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THE PRIMARIES

IT has often been remarked how much may be produced from so little. Three states of matter—solid, liquid and gas—seem to provide the total of all tangible things; the whole vast range of the world's writings are made from an insignificant number of letters; the seemingly endless variety of musical tunes and textures, some simple and some indescribably complex, are built from a small number of related notes; and the painted pageantry of the angry sunset is compounded by the Master Hand from the three primary colours—red, yellow and blue.

Change-ringing, too, we may perceive, has its primaries—a trio of simple phenomena which provide and permit all the accepted movements of bells in their courses, and which, in their seemingly endless combinations, create complexities that could not be comprehended by a separate contemplation of each of the three fundamentals. The three primaries of change-ringing are, of course, hunting, dodging and place-making; and just as letters and notes are joined to form words and musical phrases, so hunting, dodging and place-making may be joined to form conventional movements; and as words and musical phrases may again be placed in combination to form sentences and musical themes, so our conventional movements may be linked up to build methods. And out of this expansion of primaries into groups, and groups into sentences, there comes at last—in literature, music, painting, or any other art, including change-ringing—a progression towards an art form.

In the very early stages of his instruction the beginner in the art of change-ringing will be aware of the three fundamentals, hunting, dodging and place-making, and will find them used in many different combinations in their simplest form. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob will show him no more than the very elemental use of this material. When he comes to study Stedman he will strike an interesting and unusual combination called a Whole Turn, and he will gradually learn to think of this conventional duty not as 'lead, one in seconds, lead' but as a whole, so that the mere words 'Whole Turn' convey to him the picture of the complete manœuvre. Later, if he progresses to the Surprise methods, he will find this fragment of so frequent occurrence that ringers of London, Bristol and other methods call it simply 'Stedman.'

The elementary study of the method Stedman will also force upon the notice of the beginner the small piece of gymnastics that used to be known as a Snap and is frequently now referred to as a Spike. This stealing in to take one blow at lead and then making off again—a movement so well known in Stedman—will again show itself as soon as the learner rings Bristol, and the ringer of Surprise

methods soon becomes accustomed to a specialised form of speech used in reference to certain pieces of work, so that phrases such as 'spike fourths,' 'one-two-one,' 'Stedman right,' or 'eight-seven-eight' become not only familiar, not only convenient, but actually indispensable if the learning and ringing of complex methods is to be facilitated.

Many ringers who have not proceeded beyond the four simple standard methods have never comprehended, or perhaps even even thought to comprehend, that so much of the more complex methods is built only of the old familiar stuff, the dodging, place-making and hunting they know so well, combined and built into stereotyped 'phrases' and used over and over again in endless different ways. Thus the famous Court places of Double Court become, by simple extension, the Double Norwich places, and the Double Norwich places, by a pleasing repetition, become the Cambridge places, and a half of the diagram of Cambridge places gives Yorkshire places. And these two latter, Cambridge places and Yorkshire places, carry their names with them into the innumerable methods in which they occur and of which they form the backbone.

There are among us many who have, for various reasons, never proceeded to the realm of advanced ringing; and to many of these it is clearly a matter for wonderment how certain practitioners can ever learn so many methods or assimilate matter of such complexity as that presented by the higher forms of ringing. The truth is, of course, that the material remains for the most part the same: it is the comprehending and learning of this familiar matter in new and varied form and the ringing of it with accuracy and confidence that mark the competent ringer of the higher methods. This competence is built on experience, and an important factor in growing experience is an appreciation and a utilisation of simple fundamentals.

E. C. S.

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THREE PEALS IN A DAY

The following three peals were all rung on the same day at Loughborough Bell Foundry by the Midland Counties Guild, Messrs. Cotton, Brunning, Lane and Jones ringing in all three.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	†GORDON H. LANE .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	*GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
*PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. 5
GORDON H. LANE .. 2	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 50th peal. First in the method for the Guild, and by all except the treble ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON H. LANE .. 6
†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.
The composition contains 15 combination courses.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 COALVILLE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

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

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit BT).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	JOHN ACRES .. 7
PHILLIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 4	JOHN A. SMITH .. 9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MORECOMBELAKE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS .. 5	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit DS).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal together. First in the method. Rung without previous practice.

COALVILLE SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 12 x 30. 14 x 12. 90
L.e. 12 1573 Clean

MORECOMBELAKE SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 12 x 30. 14 x 34. 90
L.e. 12 1573 Clean

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5	*ERNEST STITCH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* Twice 'completed the circle' in this tower.

In memorial Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson, M.A., Bishop of Shrewsbury and a former Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*HAROLD ROBERTS .. 2	*WILLIAM TALBOT .. 6
*ALBERT LAWTON .. 3	*ERIC YOUNG .. 7
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

To mark the retirement of Albert Lawton as captain of Broughton belfry.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. 5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Mr. P. Laflin's 100th peal on these bells.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. Treble	FREDERICK JACKSON .. 5
JOHN HAYES .. 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN .. 6
DENIS MADDOCK .. 3	*DOUGLAS LOWE .. 7
*MRS. D. LOWE .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

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

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Rev. G. M. Davidson, A.K.C.) and his appointment as Rural Dean of Frodsham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 1,216 New Cambridge, 1,376 Yorkshire and 2,496 Rutland, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*ROYSTON BLACKLER Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 5
*ANGELA GRAINGER 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
DAVID HEIGHTON 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE 4	FRANK D. MACK Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and for the Society.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

RONALD C. NOON Treble	*LEONARD BLANCHARD 5
WILLIAM HOLMES 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 6
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT 7
CECIL WADE 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF 5024 GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE Treble	PETER A. SHARP 5
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WALDEN 7
WALTER TOMLINSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Randles.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

J. ANTHONY BENNETT Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 2	*ERIC J. HITCHENS 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER 3	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
DAVID HOARE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. † 275th peal.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES E. LOOKER Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	*NORMAN MALLETT 6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
MRS. C. W. H. POWELL 4	ROGER KEELEY Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

* 100th peal.

LYMINGE, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburg.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

MIDDLETON'S Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
COLIN F. MCGILL 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 6
VIOLET F. RELF 3	RALPH BIRD 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 12 x 38 x 34 x 18
Second place lead-end. 4th place bob.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 14 lb.

FRED HODGSON Treble	JACK ROACH 5
ROHILLA M. COOKE 2	PETER WISHART 6
*AUBREY CROSBY 3	THOMAS COOKE 7
THOMAS M. COX 4	RALPH JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 2	PHILIP MEHEW 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Walsden.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK Treble	*RONALD W. DENNISON 5
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON 2	*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM 6
*F. JOHN NELSON 3	*RON J. JOHNSTON 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor and 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*BARRY M. COX Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
STANLEY G. PONTING 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR 5
*HUBERT SUMMERS 2	PERCY STONE 6
PETER BORDER 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 600th peal.

Rung preceding Evensong, at which Canon H. A. Hayden (Vicar for 34 years and prior to that was curate for two years) preached his last sermon. He is taking up the combined living of Farnborough and Avon Dassett, both in the Coventry Diocese.

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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin.

A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

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

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. HAZEL J. CROWE .. Treble	PERCY E. CROWE 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. 6
MRS. H. F. CARTER 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
HANBURY F. CARTER .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Edward Adams-Clarke, M.A., inducted as Rector of Marsham and Burgh on January 12th. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOAN COTTON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Hackington.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
*MARY TAYLOR 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 6
*PAULINE FENNEL .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK 7
WILFRED S. PALIN .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Major. 100th peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. R. Barnes, upon his retirement after being 24 years Rector of this parish.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
*JILL MAYES 3	EDWIN G. BUCK 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

COLERAINE, CO. LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Patrick.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*GERALD D. BROWN .. Treble	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 5
HARRY BROWN 2	REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 6
*AUBREY FIELDING .. 3	JOHN CAMPBELL 7
JOHN STEWART 4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Canon S. P. Kew.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Bell Tower.

A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM 5
†GORDON T. BROWN .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
DEREK PRICE 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. * First of Surprise Major. First in the method, and rung without previous practice.

EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 58

L.e. 15735264 2nds place l.e. 4ths place bob.

F.c.e. 24365 Tipler's B 64/1.

SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. Treble	TERENCE I. ROPER .. 4
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 5
MRS. A. E. HARTLEY .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

WILTSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents Plain Bob and three of Kent T.B.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

FRED WATSON Treble	CHRIS. L. POWDRILL .. 4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Herbert Needham, of the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

GEORGE A. CHARLTON .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4
FRED WATSON 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 5
BRIAN SMITH 3	*WILLIAM KILLER .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal.

A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wildber. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Charlton. 31st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*JANET MORGAN .. Treble	JOHN H. ALLEN 4
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB 5
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 3	JOHN MACDONALD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MACDONALD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

Rung for the Epiphany, and also as a birthday compliment to Richard E. Macdonald.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Charlwood, Neusden, St. Albans and Braintree Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
*JOHN R. KENNETT .. 3	DENIS MOTTISHAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTISHAD.

