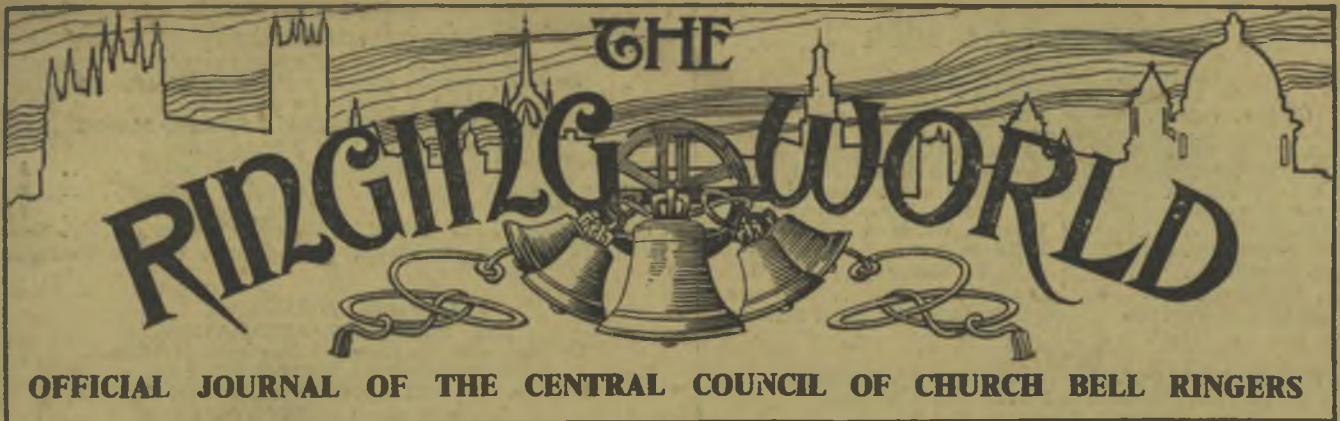




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BRISTOL SURPRISE

IN H. G. Wells' entertaining fantasy, 'The New Accelerator' (which, by the way, should be read by anybody who has enjoyed Folkestone Leas), the narrator opens his story with the remark: 'Certainly, if ever a man found a guinea when he was looking for a pin it is my good friend Professor Gibberne.' The unfolding of the fantastic little drama justifies the comment, and the comment serves to remind us that many important discoveries in this world have often been either accidental or else by-products of some other line of investigation. Examples of these may be found in the history of change-ringing, and it may be noted how often the significance of a discovery has not been fully realised until some considerable time has passed. The origin and first appearance of Bristol Surprise illustrate this point.

Towards the end of the 19th century there was a great revival of activity in the theoretical field of change-ringing and a manifestation of much enterprise among leading ringing bands in a desire to break away from the existing standard methods. Surprise ringing of the time was confined almost entirely to Superlative, Cambridge and London, and the first of these enjoyed a popularity that has since considerably diminished. A number of clever composers of the time were, however, busy behind the scenes, and much new material was already born and much more conceived. In 'The Bell News' of December 4th, 1897, Frederick Dench published Brighton Treble Bob, a method which he explained was to provide an improvement on Kent, and for which he claimed the distinction of being the first Treble Bob method with a lengthening lead and a clear proof scale. A peal in this method does not appear ever to have been rung, and the method itself has lapsed into obscurity. But in the long line of change-ringing tradition it has importance in that it led directly to the appearance of Bristol Surprise.

On December 11th there came a letter from that very shrewd investigator and innovator, E. Bankes James. He pointed out that Mr. Dench's method had not a clean proof scale and that no method up to that time had been published showing the combination of lengthening lead and perfect freedom of composition. He went on to say, nevertheless, that many such methods were to be had, and that in seeking for Gloucester Surprise he had come across a whole group bearing a strong family likeness.

As an example of what he contended, he published a lead of what we now know as Bristol, although he appended no name to the figures and left it purely as an illustration, so that we do not know whether or not he appreciated just what he was offering to the Exercise.

Bankes James added at this point some remarks on the classification of methods that should be interesting to us who are so used to what has now become accepted in method nomenclature. He says: 'I would distinguish Treble Bobs from Surprise methods by a rigid adherence to the bell in the Slow (as in Oxford and Kent) in the former. And again, no method should be classed under the title of Court Bobs in which consecutive places are made. This, of course, is only my personal opinion. . . . The personality and achievements of Bankes James are apt to be somewhat obscured by the more prominent public activities of his brother, Law James, but we now see him as a brilliant investigator and student, reaching out far beyond the times in which he lived.

The important figures published by Bankes James attracted no immediate attention, and it was more than three years before the first peal of Bristol was rung. On March 22nd, 1901, the famous Brighton band, under their remarkable conductor, George Williams, rang 5,088 at the Church of Peter in three hours and nine minutes. In 'The Bell News' of April 6th George Baker, who rang in the peal, republished a lead of the method, commented on its qualities, and concluded his letter with the assertion: 'For complexity in ringing, all the band agree that Bristol Surprise stands first, and London Surprise must for ever take a back seat.' Time has proved the worth of Bristol, and whether or not George Baker was right there can be no doubt that the method, first put forward to demonstrate an academic point, has achieved a popularity that perhaps its author himself did not foresee. E. C. S.

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A YORKSHIRE PEAL TOUR

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	PETER BORDER 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	ALAN F. THIRST 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

DERBY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In three methods, containing 1,840 Pudsey and 1,600 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 39 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	PETER BORDER 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	JOHN McDONALD 7
ALAN F. THIRST 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
DEREK P. JONES 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STAINDROP, CO. DURHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
PETER BORDER 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
ALAN F. THIRST 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

The tenor man has now conducted a peal of Surprise in each county in England and Wales, and is the first to do so.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RUTH M. BORDER Treble	CECIL W. PIPE 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 6
GRAHAM MCKAY 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	CECIL W. PIPE 5
RUTH M. BORDER 2	ALAN F. THIRST 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
PETER BORDER 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	PETER BORDER 7
CECIL W. PIPE 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

*ARTHUR H. REED Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
ALAN F. THIRST 2	PETER BORDER 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 300th peal.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 5
CECIL W. PIPE 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	PETER BORDER 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	DEREK P. JONES 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	CECIL W. PIPE 9
ALAN F. THIRST 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	PETER BORDER 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
CECIL W. PIPE 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 8
ALAN F. THIRST 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
PETER BORDER 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 9
BASIL JONES 4	JOHN WORTH 10
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The conductor's 100th 12-bell peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 6
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 3	BASIL JONES 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH Treble	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
JOHN WORTH 3	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 8
BASIL JONES 3	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 9
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11
JOHN WORTH 6	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
BASIL JONES 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 6
BASIL JONES 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	BASIL JONES 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 150th peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
DENIS MOTTERTSHEAD .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

BRIAN HARRIS Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 7
BASIL JONES 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
JOHN WORTH 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Rung as a welcome to John, born to the Rev. C. F. Pilkington (Vicar of Bromsgrove) and Mrs. Pilkington the previous day.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., July 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*ALMA M. GREAVES .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 8
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 9
RUTH M. BORDER 4	JOHN McDONALD .. 10
RODERICK J. LEES 5	JOHN ANDERSON .. 11
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALMA M. GREAVES .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
AVRIL IVIN 2	GEORGE E. EVENDON .. 8
RUTH M. BORDER 3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 9
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. 10
RODERICK J. LEES .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
PETER BORDER 6	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 354 cwt.

PETER WOODWARD .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 8
MARGARET A. SWANN .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 10
PETER A. SHARPE .. 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by D. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

A compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood (76) and Herbert Langdon (79) on their birthdays, which were on September 1st and 2nd respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HARRY BOSWELL .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	DAVID BEACHAM .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
RODERICK J. LEES .. 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

FREDERICK C. WHITE .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
*A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 7
†CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. 8
†BRIAN R. WHITE .. 4	†FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 5	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Laurence.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 2	JOHN J. STANIER .. 7
DAVID BEACHAM .. 3	DENIS R. MORRIS .. 8
JOHN G. SLATER .. 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 9
ALLEN MORGAN .. 5	HARVEY HOMANS .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
100th peal in the tower.

