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THE BELLS OF SUFFOLK

FOR over seventy years 'The Church Bells of Suffolk,' by John James Raven, D.D., who was Vicar of Fressingfield, has been the principal book on the county's bells. A most comprehensive work, it took over forty years to compile. Now, in spite of all Dr. Raven's hard work, the passage of time has inevitably made the book out of date. There is no doubt, however, that it will forever remain as the record of bells of the county as at date 1890, for it is a volume of detailed information.

The author probed deeply to get material, not only concerning the bells themselves, but into their history and founders. The publication was limited to 50 copies imperial quarto and 500 super royal octavo.

One wonders whether Mr. Ranald Clouston, who has done and is doing so much for Suffolk church bells, will one day publish an up-to-date 'Raven,' or a 'Clouston.' It would not surprise me—he has been into so many towers with his expert knowledge and keen eye.

But the late H. Munro Cautley F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., until recently surveyor to the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (i.e. the Suffolk diocese), wrote a book, 'Suffolk Churches and their Treasures,' first published 1937, the latest edition being dated 1954, price 3 guineas, and his section on church bells, though comparatively short, is pleasantly arranged and full of rich interest.

So far as is known, the earliest bells remaining in Suffolk, he writes, is the clock bell at Hadleigh, which is inscribed AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA DOMINIUS TECUM (Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord be with thee). This bell most probably dates from the end of the 13th century. It is true that there are a few bells with narrow and long waists, which might be a century older, but as they have no inscription or marks on them, this is pure conjecture.

Of the 14th century there are certainly several bells in Suffolk, probably the earliest being those at Worlington (near Mildenhall) and Gt. Bradley (between Newmarket and Haverhill), the former inscribed JOHANNES GODYNGE DE LENNE ME FECIT and the latter RICARD DE WYMBIS ME FECIT.

About the middle of the century we have bells at Assington (near Sudbury), Barnardiston (near Haverhill), Monks Eleigh (near Lavenham) and two at Parham (near Framlingham)—the last two named places each having a bell inscribed ASSUMPTA EST MARIA IN CELUM (Mary has been received into Heaven). The Assington bell has the interesting inscription HOC SIGNUM SERVAVIT MARIA THOMA (O Christ, Mary, Thomas, preserve this signal). The second bell at Parham and the bells at Amlington (near Bury St. Edmunds), Bromeswell (near Woodbridge), and Wissett (near Halesworth) are perhaps a little later in the century.

The next group would seem to range from 1390 to 1410, and comprises 22 bells as follows: Barking (near Needham Market)

(two), Butley (near Woodbridge), Clare, Cornard Magna (near Sudbury), South Elmham St. Peter (near Halesworth) (three), Hawstead (near Bury St. Edmunds), Ilketshall St. Margaret (near Bungay) (two), Ipswich St. Stephen (two), Nedging (near Needham Market), Oakley (near Eye), Peasenhall (near Saxmundham), Pettistree (near Wickham Market) (two), Sibton (near Yoxford), Ufford (near Woodbridge), and Westerfield (near Ipswich) (two).

There are many 15th century bells; of these, those at Bildeston, Brockley (near Bury St. Edmunds) (three), Lakenheath (near Mildenhall) (two), Mildenhall and Stowmarket, bear the royal arms as altered after 1413. They were probably made during the next few years. On the Brockley second is a lovely medallion inscribed IHU MERCI LADI HELP.

Of other pre-Reformation bells it is interesting to record that there are cast on the bells of Bradfield Combust (near Bury St. Edmunds) and Saxmundham the emblems of the four Evangelists.

On the bells at Stratford St. Mary (between Ipswich and Colchester) and Ubbeston (near Halesworth) appear the rare and curious foundry shield of William Culverden, his name expressed in a rebus by a culver or pigeon with DEN above it. Lastly, but obviously pre-Reformation, is the Craftfield (near Halesworth) clock bell inscribed VIRGINIS EGREGIE VOCOR CAMPANA MARIE (I am called the bell of the Glorious Virgin Mary), PREY FOR THE SOLE OF WILLIAM ALEYS.

