurgin 3, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hyward 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Burden (first quarter) 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, D. Langdon 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Haward 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Celia Lawrance 1, K. Small 2, Mrs. E. J. Coode 3, N. Clarke 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, J. Sims 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, E. J. Coode 8. For candlelit festival of nine lessons and carols.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Drury 1, J. Maybrey 2, J. Martin 3, Miss G. May 4, J. May 5, D. Wright (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 6, C. Chinnery 7, B. Priestley (50th quarter) 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: S. Boundy 1, K. Ellison 2, E. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Chapman 1, Miss B. Manship 2, E. Billings 3, R. Wilson 4, D. W. James 5, A. Gibbs 6, G. F. Roome 7, B. Hendry (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1, 3, 4. A 77th birthday compliment to John R. Main.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Hall 1, J. Neal 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. First quarter by a purely Grafton band. For Sunday School prize-giving service.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Fleming 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss B. C. Webster 3, Miss C. White 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. N. Tembey (first in the method) 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, Miss P. Page 8. Rung for the christening of a grand-daughter of the ringer of 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, R. Fuller 3, M. Major 4, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, R. Fuller 4, L. M. Bywater (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. For family service. Also on New Year's Eve, two 1,260's of Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, P. Rogers 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, P. W. Gay (first quarter) 3, D. Uphill 4, R. J. Gay (first as cond.) 5.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Smith (first attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, J. D. Kane 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, V. Evans and A. E. Cox 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall 1, Angela Grainger (cond.) 2, A. Kershaw 3, O. J. J. Rogers 4, K. C. Fleming 5, R. R. Churchill 6. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Susan Funnell 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Veronica Miles 6, Molly P. Barron 7, D. J. Purnell 8, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 9, R. J. Gay 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10. For morning service.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (New Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): M. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, C. Phillips 4, T. J. Gundy 5, A. Williams 6. Rung for the Nativity play by the Kilpeck Players.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, R. W. Hinde 6, I. H. Oram 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: T. White 1, H. F. White 2, W. H. Tyler 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, B. Madeley 6, A. M. Hickman 7, F. Price (cond.) 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Shrewsbury, and as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. B. Stratton).

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss W. Hale (16) 1, D. R. Elliot (20) 2, Miss G. Martin (16) 3, J. Hetherington (17, first 'inside') 4, I. F. Taylor (cond., 20) 5, W. F. Saunders (13, first quarter) 6. Average age of band 17. Ringing out the Old Year.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Taylor (cond.) 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, D. Mottershead 3, P. Laflin 4, J. R. Kennett 5, S. W. J. Penny 6, G. D. Fearnehough 7, N. Bennett 8.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): A. Foster 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, B. Mills 3, C. R. Burrill 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. Meredith 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 30th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Tocock (first quarter) 1, J. Venn 2, Diana P. Tocock (first quarter) 3, E. Venn 4, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. C. Warburton 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, P. S. Bennett 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. First of Oxford by all the band. For Evensong.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, M. J. Bray (R.N.) 2, R. Ferris (cond.) 3, D. W. Kerley (R.N.) 4, T. W. Goodyer 5, J. Turley (first quarter) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 14th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Blagg 1, J. P. Sims (cond.) 2, Sylvia Sims 3, F. R. Hocking 4, A. Weatherley 5, H. H. Thomas 6, F. Day 7, O. Thomas 8. Rung to mark renovation of bells and redecoration of belfry.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Sylvia Watson (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, G. Cornick 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. T. Cornick 6. Rung for the dedication of the new choir stalls by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hankey (14, first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, D. Mundy 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. Alfred Gear.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Margaret Westcott 1, W. S. Deason 2, Jill Barron 3, B. B. Dibben 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, J. D. Rock 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 8. For the 10th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A.).

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. J. Pointer 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Rung for the wedding of Lady Pamela Mountbatten and Mr. David Hicks. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, A. W. Fry (cond.) 5, D. Greenlaw 6, C. M. White 7, K. Jacobs 8. Rung to mark the wedding on January 15th of Mr. Jack Page, the tower captain, to Miss Eileen Howard.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Dowse 1, S. W. J. Penny 2, B. Schofield 3, J. R. Kennett 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Brinkley 1, B. Boyer 2, A. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, E. W. Roast 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. To the memory of the late Alice Mary Shadrack, honorary member of the Essex Association.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On July 1st, 1,320 Stanwell Exercise Doubles as a welcome to the Rev. Withers-Lancashire, Precentor. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, for afternoon service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,259 Plain Bob Doubles, for Midnight Mass. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at St. Mary's, Staines; 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at Chertsey; 1,260 Seven Doubles, at Shepperton; 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at Stanwell; and 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles, at East Bedfont.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Way 2, B. Cousins 3, T. Willis 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, J. T. Williams 6. First of Doubles by 2 and 3.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 18th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, M. J. Bray (H.M.S. 'Centaur') 4, J. J. Cummins 5, D. W. Kerley (H.M.S. 'Centaur') 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. F. Hammond 8. For the carol festival. Also at St. Mary's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 (Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 1, Wendy A. Nichols (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Audrey E. Peters (first of Minor 'inside') 3, W. D. Watson 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Holmes 1, Miss J. Gambling 2, Miss A. M. Bailey 3, D. M. Gambling 4, H. Shire 5, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 4 and 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the birthdays of Audrey Bailey and Hilary Ford.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Jacobs 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Elizabeth Carson 4, A. Bishop 5, Susan Rawlings (first as cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Carson (first of Triples) 1, Caroline Carpenter (first of Triples) 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, A. S. Bishop 4, Susan Rawlings 5, Anne Garnett 6, A. Bagworth 7, Susan Jacobs 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Warnes (first quarter) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. Culham 3, E. Leggett (cond.) 4, A. Cansdale 5, F. Clarke 6.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED NEWCOMBE

Mr. Fred Newcombe, a member of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, for upwards of 50 years, and one of the oldest members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, died on January 16th in Tiverton District Hospital, after a short illness very cheerfully borne, at the age of 87.