A wedding compliment to the Rev. Peter Chippendale (assistant priest) and Mrs. Chippendale.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

LINDA M. HUGHES .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
ALMA M. GREAVES .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. 9
RODERICK J. LEES .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David M. Lees.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	RODERICK J. LEES .. 5
ALMA M. GREAVES .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. 3	*PETER D. WARREN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Major.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's.	Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.
*PHILIP W. GAY .. Treble	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	ROGER J. GAY .. 6
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal. † First of Major.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ROBERT HARRISON .. Treble	JAMES CHAPMAN .. 5
JACK BRAY .. 2	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 6
GEORGE MOODY .. 3	PHILIP BARNES .. 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.
First peal on the bells, dedicated August 3rd, 1947.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. B. Sylvester, Vicar of the parish for 15 years.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. 5
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to the Rev. C. E. Ward, Rector for 45 years.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

JACK RILEY .. Treble	DENIS HENSHAW .. 5
REGINALD CHALLINOR .. 2	ROY WORRALL .. 6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 7
WALTER SHERRAT .. 4	HECTOR AIDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, and on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to David Boon, a ringer at the above tower, who is leaving the parish.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. T. E. Sone has now 'completed the circle' in this, his 17th tower to do so.

A compliment to Mr. J. Willis (chairman of the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Willis, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. 5
*PAMELA BLAKELEY .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 3	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 4	BARRY PICKUP .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARRY PICKUP.

* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
*†WENDY S. BONGARD .. Treble	*†R. JOHN VARDY .. 5
*†JOHN W. PORTER .. 2	*BETTY J. DYKE .. 6
MARGARET M. GODLEY .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 7
RICHARD H. DUKE .. 4	*ERNEST H. AMEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. K. Meiklejohn, who was to be inducted as Rector of this parish on September 8th.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*ROY KEEVES .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
†ERIC BILLINGS .. 2	†MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

**STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS Treble	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
BRIAN BLADON 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*IRENE BRADSHAW Treble	WILLIAM GERRARD .. 5
†DOROTHY ECCLES 2	†GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
WILFRED BOLTON 3	§GEOFFREY SCHOFIELD .. 7
*HERBERT RAINFORD .. 4	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal, all for the Lancashire Association. § First of Major.

**ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. TURNER .. Treble	ANDREW STUBBS 5
ANN BARR 2	RODERICK J. LEES 6
DIANA J. PERRINS 3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
*DAVID INGRAM 4	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

**SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by G. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

**GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	BRIAN M. SMITH 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3	†A. JAMES POYNOR 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.32).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal for the Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	EDWARDS T. LLOYD 6
DAVID J. PURNELL 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Old, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

DAVID BURBIDGE Treble	HARRY E. CURTIS 3
ROBIN H. ROGERS 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4
ALAN C. COZENS Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being four extents Plain Bob and one each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 2½ cwt.

GEOFFREY R. DREW Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4
TONY OWEN 2	DENNIS SYMONDS 5
TREVOR BAILEY 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal as conductor away from the tenor. Fastest peal on the bells.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN Treble	M. JO MORETON 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	†MICHAEL COLEMAN 5
†DAPHNE J. POLLARD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal. † First in seven Plain Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. R. Raven, a member of the local band, who is joining the staff of Shrewsbury School in September.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
DONALD F. MURFET 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. ROBERT PARGETTER .. Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS 4
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
ALEC W. FRY 3	JOHN HARTLESS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HARTLESS.

* First peal on tower bells. First as conductor.
Rung in memory of William Frederick Feltham, captain of this tower for about 20 years.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catwg.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DORIS M. SMITH Treble	†BARRY COUZENS 4
†MICHAEL LARCHER 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5
ROY THROSBY 3	†GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 200th peal.

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**QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents: (1) New Bob, (2) Huntspill Bob, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) Stedman, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kennington, (7) April Day, (8) Besthorpe, (9) Old Bob, (10) St. Simon's, (11) St. Albans, (12) Eynsham, (13) Shropham, (14) Cassington, (15) St. Martin, (16) St. Paul, (17) St. Leonard, (18) Mileham, (19) St. Peter, (20) Southrepps, (21) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (22) Clifford's Pleasure, (23) Costessy, (24) St. Columb, (25) St. Giles, (26) St. Nicholas, (27) St. Andrew, (28) Norwich, (29) St. Thomas, (30) St. Miles, (31) Winchendon Place, (32) St. John, (33) Walsingham, (34) St. Luke, (35) Plain Bob, (36) Kennington, (37) April Day, (38) Besthorpe, (39) Old Bob, (40) St. Simon's, (41) St. Albans, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 4

MARTIN C. FAULKES Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*CLIVE R. CALTON Treble	†LEONARD J. MINNS 3
†PAULINE M. ADCOCK 2	§PAUL CATTERMOLLE 4

HARRY B. FULLER Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal at first attempt. †First 'inside' and of Doubles. ‡25th peal for the Association, and first at a 5-bell tower. §25th as conductor. First of Doubles for tenor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Moss, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Diss.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three 720's of York and four 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	MICHAEL R. ROSE 4
PETER C. WRIGHT 2	GWILYM F. SALMON 5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 4
CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	DENIS MADDOCK 5
HAROLD WORRALL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Bourne Surprise, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) London Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	PETER A. SHARP 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*800th peal.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues. and Wed., Aug. 30 and 31, 1960, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE.A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROGER J. PALMER 1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN 3—4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 5—6	

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

Umpires: MISS O. BRENDA CARTER and MISS MAUREEN E. LAURENCE.

*First handbell peal.

Rung for the christening of Andrew John Housden at Burwell on August 28th.

This peal was umpired by the godmothers and rung by the godfathers and father.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Entering St. Margaret's Church, Whitnash, for her wedding on Aug. 27th. Miss E. A. Trindall passed through the ringing chamber, which had been decorated for the occasion. The bride was one of the original band of post-war ringers at this church and had lately been secretary. After the ceremony she returned to the ringing chamber to start a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round.

To mark the christening of Andrew John Housden at Burwell, Cambridgeshire, a hand-bell peal was rung by the father and godfathers and umpired by the two godmothers.

Starting to ring in February, Valerie Ford and Martyn Fordan, of Tewin, Herts, rang their first quarter on August 31st. Congratulations!

The Rev. R. P. Farrow has resigned the living of East Lutworth and left the district. His address now is Ramsey Hall, Byron Road, Worthing. Tel. Worthing 580.

The band who rang the peal at Stapleton, Bristol, on September 3rd, would like to associate it with the memory of the late Mr. Frank Skidmore, who learnt to ring on these bells, which are hung anti-clockwise.

Mr. Wilfred Williams has now conducted a peal of Surprise in each county in England and Wales and is the first ringer to do so. The last was Co. Durham.

A peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Major at East Grinstead on July 30th broke down after nearly three hours' ringing. The attempt had been arranged as a compliment to Miss June Clements and Mr. Dennis Mitchell, who were married that day at Worthing.

Mr. Walter Ayre informs us that his first peal as conductor was Bob Minor at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, on October 19th, 1912, in which there were four first peals. He adds that he tried hard to persuade the conductor of his first peal at his home tower, St. Peter's, Barton-on-Humber (April, 1911), that he wanted to call his own first peal, but he would not budge.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing the tenor to the peal at Aspenden on September 3rd, Mr. F. Aldridge has become the first member of the local band to ring a peal at Aspenden since October, 1746, when a peal of Triples was rung by a resident band.

Mr. John C. Baldwin expresses his thanks to ringers of Newbury and district for their hospitality during his stay there.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung 99 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 99 different towers.

Mr. Michael Hobbs, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, while on holiday in the New Forest organised a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Brockenhurst on September 2nd.

Mr. P. Newing, of Littlebourne, Canterbury, is entering Rochester Theological College. On August 23rd he and John C. Baldwin, with friends, rang three quarter peals—at Chislet, St. Nicholas-at Wade and Minster-in-Thanel.

The Church of St. Andrew, Puckington, near Ilminster, Somerset, has lost its tower captain by the death, on August 29th, of Mr. Harry Bungay, aged 80. To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 1st.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Pentre Rhondda, wish to thank all persons connected with the following towers for the hospitality extended to them while on annual outing to Somerset on September 3rd: St. Andrew's Banwell; St. Mark's, Mark; St. Cuthbert's, Wells; St. Andrew's, Burnham; St. Mary's, Wedmore.

Richard Brown, of Kessingland, Suffolk, was unfortunate, whilst on holiday in Lincolnshire, in losing a peal of Minor (his first on six) on September 1st at Whaplode. Having rung two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, his rope broke 130 changes from the end of the third and last extent of plain. The band were sorry to see him go away empty-handed after ringing so well, and wish him greater success in his next attempt.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS

IN September, 1910, the Community of Buckfast Abbey received from the late Sir Robert Harvey, of Dundridge, near Toines, the munificent gift of a ring of 14 bells. These bells, cast by Warner, with a tenor of 28 cwt. in D flat, were solemnly blessed on Michaelmas Day, 1910. The bells were first hung 'dead' in the old Abbot's Tower. In autumn of 1920 the tower of the present Abbey Church was sufficiently advanced for the bells to be hoisted into position and hung for ringing. The bells were hung in what is now the ringing chamber and were rung from the lantern gallery; an experience which many visitors found disconcerting as there was a sixty foot drop from the gallery to the chancel pavement. The bells were first rung by a band from Buckfastleigh for Christmas, 1920. Only one peal was ever rung on these bells; in 1930 a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted from the tenor by the late Mr. William Pye. In 1935, with the commencement of the completion of the tower, the bells were taken down and sent to Messrs. Taylor's foundry, at Loughborough. Here they were recast—considerable metal was added so that the present tenor is 41 cwt. in C. In March, 1936, the 14 bells returned to Buckfast, together with a new bourdon bell—'Hosanna', which weighs 7½ tons, and strikes F, a fifth below the tenor of the ring. All fifteen bells were rehung on steel frames and were first rung for Easter, 1936.