One of the most famous families of bell casters was the Brasyers, of Norwich, whose bells range from 1424 to 1513. These fine Norwich bells are all inscribed in hexameters and are notable for their beautiful lettering: over a hundred remain in Suffolk and a typical inscription as at Charsfield (near Woodbridge) is HEC FIT SANCTORUM-CAMPANA LAUDE BONORUM (This bell is made in the praise of good saints).

A bell foundry existed in Suffolk itself at Bury St. Edmunds in the middle of the 15th century but these bells are not nearly so numerous or fine as those made at Norwich at the same period. The heaviest of them hung in Suffolk is at All Saints', Sudbury, which weighs about a ton and is inscribed STELLA MARIA MARIS—SUCCURRE PISSIMA NOBIS (Star of the Sea, most holy Mary, succour us).

A welcome foreigner is the beautiful Mechlin bell at Bromeswell (near Woodbridge), which bears, in addition to a bold ornamental border, four medallions representing the Annunciation, the Flight into Egypt, the Presentation in the Temple and St. Michael and the Dragon. Its inscription is JHESUS BEN IC GHEGOTEN VAN CORNELIS WAGHEVENS INT IAER ONS HEEREN MCCCCXXX (Jesus am I, cast by Cornelis Waghevens in the year of our Lord 1530). An earlier Flemish bell at Whitton (near Ipswich) is dated 1441, while Leavenheath (near Boxford) has a bell made at Stockholm as late as in 1801. Of about the same date as the Bromeswell bell is the little clock bell at Stoke-by-Clare inscribed SURGE MANE SARVIRE DEO (Rise in the morning to serve God).

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In the reign of Edward VI the Commissioners appointed to record church goods returned as then existing in the county of Suffolk 1,721 'Great bells' and 91 sanctus bells, the latter being referred to in the section on sanctus bell windows (see the section on these windows following this present section on bells). It is doubtful whether there are 1,900 bells in Suffolk today (i.e. 1938) and in view of the large number of post-Reformation bells existing, it speaks eloquently of the large number of older bells which must have been sold, recast or seized by the Crown in the years following the Reformation. (My guess is that there are about 1,940 such bells in Suffolk today (1961). If I am right, Munro Cautley's 1,900 in 1938 is not very far out.) C. R.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

JOHN A. ACRES Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
RALPH ELKINGTON 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 6
SUSAN JACKSON 2	DAVID BEACHAM 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 8
JOHN N. DISERENS 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 9
FRANK W. LEWIS 5	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Leaker.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER 6
*CAROL FERNLEY 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 7
IVOR R. NICHOLS 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 8
*JOHN S. DEAN 4	MAURICE G. TURNER 9
FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman. The quickest peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3	GEORGE M. BREWIN 8
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4	DENIS A. FRITH 9
MARTIN C. FAULKES 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

JOHN A. ACRES Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	A. JAMES POYNOR 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
RALPH ELKINGTON 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 14 x 50.78.36 x 90
L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265

LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 14 x 50.3678 x 90
L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (second observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*BRENDA HALL Treble	JAMES W. DIXON 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS 6
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
*W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	*ROLAND BENISTON 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
DEREK P. JONES 4	*GORDON H. LANE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the Ilkeston variation.

Rung as a farewell to the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt, Vicar of Burton and president of the Midland Counties Guild, on his departure for South Africa.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.
RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	ALMA M. GREAVES 5
*ANN E. FELLOWS 2	*ROGER J. GAY 6
*LINDA M. HUGHES 3	PAUL W. WEBB 7
*ALAN J. COLLINGS 4	RAYMOND H. DAW Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Triples.

A 21st birthday compliment to Alan J. Collings.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH 5
MARGARET A. PARKER 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 7
WALTER TOMLINSON 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

In two methods: 2,520 Oxford Bob and 2,520 Grandsire, with 84 changes of method.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
JACK SALWAY Treble	CYRIL DEEM 5
KENNETH CLARKE 2	COLIN C. TURNER 6
CHARLES J. TURNER 3	GEORGE E. RETTER 7
JOHN CARTER 4	JOHN ARBURY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