During his long service to St. Peter's Society he was steeple keeper for over 25 years and also conductor. As a peal ringer he only rang a few, but he was very proud of the ones he rang at St. Peter's, some of which he conducted. He gave up ringing shortly after his 80th birthday, but until then he was a regular service ringer.

The funeral at Tiverton Cemetery on January 20th was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley). The St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were represented by Mr. W. H. Ware. A wreath was sent by the local ringers in memory of a very good friend and ringer. The bells of St. Peter's, which he loved more than any others, were rung half-muffled to his memory by James D. Upton (captain) 1, G. W. Hollis 2, G. Court 3, Miss B. Hollis 4, T. Gill 5, G. Emmett 6, J. Rowsell 7, W. H. Ware 8. So passes another member of the Exercise who will be always remembered by his many friends.

May he rest in peace. W. H. W.

MR. GEORGE M. RASHBROOK

With the passing of Mr. George M. Rashbrook on December 30th, at the age of 85 years, one of the last links with ringing at St. Peter's, Colchester, at the end of the last century has gone, the only surviving member now left, to the writer's knowledge, being Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Barking.

A faithful ringer there for 65 years, George probably learned to ring at St. Peter's at the end of the 1880's, and rang his first 720 Minor there in 1891, conducted by Mr. Stannard. His first peal, 5,050 Oxford Treble Bob Major, was at Ardleigh, Essex, on April 22nd, 1893, conducted by James Motts, while his first 720 as conductor was on handbells on February 5th, 1894.

A safe ringer and good striker on any number of tower- or handbells, his work as a master baker prevented him from taking part in many peals; however, he had rung about 60, including 14 of Superlative Surprise and the first peal of Bob Royal in Colchester on handbells in 1934, conducted by the late W. Keeble, with whom he rang many handbell peals. A peal of which he was especially proud was the 'grandfather' peal of 5,088 Kent T.B. Major at Great Baddow, Essex, in 1935.

The writer had the privilege of conducting George's 80th birthday peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter's on March 13th, 1954, when he rang the third bell faultlessly. This was his last peal, as shortly afterwards failing eyesight and a broken wrist caused his retirement from active ringing, although he retained his interest in ringing matters, and was always ready to talk about bygone days. A member of the Essex Association for a great number of years, he was elected a life member several years ago, and was at one time tower secretary of the St. Peter's company. His wife predeceased him in 1958, as also did his only daughter some years previously. There are two sons left, one of whom lives in New Zealand; we extend our sympathy to them.

The cremation took place at Colchester on January 4th. Local ringers were represented by Mr. E. P. Duffield, with whom George had rung many of his peals. A wreath was also sent from the Colchester ringers.

May he rest in peace. H. J. M.

MR. ALFRED GEAR

For well over 50 years a member of the Surrey Association, and a keen ringer at St. John's, Redhill, Mr. Alfred Gear died on January 6th, aged 75 years. He had been an officer of the District for at least 30 years, and for the last 14 years treasurer.

At his funeral on January 12th the Vicar (Rev. S. G. Dyer) praised him for his service to the Church, his Christian way of life, the many sacrifices he made for the benefit of others, and the high esteem in which he was held, both by his fellow churchmen and his business associates.

The mourners included ringers from Redhill, Reigate and Nutfield. A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in the evening.

MR. ISAAC FARMER

The Bath and Wells Association, and especially the Dunster Branch, have lost an old and much-respected member through the unexpected death of Mr. Isaac Farmer on January 8th.

'Ike' had been a life-long member of the Association and was for many years the principal conductor in Dunster Branch. He was most regular in attending Branch meetings and St. George's Church, Dunster, on Sundays.

The local band paid their tribute at his funeral. On January 11th and before the annual meeting of the Dunster Branch on January 16th, members of the B. and W. Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect. His death will be keenly felt by the local band as 'Ike' never missed. A. R. T.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Woodruff 1, Doreen Fairhead (first in method) 2, R. Preston 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, F. G. Oliver 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For the passing of the old year.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Greenacre 1, Freda P. Greaves 2, S. Elsey 3, J. Wilson 4, E. H. Mastin 5, R. M. Reed 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. Houghton 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another non-conducted silent peal was rung at Halstead on January 9th. The ringers again drew for places before the start. The performance was an outstanding one as Messrs. Egglestone and Roast and Miss Snowden had not previously conducted a peal of London Surprise. The band was again indebted to Mr. Lewis Wiffen for umpiring in the cold belfry. Mr. Wiffen's unfailing enthusiasm at the age of 78 is a lesson to all. Why not put your name in the hat next time, Lewis?

Congratulations to the well-known Worcester ringer, Mr. T. W. Lewis, on ringing his 500th peal.

Another laggards' peal has been registered—one of Plain Bob Minor rung in bed at Marple, Cheshire, on January 10th.

Donations acknowledged this week include one for 7s. 6d. 'to reimburse for any loss through purchasing from a newsagent.' A thoughtful and much appreciated idea.

We are asked to state that the next meeting of the Kent District of the Ladies' Guild will be at Lenham on March 12th; the following one (mentioned in the 'R.W.' last week) will be at Chelsfield on April 23rd.

Good progress by the Sunday service band at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, is revealed by the peal of Plain Bob Major on January 8th. The only outsider was the conductor, Mr. Bryan Pattison.

A new ring of six is to be shortly dedicated at Apsley, Nottingham, with a tenor of about 7½ cwt. The frame is made for eight in this new church, which will be dedicated to St. Margaret.