Since the hanging of the original bells in 1920, the community band had always rung call changes, until in 1955 the Rev. Oswald Mowan, O.S.B., became captain of the Abbey band. Greatly encouraged by the late Mr. J. E. Lilley, the Abbey ringers made a determined effort to master half-pull ringing. In the last few years great progress has been made, due mainly to the help received from members of the Devon Guild, among whom special thanks are due to Mr. E. M. Aikins, of Teignmouth.

Two years ago one of the community rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Wolborough, and six of the Abbey band rang a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles without any outside help. During the present year three of the community rang in a peal of Plain Bob Minor and in a quarter of the same method, whilst in the last few weeks four of the community have rung in two quarters of Plain Bob Triples. The same four monks are also enthusiastic handbell ringers and ring touches of double-handed Plain Bob Major.

Since the bells were hung in their present permanent home, six peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung on them, also one of Grandsire Cinques and one each of Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and one each of Plain Bob Major and Minor.

September 29th of this year will mark the golden jubilee of the Blessing of Buckfast Abbey bells. It is to be hoped that the event will be marked by at least one more peal, in which some at least of the ringers will be members of community.

A. L. B.

MR. A. JAMES POYNOR'S 100 PEALS

Minimus.—Plain (1) ('in hand' non-conducted).

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (cond. 2), Reverse St. Bartholomew 1, St. Martin's 1, Winchendon Place Bob 1; 3 methods 2 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 2, 20 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 27 methods 1, April Day 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 6 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Crayford College Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, 2 methods 3 (2), 3 methods 4 (1), 5 methods 3 (2), 6 methods 1, 13 methods 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 4, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 11 (1), D.N.C.B. 1, Braunstone 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 7 (1), Derwent 1, Derby 1, Osgathorpe 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Southall 1, Xenia 1, Yorkshire 6, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, St. Clement's 1, Cambridge 3, Osgathorpe 1, Primethorpe 1, Queniborough 1, Xaymaca 1. Total 100 (13).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 38



MR. WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

Master,

Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright is a most valuable member of the Central Council. His advice and help, often sought, are ungrudgingly given, and he has piloted the Council through many a knotty problem. He is a solicitor of the Supreme Court, practising in the city of Birmingham, and is held in very high esteem in the ranks of his profession. The story of his progress is fascinating and shows what

can be done by sheer hard work and perseverance.

He was born at Selly Oak, Birmingham, in 1900 and was educated at St. Mary's and Bournville Schools. He entered a solicitor's office in 1915, and by hard work qualified, passed his final examination, and was admitted as a solicitor, in 1940. This year he is taking part in the American Bar Association's annual conference and also the Commonwealth Law Conference at Ottawa.

Mr. Cartwright learned to ring at Selly Oak in 1919, and rang his first peal at Harborne, Birmingham, in 1920. This was Stedman Triples, conducted by the late George Pigott. Bill Cartwright has always been unswervingly loyal to the Worcestershire Association, and early in his ringing career he conducted many peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major. His work prevented him from building up a huge peals total, but he has, nevertheless, achieved a total of 272, of which he has conducted 105. He served the Association as Ringing Master of the Northern Branch from 1922-1924, and as secretary from 1934-1936. He was made an honorary member in 1937, and was appointed Master in 1956, which office he still holds.

Elected as Central Council representative in 1951, he was soon preferred for service on the Standing Committee, where he is able to give invaluable help and guidance. He is a good churchman, and has held a number of offices at St. Mary's, such as churchwarden, sidesman, and secretary of the P.C.C. for well over 20 years. He has done nearly everything, except take a service, and has even played the organ! Since 1922 he has served as Ringing Master at St. Mary's, ringing regularly for service there. He is married and has two children.

Such men as Bill Cartwright are the salt of the Exercise and we count ourselves fortunate to possess him in our ranks. He is remarkably modest and unassuming, a shining example to all of us.

JAFUS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY RINGING WEEK

FOR the second year in succession the University of London Society was fortunate in finding accommodation for the annual ringing week which combined comfort with scope for the youthful mind of the company to find expression. Situated on the outskirts of Birmingham, Fircroft Theological College forms part of the Cadbury Trust, and adheres strictly to the Quaker temperance ideals which were written in when the Trust and the Bournville village were first established.

At this headquarters some of the more notable ringers of the area stepped from the pages of 'The Ringing World' and joined us for dinner on the first evening. For those of us who had not previously done so, it was a pleasure to meet Messrs. George Fearn, Frank Perrins, Edgar Shepherd and William Cartwright, who later joined in ringing handbells with members of the Society.

Having settled in, we began our programme in earnest on Sunday, when bands were dispatched to aid or impede various of the Birmingham towers, and two quarter peals were scored. The afternoon of Sunday was something of a lull before the Warwickshire countryside was stormed, and gave us an opportunity to be good tourists and visit places of interest in the area.

During the memorable week which followed, our routes took us as far east as Rugby and south-east to Coventry, Leamington, Warwick and the lovely town of Stratford-on-Avon with its equally lovely bells. Here we disguised ourselves as cultured human beings and, contrary

to the forebodings of those in whom the disguise was most thinly applied, spent a most enjoyable evening in the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, watching 'Twelfth Night.'

The itinerary was planned to select bells of quality rather than to achieve a large total, and in this we were highly successful and generally managed to do justice to the bells by selecting bands for each touch rather than issuing a general invitation to 'catch hold.' The technical highlights of the week were courses of London Surprise Royal, Glasgow Major and various touches of Spliced up to a maximum of nine methods. Four peals were attempted, of which two succeeded, a slightly higher proportion than the previous year.

On Tuesday morning we were entertained on the Bournville carillon by Clifford Ball, B.Mus., who gave a most impressive and energetic recital and showed us 'the works' as well.

Friday night of a U.L.S. tour is traditionally party night, and proves a most successful way of reaching that final stage of exhaustion which a week of late nights and climbing steps just fails to produce. As usual, to the continued amazement and admiration of the entertainments committee, members accepted the most fiendish forfeits the aforesaid committee could devise, and emerged in good voice for the equally traditional sing-song which both ends the party and begins the next day.

The week concluded with a night in Dudley and, after a final dinner there, we were entertained by Dennis and Margaret Layton at their new home in Kingswinford. Thanks are due to Dennis and Margaret for all their work to arrange the week and make it a success, and also to all correspondents and local ringers who met or helped us in any way.

J. M. L.

CHESHIRE RINGERS IN WORCESTERSHIRE

SATURDAY, August 13th, found us bound for Walsall, the main body of the party having assembled at Macclesfield, before calling at Newcastle to pick up Fred Wilshaw. The delightful bells at Walsall sounded well to the music of Yorkshire Maximus, which was John Worth's 100th peal on 12 bells; incidentally, he has a fine record of having rung over 100 peals on each of 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. On leaving Walsall it was raining quite heavily, but it had eased a little when we stopped in Birmingham for a meal, before continuing on our way to Great Malvern, where we were to spend the week.

We awakened on Sunday in time to see the early morning mist rising from the surrounding lowlands, revealing some truly magnificent countryside, in which the 'Malverns' sit like miniature Himalayas. Breakfast over, we made tracks for the Parish Church at Malvern Link, where we enjoyed ringing for morning service. After lunch, a leisurely ride was made to Hanbury, where 'the youngsters' rang a peal of Cambridge Major in 2 hours and 59 minutes. We didn't meet any of 'The Archers,' of course, but the bells alone at Hanbury are worth 3 hours of any peal ringer's time. Meanwhile, the critics in the form of Messrs. Jenkins, Morris, Wilshaw and Worth had listened until 'the rains came down,' then they departed to ring for Evensong, at Dodderhill, another fine Worcestershire eight. Dinner at eight was 'par excellence' and it was at this point we were joined by Denis 'Umbala' Mottershead, making our number for the week up to 13.