First peal of Spliced Triples by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
*RITA M. JOWETT 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of London. † 25th peal.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 5
ERIC N. HARRISON 2	FREDERICK ROSS 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HENRY LEWIS (Filz.) .. Treble	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 5
CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) .. 2	DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) .. 6
HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 4	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.
Rung in memoriam Rev. A. C. Blyth, president of the Guild, who died on February 9th, 1961.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.
*REGINALD J. FOSTER .. Treble	†E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 5
†W. DAVID WARD .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 6
JOHN E. CAMP .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
EDGAR G. SWIFT .. 4	*DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

*First peal. †First of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡First of Grandsire.
Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration of the bells, and as an 'In memoriam' tribute to Frank V. H. Sinkins (died January 31st, 1961).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

SIEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	RICHARD CHAMBERS .. 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	FREDERICK F. MORLOCK .. 6
*JENNIFER A. REEVE .. 3	ANTHONY MANN .. 7
†FREDERICK HUNT .. 4	ROGER PALMER .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY. Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.
*First peal. †First of Major.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 44 lb. in F.

RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. Treble	PETER WATSON .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	F. JOHN NELSON .. 7
*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
*First peal.
A birthday compliment to Miss Christine Townend.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,728 Cambridge, 1,728 Yorkshire and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Middleton's.	Tenor 18 cwt.
NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	KEITH ABBOTT .. 6
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

DORKING, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 6
*FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
ALAN STREETER .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*50th peal in 50 years' ringing.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	†EDWARD R. VENN .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	CHARLES COLES .. 7
*DAWN ELSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
*First peal in the method. †First of Surprise Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.
MARCUS P. BARTON .. Treble	MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, HACKINGTON.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative: 112 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

PHILIP A. CORBY .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. 3	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First peal of 4-Spliced in the standard methods.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 3	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7
REV. GILES GALLEY .. 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by REV. GILES GALLEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10½ Minutes,
At St. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (Pocahontas Memorial),
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

DOREEN A. DEVERELL .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
*First peal of Spliced. First of 8-Spliced for the Society.

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KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 of combined Oxford and Kent, two 720's of Oxford T.B. and four 720's of Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	CHARLES MOORE 4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT.. .. 2	RAYMOND LOFTY 5
*ROY WILES 3	PERCY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Revell of Hethersett.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's (ten callings) and six different 240's Morris's.

JOHN A. RAITHBY Treble	*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS.. .. 2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT.. .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	BERNARD PLUMBER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Norwich Surprise, two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*PAUL E. WELLS Treble	DONALD F. MURFET.. .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER.. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 5
*ALBERT J. DAVEY 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, as Rector of this parish for 15 years.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4
*JOHN ROBINSON 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' to Surprise peals.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 XINGU SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

PETER J. CHILTON Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY 4
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	BARRY BROWN 5
JOHN J. MORRIS 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

MONTY W. GILBERT Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
*OLIVE D. TESTER 2	BERNARD GROVES 5
†MARTIN L. HOWE 3	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal of Cambridge S. Minor 'inside.' † First of Cambridge 'inside.' First of Minor in the method as conductor.

XINGU SURPRISE MINOR

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DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Stedman and eight each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Treble	GLORIA M. NEWTON.. .. 4
HAROLD L. PARFREY.. .. 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
GEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS

Rung on the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GRAHAM G. H. COOPER.. Treble	WILLIAM H. COLLINS .. 4
†GRAHAM C. PAUL 2	JOHN E. GODDARD 5
†MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. 3	RICHARD J. DANBY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. DANBY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in seven methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Nether-seale Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

PETER F. ROMNEY Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
*FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 2	*JOHN A. HOWARD 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (2) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (5) Thelwall and Childwall; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

STREATLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR SAYERS 4
*WILLIAM J. IRVING.. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK.. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD.. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1903.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET.. .. 4
F. A. KEITH PRIME 2	GEORGE E. THODAY 5
ALBERT J. DAVEY 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal in more than one method.