* First peal in 25 methods.

Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. John Wheadon, oldest member of the local band.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ERIC EDGINGTON .. Treble	BERNARD TOWNSEND .. 4
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Smith, of Sheffield. Also a first birthday compliment to Rosemary Ann, daughter of the Ringing Master at St. Paul's, Burton.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents St. Martin's, six St. Nicholas', ten Plain Bob, eight Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten Grandsire.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*J. GRAHAM FISHER .. Treble	†FREDERICK DERRY .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 2	SYDNEY ADAMS .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	G. COLIN JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in five Doubles methods.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

FREDERICK A. ADAMS .. Treble	†DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 2	LESLIE W. BACON .. 5
*PHILLIP A. RICHARDSON .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240 Morris's, three 240 Pitman's arrangement and 30 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOY SMITH .. Treble	LEONARD SMITH .. 4
*WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. 2	CHARLES PHILLIPS .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to mark 25 years' service of Mr. L. Smith as churchwarden at this church.

SALTWOOD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents with all 56's at backstroke.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*ELIZABETH ROGERS .. 2	†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. ‡ 400th peal.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MRS. H. M. DOWNING .. Treble	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 4
JOHN A. W. DOWNING .. 2	†ALAN A. PRICE .. 5
††JOAN M. DOWNING .. 3	†ANTONY JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First on six bells. § First of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung by members of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, band as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble, fourth and tenor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROY FORSTER .. Treble	CECIL RADDON .. 4
JOHN RYDER .. 2	HENRY PARKER .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal in three methods.

WILBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and St. Clement's, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

TIMOTHY WOODING .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. 4
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME .. 5
VICTOR A. PERRY .. 3	ALLAN R. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Jennings.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: three of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4
†PAUL CATTERMOLE .. 2	†ROBERT W. COLE .. 5
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 3	†HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in two minor methods. ‡ Have rung peals of Minor from one to seven methods.

Rung within the Octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest S. Bailey.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Gibb.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	GEORGE HAWKINS .. 4
ARTHUR DAY .. 2	FRED C. JACKLIN .. 5
AMY COBURN .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.

Arthur Day has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. A farewell peal for the conductor, who is shortly moving to London.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*VALERIE LACEY .. Treble	DAVID SWIFT .. 4
CELIA COWLEY .. 2	CHARLES WOOD .. 5
*JOHN TICKLE .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal.

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**LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY .. Treble | RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4
 MICHAEL J. EDWARDS .. 2 | *JAMES TOWLER .. 5
 ANN EDWARDS .. 3 | MARTIN HARBORD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN HARBORD.

* First peal * inside.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse St. Bartholomew, seven of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*MICHAEL LARCHER .. Treble | EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 4
 TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
 HAZEL WAY .. 3 | *DAVID MATHLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

A birthday peal for Mr. Harry Boyce, and a compliment to the Rev. Edward Ishmael (Vicar of Cadoxton) and the Rev. Wm. Roach (Rector of Newton-Nottage), on their installation as Canons of Llandaff.

**OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Single Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
 G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
 LOUIS WILLDERS .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.
 GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | JOYCE DODDS .. 5-6
 GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3-4 | *CHRISTINE V. PULLEN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Major.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 5-6.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

At FERNHILL, BUNGAY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Grandsire, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 St. Simon's Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 1-2 | TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3-4
 E. CHARLES BAILEY .. 5-6

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal in three Doubles methods on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.

At 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Reverse Bob, (3) and (4) Double Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS .. 3-4
 JOYCE DODDS .. 5-6

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal of Minor in four methods 'in hand' by all the band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN POTTS .. 1-2 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. 3-4
 KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5-6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. W. F. Toms 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For Plough Sunday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Ross 1, Miss C. Bibby 2, T. Taylor 3, R. J. Johnston (first of Stedman) 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, D. W. James 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, G. F. Nix 8. A 20th birthday compliment from the Manchester University Guild to John Soanes, one of its members.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, M. Hopkins (first 'inside') 2, C. Harwood (cond.) 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, E. Buck 5, B. Scott 6, P. Flack 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Reed (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. Tomsett 2, M. Gearing (first 'inside') 3, M. Reed 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, S. Brook 6.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Cooper 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss D. Barrett 3, R. E. G. Smith 4, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Confirmation.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,259 Doubles (April Day, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Heather M. Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, M. Sprackling 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. An unsuccessful peal, called round.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,359 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Neal Smith (first of Doubles) 1, Margaret Westcott (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Jill Barron 3, R. Goodman 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 24th, 1,344 New Cambridge Surprise Major: P. E. Parry 1, F. D. Mack 2, B. J. Wyld 3, D. W. Friend 4, W. T. Cook 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6, P. McHew 7, J. A. Anderson 8. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Buckland (first of Triples) 1, P. J. Bird 2, M. J. Hobbs (first of Triples 'inside') 3, C. J. Richards 4, H. N. Evans (first of Triples 'inside') 5, P. E. Parry 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Carter (first of Triples) 8. First quarter by a local band.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Groves (first quarter) 1, Ann Edwards 2, Margaret E. Panton 3, M. J. Edwards 4, J. L. Towler 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

BULSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, A. Leeming (first 'inside') 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the conductor's father, who was cremated on this day.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Kington, Sandal, Duke of York, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent): M. Moxon 1, T. Tarbutt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. In memory of Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, who died January 12th.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1, W. Stote 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, N. Haille 7, E. Sibley (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. Hart, wife of the 5th ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, at Christ Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Munton 1, D. Herschell 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, W. Parrott (first of Minor as cond.) 5, F. Oakshott 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. Rung for the cause of church unity.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Curtis 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7. Also on New Year's Eve (half-muffled): Miss S. Curtis 1, Mrs. D. Simes (first quarter) 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, E. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, R. North 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Curtis 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. Box 7, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. T. Ball 1, Miss M. Smith 2, L. Smith 3, M. Peters 4, C. Pain 5, D. J. White (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3. First quarter by a local band.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, Margaret Eachus 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. All except 4 are members of the Wychbold band. Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, R. King 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, F. Cooper 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. Banks 8. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, G. Oliver 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Judge of Assize to Huntingdon.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: C. N. Lea 1, B. Pattison 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, G. S. Deas 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Veronica Miles 1, Tonie J. Critchley (first of Major 'inside') 2, Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For Evensong—Also on Jan. 24th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: Ann E. Fellows (first of Major) 1, Susan Funnell 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Linda M. Hughes 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First in method for all except the conductor. In memoriam Bunty Funnell.—Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: 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, R. J. Gay 8, D. J. Purnell 9, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for all except 7 and 10.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Benfield (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. I. Frost (first of Minor) 2, D. Benfield 3, S. F. Earl 4, J. Payne 5, J. W. Felce (first as cond.) 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. I. Dear 1, C. A. Critchley 2, A. Bailey 3, J. S. Dear 4, B. L. Marks 5, E. Edmondson (cond.) 6, G. W. Critchley 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Rung half-muffled before memorial service for Ruth Robinson.

LINTON, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Batchelor 1, C. Bridger 2, F. Leeson 3, A. Lamb 4, T. Grace 5, W. Manser 6, L. Head (comp. and cond.) 7, P. Town 8. First of Triples 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Janet Bridger and Michael Gibson, married this day at Boughton Monchelsea, where both are ringers and choristers. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Town (first of Triples) 1, T. Grace 2, F. Leeson 3, R. Rich 4, W. Manser 5, F. Macey 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, F. Swaites 8.

LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Richmond 1, E. Jane Langton 2, Judith A. Hardine 3, J. V. Temple 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6, D. E. Sibson 7, M. Taylor (first quarter) 8. For Holy Eucharist.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,360 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Ann Gilbert 1, Marjorie I. E. Clarke 2, S. N. Scott 3, J. T. Mannerling (cond.) 4, M. W. Gilbert 5. For the Maidstone Grammar School's Society.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, C. Kine 2, M. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook 6, T. Phk 7, W. Langley 8. Rung at Evensong to commemorate the retirement of the Rector (Preb. Claude C. Harland).