At the opening-of-term service of Tudor Grange Grammar School for Boys, Solihull, the bells of the parish church were rung by boys of the school in excellent style to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Those taking part were Robert Henebury, James Clark, Roy Tallis, Iain Tingle, Maurice Hughes, Victor Nash and Roger Tallis. This is the first time that a Solihull school has provided its own band of ringers for a school service.

For his age of 86 years it is doubtful if there is a fitter ringer than Mr. Reuben Sanders. He rang the seventh at St. Clement Danes' to a peal of Stedman Caters faultlessly in honour of his birthday, and at the end he was as fresh as when he started, reports the conductor. May he be spared for many more good peals, is the wish of his almost numberless friends.

Since his arrival in Plymouth in recent months, Mr. J. L. Blagg has taken up ringing again after a break of nearly 30 years.

We note that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, is still shepherding first-pealers through. He added another two names to his list on January 9th.

Some good work is being done at King's Norton. Five first peals, one first 'inside' and another first of Major should please any conductor's heart.

Mr. F. Hector Bennett, of Shrewsbury, must be proud of his band who rang a peal of Kent T.B. at Newton. It was the first of Treble Bob for the other five ringers.

Owing to numerous complaints, ringing at the London County Association meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on January 16th had to be curtailed. The District Master expresses his apologies to any of the company who did not get a ring.

Choir members of St. Andrew's, Preston, Weymouth, rang a quarter peal on January 17th to mark the occasion of the dedication of their new choir stalls by the Bishop of Salisbury. The ringing was of a high standard, especially of two junior members — Gerald Cornick and Sylvia Watson.

On November 15th a peal was rung at Droitwich Spa by a band of average age 15 years 2 months. This was believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Worcestershire Association on tower bells. However, on January 5th, five of the same band, with a different tenor man, making a band of average age 15 years 1 month, rang a peal of Grandsire at Wychbold in 2 hours 37 minutes.

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How Sydney Welcomes Visitors

Serving on H.M.S. 'Centaur' are Mervyn J. Bray and David W. Kerley, and they did not know each other until they met at a practice at St. Mark's, Darling Point, on December 17th, the first day of a ten days' goodwill visit to Sydney.

The next night they were 'kidnapped' for a quarter peal at St. Mary's Basilica. On the following Sunday they rang at St. Mary's and St. Jude's, Randwick; Monday, St. Mary's; Wednesday, St. James', Turramurra; Christmas Eve, St. Jude's, Christ Church, St. Lawrence's and St. Benedict's, Broadway.

Christmas Day's programme was ringing at Christ Church and St. Mary's, and a picnic in the afternoon at the Blue Mountains.

Boxing Day, their first peal at St. Mark's, Darling Point.

Sunday, December 27th, ringing at Christ Church and St. Mary's, and in the afternoon they showed 12 Sydney ringers over H.M.S. 'Centaur.'

When they sailed we feel certain they felt 'all the nice girls love a sailor.'

HAWKSHEAD BELLS

The January issue of 'Lancashire Life' contains an interesting account—well illustrated—of Hawkshead tower and its ringers. The instructor at this tower is Mr. Nicholas Newby, who makes a round trip of 36 miles from his home at Ulverston every Monday to teach the band.

Captain of the tower is Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who has been ringing here for 34 years, and Mr. Fred Coward, who joined the band in 1916, is still a ringer. The latest recruit is Mr. William Kenyon, a local hotel proprietor, and the youngest Christine Kirk, aged 12. A regular attender at the practices is the Vicar (Rev. Robert Lindsay), who enjoys his ringing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

At the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) reported a successful year of peal ringing, chiefly as the result of the resumption of ringing at the Cathedral. They had lost the very fine ring of eight at Bishop Ryders, where the church and tower are now in process of demolition, but, on the other hand, they had gained a new eight at Bishop Latimer's Church, where a band of ringers is now being trained.

The secretary and treasurer reported that due to the impending expense of a new peal book, a loss of £20 would be sustained. After several members had voiced their opinions concerning the recording of peals it was decided that the present system (which dates from 1755) should be maintained and that a new peal book be purchased.

The following new members were elected: Miss Alma Greaves (King's Norton), Messrs. David J. Harrabin (Handsworth), Alan Burbidge and John C. Birt (Aston), C. D. Baugh, J. T Clarke, R. E. Henebury and Miss J. Shaw (Shirley) and Peter Bennett (Bearley).

The following tower elections of life members were duly ratified: Miss Norah Bibby, Miss Margaret Swan, Mr. George H. Randles and Mr. John Walden, all of Lincoln.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected for the year 1960, viz: Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold: trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway: Central Council representatives, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. George E. Fearn: librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Mr. Rodney B. Meadows to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held on February 27th.

Solihull will be the venue of the next quarterly meeting, which will take place on April 2nd.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 5

MR. FRANK W. PERRENS

(Hon. Librarian to the Central Council)

Mr. F. W. Perrens succeeded Mr. F. Sharpe as librarian when the latter was elected president of the Central Council, and he now adorns that bench of 'sombre and dignified' persons who face the assembled members at meetings of the Council. Born at Bloxwich in 1891, he was educated at the Central Secondary School, Birmingham, and St. John's College, Battersea. He took up teaching as a profession, working at Willenhall from 1911 to 1915, which was interrupted by service in the R.A.F. He then went to Sutton Coldfield and continued teaching there until 1920. That year saw his appointment at Coventry Technical College, where he served until 1954. Then he was appointed housemaster at Woodlands Comprehensive School, Coventry, from which he retired in 1956. He learned to ring at Willenhall in 1910 and, progressing rapidly, rang his first peal, Grandsire, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, in the same year. He soon commenced conducting and called his first peal, again Grandsire Triples, in the following year. On his removal to Sutton Coldfield he very soon took up association with St. Martin's Guild, where, at that time, handbell ringing was 'going strong.' His first handbell peal was Stedman Cinques, which was also the first such peal in the city of Birmingham. Whilst in that district he took part in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Birmingham. When he moved to Coventry he joined the All Saints', Allesley, band, and was soon appointed Ringing Master. Under his able leadership that band made rapid progress and were soon ringing a variety of Surprise methods, and his band of Sunday service ringers were very proud when they accomplished a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