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MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Hilary, Blackburn Place, Westminster II, New, St. Vedast, Huntspill, St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

*CHRISTOPHER MEW Treble | Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.
 †JOAN SPREADBURY 2 | *NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 3

*ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 4

†PAUL CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal on five bells. †First 'inside,' and on five. ‡25th of Doubles. First in 14 methods of Doubles by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Kennington, six each of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten extents and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*TERENCE E. TRICKETT .. Treble | †MICHAEL E. ALLMAN .. 4

JOHN E. BROUGH 2 | FRANK R. MORTON 5

R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3 | †R. J. ANTHONY HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

*First peal away from tenor. †First of Doubles. ‡First peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the third; also as a birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of the conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Williams, former sexton and ringer at this church, who has been visiting this country after 30 years in Australia.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY Treble | REGINALD F. CROOK 4

HENRY J. LAWRENSEN .. 2 | ARTHUR SAYERS 5

REGINALD W. REX 3 | GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung in memory of Jesse Frederick Scott, 55 years a ringer at this church, who died on February 5th.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 20 extents Grandsire and 22 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

*BRIAN C. LAW Treble | *J. HEDLEY WALE 3

ERNEST MORRIS 2 | MARK G. WOOD 4

BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells since rehanging. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. J. Cheverton), resigned Feb. 1st.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4

PATRICIA HEATHER 2 | JOHN MANLEY 5

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3 | *NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

*100th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal, and 50th as conductor.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble | CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 4

KEITH JORDAN 2 | *BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | *DAVID J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by KEITH JORDAN.

*First peal of Minor in the method. First as conductor.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

GERALD PENNEY Treble | *PAUL A. GIBSON 4

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 2 | ERIC EDMONDSON 5

JOHN G. CULL 3 | STANLEY HUCKLE Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

*First peal.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALEC WILSON Treble | A. JEWITT 4

JOHN COATES 2 | JAMES T. ROOKE 5

HAROLD DENMAN 3 | MALCOLM FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM FOSTER.

First peal as conductor. First with all singles by all the band.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble | GEOFFREY PAUL 4

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 2 | PETER A. SHARP 5

DELIA SMITH 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 63 methods: (1) Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ros-therne, Knutsford, Stisted, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Danbury Delight, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Campanulla, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, Hemsworth and York Minster Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale Surprise; (4) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob; 127 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST 5

ALAN R. SYDER 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Bradley, life member of the Essex Association and captain of the Fryerning band, who was interred this day.

PEAL OF MINIMUS

CONINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Consisting of 210 extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*F. INGLE Treble | J. CAUSER 3

*P. LEGGETT 2 | A. PAYNE 4

*First peal. Bells 3 and 4 in this 4-bell tower were recast by George Day, of Eye, in 1911.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6

*ERIC N. HARRISON 3—4 | *JOHN E. ANDERSON 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

*First peal on handbells.

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 3—4

ERNEST MORRIS 5—6

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5296 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6

ERNEST MORRIS 3—4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

HALF PEALS

ALDERTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 18th, 2,760 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, T. J. Milsom 5. The longest length on the bells.

GREAT THURLOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 2,880 Surprise Minor; extents of 1 London and Wells, 2 York and Durham, 3 Ipswich and Cambridge, 4 Norwich: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, R. J. Palmer 3, T. Bird 4, S. Twitchett 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stevens 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips 3, N. Stevens 4, I. Hillburn 5, E. Skinner 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Leonard Bagg, people's warden, interred this day. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bagg 1, H. Stevens 2, I. Hillburn 3, G. Grinter 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, E. Skinner 6. An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dennis Farrow, organist at this church.