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, E. R. Tyndale Biscoe 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, Sylvia Watson (first of Minor) 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, G. C. Cornick (first of Minor) 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: P. Avey 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, G. S. Sandwell 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. F. Hatch 6, M. Hallett 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Lowman (first quarter) 1, J. Lowman 2, M. Long (cond.) 3, A. Williams 4, D. Baker 5, F. Matravers 6. A farewell to M. Long, who is leaving the district.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hoby 1, J. C. Birt 2, D. K. Walters 3, Pamela M. Jervis (first as conductor) 4, Janet L. Adamson 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. Livingston 8. A 95th birthday tribute to Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins (Grove Hospital, Tooting), for many years a member of Slough band.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Birch 1, F. Ward 2, S. Philbrick 3, D. Armstrong 4, J. Rank 5, R. S. Long 6, J. Seager 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung half muffled prior to Evensong to the memory of Jesse Fearn, who died Jan. 24th, after serving 10 years as churchwarden.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Underhill 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, J. Grensted 3, G. Eastman 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, B. Dobbie 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Mr. S. B. Staag, people's warden.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Wight 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, W. G. Wilson 5, F. Scott 6, R. Hartley 7, F. Price 8. First of Surprise by 1, 2 and 7.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkes 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, J. Firkins 4, K. Brookes (first quarter) 5, D. Williams 6. First quarter peal on the bells for over 30 years.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Wright 1, H. Way 2, B. Couzens 3, J. T. William 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, P. Willis (first quarter) 6.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Wilson (first quarter) 1, B. C. Sadler 2, Mrs. M. Mawbey 3, W. A. Smith 4, P. A. Sadler 5, J. M. Hallett 6, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 7, M. Mawbey 8. For children's service.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hargreaves 1, Miss R. Snell 2, D. Pearson 3, J. Clarke 4, J. S. Rank 5, K. Abbott (cond.) 6. First quarter by University of Sheffield Guild.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling (first quarter) 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, J. Firkins 3, W. Williams 4, K. Brookes 5, D. Williams 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Boulton.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hermione Hockey 1, R. Maddy 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Faircloth (cond.) 5, Derek Holland 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,336 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise): Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Dorothy Robinson 3, Anne Garnett 4, Alan Baeworth 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for Robin Hartley and Susan Jacobs, who have won scholarships to Oxford; also Barbara Johnson, who has an exhibition to Cambridge; all member of the band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 27th, at the Parish Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary Adamson (first of Major) 1, A. J. Glass 2, G. Jenkin 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. Cross 5, D. Ward (first of Major 'inside') 6, W. Birmingham 7, Janet L. Adamson (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss J. L. Adamson and Mr. D. Livingston, of Slough.

Andover District Outing

Berkshire was the venue for the Andover District outing on November 14th. Ringing started on the popular six at Peasemore, followed by Childrey and the heavy six at Stanford-in-the-Vale. Other towers visited were the good eight at Shrivensham and the unusual five at Great Coxwell. The outing was voted the best trip yet.

We regret to learn that Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood, of Hersham, a regular ringer at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, suffered a stroke on January 24th. He is confined to his bed and not able to receive visitors. 'Old Bob', as he is familiarly known, will be 85 on March 1st.

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Under the heading of 'Fifty Years Ago,' the 'Clevedon Mercury' recalls from its issue of January 29th, 1910, the presentation of an illuminated certificate, framed in oak, to Miss Nellie Gillingham, at Portishead, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples (J. J. Parker's Six-part) which she conducted. The certificate adds that Miss Gillingham was the first lady known to have conducted a peal.

We have received a correction to the peal rung at Deeping St. Nicholas (see page 69), it being rung in 1960 and not 1959 as printed.

Mr. G. Sayer, the well-known Norwich ringer, is entering Waylands Hospital, Attleborough, on February 23rd for an operation. We all wish him well.

The 95th birthday of Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins, now in Grove Hospital, Tooting, was remembered by friends at his former tower at Slough by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on January 31st.

The band that rang the peal at Neath on January 30th to mark the installation of the Vicar of Cadoxton and Rector of Newton-Nottage as Canons of Llandaff Cathedral was drawn mainly for the two parishes.

There is to be a Freemasons' gathering in London on Saturday, May 21st, during which a visit has been arranged to the Library, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, for the party to see the peal book.

Chelsfield, Kent, band were televised on January 26th by a camera team from an agency under contract with the B.B.C. Individual members of the band were also interviewed. It is understood that the tele-recording is primarily for use on Commonwealth television services.

Well-known ringers around Bedford, Mr. Colin Mann, of Flitwick, and Miss Mary Tysoe, of Bromham, were married at Bromham Parish Church on January 16th. After the reception a band of their ringing friends attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Bromham's fine octave, but this came to grief after half-an-hour's good ringing. Mr. and Mrs. Mann's future home will be King's Road, Flitwick.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

A peal attempt to the memory of Fred Seager and Harry Lofthouse, at Holy Trinity Church, Idle, on January 30th, came to grief when almost half way. Three of the local band—Michael, Sheila and Peter Bruce, all under 17—stood in at short notice and made a good attempt. This was their second attempt at peal ringing.

One quarter a week is the rule at King's Norton, Birmingham. It is a fine contribution to the band's progress.

In the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Esher, Surrey, on December 26th (page 70), the ringer of the fifth was J. King and not J. May.

Those attending the Southern District Ladies' Guild meeting next Saturday should note that Witely bells are available in the evening from 6.30 to 8, and not as stated in 'The Ringing World' of last week.

Featured in 'The Guardian' of January 22nd was an article, well illustrated, re the Loughborough Bell Foundry, written by Geoffrey Moorhouse, entitled 'Making the mouths of bawling brass.'

For those who say 'The Ringing World' contains nothing for the Sunday service ringer, read what Willesborough (Kent) and Lyncham (Wilts) are doing . . . two ends of the scale but both imbued with the same spirit.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Leicester Cathedral wish to associate the names of Miss Doreen D. Dutton and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, who had to withdraw because of illness. In consequence, Royal had to be rung instead of Maximus.

The London County Association's handbell contest for the Dawe cup (presented to the Association by Mr. Francis E. Dawe in 1933) will be held at Southwark Cathedral on February 20th. The contest is open to teams of four ringing members from any tower in the area of the Association. The requirement is to ring at least a full course of not less than 70 changes of any method on eight bells.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

New Master Appointed

THE Society's annual meeting took place at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 23rd. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by an excellent tea in the St. Martin's canteen under the supervision of the lady helpers, about 50 ringers being present.

The business meeting followed in the Fellowship Hall and, in the absence of the Master, Mr. P. N. Bond, who had only recently left hospital after an operation for the removal of his tonsils, the chair was taken by Mr. F. J. Cullum, a former Master. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P. N. Bond (who sent best wishes to the new Master and thanked members for their support during his term of office), H. Audsley, I. Oram, N. G. Steere and R. Newman.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. A. W. J. Butler) said that four peals had been recorded for the Society during the year: Stedman Cinques at Shrewsbury (conducted by Mr. T. H. Francis), Stedman Triples at Swanscombe (by Mr. G. Butcher), Bristol Surprise Major at Aylesford (by Mr. F. J. Cullum) and Stedman Caters at Nottingham (by Mr. J. L. Millhouse). He hoped that the Society would improve on this during the coming year, but it was gratifying to note the large number of members who do ring peals regularly for their local associations.

Meetings had been held at Shoreditch and Hackney—jointly with the London County Association—Barnet, Chislehurst and the very popular joint one with the Middlesex County Association at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, with ringing also at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster. The secretary added that he thought members should try and attend these meetings in rather larger numbers than was the case in some instances.

Practices at St. Martin's had been well attended. Twenty-eight new members had been elected during the year, one more than the previous year.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Society had lost by death some old and valued members: Messrs. R. Brown, A. C. Chapman, C. J. Matthews, A. Miles and A. H. Pulling. Sympathy was also extended to Miss Mabel Prockson on the recent death of her mother. Mr. Matthews had been a great stalwart of the Society in the past and at St. Martin's; Mr. Pulling, a member for nearly 50 years, would be always remembered for his long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells which still remains the record length: Mr. Reg. Brown was a member of the secretary's home town band, St. Mary's, Southampton, and took part in his first peal there, Grandsire Caters. The meeting stood in silence to their memory.

The treasurer (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) in his report said the slight drop in the Society's balance was due almost wholly to a deficit on the dinner; otherwise the finances were in a healthy condition.

A discussion on the report raised the matter of increased subscriptions, which were still at the pre-war level, and it was thought that at any rate steeplechase could be raised from 3d. to 6d. It was proposed that this be submitted to the next annual meeting. Meantime, the question is to be put to members at the quarterly meetings and their reactions sought.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected: Messrs. M. Elson and J. B. Webb (Lichfield), F. W. Grocott (Sale), Miss Shirley M. Parsons (Cheltenham), Miss Margaret A. Swann (Lincoln), Messrs. H. Stevens (Newark), S. Adams (Nottingham), Miss Dorothy Borer (Strood), Messrs. H. H. Furminger (Northfleet), and K. Williamson (Sittingbourne).

The election of officers followed and Mr. Dennis Beresford was elected Master of the Society. He thanked the members for their trust and said he would endeavour to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities. The Society had some very good talent among its members and it could look to the future with great hopes. The new Master then took the chair and the election of the other officers took place as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. N. G. Steere; junior

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 7



Rev. Canon C. CAREW COX, M.A., A.K.C.
(Master, Salisbury Diocesan Guild)

Canon Cox, through his earnest and sincere Easter and Christmas messages, which have so frequently appeared in this journal, will be well known to most of our readers. He is a very capable and enthusiastic ringer, and has successfully stimulated interest in our art in a part of the country which is anything but easy.