Clent was the tower for our first attempt, Yorkshire, on Monday and we found that these bells moved along quite well, with very little effort. Those who had missed the morning attempt left Clent to go swimming at Stourbridge, but they returned in time to hear us come round. Time for a quick meal, then on to Hartlebury, where a peal of London was successfully accomplished on a ring of bells which have been returned to the 6th and as a result blend very well. After dinner the more energetic members of the party took to table tennis and handbell ringing.

BROKEN ROPE

It was an early start for us on Tuesday morning as we had to travel to Birmingham, to attempt a peal of Bristol at Erdington Abbey. Here we suffered our first loss of the week when the rope on the 6th bell broke after 1 hour and 50 minutes' enjoyable ringing. Our attempt at Birmingham St. Martin's was not due to start until 5.30 p.m. so we spent most of the afternoon 'window gazing.' We were late starting, which necessitated rather fast ringing and a peal of Cambridge Maximus was brought round in 3 hours and 32 minutes. We joined several of the well known Birmingham ringers for refreshment in the local, before returning to Great Malvern 'and so to bed.'

The following morning, Wednesday, we travelled in brilliant sunshine to Salford Priors and subsequently rang a peal of Bristol, which was followed by refreshments in the nearby inn. We were due to attempt a peal of London at Mickleton in the afternoon, but with the exotic weather continuing (and sunbathing in mind) we were destined to ring for not more than a quarter of an hour. Returning to the hotel, there was time to go swimming in the open air pool before dinner, which in turn was followed by one or the other of the two more leisurely pastimes (depending upon the taste of the individuals concerned!!!).

Just to prove to ourselves that we were still capable of ringing London we rang a 'tenors parted' peal in the method at Norton (Glos),

on Thursday morning. The tower is set in most pleasant surroundings and the bells have unusual interest in that the treble and second have the same strike note.

THE HIGHEST RING

The members of our party who had not been ringing at Norton remained at Malvern on Thursday morning, hence they travelled directly to Upton-on-Severn for the afternoon peal attempt, which was to be Pudsey. Leslie called a delightful composition by Arthur Knights to a brisk peal, in which incidental 6-5's seemed to appear from nowhere. There was time for us to visit Stoulton, near Worcester, where we rang on the lightest ring (tenor 108 lbs.) of six in the world, also we were able to have a pull on the six at the Parish Church. It was a dash back to Malvern, where we arrived just in time for dinner. Surplus energy was once again used up on table tennis and handbell ringing. John Worth showed us that he can still move round a table tennis table at great speed.

Those listening to the peal of Bristol at Badsey on Friday were alarmed when it was suggested that the ringing should be interrupted so that an inspection of the tower could be made by an architect. Fortunately 'Arris,' using a little decorum, was able to persuade the architect to postpone his inspection, and the peal was completed without further ado. Great Hampton bells were one of the most pleasant surprises of the week and gave us no trouble in completing a peal of Lincolnshire in 2 hours and 55 minutes. We had a meal in Evesham, and with an hour to spare we accepted the invitation to ring on the 12 at the bell tower, where we enjoyed a half course each of Yorkshire and Cambridge Maximus. We rang on the majestic eight at Pershore Abbey in the evening, where some had to pluck up courage to go into 'the cage' for the first time!! After ringing at the Abbey we had a ring on the six at Pershore. Highlight of the evening was when Ted rang with the very young local ringers, the sum total of their ages not adding up to his age; and he still showing us how to ring tenors!!

Saturday arrived all too soon, we set out for Bromsgrove, where we scored a peal of Cambridge Royal. We were more than pleased to learn that, by a pleasant coincidence, the peal was to celebrate the birth, on the previous evening, of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Pilkington.

Our thanks are extended to all incumbents, tower captains, and ringers who had made this tour possible: to Mr. Basil Jones, for his superlative arrangements, and to Messrs. Dunkerley, Worth and Jones for the use of their cars. It all passed so quickly, but time always does when you're having fun.

R. B. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A meeting of the Guild held at Marsden on September 3rd was very well attended. Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Bristol, Superlative and other Major methods, with one or two rings with the ten going. Quite a few learners attended and the committee were pleased with the result. A short service was held in the Lady Chapel of this 'Colne Valley Cathedral,' conducted by the Vicar of Marsden, who gave a warm welcome. A fine tea was provided by the local ringers, and quite a lively business meeting followed in the School Room. Ringing was had until the late evening, and handbell ringing followed. Next meeting probably Longwood in November. D. S.

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER, B.C.

On July 30th, members of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers were guests of the ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. The group travelled on the new ferry service linking the two cities, from Tsawwassen (pronounced (Chaw-wassen)), 20 miles south of Vancouver to Swartz Bay, 25 miles north of Victoria.

Touques of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung at this first visit of the Vancouver group to Victoria. Visiting ringers were Mrs. Sally Luttrell, Mrs. Frances Bodie, Miss Maureen Good, Mr. Anthony Collins, Mr. Ronald Hyatt, all of Vancouver. Other visitors were Mr. Fred Westlake, of Port Coquitlam, B.C., Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, Lancashire, and his daughter, Mrs. Paines, from Kelowna, B.C.

Later, at the beautiful Brentwood home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Izard, the group enjoyed a buffet supper and a plunge in Brentwood Bay.

A second outing was held on August 13th when both the Vancouver and Victoria groups journeyed to the ten-bell tower at the Benedictine Monastery, Mission, B.C. On this trip the Vancouver group were accompanied by their Ringing Master, Mr. Edwin Lee, formerly of Newark, Notts. Visitors from Victoria were Mr. E. W. Izard, Miss Margaret Izard, Mrs. Mary Barlow, Mr. Arthur Izard, Mr. Douglas Boniface and Mr. Ved Donaldson. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, of Ireland, Mr. Westlake and Mr. Crook. Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. An attempt was made at Stedman Caters. Guests were received by the Rev. Father Dunstan, Ringing Master, of the Abbey. Members toured the Abbey, after which tea was served.

E. G. WHITE, Chairman.
Vancouver Society of Change Ringers.

A SHALFORD WEDDING

A romance in Shalford (Surrey) tower was sealed by the wedding at the Parish Church on September 3rd of Mr. Alan Charles Arthur Hunter, only son of Mr. Leslie C. Hunter (captain of the tower) and Mrs. Hunter, of Chilworth, and Miss Pamela Ann Purdue, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Purdue, of Shalford. Both bride and bridegroom are keen ringers, and the bride is also Sunday School superintendent.

The Vicar and Rural Dean (Rev. W. R. Horth) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Cadoc Davies. The bride was attended by three child bridesmaids. Mr. Paul Butler was best man and Michael and Peter Johnson groomsmen. The reception, attended by 100 guests, was held at the Parrot Inn, Shalford, and the honeymoon is being spent at Dunsford, Devon.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR HARDING AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing last month of Mr. Arthur Harding, as I well remember him coming forward to help the South and West District of the Middlesex Association. A few of us found plenty of spade work to do in the District, and one of my rewards was a peal of Kent Major with Arthur in his own tower of St. Mary's, Ealing, in February, 1910. He proudly told me it was the first peal of Major on the bells since 1798!

Arthur was fond of Major on the tenor or seventh, and he loved good striking; but what a wonderful record of service in his own tower, 60 years! One could write at length about Arthur, but the words 'well done' were never more deserving, and he will not easily be forgotten.

W. SHEPHERD.

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LETTERS

NIGHTINGALE T.P.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Florence Nightingale peals, I did not produce a new method. Nightingale T.P.B. Major. This method was first produced by William Sottan-stall and pealed at Liversedge in 1868. The method is an example of a class in which the work of the treble consists of dodging and place making (without plain hunting).

Students of change-ringing will know that, strictly speaking, a 'place' is made internally, and that the original word for dodge was 'bob.' For these reasons I think these methods could be all grouped under the heading Treble Place Bob.

Below are half-leads of each type of method in this group. As will be seen from their false course ends, peals in these methods are very difficult to obtain. Nightingale T.P.B., which is the first example below, has 12 f.c.e., and when Mr. Savory asked me to produce a simple composition I found it easier to use both 4ths and 6ths place bobs.

12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21346587	21435687	21435687	21354687
12345678	12346578	12346578	12536478
21436587	21436587	21436587	21563487
24163857	24163857	24135678	25136847
42168375	42168375	42315687	52163874
24613857	24613857	24135678	25618347
42618375	42618375	42315687	52681374
46281735	46281735	24361857	56218734
64287153	64821753	42631875	65281743
46821735	46287135	24368157	56827134
64827153	64827153	42638175	65872143
68472513	68472513	46283715	68527413
86475231	86475231	64287351	86572431
68742513	68742513	46823715	68754213
86745231	86745231	64827351	86745231

87654321	68472531	68472531	68472531
13254768	15372846	17583624	15372846
13527486	13527486	15738264	15738264

Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Having never attended a Central Council meeting, one can only wonder how they must be run after reading Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter on the voting for or against recognising peals of Minimus.