Mr. Perrens is actively connected with the Warwickshire Guild (now Coventry Diocesan Guild), becoming its Ringing Master for a great number of years, and eventually its president, which office he now holds. He called the first peals ever rung of Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, York, Wigston and Stratford Surprise Major, and for the Warwickshire Guild the first peals of New Cambridge, Ipswich, Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Pudsey, Ashtead and Painswick Spliced Surprise Major, New Cambridge Royal and Duffield Major. He also called its first handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and in addition to calling the Oxford Guild's first of Cambridge Maximus has taken part in the first peals in that method in many counties, including the first at Exeter Cathedral. In 1958 he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. His total now is 538, conducted 215.

On his retirement in 1956 Mr. Perrens and his charming wife, Elsie, made the journey to visit their eldest son, the Rev. Everard G. Perrens, M.A., headmaster of a senior secondary school for Africans in Uganda. Their youngest son, Donald F. Perrens, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.A., is head of the Science Department at Eastbourne College. JAFUS.

'Spliced Triples' by J. Segar

This new publication by Mr. Segar deals with the slicing of the eleven 'legitimate' twin hunt Triple methods. A wide range of touches is given, ranging from some of a few leads to quarter peals and peals.

This publication should prove valuable to bands who can ring Triples proficiently and want to try something different without going outside the scope of orthodox methods.

Copies can be obtained (price 6d., post free) from Mr. Speed. (See back page.)

Tips For Beginners—5

If, when learning to hunt, you are able to find your way up but have difficulty in finding your way at the quicker pace necessary to come down again, remember that the bell you 'turn from the back' is your course bell, and you follow him down, leaving room for one bell between you until you get to second's place. If you follow the eyes of the ringer of your course bell you strike next after each bell he is striking after.

London County Association

Holding its annual meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on January 16th, the Northern District members heard from the District Master (Mr. J. Bullock) that the District was in a healthy position, but asked for more support by members at District meetings.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. J. Bullock; secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock; steward, Mr. B. Weaver.

Ringing concluded at 6.50 p.m. and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A resolution in favour of a national memorial to the late Mr. A. H. Pulling will come before the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

There is a departure this year from the first Saturday in March for the Henry Johnson dinner. It will be held on Saturday, February 27th, with Mr. Rodney B. Meadows as the chairman.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, of Bromley has, with a peal at Stepney, rung 100 peals of Surprise Major, and to reach the century has taken him almost 11 years. He has yet to complete the alphabet to Surprise peals—letters g, i, j and x are still outstanding.

Mr. George H. Randles and Miss Norah M. Bibby were married at Lincoln on December 30th last. Congratulations from the Lincoln ringers on the happy occasion was marked by a peal of Gresford Surprise Major at St. Giles', Lincoln. The name of this new method was aptly selected by the newly-weds.

Choristers at Wychbold, Worcs, rang a quarter peal on January 17th. Of the band of 16, no fewer than nine are choristers, two servers, and the tower captain is secretary of the P.C.C. 'It is pleasant to feel that a keen team can be maintained at a tower with such unmelodious bells,' writes our correspondent.

St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, revived a pre-war custom on January 9th when ringers, servers, adult choristers and junior church teachers were invited to 'some viands and cider' by the Vicar and churchwardens. The ringers' contingent, numbering 26, contributed to a happy evening, handbell ringing of tunes and change-ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers who have read the correspondence under this heading will immediately say 'What right has Pat Cannon to criticise a peal which he didn't even hear?'. But those who know Pat really well and have taken part in peals with him performing on the tenor will know that he has few equals, if any, on that score, and it is doubtful if there is anyone living at this present time who has a greater wealth of experience at 'turning in' heavy tenors than Pat, and through such vast experience he knows only too well that it would require more than a super man to *strike* a bell of 36 cwt. to a peal of Surprise Major in so short a time as that taken recently at Evesham.

Most of us know that Pat's tenor ringing is immaculate, and he has rung many fast peals and slow ones too; but whatever speed he has to ring his bell is always 'on the dot.' This cannot, however, be said in the case of Stephen Ivin's most energetic performance at Evesham, which struck me that as we had met short for Royal, rather than go away without a peal an attempt for Major was made with a 'get it over as quickly as possible' attitude, and to make matters even worse, the band was not placed too well, with the net result a very poor peal was rung. But the tenor man must not take all the blame for this as he didn't exactly have a star-studded band for such an occasion. However, I've no doubt that in say 20 years' time Stephen will not be so proud of such a performance as he may be today, as I've known of a similar incident before.

'Comparisons are odious,' so Mr. Hemming's letter falls completely flat. How can you compare a peal of Royal with a peal of Major?, and he should know only too well that Birmingham ringers have a technique of their own in the art of fast ringing; but I do admit that they overdo it at times, but that is another argument.

To my mind this record time ringing has largely been brought about by the absurd footnotes you have rather foolishly allowed to go into print, such as 'Quickest peal of the bells.' Young ringers of today simply lap it up, and this Evesham peal is just but one result of this.
—Yours faithfully,

RALPH G. EDWARDS.

Birmingham.