He was born at Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, in 1882, and was educated at St. Paul's School, King's College, London (where he passed with honours in Theology), and graduated at University College, Durham, in 1908. He was ordained deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral,

steward, Mr. I. Oram; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and A. W. J. Butler; auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss M. Prockson; dinner secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews, Central Council representatives, Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

The meeting accorded a vote of thanks to the ladies of the canteen for arranging tea, the Vicar of St. Martin's, and Mr. T. H. Francis for his help in arranging things at St. Martin's.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Gordon T. Brown made a very good introduction to Surprise peal ringing at Evesham on January 30th by ringing his first in a method never previously rung to a peal—Evesham Surprise Major—and without previous practice.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, three Surprise peals were rung on January 30th for the Midland Counties Guild. Those who rang in all three were Derek P. Jones (conductor), Joseph W. Cotton, David W. Brunning and Gordon H. Lane.

A belated wedding compliment was rung at Edenham to Mr. and Mrs. D. Stainsby on January 23rd. The band would like to thank Mr. J. E. Allen for deputising at short notice for Mr. J. Haw, a member of the original attempt, who was stricken with flu.

Christened at Spalding on January 24th was the infant son (Hugh John Hampton) of the Rev. R. W. H. Nind (Branch president) and Mrs. Nind. The following day a congratulatory peal of Ealing Surprise Major was rung to them at Bicker.

Four married couples, all members of the local band, rang in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Hillingdon, on January 31st. They were Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow 1, Mrs. J. Sexton 2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, A. R. Turley 6, J. Hill 7, J. Sexton 8. This is probably the first time that such a quarter peal has been rung by a local band.

London, in 1909, and priest at Coventry Cathedral in 1910.

His first curacy was at Stratford-on-Avon, and during his four years there he became actively connected with the then newly-formed Warwickshire Guild, serving as its secretary. He took part in most of the first performances of the Guild and conducted the first peals of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth and Stedman Caters at Solihull.

In 1914 he moved to Dorset, where he ministered at Symondsbury and Milton Abbas, and afterwards for ten years at West Moors, and was Vicar of Lyme Regis for 26 years until his retirement in 1953. During his incumbency here he founded a change-ringing band which became capable of ringing Surprise methods. He was also responsible for recasting the bells into a musical eight. He conducted the last peal (Yorkshire) on the old bells and the first (Stedman) on the new.

He was elected chairman of the Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild (1921-1959), and Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1940. He is also president of the Clerical Guild, in whose first peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick he took part, along with the late Canon Cole-ridge and other famous clerical ringers, in 1910.

Canon Cox first learned to ring at Stockland, Devon, being taught by his cousin, E. V. (now Prebendary) Cox, and rang his first peal at Hammersmith in 1904, which was a College Youths' peal of Grandsire Triples. His first peal as conductor was Holt's Original, rung at Chiswick in 1907. He was frequently to be seen at practices at London towers, and when he was at Durham rang peals at Gateshead with that great ringer W. H. Barber and the Gofton brothers.

He has rung 137 peals, conducted 55.

Canon Cox married in 1917 Miss Margaret E. Robinson, of Kensington. In 1951 he was appointed Hon. Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. We hope he will continue to inspire us all for a long time with his messages at church festivals.

JAFUS.

Tips For Beginners — 7

When you ring Treble Bob you meet the same bells in the same places each lead, except that the treble takes the place of the bell doing the slow-work. Thus if bobs are called at consecutive leads you are sure of the bell to dodge with at the second bob since it will be the same bell you dodged with at the first bob.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

An increase of 22 members, bringing the number to 111, was reported by Mr. R. Collins (District Ringing Master) at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District at Hersham on January 30th. 'A good year' was his comment, but he was convinced that with hard work a lot of progress could be made in 1960.

All the officers were re-elected, namely: Mr. R. Collins, Ringing Master; Mr. J. King, assistant R.M.; Miss E. Loveland, hon. secretary, Mr. T. Maybrey replaces Mr. G. Talbot as third committee member. It was unanimously agreed to make a collection at each District meeting for the New Cathedral Bell Fund.

Mr. W. Shepherd thanked the Vicar (Rev. G. Williams) for conducting the service, the ladies who prepared tea, and the organist. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. in methods up to Cambridge.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1959

Peals conducted are shown in parentheses.

	Tower	Hand	Total
John M. Jelley ..	47 (22)	1	48
A. James Poyner ..	33 (6)	—	33

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE BEAUTY OF PLACE NAMES

Dear Sir,—The delightful monograph on the beauty of place names, read today from a sick bed, has done me more good than all my doctor's pills, although I was surprised to know that someone else scans through the peal lists for what I have always thought was my own private joy.

Pride of place in my stored up memory of names goes to a village in Dorset; it probably has but one bell, as 'Dove' does not know it, and while I have collected guide books for years I have never seen it mentioned. It is Ryeme Intrinseca, and the only entry I know comes in the Sarum Diocesan Directory which gives it as follows: 'Yetminster, with Chetnole and Ryeme Intrinseca'.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

UNHELPFUL EFFECT OF INDIFFERENT BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I did not wish to enter further into the correspondence concerning the Christmas broadcast but, as requested, I must point out that I was sincere in my brief remark about its effect on the training of learners. I would add that it was the longest period of bells I have heard over the radio, and some of it (which was good and which bad has already been pointed out) was the second worst I have heard, the worst being when a leading Surprise tower 'fired-out' during a broadcast one Sunday evening before the war. I was at much the same age and stage of accomplishment then as some of the learners at the tower whose training I am required to supervise now, and the circumstances were similar. I had been advised by my instructor to listen to this performance 'for my good,' and was suitably appalled by the clashing; it might be excusable at a practice to try experiments and get in a tangle, but never for broadcasts and special occasions, or Sundays for that matter. If there is a risk of bad striking if more than rounds are attempted, then even St. Paul's Cathedral ought to ring rounds! The learners at Elkstone at Christmas would have given a fair performance if they had only remembered this.

I duly advised the learners at Church Gresley to listen to the Christmas broadcast to further their interest, and was not surprised to receive adverse comments on my return, for even at their stage they know they ought to aim at precision ringing—the bells 'going like pistons,' as I have heard it put. In our tower, where the bells are at present very loud for the ringers, anything else can be very painful to the ear, and I do not need to comment on the striking, they would not hear me if I did! Another striking advantage is that with only five bells the learner can quickly recognise his bell in the general rhythm. This may not be easy on higher numbers in a quiet tower.

I have digressed, however, and in conclusion reaffirm that yet another unhelpful aspect of bad broadcast ringing is that it sets a bad example to the learners; and goodness knows, we have enough trouble to produce decent ringers without sabotaging the effort from within our own ranks.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Castle Gresley.

NO CRITICISM INTENDED

Dear Sir,—I fear that my letter on page 44 has been interpreted as a personal criticism of the ringing standards of Mr. Moxon. I wish to assure him and any others that this was not in any way intended, and reflects bad writing on my part.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Alton, Hants.

LACK OF GUILD INTEREST ALLEGED

Dear Sir,—It should not be necessary to comment on manners, particularly in ringing circles, but I feel that when a blatant example of bad manners is met with, for the good of the Exercise it should not go unnoticed.

On January 16th I visited St. Peter's, St. Albans, for the annual District meeting. After standing in the ringing chamber for half-an-hour I was finally asked if I could ring, and during the time I spent in the tower no officer of the Guild took sufficient interest to enquire from which tower I came. It is certainly fortunate that I did not have to travel a long distance to attend this meeting, for in that case I should be more indignant than I am now.

We at Rickmansworth have been trying, during the last three years, to build up a 10-bell band. This we are doing, but with little or no help from the Hertford Guild, apart from the kind friendship and generous help received from our neighbouring tower of St. Mary's, Watford.

We consider that the function of a Guild is mainly to promote the art of change-ringing, and social intercourse, amongst change-ringers within the Guild. We feel that the Hertford Guild in no way has fulfilled this function.

In the last three years individual ringers from our tower have rung 45 peals; of these, 28 were for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 9 for the Middlesex Guild and 8 for the Hertford County Association. Each of the peals for the Hertford County Association was conducted by a non-resident member. If it was not for the kindness of Mr. J. R. Mayne, of Harrow Weald, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and W. Butler, of Windsor, Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, and Mr. A. R. Pink, of Oxford, we at Rickmansworth would still be ringing badly-struck Grandsire Triples and Doubles. To those mentioned above and to the many others who have in many ways helped us, as a tower, tender our most grateful thanks; and to the officers of the Hertford County Association I say pull your socks up!—Yours, etc.,

M. HATCHETT.

St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

EXTENSIONS OF WHITWICK AND LYME

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. Blagrove has misread Rule 6. If he looks again, as I understand it, he will find that the part he has quoted applies only to 'Expanding' and 'Double' extensions. Those which I gave were static ones. I am perfectly aware that these methods are related to Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Major in the same way as Yorkshire Surprise Royal is to Cambridge Surprise Major. I think I made it clear in my last letter that I do not regard them as satisfactory extensions, and this is precisely the objection which I have to them. Nevertheless, the report on method extension allows them.