Surely the matter of whether or not peals of Minimus should be recognised was important enough to deserve a vote of its own; obviously Mr. P. H. Whitaker and Peter Border thought so from their recent letters, whilst Mr. E. A. Barnett was in complete agreement with them from the start, as it was on his guidance that the first peal of Minimus in five methods was published as a Miscellaneous Performance.

I am in complete agreement with Peter Border. When two Surprise ringers ring a peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells, there is a degrading of the standards, and it is on this basis that the motion should be based.

I am sure that when the Stranding Committee recommended that Minimus peals be recognised they had in mind ringers of 4- and 5-bell towers who may wish to ring peals, certainly not handbell ringers who wish to amuse themselves for an hour or so.

If, as now seems to be the case, the Central Council have to discuss the same motions year by year, there is still hope for Erin and Saturn Treble Bob Doubles, not to mention 9-bell peals. Put them all on next year's agenda and let us test members' opinions once again.—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

The reunion this year, at Staines on August 27th, although not a triennial elective meeting, took the form largely of a conference on the many matters of importance now arising in College activity. Attendance, though not large, included members from districts up to 300 miles apart.

The vice-president (Mr. Harry Miles) presided. Messages of good wishes and/or apologies for absence included the president (Mr. Ernest Morris), the College chaplains, the bellfries consultant (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), the carillonneur of Chicago University (Mr. James Lawson), the Misses Marie Cross, Marion Lidgey and Kathleen Knight (the retiring registrar), and others at home and abroad. Acknowledgment of gratitude was made to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Shepherd, who kindly made all local arrangements for ringing and for the meeting, and generously provided attractive refreshments.

To fill vacancies arising from retirement, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst (Somerset) was elected as a governor, Comdr. C. F. Jackson, R.N., registrar, and Dr. R. G. T. Bennett press and public relations officer. Other officers continue as hitherto, with registrar's office remaining at 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report showed steady progress, the 100th membership registration having been effected during the year. Other interesting results for the year included (with numbers in brackets as totals since foundation—less than 40 per cent. so achievement is probably of a higher rating all round) correspondents 6 (19), tutors 6 (38), examiners retired 1 (15). College representatives in 29 counties in Britain, and in Eire, Northern Ireland, U.S.A., Tanganyika, Southern Rhodesia and—awaiting confirmation—New Zealand: schools of ringing now affiliated 2, learners instructed 143 (581), learners helped 187 (431), centres of instruction 44 (125), courses run 12 (34), talks and lectures given, including one B.B.C. broadcast, 61 (131). Efforts to advance the work of ringing training and practice in 1960 are recorded in a list of some two-dozen interesting varying activities. Participation in a municipal arts and crafts exhibition, with a ringing 'stall' and handbell demonstrations and a lecture, proved most successful. The bellfries consultant gave valuable help and advice during the year. The report features the standard of instructional work being carried out.

COURSES.—Three types are now being run: (1) The 'serial' 10- or 12-session introductory course in bell-handling and control in the ele-

ments of change-ringing; (2) The week-end residential course in two or three ringing subjects; (3) The one-day instructor's course in elementary training. The numbers of courses quoted above are mainly of type (1). The first of type (3) course was given successfully by the College in Bristol in March last. The College also assisted, through one of its tutors, in the Oxford Diocesan Guild's course at Bigwood (type 2). A College type (2) course is being considered for next spring in the South Midland area.

The report also emphasised the need for reporting activity and for correcting any false impression that the College is anything but altruistic in its work and publicity, and was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The bursar, Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey, detailed the accounts, which showed a credit position of about double that of the preceding year, but stressed the need for co-operation of all members in prompt payment of dues and prompt response to notices, etc., to avoid unnecessary postages and other expenses, since the organisation is entirely voluntary. The statement was adopted.

A reissue of the College Constitution, revised to correct minor points to date, was authorised. Copies will go automatically to new members, and to old members on application, enclosing 3d. postage. In respect of the rising status of the College, proposals were discussed for its public recognition. These are to be initiated in part immediately, with consideration later of the remaining proposals, depending on the maintenance of College achievement.

AFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

At its foundation the College Constitution enjoined its loyal adherence to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, to the support of 'The Ringing World,' and it provided for application for affiliation to the Council, but as to the latter only when the College should be demonstrably attaining its objectives and its numeric qualification for membership of the Council. As the College is now entering its fifth year of progress, it was resolved to consider such application at the close of the year.

Sales of recently-issued 2nd edition of Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference were reported as 'steady.' It was agreed to sponsor the publication of Part II—'Method Structure in Change Ringing,' which it is hoped to issue by the end of the year, booking of copies being invited. The other six 'Parts,' in various states of notes, etc., by specialists, are to be issued as soon as circumstances permit. It was resolved that one or more pamphlets, as interim publications in lieu of the complete 'Parts,' shall be issued, starting with one on Part III—'Practical Method Ringing.'

Resolved that leaflets be issued as follows: Leaflet 'N'—A revision of old leaflet No. 3, on the organisation and work of the College for the Exercise (Information); Leaflet 'M'—On the nature of the Parts of the Manual of Reference, but specifying the relevant Central Council and other publications, recommended for College study and practice; Leaflet 'C'—On the three types of course now being run and/or sponsored by the College. Type (1) course being detailed as to initiation and checking to completion.

The next reunion was proposed for London on Saturday, September 30th, 1961, when the triennial elections will be held.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Now that the Central Council has committed itself to the recognition of peals on four bells, will it please—to prevent further lowering of the standard of ringing—take steps as soon as possible to obviate peals on three and two bells?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

Dear Sir,—I should be very grateful if Mr. J. M. Jelley, who recently asked for suggestions as to a better way for two men to spend 1 hour and 25 minutes than in ringing a handbell peal of Minimus, would communicate with me at my home address.—Yours sincerely,

O. WILDE.

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ROVING & RINGING IN FIVE COUNTIES

(14th annual tour of the Society of Roving Ringers, July 23rd-August 1st)

IT had been a week of thunderstorms and as Saturday approached we crossed our fingers and waited anxiously. We weren't to know then that the 1960 tour was to be one of the driest ever; in fact, we were not to don our cycle capes until the final Saturday, and then only for a few minutes.

Because railway time-tables were not devised for our convenience alone, only half of us arrived on time at Newark and we contented ourselves with some pleasant Grandsire Caters. Nineteen assorted ringers took part in the tour including one young lady, whom we found was regarded by the Y.H.A. as 'juvenile'.

Six youth hostels were visited and the appearance of that at Southwell assured us that our Sunday morning duties would be easily disposed of. Accordingly, we arrived at the Minster on time. The difficulties of ringing on this anti-clockwise eight are appreciated by many, but the local ringer present assured us that the striking in at least our initial touch of Grandsire had not been beaten by a visiting band. Spurred on we attempted Cambridge—with regret! Some of us attended morning service and the rest adjourned to the ringers' room for handbell ringing. We prefer to think that the course of Grandsire Cinques came to grief purely because of the choir's efforts in the same building.

SUNDAY'S MEAGRE RATIONS

Food is always difficult to find in the countryside on Sundays and all we could scrape together for lunch were a couple of pieces of bread each, some cheese and an onion. This was to be the staple diet of some of us for the rest of the week but the proprietors of 'Evenden's Enterprise' had not then opened shop. However, we were assured that one pint equals 250 calories and made do accordingly.

We were due to ring at Bingham after lunch but the vestry key had unfortunately been taken out for an afternoon spin. However, through the kindness of the locals, we eventually rang at Whetton (6), instead. We were now behind schedule as we crossed the tip of Leicestershire into Lincolnshire and arrived for evening service at Barrowby (6), feeling rather peckish. The Vicar had kindly offered refreshment afterwards but the hostel meal had already been booked and we regretfully had to decline. However, having been given precise instructions as to the quickest approach, we all stayed until immediately before the sermon.

On Monday morning the Cambridge Royal at Grantham gave a good start to the day although our Master soon realised that attention to striking, particularly of the little bells, would be the order of the week. Billingborough followed and, to the metronomic accompaniment of the clock pendulum, we rang our first London on this light eight. From here we could see the 'Stump'—our destination the following day. As expected, good striking was again lacking at Surfleet, our only twelve, and after some indifferent Stedman and Grandsire we resorted to Bob Royal. Left to our own resources we had no little trouble in removing the 'drum' mechanism at Holbeach and ringing here was greatly curtailed. By a stroke of genius Mr. Joint Secretary had arranged two nights at the local 'Do it yourself' hostel. Have you ever slept in a courtroom? Not every hostel can boast a coffin in the vaults, a theatre, a cinema, and a gymnasium all rolled into one.