FOR THE 'CRITICS'

Dear Sir,—More than 11 column inches of precious space have been devoted to argument arising from an expressed opinion by one, not a witness, regarding the speed of a peal.

It is impossible to generalise, and the quality of such performances should be left judged by the ringers themselves or by witnesses and not allowed to become the excuse for correspondence which appears from time to time usually surrounding a small number of people who, it would appear, are not content with the notoriety they have achieved through the peal columns.

Such matter is not helpful, neither is it interesting to the great majority of your readers.
—Yours faithfully, V. A. HEMMING.

Solihull, Warks.

A THOUGHT AFTER EVESHAM

Some ringers rang a fast peal,
And Pat, who likes a joke,
Wrote a little letter,
Correspondence to invoke.

Well, I think this is the story,
'Cause I've heard our Pat before
Drop a little 'clanger'
To make our tempers soar.

So I tell you not to worry
At Patrick's little chaff,
For in reading this week's 'Ringing World'
I've had me quite a laugh.

'BABBACOMBE BILL.'

LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—May I commend the following composition on account of its musical qualities and simplicity?

MUSICAL 5,280 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 E T	6ths	5ths	H	7ths	W
4 6 7 9 2 3 0 5 T E 8	—	S	S	S	—

Repeat 59 times, single for bob half-way and end. Calls on the 11th. 8, 0, E, T course throughout. Contains no T-E's at backstroke.

True also as 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus, when bobs may be substituted for the singles at 7ths and 5ths.

For a quarter peal of 1,320 omit all singles at 5ths, giving course-end 46752309TE8. Repeat 14 times.

Yours sincerely,

J. SCHOFIELD.

Cambridge.

PEALS, 'THE RINGING WORLD' AND ROPES

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written of late about finances connected with the above-mentioned items. Many advocate a charge for recording peals in 'The Ringing World,' which would no doubt lead to peals not being recorded at all, for I am certain that although there are many ringers who attach far, far too much importance to having their names—and quite absurd, unnecessary particulars in some cases—in print, I am equally convinced that there are many who do not care one jot. Others advocate that the Associations and Guilds should help to finance 'The Ringing World,' but this would obviously lead to further increases in subscriptions, leading in turn to some loss of members, more particularly perhaps among younger ringers, which would be deplorable.

I would suggest to those who have the necessary authority—and I am sure this would include many ringers who have the welfare of the Exercise and 'The Ringing World' at heart—to follow the principles we have adopted with success at Allesley. We charge each ringer of a peal two shillings: sixpence for the Guild peal booking fee, sixpence for the tower peal booking fee, sixpence for 'The Ringing World' and sixpence for the tower rope fund. Also, we always allocate at least 20 per cent. of any money we receive for ringing at weddings to our rope fund, with the result that we are able to purchase ropes when necessary without adding to normal church expenses.

The charge, I might add, applies to members of our own band as well as visitors, and no one seems to have the slightest objection to it, or if they have, they realise that their objection is so unreasonable that they have not the courage to voice it.

Of course, charges could vary according to local circumstances, but even if one half of our towers adopted the principle, it would prove a great help both to 'The Ringing World' and to local church expenses, without affecting ringing records or Guild membership.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. PERRENS.

Coventry.

FALSE PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Surprise Minor in 22 methods, rung at Chalfont St. Giles on December 15th, 1956, as it is false.

I have for a long time possessed a cutting from 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, 1936, page 495, which gives the figures of a 32-method peal rung at Lamberhurst on March 2nd, 1935. In the peal at Chalfont St. Giles I used some of these extents.

I have recently been given some old volumes of 'The Ringing World.' In the issue of October 2nd, 1936, page 647, over a year after the original figures were published, I came across a letter in which it is pointed out that one of the extents was wrongly printed. The truth of the Lamberhurst peal is not in question, since it was only the printing of the figures which was wrong.

My apologies to the band: we shall have to ring it again! It only goes to show what far-reaching effects such misprints can have. I append the **corrected** figures of the extent in question. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

23456 Rossendale	35426 Lightfoot
35264 Stamford	26543 Wearmouth
— 56423 Rossendale	43652 Lightfoot
62534 Stamford	52364 Lightfoot
23645 Stamford	— 26435 Netherseale
34256 Rossendale	54326 Netherseale
45362 Rossendale	63254 Netherseale
— 56234 Annable's	42563 Netherseale
London	35642 Netherseale
34625 Annable's,	— 42635 Lightfoot
London	— 23564 Lightfoot
25463 Annable's	64352 Rossendale
London	45623 Stamford
63542 Annable's,	52436 Lightfoot
London	36245 Lightfoot
42356 Annable's	— 64523 Lightfoot
London	
— 56342 Lightfoot	23456
— 64235 Wearmouth	

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Creswell on September 26th, 1959, owing to the falseness of the composition published on page 16 of 'The Ringing World' for January 1st, 1960.

I apologise to the members of the band, the Derbyshire Association and the Editorial Committee.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

WHAT WOULD THE VICAR SAY?

Dear Sir,—Being the hon. secretary of the Branch to which Collingbourne Kingston tower belongs, I have been a little intrigued by the ensuing correspondence following a recent peal rung there. To date, has anyone thought of the feelings of the Rev. C. D. G. Swinterton (Vicar of Collingbourne Kingston), who gave permission for the peal to be rung? Had he known of the storm to be set raging, would he not have thought twice about this?

Let me say naturally my loyalty is with the Guild to which I belong, but if I remember rightly, my first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Hungerford; the majority of the band belonged to the Salisbury Guild, and it was duly credited with it. When a lad at school, we used to play a game called tit-for-tat: we also learnt a portion of scripture from the 13th chapter of Corinthians.—Yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourne, Wilts.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I find myself in agreement with the general trend of the criticism of the Christmas Day broadcast, and whilst conceding that those who took part in it were probably doing their best, their efforts were not such as to give a favourable impression to the public.