ASTON CANTLOW, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Kinchin 1, C. R. Steed 2, G. Ingram 3, F. C. Lyne 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): V. J. C. Dale 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter in two methods) 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, For Matins, and as a 1st birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Marcia Nott (first quarter) 1, Mary Browne 2, P. E. Jupp (first as cond.) 3, H. G. E. Warnell 4, D. Wills 5, F. Bys 6. First for Ye Youngs Bellringers.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: Rev. B. Prior (first quarter) 1, Rev. D. P. Angold 2, A. L. Bennett 3, Mary Russell 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, Rev. P. Dowling 6, Rev. A. de Guingand 7, W. G. Lavers 8. First of Major for 2, 4, 6, 7.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Taylor 1, Frances Secker 2, D. J. Roaf 3, Clare Webster 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, A. J. Griffin 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, H. C. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled by the Cambridge University Guild, in memoriam the Rev. A. C. Blyth, their president.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Hodson (13, first quarter) 1, W. Shute 2, J. Frewer 3, J. Foot 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. For the induction of the Rev. P. A. Unwin.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Lamb 1, V. Sheppard (first person to have 'circled' the tower to quarter peals) 2, J. Riley 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Law 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. Jean Kelly (first quarter) 1, B. Edwards 2, Mrs. Pamela Cracknell 3, P. Atkins 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Onians 6. First in seven methods by all the band. Rung for the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Kingston (first in method) 1, E. G. Smith 2, B. Edwards 3, Mrs. Jean Kelly (first 'inside') 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, B. Hine (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, at which special prayers were offered for the 80th Anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. J. Chivers (cond.) 1, Miss R. Bevan 2, E. Wadman 3, R. Beck 4, D. Targett 5, K. Coombs (first quarter) 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry (13, first quarter) 1, D. W. Brunning 2, W. G. Hair 3, D. Eames (15) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. Roger Fry, Curate of Linton, upon appointment to the living of St. John's, Bowling, Bradford. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Freeman (14) 1, D. Eames (15) 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, A. I. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5. A 14th birthday compliment to Ian Measures.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. T. Hawkins 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss C. M. Rimmer 3, Miss C. Bland 4, B. B. Hullah 5, M. Jordan 6. First of Kent 1, 5 and 6. A farewell to Mr. D. H. Anstey, the organist, who is also a ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Carol Elphick (first quarter) 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, June Canter 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. First in three methods for all the band. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 4th.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 18th, at the Church of St. David, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Sims 1, F. E. Day 2, H. W. Milford 3, W. G. Lavers 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, D. R. Bould 6, G. Skinner 7, W. H. R. Smale (first of Stedman) 8. Rung after a meeting of the General Committee of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, on which all the band serve.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Wright (cond.) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Bebb (first 'inside') 3, P. Treble 4, P. Joyce 5, J. Treble (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. Treble 2, W. W. Wright 3, G. S. G. Joyce 4, P. Joyce 5, P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Both rung for Evensong.

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. C. Angell 1, R. W. Baker III 2, D. Dix 3, M. St. J. Smith 4, D. A. Goodenough 5, A. W. Cross (cond.) 6.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S. Anderton 1, A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. R. Crosswaite 3, D. Lawson 4, F. Stead 5, G. A. Dimmock 6, P. Crook 7, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 8.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cunliffe 1, G. Fothergill 2, J. Rigby 3, F. Brownlow 4, T. W. Smith 5, J. Hallsall 6, P. Crook snr. (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, P. E. Wells 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss P. Buss 2, Miss L. Allen 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. To welcome the Judge of Assize. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Houghton 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. L. Bell 3, P. E. Wells 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. E. Thoday 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6, M. J. Dyer (cover). To welcome the Vicar, Canon A. Morris, back from India.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss B. Humphrey (first of Treble Bob) 1, C. H. Rogers 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, M. Sprackling 4, S. Croft 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, A. M. Stacey 7, F. Ranson 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. For Confirmation service.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Locke 1, L. Smith 2, A. Lynes (cond.) 3, J. Wiggins 4, F. Hawke 5, H. Wiggins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Willshire, a member of the local band.