BOSTON STUMP

Without saddlebags now we started on Tuesday for Algbarkirk (6)—pronounced quite differently—another anti-clockwise ring in the midst of the transepts. At Kirton-in-Holland we accomplished our first full courses of Bristol and Double Norwich with, incidentally, the treble up the wrong way! We have still to decide how many steps there are to the top of Boston Stump but none of us felt inclined to make the journey downwards to listen to the outside effect of the half course of Cambridge. At Sutterton, after ascertaining we could ring neither Spliced nor Superlative we rang a good course of York-

shire. On reflection some may suggest that the quality and variety of this year's ringing was not difficult to surpass, but at least one veteran was heard to say that no tour had been more enjoyable.

We passed the 100 mile mark on the way back to Holbeach and when we left on Wednesday morning, not without regrets, the Warden and his encourage raised no objection to our small mementoes of the visit. Before ringing at red-bricked St. Paul's, Fulney (8), at the approach to Spalding, we relaxed in the sun on the banks of the Welland. The mere 15 cwt. of the tenor at St. Mary and St. Nicholas', in the heart of Spalding, gives little indication of the majestic tone of this eight but, although they are easy to ring even from the ground floor, the difficult hearing produces a tendency to rush these bells. We followed the Welland south-west and collected more midgets than we care to remember as we headed for Market Deeping (6). The metal facings bridging the very worn steps coupled with the narrow staircase required careful negotiation as we entered the chamber here. The local captain, who, incidentally, conducts a peal of Spliced every birthday, called us off to a good course of London.

We were now leaving the Fens—perhaps two days there on bicycles are enough—and after exchanging greetings with several hundred black sheep we met the A1—and the traffic—in Stamford. The mellow six at All Saints' are rung from a spacious chamber whose decor is second to none, and our first touch of Double Court was again called by the locals.

GRAND SOCIAL EVENING

The thought of a mere 20 miles the following day spurred us onwards as we tackled the climb south into Northamptonshire and the hostel at King's Cliffe. The warden(ess) here had planned a grand society evening (until 10.30 p.m.!) and so after the usual nightcap pleasantries, we redescended upon our hosts in jovial mood. To Uncle Victor's music we did our best with the Slow Bobtro, the Sixscore Reel, and the extent of Highland Surprise, and we only hope the unfortunates who had by chance chosen to share our roof that night enjoyed it as much as we did.

Even the voice of the warden's daughter would have been lost in the local tower (6) next morning and it seems that ropes too have ears because one decided there and then that his working days were over. The rest of Thursday was to be spent in Rutland and, as we entered through the fields of golden barley, we realised how well the weather was treating us. We found the bells at Edith Weston (6) still half-muffled (back-stroke) from the previous day's ringing at the interment of the old Vicar. To appreciate the delightful echo effect of ringing in whole pulls (we kept this to Plain Bob), one might advocate the repetition in the 'echo' of any trips arising at handstroke! Shopping at the local N.A.A.F.I. gave us a 5 per cent discount for lunch and the baker's van arrived just at the right time—and, one might add, at the right place too!

LANDLORD A RINGER

The 'Cuckoo,' at Wing (our first five), opened specially for the occasion; as well as having been a ringer for 40 years the landlord appeared to have the monopoly of several of the village's industries. From here to Glaston (6) and so to Uppingham, the second town and the other eight of Rutland. The long draught gave the usual difficulty but our course of Rutland was respectable by any standards.

Rutland may be small but it has its quota of short, sharp hills and we were glad to reach Loddington hostel just over the border in Leicestershire. Two unfortunate circumstances led to our first accident as we again approached the hostel later that night. Firstly, the 'local' was not local enough and, secondly, the Y.H.A. Handbook warned us about the wrong hill! A few kicks and a subsequent professional three and sixpennyworth soon put right the buckled front wheel, but one can only hope that our Sherwood member involved will steer well clear of his merry 'Woe-men' in future.

We had not looked forward to breakfast at 7.30 on Friday, but we were soon glad to be out 'en bloc' (or so we thought) in the inviting sunshine. And Mr. Joint Secretary again showed his brilliant organising powers by arranging our 22 mile get-off-for-coffee-only morning on this particularly glorious day. In keeping to the valleys we found ourselves opening no fewer than seven gates and finished up struggling into Northamptonshire along the mire of a cart-track. It couldn't have been a more suitable day for a puncture and, sure enough, in between the gates and the mire we had our one and only.

Thrapston's was our only eight of the day and, paradoxically, although there were but two fives to come, this last full day together was one of the most enjoyable. We entered Huntingdonshire and climbed away from the main road into picturesque Leighton Bromswold. There is little pleasure in ringing a heavy 'long-draughted' five on a 'sticky' afternoon but—who knows?—someone might be listening, somewhere. This parish has had no Vicar of its own for many years, and £500 is needed to rehang the bells. But the church with its two pulpits is kept spick and span by the local farmer's wife (a churchwarden), and the former was not long in showing her appreciation of our ringing on her birthday. The 'fee' her eligible daughter ('I hope I shan't be here next time you come') brought found its way by popular consent into the alms-box and the gallon of lemonade waiting for us outside was indeed welcome. Our Master asked the young lady to convey our birthday greeting to mother and, permission having been volunteered, we departed over the farmlands and through the undergrowth towards Brampton (5).

On this trip our (hitherto) lively junior had a little trouble with her sweater and as a result found herself sampling the road surface at close quarters. However, we eventually reached Houghton Mill (No Smoking) and passed our last night together over the sound of rushing waters. We exhausted our limited repertoire by midnight (with the kind indulgence of the Warden) and began to look forward to next year when some industrious member hopes to publish a 'Hostel Hantology'—perhaps incorporating a 'Guide to the Juke Boxes of Britain' (?)

The drift homewards started on Friday evening but was more than offset by the weekenders (i.e. trousers and skirts), whose arrival gathered momentum as Saturday progressed. From Godmanchester (8) and Spaldwick (6) we passed the Three Shire Stone and entered Northamptonshire for the last time. As we approached Higham Ferrers (8), we reluctantly put on our capes, although not for long, and eventually arrived at Wellingborough (8), with only ten miles to go. We cycled these last few of our 250 miles against the wind dreaming of the luxurious hot baths waiting for us at The Angel and The Ram, in Northampton, and, as our weary bones descended into the soothing waters, our tour of 1960 was virtually over.

1961 REUNION—SHREWSBURY

After dinner that night we decided to hold our 1961 reunion in Shrewsbury and we look forward to our cine enthusiasts reminding us there of the things we did when we thought no one was looking.

The rest of the week-end was spent ringing at eight towers in and around Northampton (at least some of us were up and about by 7 a.m. on Sunday), where we received many warm welcomes. In particular it is worthy of note that Easton Neston (8) are again ringable due to the untiring efforts of local ringers, who have spent many hours working on these bells. A very good course of London at Moukon on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon brought the whole proceedings to a close.

Refusal to give permission to ring is virtually unknown today but we should never take for granted this privilege, which is so unhesitatingly bestowed and we do appreciate the co-operation of all the incumbents and locals at the 36 towers visited this year. Our two joint secretaries again excelled themselves in carrying through the complicated arrangements without hitch and the maps and guides and assortment of multi-coloured pins may again rest for another six months or so.

'UMPA'

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, DARLINGTON

By ROBERT SCARR

*'Ring forth, Holy Bells, Ring forth from your Tower,
With music that tells, of Christ's saving power,
Proclaim "Christ is Risen" Exalted and Crowned
And hath opened death's prison, And set free the bound.'*

FOR over seven-and-a-half centuries the bells of St. Cuthbert's have rung out over the town of Darlington, and at no time is their message more becoming and welcome to Christian people than at Eastertide.

Built in the later years of the 12th century, the early church would no doubt have a low central tower with a single bell. When the spacious belfry and tower were added, nearly two centuries later, four bells would be introduced. In pre-clock days, people relied on the bells to tell them the time of worship, and for centuries the bells of the parish church were the only bells heard in the town.

The church records abound with references to the use of the bells. It is of interest to note that when the King's Commissioners visited St. Cuthbert's in 1553, to purloin what was of value, for the 'King's Highness use,' they left at the church—'four bells in the stepell; a sance bell, two hand bells, three sacring bells, and a little bell that the clock smyteth on.'

The bells were used extensively during the Stuart regime, and they proved an expensive item in the churchwardens' accounts. One item in 1630 is for 'Soape to the belles 2d,' but it is quite evident from the subsequent expenditure that more than soap was required. The next year a new 'headyoake for the Great Bell'—six feet long and 26 inches square—was brought from Elm Park, 16 miles away, at a cost of 15s.