The last part of Mr. Blagrove's letter is concerned with the methods already rung as Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Royal, which was the original point of this correspondence. I did not intend to imply that the Council should do the renaming itself. I think that the band should choose fresh names, a course which will be forced upon them if the Council merely states that these methods are not extensions. This, I presume, is also Mr. Blagrove's view.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

BEG TO DIFFER

Dear Sir,—The opinions of such prominent ringers as Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. F. W. Perrens merit our careful consideration, but I find myself at variance with them as expressed in the correspondence columns of our journal on two widely different subjects.

Firstly, I hope the Exercise will not endorse Mr. Smallwood's scathing criticism of the B.B.C. The Corporation could easily attain near perfection in their broadcasts through the medium of 'B.B.C. Recording' and, may I remind members that this footnote appears beneath most of the items in the Christmas Day and Boxing Day programmes, the chief exception being the bells and the church services.

Are not the B.B.C. possibly proving wiser than we who criticise? They wish to broadcast **Christmas Bells**, surely the critic who described Bethlehem Bells as just a **din** missed the romanticism of it all. Incidentally, I wonder how many members of the B.B.C. staff 'out on location' would welcome 'canned' bells on Christmas morning!

Secondly, Mr. Perrens observes that if the Guilds and Associations were to assist the finances of 'The Ringing World' (as has been suggested), it would necessitate further increases in annual subscriptions resulting in loss of membership, particularly among the younger ringers. Why should this be so? I must say that I have found chief opposition to any increase of the subscription to my Guild to come from the older ringers.

The annual ringing member's subscriptions to the two local Guilds (Salisbury and Winchester and Portsmouth) are 2s. 6d. and 3s. respectively, i.e., about 1s. per year more than pre-war. Costs are more than trebled today, therefore an annual subscription of 7s. 6d. or even 10s. per year would not be outrageous. Perhaps if it cost us more we should value our membership more and also be able to support our important journal as suggested, without distress to our Guild funds.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

'ANNUS IRAE'

Dear Sir,—As a postscript to E.C.S.'s two articles on 'Annus Irae,' and the part played by William Willson in controversies of that year, it may be of interest to recall that in later years he wrote in this journal that he would occasionally receive a letter from the Editor of 'The Bell News'—'Dear Friend, The circulation is not so good. Can you kick up a row in the next issue? Any subject you like, only make it hot and strong.' Mr. Willson added that he would duly oblige, the circulation would go up, and he would incur a certain amount of dislike. In view of Harvey Reeves' comment on the circulation after the Kidlington controversy, this was perhaps one of the occasions.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 70 ringers, including visitors from the Bath and Wells Association, attended the annual meeting of the North East Branch at Tiverton on January 9th. Membership was reported to be about the same, but the finances are very sound, with £5 13s. in the instruction account and £55 in the Branch general fund.

Officers elected for 1960 were: Chairman, the Rev. E. E. Hughes; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Hollis; of Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. The retiring secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. H. Ware) was thanked for his seven years of service by the chairman and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild. In the ringing the striking of many of the touches was well above the average.

W. H. W.

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LETTERS—Continued

IRELAND WAS CONSULTED

Dear Sir.—As the recent correspondence about the Christmas Day broadcast has now inquired about the position of the Central Council Committee on Broadcasting and Television I feel that, as a member of that committee, I must say a few words on the subject. I was consulted by the programme organiser from the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. about the choice of tower for this year's broadcast, and I nominated St. Donard's, Belfast. I therefore accept the full responsibility for the choice and the standard of ringing, as I ensure beforehand that the tower chosen each year will reach the high standard of striking required. Now, critics, what was wrong with St. Donard's ringing on Christmas Day? Some have said in the correspondence that it was good, others made no mention, while others condemned the whole programme as bad. My view is that St. Donard's striking was excellent.

I am rather surprised that our friend of the 'black border' in previous years has not joined the fray this year, but maybe he has, this time under his own name in view of the criticism at last year's Council meeting.

Some years ago, the B.B.C. asked the Television and Broadcasting Committee for a list of towers in each region whose striking was regarded as qualifying for broadcasting. I refused to give any towers for Northern Ireland as I felt that it was wrong to do so as it is well known that standards change from year to year: a tower may be good this year and bad next year, through changes in membership, and that therefore the B.B.C. should consult the representative for the area before any tower was broadcast to ensure that a high standard of ringing was maintained. This arrangement of consultation with the B.B.C. has now worked exceptionally well over the years, and at the present my relations with the B.B.C. are excellent, with an understanding on both sides of each other's difficulties.

Recently all the Northern Ireland towers took part in a programme on bells on Christmas Eve, and the striking throughout the programme was good. We have endeavoured over the past ten years to raise our standards of striking by holding cup competitions, and although some of the experts may be opposed to such competitions there is no doubt that the standards of striking and ringing have been raised to a very high level as a result of the competitions, and this applies to the whole of Ireland as well.

Turning again to the question of general liaison with the B.B.C., I have always felt that to get the matter put on a proper footing, the Committee should seek a discussion with the person responsible in B.B.C. Headquarters in London, as always one hears in the regions that while they agree with our views they unity must consult London. I have always said that I have been willing to attend such a meeting in London and would suggest opportunity should be taken this Whitsun to arrange a meeting on our way back from Folkestone.—Yours faithfully, JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Hollywood, Northern Ireland.

THE KIDLINGTON 17,042

Dear Sir.—I did not hear the above peal in 1899, but I was not impressed with the correspondence which followed, and sincerely hoped it would remain a forgotten affair for all time; yet for years afterwards I listened for many hours to Jim Washbrook and Bill Pye, two great friends of mine, in whose homes I spent many happy hours. Several times the Kidlington peal became a topic of conversation, and it always seemed to me a matter of great regret that these two famous men should become bad friends over a peal of Double Norwich and too many people rushing into print.—Yours faithfully,

Addlestone. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

A REPLY TO MR. RALPH EDWARDS

Dear Sir.—The lines by Babbacombe Bill aptly sum up the correspondence re the Evesham peal (bad lad, Pat, to drop a clanger like that!). It was with some regret, however, that I read the letter on the subject from Mr. Edwards. Yes, I am aware of the Birmingham ringers' technique, and I've managed to apply myself to it on numerous occasions—with credit or discredit I leave others to decide.

It is unnecessary for Mr. Edwards to tell us that Pat Cannon is one of the best heavy-bell ringers in the business. The footnotes to his peals tell us that. Some of Mr. Edwards' remarks on the Evesham peal were in bad taste, as he was the only disgruntled member of the band. He had the chance to set up—why didn't he? He says the band was not exactly star-studded. Well, he did not reach the heights of stardom himself. He lacked team spirit and said he could not care less, then he accused the rest of the band of putting up a poor show.

He says the band was not too well placed: seeing that he is a first-class heavy-bell ringer himself, why didn't he condescend to ring at the back end and try to keep things together? Perhaps if he had been on the tenor box instead of Stephen Ivins all would have been well, a good peal rung and all the band would have been stars.

One does not expect Mr. Edwards to enjoy a peal at Evesham as he openly admits that he is unable to hear the bells owing to so much hum in the place. His criticisms have been voiced often and strongly of Evesham bells. Inside the tower acoustical experiments have been carried out with a view to helping his indifferently hearing. Other suggestions he has made I shall carry out as soon as possible. In the meantime, any opinion or criticism he voices on ringing he takes part in at Evesham must be treated with reserve. I write this letter with sincere apologies to my brother, Mr. A. V. Hemming.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

Dear Sir.—One of the most valued functions of 'The Ringing World' is to provide a medium for the freer exchange of views and ideas between ringers, and in this connection I, like many others, would like to thank you for publishing the correspondence inspired by the Evesham peal.

Every reader must be interested in this correspondence, and some perhaps amused, elated, infuriated or, like my good friend Pat Chapman, distressed.

I, personally, was far from distressed to read the opening instalment, contributed by A. P. C., in fact I nearly laughed my head off, and so, I should think, did Stephen Ivins. Nor do I share Mr. Chapman's view that A. P. C.'s letter was badly timed, for after all, this is the season of pantomime!

My sympathy, however, is with Mr. Cannon in this matter, as having built up a reputation for fast peals it must be particularly galling to be beaten at his own game, and worse is probably to come!

But seriously, sir, how I wish that more ringers had the enthusiasm of either of the leading characters in this argument!—Yours sincerely,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Delia Wright (first quarter) 1, G. E. Foster 2, F. L. Hemstock 3, F. Pickard 4, J. R. Pratchett (first as cond.) 5, N. L. Brown (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Pauline Mary Pratchett, sister of the conductor and a ringer at the Minster, and Mr. Alec J. S. Atkin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Macclesfield Branch

The Ven. T. Clarke (president of the Guild) conducted the service at the annual meeting of the Macclesfield and District Branch, held at Macclesfield Parish Church on January 9th.