LINTON, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Bennett 1, N. Mattingley 2, A. Perriman 3, J. Houghton 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, R. Maylam 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 6. A compliment to ringers of 1 and 3, for their help to Linton band. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Milner 1, J. Mattingley 2, Joy Mattingley 3, N. Mattingley 4, D. Leworthy (first as cond.) 5, R. Emmett 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Birthday compliment to 2 and 5.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Evans (first quarter) 1, Hazel Everett (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Smith 3, Penelope Welch 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, H. C. Evans 6. First in method for all except 3 and 4.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 12th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: J. Tomsett 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, A. M. Stacey 5, D. Theodora 6, F. Ranson 7, C. Aldridge (first of Royal) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, W. Oatway 10. First in method for all except 2 and 9. For morning service, and a compliment to H. J. Eldred, 79 on February 18th.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. A. Glue 1, A. Pamela Warren 2, Jill M. Lane 3, B. A. Todd 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For family service.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garner 1, J. Marsh 2, J. Lunham 3, L. Pearson 4, J. Dilworth 5, C. Byard (cond.) 6, J. Ellison 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung for the special service in connection with Edge Hill Training College S.C.M. week.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin 1, N. Waite 2, L. Allen 3, A. Bishop 4, B. Bull (first of Triples 'inside') 5, B. Coatsworth 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, A. Clayton 8. For Evensong.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Mills (first quarter) 1, T. Pendlebury 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 2, 3 and 5, and by the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Buckingham, organist for 17 years, who was interred the previous day.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. Page 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Haines 5, L. A. Page 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, F. E. Manns 8.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diana M. Lawless 1, Pamela Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, Monica Moore 4, W. Wainwright 5, H. Miller 6, L. G. Gates 7, M. Rowe (first quarter as cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Miller.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, M. J. Stone 2, D. G. Miller 3, C. T. Clarke 4, F. W. Sweet 5, R. D. Short (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Mark David Horscan, born on February 14th.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Verity 1, Miss B. J. Fisher 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ducker, on the birth of a son.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Katherine Burchall 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Olive Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, N. Moxon 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. N. Moxon, aged 100 years, father of sixth ringer, for many years a ringer and chorister at this church, whose funeral took place the previous day.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Mills 1, E. E. Davey (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Large 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, Miss M. E. Ladd 4, S. A. White 5, E. J. Ladd 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, C. Hancock 8. For Evensong.

TWYWEEL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Coles (first quarter) 1, J. Groom 2, C. W. Jeffs 3, P. Fleckney (first 'inside') 4, V. Headland (cond.) 5.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Diggins 1, D. Hewitt 2, Miss G. Newcombe (first in method on 10) 3, P. D. Chapman 4, A. J. Boyack 5, T. Hawkins 6, F. Sykes 7, C. Williamson 8, B. Downes (cond.) 9, F. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. B. Holloway 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, E. E. Norris (first in method) 4, E. E. Bray (first 'inside') 5, N. G. N. Knee (first in method) 6, F. S. Slarford 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, I. G. Smith (first 'inside' and as cond.) 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Goldstone 1, D. G. Blows 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, J. W. Priest 4, R. Collins 5, E. R. T. Biscoe (first of Triples) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. Rung for the wedding of John Foster and Mary Bowman, both ringers at Weybridge.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich): A. Denison 1, G. Crisp 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. M. Youngman (first quarter) 1, D. Murfet 2, D. Robinson 3, G. Thoday (cond.) 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn 6. For Matins.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coulton 1, J. Groom 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, P. Fleckney 4, V. Headland (cond.) 5, R. Murdin 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. Carvil Bonser, for many years a ringer at this church, who was interred at Woodford earlier this day.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck (first of Major) 1, E. Wills (first Major 'inside') 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck 5, L. Hughes 6, C. Harwood (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob): K. Robinson 1, R. D. Flowers 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant (first as cond.) 5, R. Kirkby 6. For Matins, also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Holling.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Mrs. S. Laughton 1, S. Silsby 2, F. Curtis 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. H. Smith, organist and choir-master for 50 years.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. C. Baker 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, D. J. Hunt 4, H. W. Woolven 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, F. H. Hicks 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8.