17TH CENTURY RECASTING

In 1633 the Great Bell had to be cast anew, the bell founder and his men coming to Darlington to do the work. They set up a furnace near the church, and used 100 lb. of metal at 8d. a lb., 100 lb. at 7½d. a lb., 75 lb. at 7d. a lb. and 24 lb. of 'Pewther' at 11d. a lb. When the casting was successfully accomplished, the churchwardens expressed their entire satisfaction by giving the bell founder and his men 7s. to go and enjoy themselves for the rest of the day.

The local ringers were certainly broadminded in those changing times. In 1632 they received 2s. 3d. for ringing for Charles I, but 19 years later the Presbyterian Vestry paid them 5s. for ringing to mark the defeat of Charles II at Worcester.

In January, 1753, a notice was brought before the parishioners as follows: 'Whereas some of the bells of the Parish Church, Darlington, are broke and cracked, and others so disproportioned in six, and now hang so badly, that they are at present of little use, and the major part of the parishioners are very desirous to have a new and compleat set of a Ring of 6 Bells. Now we whose names are hereby subscribed do hereby severally promise to pay into the hands of Mr. Francis Holmes, of Darlington, afforsaid, on or before March 25, 1755, the several sums set down below.'

Among the subscribers were the Earl of Darlington, £21; the Duke of Cleveland, £10 10s.; John Pease, £2 2s., and the total was £163 5s. 6d., a substantial amount in mid 18th century currency.

A record of August, 1755, states: 'Darlington has lately completed a New Ring of Bells, with Chimes, by subscription. The Bells were cast by Lister of London, and at the same time the chimes were added by J. Harrison, of Barrow.' It would seem that at that time four old bells were recast and two new bells added.

USES OF BELLS

The bells were used on many occasions in those early days. The 'Passing-bell' was tolled by the sexton immediately after every death in the town, even if it occurred at midnight. This melancholy procedure was to invite the prayers of the parishioners for a soul passing into eternity.

Spencer records the story of old Willie Hall, who lived in Church Row, who on hearing the 'Passing-bell' made his way to the belfry and inquired, 'Who are you ringing for now?' The sexton being exasperated by Willie's constant inquiry, reported, 'I'm ringing for the death of Willie Hall.' This so upset the old man that he never inquired again, and soon afterwards the bell tolled for Willie himself.

The 'Sacring-bell' was used during the solemn parts of the Mass and was last heard in St. Cuthbert's on November 17th, 1569, at the time of the 'Northern Rebellion.' It would seem from the inventory of 1553 that, in addition to the small bell used inside the church a larger bell, in the 'Sancte-bell-cote,' was used to inform outsiders of the progress of the Mass.

The 'Curfew-bell' was rung for many generations at 8 p.m., and the 'Funeral-bell' was used for centuries, when the churchyard was the only sepulchre in the town. A church bell was rung in case of fire, and this continued until 1864.

RINGERS ON STRIKE

A local paper of May, 1860, records the following—'Tell it not in Yarm, whisper it not in Stockton, that at a recent confirmation service at Darlington—Darlington the con-

ventional, the respectable—no peal of bells was rung. The brass-bell was sulky, the tenor bell was gruff, the treble bell was cantankerous, and all were silent. The reason—because there was no funds to pay the ringers.'

At the great restoration of the church (1863-5) the bells were taken down and five of them recast. For some time the authorities had been desirous of providing a ring of eight bells. When the market tower was being built at that time, Mr. Joseph Pease (of the monument) made a gift to the town of the clock with its bells.

When the first two bell arrived they were found unsuitable, and on being informed that these bells were just what was required to make a ring of eight for St. Cuthbert's, Mr. Pease very generously gave them for the church belfry.

The name of the donor was inscribed on the bells, and the full ring of eight was first heard on June 22nd, 1866, which was Mr. Pease's 67th birthday.

This was a 'Bell Festival' for Darlington. Ringers came from Leeds, Ripon and Masham, to assist in the event. The Darlington amateur ringers led off at 6 a.m., the professional band taking up the ringing at 9 a.m.

After a good dinner at the Bull's Head—when a toast to Mr. Pease was honoured with

acclamation—ringing was resumed until 8 p.m. Crowds gathered near the church to hear the music by the increased ringing of 'Sweet Chiming Bells.'

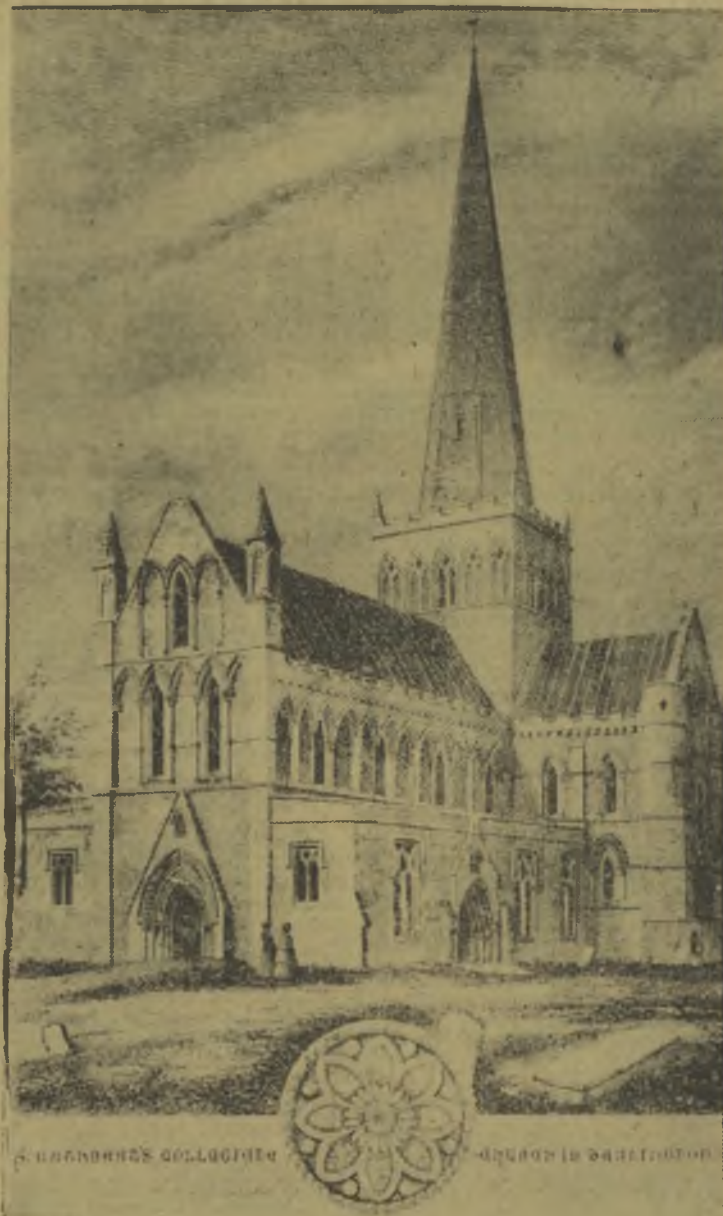
NEW YEAR CONSTERNATION

A former Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Hodgson, who considered the age old custom of 'ringing the New Year in' as 'nonsense and an antiquated custom,' ordered the ringers to cease their activities at 11.45 p.m. on December 31st, 1880. This caused great consternation on the High Row, where a large crowd waited in vain for the 'Midnight Peal': when it was not forthcoming they jumped to the conclusion that another strike had disturbed the harmony of the belfry.

After being silent for 30 years the carillon was restored by Sir J. E. Backhouse and his brother Charles, in 1907, in memory of their father, Edmund Backhouse, who was the first M.P. for the Borough.

In 1937, under the Barron bequest, all the bells were recast at Croydon, and afterwards rehung on iron frames with ball bearings. The present captain, Mr. T. Cooke, has given over a quarter of a century of service to the church. His wife and daughter are also active members of the band.