When bells are broadcast, it is a public performance, and as such it is as liable to receive criticism as the broadcasting of an organ or an orchestra. We, as ringers, naturally desire that when bells are on the air they should be at their best, and everything that is possible should be done to ensure this.

It seems to me, however, that every time the B.B.C. has anything to do with bells it makes a mess of it, what with fumbling announcers, mixed up engineers, crossed lines, etc. Even with the remarkably good ringing from Evercreech on Sundays they start either too late to allow a proper finish, or, if they start on time they fade out before the bells come round. It is very rarely that when the Double Norwich record is used that we have the opportunity of hearing J. Dyke's home-made single at the end.

The Central Council appointed a committee to act as liaison between ringers and the B.B.C. That committee has been strangely silent during the correspondence on this matter. May I ask whether the B.B.C. consulted them about the Christmas broadcast? I should be surprised if they did, and I see no reason to alter my views expressed at the Council's meeting two or three years ago. I said then, and I repeat now, that the B.B.C. appears to have a 'know all' attitude and will not welcome advice from the proper quarter.

I should like to see our Broadcasting Committee asserting itself more firmly and hammering away until we get better results.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Matlock, Derbyshire.

LIVE RINGING WANTED

Dear Sir,—It is not so long ago Mr. N. Chaddock went to war about 'canned' ringing (and anything but *live* ringing is 'canned' ringing), and now in his search for perfection suggests that we have it for Christmas.

Is the Christmas ringing being turned into a ringing contest, with certain people setting themselves up as judges?

Christmas ringing is intended as a *live* broadcast to the *public* (with facts as they are) on Christmas morning in the natural surroundings (and distractions) of the home, and not as recorded precision ringing which will please the ears of expert ringers and stand up to repetition on a tape-recorder in privacy—a method which must have been used for some of the detailed judgment in past years.

Not every band (especially some in country places) is even interested in precision ringing.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) E. D. KELLY.

Sheffield.

WANT TO BE ON THE AIR

Dear Sir,—For over 55 years I have been attached to Friezland Church, where service ringing and good striking is the main object. In 1935 I contacted the B.B.C. with a view to a broadcast of Friezland bells. Perhaps because we are a Minor band our chances are jeopardised. I appeal to the ringing fraternity who know us for a little support. We have a recent recording of our bells, and if we could get our bells recorded on the air it would be greatly appreciated.—Yours fraternally,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

WHAT DEVON THINKS

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to prolong the correspondence on this subject, may I say how much I am in agreement with the observations made by Mr. Rush in his letter which appears in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' One cannot but wonder what, or who, induces the B.B.C. to pick where it does for occasions which should produce nothing less than 'top flight' ringing, especially when there are so many good towers from which to choose. Is there no one who can ensure, as far as possible, that only towers where good ringing can be expected are nominated for special broadcasts? You can imagine the reaction to the 'rough stuff' put over the air at Christmas in this part of the country, where good striking is the only criterion!

Mr. Rush concludes by remarking that the principal thing is 'What does it sound like outside?'. I would add that one has no need to go *outside* a tower to know what is bad or good ringing!—Yours faithfully,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Secretary,
South Devon Ringers' Association.

Torquay.

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. P. Jones would do well to clarify his remarks concerning the Christmas broadcast. Does he think the standard of ringing too high for his pupils to emulate, or is he writing with his 'tongue in his cheek'? If he feels the performances were poor he should tell his pupils, who will (if they have regard for his views) benefit accordingly.

I congratulate him on his efforts at Castle Gresley. I know the peal recently rung there would be an object lesson to his local boys.—Yours sincerely,

B. G. KEY.

Gnosall, Staffs.

Dear Sir,—Whilst we appreciate the comments on the Christmas Day broadcast, let's be truthful about the quality of the ringing. Our old friend Peter Bond considers the quality of the broadcast excellent.

There was, to my mind, only one band who could be congratulated on good ringing, and those of our neighbours in Ireland. If this is the sort of stuff we are trying to educate the general public with, we had far better not broadcast at all.—Yours, etc.,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

Dear Sir,—This year's Christmas Day broadcast of bells was a decided improvement on previous broadcasts, and as all towers were on the air for a little longer time than is usual we were able to appreciate the striking better.

While agreeing with the views of your correspondents in 'The Ringing World,' I think that St. Mary's, Beaconsfield, should be placed first for striking—excellent in every change.—Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Headington, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the Christmas Day broadcast, I think it was quite the worst that has been put on the air for several years. The best towers represented in that programme were St. Donard's, Belfast, and Beaconsfield, Bucks.

In a programme like this Christmas morning feature it is desirable that only the best of bells should be used to ring the greeting from each region. That, above all else, means that carillons and chimes are *definitely out*. Church bells were never intended to be chimed to any music *whatever*.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glamorgan.

YORKSHIRE 'CARTWHEELERS' AND RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—I fear R. J. Corke has dropped a rather large brick, for Mr. Moxon and his friends are real experts at unbroken rhythm. One does not hear so much of the Yorkshire Cartwheelers as the West Country Call-changers but in their love of good striking they are very much akin.

Moreover, Mr. Moxon did *not* suggest it should be a rule that peals of Minor should be in seven methods, but that 6-bell experts should aim at doing so.

I well remember that in Angmering, Sussex, there was row upon row of peal cards on the tower walls—all seven method peals, and learner as I was, I longed to be able to ring that Primrose, Violet, Woodbine, etc. So you see, sir, that even in Mr. Corke's own part of the country and mine it was thought that peals of Minor ought to be in seven methods.