In his address, the president lamented the number of silent towers in the diocese of Chester, and said how incongruous it was to hear from small country church towers distorted electric recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Only true ringing by virile men and women was worthy of the Church. Apart from rendering a great service they were engaging in a captivating craft, and they needed more volunteers who would be given the friendly, expert advice and training which the Guild was prepared to provide.

Tea was served after the service, and this was followed by the annual meeting, with Archdeacon Clarke in the chair. Mr. John Worth was unanimously re-elected as Branch chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Lonyon was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. W. Lawton, E. Pimlott and M. Mottershead as representatives to the Diocesan General Committee.

Ringing at the Parish Church, containing the only 12 in Cheshire, following the meeting.

Crewe Branch

It was a welcome change for the Crewe Branch to be favoured with a fine day for their annual meeting on January 16th. The attendance of 87 members, representing 20 towers, had the pleasure of welcoming the Guild Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) and the general secretary (Mr. H. O. Baker).

After the Guild Office and a thoughtful address from the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Gentry), the P.C.C. kindly entertained the meeting to tea, which was served by the wives of Christ Church ringers, under the direction of Mrs. R. D. Langford.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. In his report, the Branch secretary (Mr. W. Kerr) stated that ringing meetings were continuing to receive good support, and that more peals had been rung than in previous years. It was regretted that four towers in the Branch were still not in union with the Guild, but it is intended to make an effort to remedy this unfortunate state of affairs. The total membership of the Branch showed a decrease, but this was attributable to the fact that several members had failed to pay their subscriptions. This was also reflected by a less favourable balance in the Branch accounts, which were presented by the secretary in the absence of the treasurer (Mr. W. F. Stenson).

The only alterations which resulted from the election of officers were that Mr. W. Kerr combined the duties of secretary and treasurer and Mr. B. J. Ongley succeeded to the position of 'Ringing World' representative.

A JANUARY OUTING

Ringers from Andover and Reading areas were pleased to accept an invitation by Bruce Granger on January 2nd for a day's ringing in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Some interesting bells were encountered. These included the steel bells of Waddesdon (6), Wing (6), with a long draught and 28 cwt. tenor, the ten at Leighton Buzzard, and finally the majestic eight at Woburn, where the day's ringing ended with a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger kindly entertained the party to tea, and there was the well-known dish of 'Bedfordshire Changes,' which was served with all the traditional ceremony. Sincere thanks to Bruce and his parents.

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A YOUNG LANCASHIRE BAND



YOUNG LANCASHIRE RINGERS. — Twelve months ago the belfry register at Westhoughton Parish Church, Bolton, contained the name of only one junior member. To-day there are nine and eight of them have formed a team to ring for evening service, the first time being on November 22nd. Their ages range from 12 to 15 years with an average of 15½ years.

They claim to be one of the youngest ringing teams in the country. The band stood: Carol Knight (13) 1, Joan Farrimond (13) 2, Mary Hilton (12) 3, Anita Hilton (14) 4, Brenda Mort (15) 5, Brian Meadows (15) 6, Jeffrey Sawyer (13) 7, Ian Hunter (15) tenor. The ninth ringer is Frank Taylor (12), a recent recruit.

Their regularity in attendance for Sunday service ringing and the Tuesday practices encourages their instructor, Mr. Albert Greenhalgh, the well-known Lancashire ringer, to anticipate that Westhoughton juniors will add lustre to the Exercise. A peal attempt is being arranged for March 19th, which will be Carol Knight's first attempt.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Dartmouth on January 7th was attended by many ringers from South Devon. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. W. Simmonds at St. Petrock's, Townstal, and St. Saviour's. The service at Townstal was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Urwin and the address given by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge.

At the business meeting, Mrs. H. Hood, Branch chairman, presided, and the officers were re-elected. Mr. D. J. Roberts (Branch secretary) reported an increase of membership by 16 to 69. A new band of ringers had been formed at St. Saviour's, Torquay, under Mr. W. J. Harvey.

Guild certificates were presented to the Rev. Anthony de Guingand and Gabriel Arnold (Buckfast Abbey), and Philippa Russell, Ian Hay, Danny McCollough and Andrew McKenzie (Teignmouth).

AROUND CANTERBURY

Organised by Peter Newing, F.S.A., eight ringers in three cars visited towers around Canterbury on January 6th. At Bekesbourne (6), with John Baldwin as Ringing Master, Cambridge was rung. For Littlebourne (6), Nicholas Davies was Ringing Master and Elizabeth Rogers his self-appointed deputy. Unfortunately, at Wickhambreaux the striking did not match up to the immaculate ringing chamber, although Sid Walters, the Ringing Master, was on home ground.

At tea at Littlebourne a tape-recorder was introduced, and after listening to some half-muffled Spliced Surprise Major from Ashford it was agreed that there was room for improvement in the party's ringing at Wickhambreaux. Mary and Pauline were joint Ringing Mistresses at Goodnestone. The day's ringing ended at Barham. Over coffee at Canterbury it was decided to hold a similar outing at Easter if possible.

Thank You, Australia

Mervyn J. Bray, of H.M.S. 'Centaur,' writes expressing the sincere thanks of David W. Kerley and himself for the friendship and hospitality given to them by the ringers of Sydney and Melbourne. 'I hope if any of them ever come to England I shall have the opportunity of meeting them again and helping to make them feel as welcome in our country as they made us in theirs,' he concludes.

Their happenings in Sydney were reported on page 73. They arrived at Melbourne on New Year's Eve and made rapid contact with Mr. Roper to inquire about New Year's ringing. As a result they were ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Grandsire Cinques, passing Stedman Doubles, Triples and Plain Bob Major. Just after midnight a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

As they were only staying two days a special practice was arranged for the following evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch

Over 60 ringers attended the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Amersham on January 23rd, when ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. A course of Hull Surprise and one of Kingston T.B. were rung, but the temptation was resisted to splice them and ring Kingston-upon-Hull!

The Branch chairman (Rev. Eric Perkins) presided at the committee meeting, at which a minute's silence was observed in memory of Arthur Foxall, a promising young ringer of Hughenden, who was killed in a road accident.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meeting on January 23rd, when Canon P. J. Hayes welcomed nearly 50 members and visiting ringers to Sarum St. Thomas', and after the service joined the company for tea at the Church House.

The chairman (H. A. Roles) also welcomed the Rev. W. Uphill, for 17 years Branch secretary for North Dorset, now retired and living in Salisbury, who has just undertaken the work of Guild librarian. The lapsing of Donhead St. Mary, Berwick St. John, Codford St. Peter and Woodford during the year (mostly due to the increasing age of the ringers and the difficulty of getting recruits in small villages) was offset by the reaffiliation of Broadchalke, Coombe Bissett and Tisbury, where there are new and keen young bands. In the case of the two first-named this is largely due to the encouragement of new vicars, themselves able to ring, and a special tribute was paid to Arthur Haines and the Wilton ringers, who have given a good deal of help in teaching the elements of change-ringing.

Seven quarterly or practice meetings had been held during the year, visiting 15 towers, and a new venture had been a half-day Branch outing into Hampshire: it is hoped to run another, visiting North Wilts, this year. The Branch officers were all re-elected, and the following meetings are proposed, subject to confirmation: March 5th, Dinton (practice); April 23rd, Tisbury (quarterly); May 28th or 21st, Britford-with-Downton (p.); July 16th, Enford-with-Netheravon (q.); September 10th, Woodford (p.); October 22nd, Amesbury-with-Durrington (q.); November 26th, Broadchalke (p.); January 21st, 1961, annual meeting in Salisbury.

Ringing continued to suit all standards at both St. Thomas' and St. Paul's.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

North Lindsey Branch

A very successful annual meeting of the North Lindsey Branch was held at Barton-on-Humber on January 23rd. Owing to unexpected difficulties at Grimsby, the place of the meeting had to be changed, and all are very grateful to Barton for making such excellent arrangements at short notice. There were 42 for tea, and several more came later on.

Canon H. Thackray presided at the meeting. The accounts showed a small surplus on the year and a balance in hand of £23 17s. Mr. W. Bramwell reported on the bell repair fund account.

Officers elected for 1960 were: President, Canon H. Thackray; secretary and treasurer, G. W. Moody; Ringing Master, J. Bray; Guild representative, F. Lord; Branch committee, A. Crowder, H. Hall and S. Neave; auditors, M. Walker and G. Dobbs. Five Branch meetings are to be held in 1960, and the next annual meeting will be at Scunthorpe.

Barton has two rings of eight, and there was ringing on the eight at St. Peter's in the afternoon. After Evensong at St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. G. Sylvester (Vicar), there was further ringing on the heavier eight at this church.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON

The joint meeting held by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Stockton Parish Church on January 16th attracted a good attendance of members from both Associations, and there was enjoyable ringing during the afternoon and evening on this pleasant-sounding ten. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major were the chief methods rung.

At tea the Vicar of Stockton (Rev. C. N. Wardle-Harpur) joined the ringers. He was thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. W. Etherington and Miss D. M. Killingley, who also thanked the ladies who had provided the tea.