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PERSONAL

The ordination of Mr. John Orme will take place in Chester Cathedral on Sunday, September 25th, 1960, at 10 a.m. 6594

'WHEREFORE let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.' (1 Cor. x. 12.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

With all ringing friends please note my change of address: Gladys Manchip, 61, Long Arrotts, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Telephone Boxmoor: 4794. 6617

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells: G. Yaxley, 43, Staunton Road, Coleford, Glos. 6604

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

17 MEARS' handbells in 'G' on bar with striking hammer in perfect condition #23 o.n.o.—King, Penarth, F.R.T.P., Martlesham, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. 6614

PUBLICATION

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby: an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing: 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcome freshers to their first practice on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.45 p.m., at St. Giles' Church, Reading. Further information from Jennifer Davies, 101, Denmark Street, Bedford. 6600

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD—Ringers coming up to this university as freshers next term: are invited to contact the secretary. Notices concerning meetings will be displayed in the Union.—J. S. Rank, c/o 24, Fairfield Avenue, Kirk Ella, Hull. 6607

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, September 17th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6558

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren (6), September 17th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 6561

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Prestbury (8), on Saturday, September 17th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m., in the School.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Saltburn, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6634

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover, September 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Sec. 6589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, September 17th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Hunts and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, September 17th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—M. J. Dyer, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 6575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Woodford, September 17th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Waugh, 30, Fuller Road, Woodford, E.18 (BUC 7353). 6530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, September 17th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 6554

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), on Saturday, September 17th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. 6545

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Battle, Members, please support.—E. A. Fellows. 6572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Rededication of Little Hadham bells, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 2, Tea at 5 p.m., at the Angel Inn. If you intend staying for tea please co-operate in assessing numbers by sending your name to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clappgate, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 6484

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) (No. 40 Corporation bus from Leicester), on September 17th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. 6522

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, Ringing 6-8.15 p.m. only.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 17th, at Litton Cheney, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 6569

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Broadwindsor, Saturday, September 17th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor. 6582

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, Kent, on Saturday, September 17th, Bells of St. Botolph's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent. Evening ringing to be announced later.—A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Sec. 6568

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Bingham, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 6516

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Glensford (6), Saturday, September 17th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glensford, Sudbury. 6521

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at Marlesford (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Wickham Market (bells 6.30). Service 5, Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6576

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, September 17th, Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify Miss B. Catt, 55, Lamppool Corner, Fairwarp, Uckfield, numbers for tea.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6583

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hartlebury, Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. This meeting is by special invitation. Please turn up and make it a success.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6551

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—274th anniversary, Saturday, September 24th, Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 20th, to C. D. I under, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th, Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 6587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Rowberrow, Saturday, September 24th, Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6606

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Combined meeting, Corston, September 24th. Usual arrangements. Newton bells also available. Names for tea, please, by 20th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath.—E. Chivers and A. Lee. 6595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton, on Saturday, September 24th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. 6636

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on September 24th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise, before September 26th, Mr. E. Elison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 6640

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley Branch), at Claybrooke, on Saturday, September 24th, Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea in the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by September 21st, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Please do your best to attend and make the meeting a success.—J. L. G. H. 6555

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Horsley, Saturday, September 24th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 6625

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Modbury, September 24th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. The Red Devon Hotel (3s. 6d. each). Names by 19th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6611

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley, on Saturday, September 24th, Bells (5—recently retuned and overhauled) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying the undersigned at 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster, by Thursday, 22nd.—R. J. Sanderson. 6618

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District).—Joint meeting, September 24th, at Brancepeth, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cuns of tea provided—please bring own food. Those coming, please let me know by September 22nd. (This is important) —F. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham, or phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 6651

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Werburgh's (6), Saturday, September 24th, Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 6629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), September 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by September 20th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6645

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park, Saturday, September 24th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. 6624

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, September 24th, Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 6622

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Butterwick, near Boston, on Saturday, September 24th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 6463

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5, Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Manchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham 30. 6592

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting. September 24th, at St. George's, Bolton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Holy Trinity only. Business follows tea.—Thornley. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and **COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting. Claybrooke, September 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe. Rugby. 6637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at Wheatshaf Inn 4.30 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. T. Bindley, 31, Mill Road. 6626

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barming on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 6537

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Next meeting Winhill, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All welcome. 6619

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting. City Police Headquarters, Charles Street, at 3 p.m. The dinner, followed by a social evening, will be at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Humberstone Road, Leicester, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets, price 11s. 6d., obtainable from E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leics. Latest date for tickets September 20th (Tuesday). Everyone welcome. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (10) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Cathedral 1.30 to 2.30, St. Margaret's (12) 3 to 4. All Saints' (8) 4 to 5. Cathedral 5 to 6.15 p.m. 6560

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th. Uttoxeter. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 21st, to Mr. E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter.—J. G. Bunton. Hon. Sec. 6602

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at Marlow. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th. Miss Hague 6. Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at Boughton. Bells (5) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6605

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting. Nassington (5). September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea and transport from Elton, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 6642

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Cosgrove, on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. 6566

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—The autumn meeting, Bristol, Saturday, September 24th. Bells available St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch—make own arrangements. Christ Church (10) 1.30-2.30, St. Stephen's (10) 2.45-3.45, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 4.15-5.20, St. Philip's, (8) 7-8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (4s.) Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6493

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6635

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Greasley (8). Saturday, September 24th. Note change of venue. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Mrs. D. Beach, 'Peasholm', 17, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts.—D. H. Rooks, Hon. Sec. 6597

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please

send names for tea to R. W. R. Percy, Esperance, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon.—F. Beeny. Sec. 6641

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Hurstbourne Priors 7 to 7.45 p.m. St. Mary Bourne 7.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to Mr. G. Brown, Lower Farm, Longparish. 6593

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley, on September 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by September 20th, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 6620

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tadcaster, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Britannia Inn. Business meeting to follow in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Thursday, September 22nd, to Mr. J. Harrison, 5, Wharfe Banks, Tadcaster.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6638

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE.—Autumn gathering, King's Arms, Friday, September 30th. Tour of Kingsbridge area. Names for accommodation, to C. Savage, East Budleigh. 6630

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 1st. Service 4.30 p.m., Whitnash Parish Church. Tea and meeting will follow in Whitnash Parish Rooms. The principal business is to pay tribute to the veterans of the Guild, and it is hoped to have them all present. The following towers will be open for ringing: Wellesbourne 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Sherborne 11.30 to 12.30 p.m., Whitnash and All Saints', Leamington Spa 2.30 to 4.30. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Warwick, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by September 28th, to Mr. P. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. This is a must.—J. L. G. H. 6598

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 2 to 5.15 p.m. Committee 4. Business meeting in belfry at 5.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Staveley (8) available in evening in conjunction with meeting of Sheffield and District Society.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6628

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock, October 1st. 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, September 29th, to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 6610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 27th, to Mrs. Robinson, 3 Gade Cottages, Great Gaddesden, Herts.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6608

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 6633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, October 1st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.—M. R. Andrews and W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, October 1st, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, September 29th, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 6616

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—J. Armiger Trollope Commemorative Dinner will be held at Ealing Town Hall, on Saturday, October 1st. 6.30 p.m. Tickets 17s. each, from any officer of the Association. Ringing

during the afternoon.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6627

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Newbury on Saturday, October 1st. 2.30 p.m., business meeting in the Corn Exchange, Newbury; 4.30, service in the Parish Church; 5.30, tea in the Corn Exchange. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 2s. 6d., should be made to Mr. H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury, Berks, before Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets can be collected at the business meeting. It is essential that names should be sent to Mr. Lawrenson in order to facilitate catering arrangements. Towers available and ringing times (subject to confirmation and alteration): 10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6); 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6); 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8); 1-2 p.m.: Speen (6), Newbury (10); 6.15-7.30 p.m.: Newbury (10); 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Kimbury (6), Thatcham (8); 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8); 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8); 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6563

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, October 1st. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Guild Hotel, Witton Road, for those who notify by September 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 30. SPR 1025. 6632

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Barking (6), October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 28th, to Mrs. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6612

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York, on Saturday, October 1st. Service in Minster 4 p.m. Choir festival, augmented choir. Minster bells 2 to 3.50. Acomb and Architectural Institute after meeting. Tea 5 p.m., in Railway Institute. Names by September 29th, to Miss M. E. Milkman, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Snowdon Dinner tickets available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6603

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 5th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6631

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. **prompt.** Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.30-5 p.m., All Saints' (10) 4.5-15 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) obtainable until Wednesday, October 5th, from Branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6613

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cecil Ebberson Memorial. Dedication service, Dersingham, Saturday, October 15th. Full details later.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6639

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. Annual dinner and social will be held at the Masonic Hall, Coventry, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1960. Full details later. 6599

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6557

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Advance notice of dinner at Fusion Tavern (opposite King's Cross Station), on February 4th, 1961, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) available from F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, London, S.W.18. 6596

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BRISTOL.—At St. James' Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: P. L. Pearce 1, Monica Horseman 2, D. J. Hunt 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. C. Exell 5, M. J. Horseman 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. Brain 8, A. E. Cox 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. First of Yorkshire Royal for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Christine Froggott 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, R. Wilde 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6. First in 2 methods 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to Roderick Wilde, joining the R.A.C. for 12 years. Also a birthday compliment to Josephine Jennings.

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WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): B. Worner 1, L. Derrick 2, V. James (first in three methods) 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

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