In case Mr. Corke should think I too sound pretentious, I had better add that my only peal for the Sussex Association was treble to Grandsire Doubles at Lyminster.—Yours faithfully,

L. E. SMITH.

Sheffield, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter by Mr. Corke, 'Methods Secondary to Rhythm.' I should like to point out that the last peal in which Mr. Moxon stood in, rung at Silkstone on November 12th, was rung in contest style with approximately 40 faults per 720. If that isn't rhythmical 'closed lead' ringing I should like to know what is.

It may be that we, the 'Cartwheelers,' have more Minor methods on hand, as we do not rely on the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods.

I ask you, sir, what do people get from a peal of Bob Minor? If a person can ring an extent of Bob Minor, and strike it, in 14 days he can ring six more methods; and good striking is like riding a cycle, if you learn right you do it subconsciously.—Yours faithfully,

'ARTFUL DODGER.'

Huddersfield.

THE SPIRIT OF GEORGE BOLLAND

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. William Barton for the details he gives of the great endeavour the late George Bolland made to ensure that peals of Minor be rung in not less than seven methods. His spirit must have listened with mixed feelings to the peal rung at Tong on December 28th in *four* methods, although his much-loved Oxford was included. Perhaps some uneasiness was felt by the ringers, seeing that the peal was rushed through in 2 hours and 34 minutes; George and his team usually took about 2 hours and 57 minutes.

I am sorry to learn that the striking standard aimed at around Barnsley is not generally known in Hampshire, and I do assure Mr. Corke that we do not ignore rhythm, even in seven method peals, for the participants are always ringers who consistently take part in striking contests.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Lydiard Millicent on October 24th, 1959, as I understand the first extent to be false.

My apologies to all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. PEAKE.

Swindon.

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RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

Some of the party by St. Albans Cathedral bell frame. Left to right: Dennis Bowen, Peter Warren, Clare Chambers, Olga Critchlow, Christopher Clarke, Michael Ling and David Wood.

THE Raving Ringers made an energetic start to the New Year with their reunion tour in Hertfordshire during the week-end of January 2nd-3rd.

Ravers from Gloucester and Cambridge assembled in St. Albans on the Friday evening but the main party, including representatives from Reading, Birmingham and Oxford did not meet until the first tower of the tour at Northchurch. Considerable difficulties were encountered in persuading certain Ravers to leave the M1, but when this was safely accomplished the programme of ringing commenced. Four eights were visited during the morning—Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead and King's Langley, and the touches included the Ravers' first successful unaided touch of Cambridge Major.

The party, which consisted of 13 Ravers, reassembled after lunch at Bishop's Hatfield and had their first attempt at ringing Royal and Caters. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were successfully accomplished. Two sixes were next on the programme—Essendon and the recently augmented ring at Hertingfordbury. After a good ring at St. Andrew's, Hertford, the party partook of an excellent tea, replenishing themselves for the heaviest bells on the tour, All Saints', Hertford. This tower was voted the best of the day. Ringing ended with a well-struck touch of Stedman on the light eight at Bengeo.

The reunion party followed at St. Albans, where the festivities lasted well into the early hours.

For morning service ringing we joined the Cathedral Society at the Cathedral. Our attempt at Stedman Cinques came to an abrupt and unfortunate end, but Grandsire Cinques was successfully brought round. After ringing, we inspected the bells and were photographed balancing precariously on the side of the bell frame.

Although the tower was not officially scheduled, we were grateful to be allowed a short ring on the six at St. Stephen's following a wedding in the afternoon. The last tower of the tour was St. Peter's, St. Albans, where we joined the local band for evening service ringing.

Our best thanks go to the people of St. Albans for their hospitality and to the incumbents and tower captains of churches visited. C. C.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth (first quarter) 1, C. East (first of Triples) 2, H. Hatfield 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, L. Busby 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. G. Jones 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Memories of the past were revived at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild held at Burton on January 9th and attended by 50 ringers and friends. St. Paul's, with such names as the Rev. J. H. Fish, Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen, A. Wakeley and W. C. Wakeley, were pioneers of Surprise ringing in the latter part of the last century. The 'Wednesday' band of the 1920's were also famous; they rang 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples, all conducted by Mr. M. Swinfield.

Tea, prepared by the ladies of St. Paul's Church, followed the service conducted by the Vicar. The president, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt, presided at the business meeting, when four new members were elected.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) reported that 35 peals had been rung in 13 towers with nine conductors, Mr. D. P. Jones heading the list with 20 peals. Leading peal ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton 31, D. P. Jones 24, R. J. Clifton 13 and D. W. Bunning 11.

Officers elected for 1960 were: President, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Lane; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary and Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Price; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, D. P. Jones, W. J. Leach and A. Foster.

Two rules were amended and the question of a Guild peal booking fee was referred back to the committee. Meeting cards for 1960 were distributed and the vote of thanks to all concerned with the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. W. H. Curson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The very adverse weather affected the attendance at the quarterly meeting of the newly-formed North East District held at Leiston on January 16th. Nevertheless, ringing in the afternoon was of a high standard, with touches brought round of Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples.

Mr. P. Bedford, District chairman, presided at the business meeting, when a District outing was discussed. A questionnaire is to be sent to towers for ideas and suggestions. The next quarterly meeting will be at Bungay on April 2nd, with a practice meeting at Wenhaston and Blythburgh on February 27th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Semken (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, A. Semken (first of Minor) 3, J. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. George Colegate on January 9th; 36 members and friends sat down to tea. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. W. Paget) and the lesson was read by the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason).

At the business meeting the following were elected to hold office for 1960: Chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason; Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Bird; Standing Committee, Messrs. W. Clover and G. Sayer; Branch Committee, Messrs. P. Adcock, R. W. Balls, H. F. Carter, F. C. Goodman and D. Pardon. Dates of meeting for the year: May 14th (Cromer), July 23rd, October 15th, A.B.M., January 7th.