Mr. Wardle-Harpur, replying, paid a tribute to the Stockton band for their diligence as ringers and their work as churchmen.

Mr. F. W. Cooke, vice-president of the Southern District, presided at the tea.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY LOFTHOUSE

The death on January 26th, at the age of 60, of Harry Lofthouse was a great loss to all who knew him.

He was a member of the band at Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, where he had been in his time church councillor and churchwarden, and was interested in many of the organisations at that church.

He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1923, and for the past seven years been on the committee of the Western District. His peal total was a modest nine, but he had done much work for learners both in his own and neighbouring towers.

He will be chiefly remembered by ringers in this area for his work with the Leeds and District Society, which remains today as a monument to his work and devotion to duty. He was its secretary for 30 years, resigning in 1953; since then he had served a term as president and also as vice-president.

He was cremated on February 1st, and ringers from many neighbouring towers (even as far afield as Bradford and Sheffield) joined with relatives and other church workers in paying their respects to an old friend who was young in heart. I. S.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Harry Lofthouse at his home in Armley, Leeds, on January 26th, at the age of 60. Although he had not been well for a few years, and his ringing activities had therefore been curtailed, he nevertheless maintained his interest in all ringing matters throughout. Harry Lofthouse and the Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers were synonymous, as he was its mainspring for almost 40 years—as secretary and later as vice-president and president, and saw the Society grow from a very small organisation to its present well-known state. He was particularly proud of the fact that throughout this time the Society's subscription had not been altered from 6d. per member per year.

I first met Harry when I came to Yorkshire some 34 years ago—I was a little stranger in a strange land, and upon making inquiries as to the whereabouts of a certain Leeds and District meeting which had been advertised, I was given the necessary instructions and told to ask for Harry Lofthouse, as he would see that I got a ring. However, I had no need to ask, for Harry noticing a strange face made me very welcome. I little thought at the time I would later work with him and know him more intimately. Thus a few years later I settled down in Armley and was privileged to work with Harry in various ringing activities and came to appreciate his sterling character.

He was a churchman through and through, and had been connected with Christ Church all his life—as a Sunday School teacher, sidesman, churchwarden and bell-ringer; in fact he could be found actively engaged on practically every organisation of the church. In spite of his activities for his church, he somehow found time to take a very active interest in numerous other organisations of the parish—youth club, football club, the photographic society and many others; as when I knew him it was always taken for granted that Harry had meetings, committees or some activities on practically every night of the week—yet he always managed to find time to give a helping hand wherever needed.

Men of the character of Harry Lofthouse are very rare indeed. Though not an ambitious peal ringer in the sense of the word, he would always stand in when he thought the occasion worthy, and it would be difficult to find a more loyal member of a church or tower. He will be greatly missed, but I am glad that I had the privilege of knowing and working with him. Countless others will feel as I do, that I have lost a most sincere friend.

F. R.

MR. THOMAS TROLLOPE

The death of Mr. T. Trollope on January 15th, from pneumonia which developed after a serious fall, removes from our midst the oldest member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in his 97th year. He had been a member of the Guild since 1896.

Thomas Trollope learnt his ringing at Middleton Stoney, in Oxfordshire, where, as a young man, he was head gardener at 'the big house.' Later he settled in Oxford, and for many years was employed by the Education Authority as advisory gardening instructor for the schools in the district.

It was then that I first came to know him, for when I was quite a small boy Mr. Trollope often visited my father, who was headmaster of St. Frideswide's School in Oxford. I remember that I felt a great respect, and no small degree of awe, in the presence of this dignified, bearded gentleman, who always held himself so erect.

Thomas Trollope never made much progress in the advanced branches of ringing, but his devotion to the art and his unswerving loyalty and service to the Oxford Diocesan Guild earned him the deepest respect and affection in the diocese. His influence at the general committee meetings (he was a member of the committee for very many years and never missed a meeting) was always on the side of good sense, kindness and tolerance. He was a great peace maker, and I believed he never said an unkind word to anyone. In the Oxford Guild we shall greatly miss Thomas Trollope, but we shall remember with thankfulness his life and example.

ELLIOT WIGG.

MR. R. E. SMITH, EASINGWOLD

The death has taken place at Bank House, Easingwold, Yorks, at the age of 90, of Mr. Reginald Ernest Smith, a ringer for well over 60 years at the Parish Church, and for the greater part of that time tower keeper and leader of the ringers. Until the last war he maintained a band of such strength that the bells were rung for two services every Sunday.

He began to ring when he left the choir, and during his lifetime taught many others to ring. Keenly interested in bells, he kept everything in connection with the bells and fittings in first-class order. Perhaps his greatest ambition was realised in 1950, when the bells were rehung and augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles.

He held the office of churchwarden for 40 years and took an active interest in the town's affairs. He was a playing member of the town band, and was manager of the local branch of the Midland Bank, until his retirement in 1936.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Hawkins, R.D.), assisted by Canon F. Richardson, vicar of Pocklington and former Vicar of Easingwold. The eight bells were rung half-muffled immediately before the funeral.

J. B. H.

MR. FRANK MORGAN

The ringing band at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, has sustained a heavy loss in the passing on January 24th in Summerfield Hospital, Birmingham, of Mr. Frank Morgan, aged 63 years.

Apart from service in the First World War, Frank's early life was passed in South Wales, where he learned to ring, his work bringing him to Birmingham a few years prior to the last war. He then joined the band at St. Chad's.

Of a quiet, unassuming temperament, coupled with a kindly and generous nature, he was well liked by all with whom he came into contact. Although he had rung some peals in his younger days, his main interest was in the Sunday service ringing at St. Chad's, where his regularity of attendance and punctuality were proverbial, even when stricken with the painful illness that, in a few weeks, was to cause his death. He last rang on Sunday evening, November 29th, for the visit of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, although it was evident how ill he was.

He was interred at Witton Cemetery, Birmingham, on January 28th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A membership of 255—an increase of one—was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on January 23rd. Quarter peals totalled 84 compared with 104, and peals dropped from 29 to 21. In the peals, 81 ringers took part, of whom 50 were resident ringing members. Only four towers entered for the striking competition and the standard was lower on the much more difficult bells at Esher. Collections at meetings for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £8 4s. 10d.

Regarding the Sunday Service Survey, we in Surrey are certainly no worse than the average state described. Yet the state of ringing in the county is not what it ought to be or what it could be: we must not be bullied into a sense that we can sit back and relax. On the other hand, ringing is not a dying art, as some would have us believe. The general state of affairs has probably not altered much over the last 50 or 100 years.

The committee suggested creating a panel of volunteers (at least 12) to visit towers requiring help for a period of six weeks on their practice night, when a particular method would be practised. This was adopted, and tower captains are invited to discuss the scheme.

Mr. F. E. Collins succeeds Mr. G. Peters as District Ringing Master, and Messrs. F. W. Oatway and N. Steere join the committee in place of the Rev. C. Marshall and Mr. C. Champion.

The Rev. R. W. Mowbray conducted Evening-song, and local ringers served a first-class meal.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Andover District

As an incentive for a membership drive, the Andover District at their annual meeting at Andover were offered a six months' subscription to 'The Ringing World' to the tower that could produce most new members from the date of the meeting.

The Rev. P. K. Venner presided at the meeting, and all the officers were re-elected for a period of three years. The next annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch, and it was decided to have a District outing to Salisbury in October. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. J. Machin).

MR. FRED SEAGER

AN APPRECIATION

The sudden death of Mr. Frederick Seager has brought to an end a very long friendship of over 40 years—as I had just returned from the Forces—after the 1914-18 war, when Fred came to Shipley in 1919. We both rang at St. Paul's, Shipley, and soon formed a very close friendship, which lasted until the last bob had been called.

Fred was a grand ringer, especially at the heavy end and one had only to see his effortless style to realise his immense reserves of energy. He was one of the safest peal ringers one could meet—ringing his first peal for the Yorkshire Association on Tuesday, February 17th, 1920, this being conducted by the late F. B. Kendall, of Shipley.

After marrying and settling down in the district, Mrs. Seager took up ringing and also joined the Shipley Company, being a very welcome member of the Sunday service band. I had the pleasure of calling her first peal on May 1st, 1926. Later, Fred's work took him to the Leeds District, where he was readily welcomed at the Leeds Parish Church, and continued until his death. Since his retirement just over 12 months ago he was able to devote a great deal more time to ringing, and enjoyed every minute of it.

With his passing, I have lost an old and valued friend, and my wife and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seager and her sons David and Robert.

May he rest in peace.