Members elected were: F. Parmenter (Norwich), Miss G. Lamonte, Miss C. Hastings and P. Purslow (Cromer), J. Knights (Norwich), probationary member.

It was decided to hold the annual Ringers' Day at Wymondham on July 16th.

The bells of St. George's and St. Miles' were rung in the afternoon, and St. Peter Mancroft in the evening. Methods ranged from Plain Minor to Yorkshire Maximus. C. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

About 40 ringers, including visitors from Chippenham, Swindon and Newcastle, attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 2nd. In his address at the service Canon P. Sexty, R.D., thanked the ringers for their work and said nothing made him more depressed than to know of a tower with eight or six bells having nobody to ring them.

Officers elected were: Mr. A. Weeks, chairman; Mr. S. Grant, vice-chairman; Mr. E. Hitchins, secretary; Mr. F. Slatford, assistant secretary; Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant, Ringing Masters; Mr. L. Hitchins, auditor. Ten new ringing members were elected.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Trowbridge, the February meeting at Seend, the March meeting at Potterne and the quarterly meeting at Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies for providing tea, and for the use of the bells at St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' Churches.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The same team of officers was elected at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Barnsley on January 9th, when 15 towers were represented. These are Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. J. W. Buxton, secretary; Mr. H. Rusby and Mr. W. Womack, auditors. A suggestion was made that the annual outing be on July 2nd to North Lincolnshire. The next meeting will be at Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, on February 13th. Another suggestion was that when visiting a tower, a method with the name of the tower should be rung. Mr. Moxon asked for support for the ringers' course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, on April 2nd.

Canon A. P. Morley was thanked for conducting the services, and Mr. Eric Stainrod and the ladies for all arrangements.

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DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cotleigh, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. 5692

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. P. C. Clarke, Sec. 5600

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Basingstoke. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5637

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth St. Mary's, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Leonard's bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 5657

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bengeo, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that St. Andrew's, Hertford, will be available after business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting, the Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington, Sec. 5655

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Stanground, Peterborough. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. John's, Peterborough, bells available after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday previous to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5641

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 5687

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Christchurch (12). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows; bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pine Hurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 5643

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 5662

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Hall.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5696

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea essential not later than Feb. 2nd to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford. 5697

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5678

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Chiddingfold, Surrey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Feb. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashtead. Witley (8) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: Copt Oak (6), 1.45 to 2.30; Woodhouse Eaves (6), 2.30 to 3.15; Woodhouse (Old) (6), 3.15 to 4; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.25 and 6.30 to 8; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Any notice of alteration to rules must be given by this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 8th, 7.45 p.m. in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5686

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. P. Box, The Banks, Newnham, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5679

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at Civil Defence Hall, Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from District Secretaries, or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Early application essential as numbers limited to 75. 5638

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the dinner, originally February 6th, will now be March 5th, at the Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook.—F. J. Matthews. 5635

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THE LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Bath. Please book the date. Details later. Ask your District Secretary or the General Secretary for list of suggested hotels. 5670

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Commemorative dinner to J. Armiger Trollope at Ealing Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

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		2 3 4 7 5 6 —	S.C.
		2 4 5 3 6 7	S.C.
		4 5 2 3 6 7 —	Gr.
		4 3 5 7 2 6	S.C.
		3 5 4 7 2 6 —	S.C.
		3 4 2 5 6 7	S.C.
		4 2 3 5 6 7 —	S.C.
		2 3 4 5 6 7 —	

336		336	
2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.	2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.
2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.	2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.
5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.	5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.	3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.	3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.
5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.	5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.
4 3 5 2 6 7 —	Gr.	4 3 5 2 6 7 —	Gr.
4 2 3 7 5 6	S.C.	7 2 4 6 3 5 —	Gr.
2 3 4 7 5 6 —		7 6 2 5 4 3	Gr.
		3 5 7 4 6 2 —	Gr.
Twice repeated.		3 4 5 2 7 6	Gr.
		3 2 4 6 5 7	S.C.
		2 4 3 6 5 7 —	
		Repeated.	

504	
2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.
2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.
5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.
5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.
4 3 5 2 6 7 —	

5 times repeated. S. half-way and end.

It will be found that there are many other short and musical touches which can be discovered by a little paper work, and although some of them may prove to be false, I myself do not consider this factor important so far as short touches are concerned.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Goulter 1, Miss M. Wall (first 'inside') 2, J. Mudd 3, L. Sheasby 4, Miss S. Parsons 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Shaw 1, A. Hubble 2, J. Clarke 3, F. White 4, J. Towler 5, S. C. Easter (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. For the octave of Epiphany.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Susan Neal Smith 1-12, first quarter) 1, Margaret Westcott 2, Jill Barron 3, R. Goodman 4, A. Grant 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. J. Bowden 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. Brain 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. Y. Parker (first 'inside') 3, A. Higginbottom 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Benedict, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, J. Blackmore 2, H. Scull 3, G. Grinter 4, G. Stitch (cond.) 5, J. Dennis 6. In honour of the Vicar's first-born, a daughter.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Margaret Horne (first quarter) 1, Christine Cobbold (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Davies 3, Mary Elsdon (first 'inside') 4, Pauline Fennell 5, Mary Taylor 6, M. Cubitt (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. A compliment to Miss Bridget Sudbury, a former secretary of this band, and Mr. T. Coles.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, F. C. Case 2, C. Truman 3, L. A. Smith 4, T. E. Roberts 5, J. Linnell 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. Gargrave 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, P. Cattermole 4, A. D. Cook (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. Skerratt 5, L. Gittins 6. Believed to be the first choristers' quarter peal at Wychbold.

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