E. H. S.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. 5711

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names to E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual, Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells and Hall not available on 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5705

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Whittlesford, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Brewery Tap 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5708

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. Everyone welcome. 5666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Botolph's, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5710

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGES' GUILD.—Meeting, Barnes, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5721

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Hendon (buses 83 and 143 to Hendon L.T. Garage), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Ringing also at St. Mary's, Finchley, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Mary's Church House. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's (8) available after tea. 5718

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in evening. 5716

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Sharow (8), Ripon (10), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Sharow from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Café Victoria, Ripon. 5727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Feb. 15th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Special methods: Bob Major, London Surprise Major. A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 5709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Tickenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5604

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 17th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5768

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5771

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5770

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5762

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Buckden, (5) Saturday Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5750

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names by Feb. 18th to Brian Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Leckhampton (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by February 16th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5760

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. No tea if no name to J. Brown, Moat Cottage, Benenden, Kent. 5754

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells: Cathedral (10), 3 p.m.; All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 5756

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting, Leominster, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. 5757

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kimpton (6), 3 p.m. First meeting since restoration. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. No name, no tea. Special request, Norwich Surprise.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. J. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 5761

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. All Saints', Leicester (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 19th, to Mrs. B. A. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. Tel. Nar 2539. 5764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. St. Michael's, Flixton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 5751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5775

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Brewin, 5, Cosington Lane, Rothley. 5743

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Asfordby, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Feb. 17th at the latest to Mr. H. J. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Lubenham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5765

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5715

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Heston, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing afterwards.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5758

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Loddon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 5691

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Reopening of bells after rehanging at Evensong, 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea (3s.) for those who notify me by Thursday, 18th.—T. Beaumont, 7, Prospect Avenue, Frindsbury, Rochester. All welcome. 5763

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room, 5 p.m. Ringing: St. Paul's, 3 and 7 p.m.; All Saints', 7 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 16th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Wokingham. 5736

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 5759

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by February 16th.—Barrett, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 5742

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Edinburgh meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at four towers, beginning at St. James' at noon. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 5769

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting. Sherburn-in-Elmet. Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before 18th, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweetings Farm, Lennerton, S. Milford, near Leeds.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5767

SHEFFIELD AND LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting. Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing at Pontefract (All Saints) (8). 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and Wragby (6). 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All visitors welcome. 5741

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Quarterly meeting. Saturday, Feb. 20th, Earl Soham (6). 3 p.m.; Framlingham (8). Tea, Crown and Anchor. 5 p.m. Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hall, 16, Castle Road, Framlingham 5766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea direct to Mr. F. Crutenden, The Bakery, High Street, Henfield, by Thursday, Feb. 18th. —Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5730

CLAWTON OPEN RINGING DAY.—On our gift day, Saturday, Feb. 27th, all ringers will be welcome from 11 a.m. onwards. Buffet lunch and tea. Service 2 p.m. Sale and skittles competition in afternoon. A388, three miles S. Holsworthy. Proceeds for tower. 5774

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District. —Meeting. Shilton. Saturday, Feb. 27th (not 20th). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage. 5 p.m. 5753

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. —Annual dinner and social. Saturday, Feb. 27th. St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hinckley. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. each. Names, please, before Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leics. Phone Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5740

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch. —Annual meeting, Spalding. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding, Lincs. 5748

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. —Annual meeting. Bridgend. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 5732

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. —Annual general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Fakenham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 5752

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. —Annual meeting, Faringdon. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to R. F. J. Gillling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5749

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner. Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. 28. Phone SPR 1025.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting. St. Lawrence's, Heanor. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 24th.—Miss A. Henson, Sec., 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5773

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Meeting. Saturday, Feb. 27th, Palgrave (8). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norfolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea must be in by Feb. 23rd.—H. A. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5702

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District. —Practice meeting. Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells: Wenhamston, 2.30 p.m.; Blythburgh, 6.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhamston, Halesworth.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 5744

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. —Meeting. Goldhanger. Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5745

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Special committee meeting to discuss the findings of the Central Council Survey on Sunday Service Ringing. Saturday, March 5th. 3 p.m., in the vestry of Hanley Parish Church. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. —Dinner and social, Village Hall, Danbury, on Saturday, March 12th. 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d.), before March 5th, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. S.A.E. please. 5746

SERVICE RINGERS' NEWS

One Million Changes At Willesborough

At their annual meeting the ringers of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Willesborough, announced that in addition to ringing three peals, including the 50th on the bells, they had again topped the hundred thousand changes for service ringing in 1959. Their total of 116,053 brings the service ringing total since the beginning of 1955 to 593,885, and the total since the beginning of 1949 to 1,035,451! Since all of the ringers are resident within the parish, they are justly proud of this record.

During the year the following methods were rung: Plain Bob. Double Bob. Reverse Bob. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. St. Clement's College Bob. College Bob. Oxford Bob. Double Oxford Bob. Double Court Bob. Hereward Bob. London Bob. Horsmonden Bob. Cumberland Bob. Brentford Bob. Childwall Bob. Thelwall Bob. Lytham Bob. Wavertree Bob. Kent Treble Bob. Oxford Treble Bob. Kent and Oxford T.B. spliced. Kentish Delight. Oswald Delight. Old Oxford Delight. Cambridge Surprise. Ipswich Surprise and London Surprise Minor. Plain Bob. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. New Bob. Huntspill Bob. St. Simon's. St. Martin's. St. Nicholas'. Winchendon Place Bob. St. Bartholomew's. Reverse All Saints. Union Bob. St. Faith's Slow Course. Reverse St. Simon's. Reverse St. Martin's and Grandsire Doubles. Total: 26 Minor and 15 Doubles.

Apart from a couple of Sundays when the weather was particularly bad Mr. Edward S. Ruck, in his 93rd year, took part in the ringing each Sunday.

LYNEHAM

At Lynham, Wilts, the number of ringers capable of handling a bell for rounds is 25, of whom two-thirds are teenagers. The six bells are rung twice on Sundays and on other festivals. Practices are held on Wednesdays.

Call-changes were our only repertoire until recently. Now we have a band capable of ringing a plain course of Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles. We thank Mr. Goodwin, our captain, for all his encouragement. G. P.

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SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR—TWO METHODS

BY P. G. K. DAVIES

Spliced Surprise is increasingly popular and it seems likely that this trend will continue. Indeed we have heard quite a lot recently about Spliced Surprise and in particular compositions of two Spliced. Spliced Surprise provides a vast field for the composer, and a difficult one, especially where all the work is concerned, for the falseness and complications involved are extensive.

Two Spliced usually means Cambridge mixed with either Yorkshire or Superlative, the latter being commoner, probably because compositions have been more readily available. The 1950 Central Council Collection does not treat Yorkshire in its section on Spliced.

SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE

No doubt it is now generally known that the arrangement given in the 1950 Collection for all courses called alike is false. As has been pointed out, provided that compositions of Yorkshire or Superlative with no reversals in 5-6 are used (e.g., those compositions given on pages 24-30 of that Collection)—SCSXSCS runs true where X can be either C or S. In this Collection two peals are given which have all the work of these methods.

YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE

Firstly, those compositions with all courses called alike. Provided Middleton's or the reductions thereof are used, YXXXXXX runs true where X is either Cambridge or Yorkshire. Examples could be YCYCYCY or YYCCYCY. In these arrangements the calling must be chosen at the beginning and the same one maintained throughout. Short courses will be called as the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th leads of the full course. The short course for YCYCYCY will be YCCY; the short course for YYCCYCY will be YYCY. All these callings apply only to Middleton's and the same arrangement must be used throughout the peal.

There are several peals which contain all the work of these two methods. Mr. C. K. Lewis has arranged Middleton's thus:—

	M	W	H	
43652	—	—	—	CCYYYYY
56234	—	—	—	CCCCYCY
23564	—	—	—	YYCYCYC
52364	—	—	—	YCYCYCYC
35264	—	—	—	YYYYCCC

Four times repeated.

This is reduced to 5,056 by calling before and home (CCCY) in place of the first three courses of one part only and it then contains 2,720 Yorkshire and 2,336 Cambridge.

A recent arrangement of the extension of Middleton's by Mr. Mark Lancefield can be found in the issue of this paper for December 20th, 1957.

All the work deals with full combinations and no 82's can be obtained in three parts. An example is this, by myself:—

	B	M	W	
23456	—	—	—	
35264	X	—	—	CYCC
62453	—	—	—	CYCCYCY = A
54326	—	—	—	YYYCCCY = B
25346	—	—	—	as A
42356	—	—	—	as B
32654	—	—	—	as B
56423	—	—	—	YCCYCYC
25463	—	—	—	as B

Twice repeated and contains 2,496 Cambridge and 2,592 Yorkshire with 77 changes of method.

Other methods have been rung to two Spliced but these are the most common and I hope some of this information will be of use to ringers interested.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles in eight methods (Antelope, Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Jillian Outhwaite 1, J. Parker 2, D. Manger (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, N. Martin 5, A. Winsborough 6. For Even-sons.

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† 13, 17, 31

First rung on Monday, November 23rd, 1959, at Leicester Cathedral. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Horne (first quarter) 1, Christine Cobbold (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Davies 3, Mary Elsdon 4, Pauline Fennell 5, Mary Taylor 6, Martin Cubitt (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. 6-8 covering. Rung as a compliment to Miss Bridget Sudbury, a former secretary of this band, and Mr. T. Coles, on their engagement.

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