BROADCHALKE, WILTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. C. Read 1, Miss A. M. Sweeney 2, Miss M. R. Page 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, B. Lawes (first Surprise 'inside') 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2 and 3. A farewell to B. Lawes, who is leaving this country for Australia.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. D. Mills 1, Miss E. R. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. W. Brooks 5, E. C. Hynard 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (in eleven methods): N. Phillips 1, A. Bird 2, W. Butler 3, J. Brooks 4, F. T. Blagrove 5. Conducted by all. Rung half-muffled, following the funeral of Mr. G. Welch, churchwarden.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong 1, N. Errington 2, G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. Skelton (covering) 7. For Evensong.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Erith 1, C. K. Cooper (first quarter) 2, Miss R. Millham 3, J. P. Brandon 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, I. R. Pantion 6. Average age of band, 17 years. Rung for Youth Guest service.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Jacobs (first quarter, aged 14) 1, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, E. G. Pearce 3, J. Bennett 4, R. W. Steward 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, R. F. Downing 7, S. Pipe 8. For Evensong, and a 74th birthday compliment to J. Bennett.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bayliss 1, M. Smele 2, C. Davis 3, P. Bullock 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, F. C. Pugh 6. For morning service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. George Wheatley, on his 55th birthday, a chorister for over 40 years. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds 2, W. Faires 3, A. R. Knight (first in the method) 4, M. T. Symonds (first Stedman as cond.) 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to A. F. Turner.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: W. Hurst 1, G. W. Mason 2, T. H. Bent 3, E. Morris (cond.) 4, T. Still 5, W. J. Tanser 6, H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. First on ten for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10. For Evensong.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Foster 1, Ann Edwards 2, A. Hubble 3, F. White 4, Anne Vowles 5, S. C. Easter (cond.) 6, J. L. Towler (covering). For Evensong, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hubble, on their silver wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Miss G. M. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, F. Burgess 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, J. C. Rainbow 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. T. Jennings, on his 81st birthday. For Evensong.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller (first of Doubles) 1, J. S. Walker 2, Margaret J. Cozier (first 'inside') 3, E. R. Venn 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss E. Mason 2, A. T. Bowley (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A birthday compliment to F. W. Blatch.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ward 1, R. Goodship 2, E. Blower 3, G. Sandwell 4, M. Hallett 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, R. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, G. Sandwell (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, P. Avey 2, G. Sandwell 3, R. Goodship 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For morning service.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Williams (first quarter) 1, Betty Sagers 2, Freda Hankey 3, K. Game (first of Minor) 4, G. West 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Jacqueline Reason 1, D. J. Barnett 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, T. J. Milsom 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, J. W. Isaacs 6, C. J. Barrable 7, Pat A. Burt 8. First in method by all except 3 and 4. First in method on the bells. For dedication festival. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Pat A. Burt 1, A. F. Lee 2, C. J. Barrable (cond., first in four methods) 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Carol A. Ritchens 6, L. J. Cox 7, J. W. Isaacs 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who has joined the Navy.

WATERLOO, LONDON, S.E.—On Feb. 5th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (last part of Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, L. W. Battley 3, F. Mead 4, C. W. Otley 5, J. A. Hales 6, M. Meyer 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Heritage (first of Minor) 1, J. S. Walker (first of Minor) 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Jones 4, M. Journeux 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

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Featured in 'Segas,' the house journal of the South Eastern Gas Board, is an interview with Mr. F. E. Collins. Our readers knew of Mr. Collins as a past Master of the College Youths, his various offices in the Surrey Association and on the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, but few knew how he earned his bread and butter as foreman of the mechanical department of the Croydon work of Segas.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on February 18th, was rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

We have had an inquiry as to the present record for 'number of towers in a day, where each member of the party rang in every tower.'

Fifteen-year-old David Eames is the first local ringer to 'circle' Church Gresley, Derbys, tower to quarter peals.

The new treble bell, in memory of Mrs. Flo Field, was cast at the Whitechapel foundry on February 15th, in the presence of the captain of the Long Sutton ringers, the donor of the bell, and other friends.

By ringing the treble in the peal at Tonbridge, Kent, on February 5th, Mr. E. J. Ladd 'completed the circle' in this, his 15th tower. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Rochester.

An unusual outing had the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, on February 11th. It was to the P. and O. liner 'Himalaya' in the Port of London. Tea was provided by their Petty Officer host and they were conducted over the ship from the bridge to the galley.

Mr. E. Barnett writes: 'With reference to the recent dedication of the new board recording the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' 35 years ago, it is interesting to recall that the cost of the original board was partly met by a donation from an old gentleman in Australia, who had rung a peal for the St. James' Society at Dartford in 1876, which was conducted by John Cox. He had read a report of the peal in an Australian paper.'

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The first peal of Spliced was rung 50 years ago at Edenham, Lincs, on February 15th, 1910. It consisted of 14 methods. The band was as follows: Arthur I. Holmes 1. Rev. H. Law James (cond.) 2. John W. Lake 3. James Osborn 4. Fred Blood 5. Rupert Richardson 6. 'Of the band,' writes Mr. W. A. Holmes, 'only Mr. J. W. Lake survives. He no longer rings owing to trouble with his hands, but he is still interested in ringing.'

Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung his 2,000th peal, which was a new method, Morriston Surprise Royal.

The name of the treble ringer in the quarter peal at Putney on February 4th (see page 111) was A. Millidge and not as published.

'A listener' added his contribution of 1s. to the donation sent with the quarter peal from Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire. Practical appreciation of bells.

The peal at Swavesey, Cambs, on February 11th, was rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Williams, former sexton and ringer at Swavesey Church, who has been visiting this country after 30 years in Australia.

Mr. P. Amos writes that the claim for the lightest five church bells known must now go to Wansford, Northants, with a tenor slightly under 3 cwt. The bells are a minor five and provision has been made for a sixth at some future date.

A new campanological statistician is Mr. Malcolm Phipps, of Chesterfield, who informs us that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Conisbrough, Yorks, on February 4th (page 108) was his 25th peal. His peals have been rung in 17 different towers with 69 different ringers.

Patrol Leader Virginia Drake, of the 13th Plymouth Company of Girl Guides, has just been presented with her Campanologist Badge. Virginia commenced ringing at Emmanuel Church just over two years ago. This badge, as far as is known, has only once previously been presented to a member of a Plymouth company; she too was a member of Emmanuel ringers, but left the city about three years ago. Virginia's elder sister is also a ringer at Emmanuel.

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Our jubilee issue on March 25th will consist of 24 pages of reading matter with a special cover.

In addition to our list of continuous readers over the past 50 years, for which we invite 10 lines of ringing biography, readers are requested to contribute to the following:—

(a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (No more than 20 lines.)

(b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)

(c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)

(d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

HAILE SELASSIE'S NAME ON A SUSSEX BELL

At the Whitechapel foundry the five bells of Bodiam, near Battle, Sussex, have been recast and a sixth bell added. The Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has given £300 towards the cost of the restoration of the bells and his name has been inscribed on one of them.

The Rector of Bodiam was, before ordination, Major-General A. E. Cottam and head of the British Military Mission to Ethiopia from 1943 to 1949 and became a personal friend of Haile Selassie. The Rector is a ringer.

The new sixth bell has been given by Messrs. Guinness Hop Farms Ltd., who provided a donation of £250. Guinness' own extensive properties in the parish. Two of the other bells have been named 'The All Souls College, Oxford, Bell' (after the patrons of the living) and 'The St. Giles Bell' (after the patron saint).

The bells were originally cast in 1761. The oak frame of the period, which showed signs of decay, has been removed and will be replaced by a steel frame. Bodiam bells have been silent for more than two years and the village is hoping to hear them again at Easter.

GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

With Messrs. W. F. Moreton and N. Chadock as tutors, a course on 'The Art of Bell Ringing' will be held at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, under the auspices of the West Riding County Education Committee from Friday, March 17th, to Sunday, March 19th.

There is room for 30 students and ringing will take place at Ripon Cathedral (10 bells), one eight bell tower and three sixes.

Subjects dealt with will be conducting, method structure, method ringing, change ringing on handbells, initial instruction, elementary composition, maintenance of bells and fittings.

All in fees: Students in West Riding £2 2s., others £3 (who might obtain a grant if permission for them to attend is received from their local education authority). Applications to the Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' February 27th, 1931:

There appears a photograph of the ringers of St. Martin's Society of sixty years ago. Picture taken 1868. John Day (president), John James, Thomas Edgill, George Baldwin, S. Power, Thomas Day, Henry Johnson (secretary), William Haywood, John Perks, Job Joyces.

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MR. FRANK E. HAYNES, M.A.,
The St. Martin's Guild for the
Diocese of Birmingham.

Most of our University ringers can be divided into two groups—those who can and those who try. None of them are ever casual about their ringing, and their enthusiasm so often infects others. One of the older generation of the first kind is Mr. Frank E. Haynes, of Smethwick, Birmingham, who is not only well known for his excellent ability as a twelve-bell ringer, but also for his scholarly and witty speeches at ringers' dinners.

Frank was born at Trumpington, Cambridge, on June 26th, 1906, and was educated at the local church school, and the Perse School, Cambridge. In 1925 he obtained an Open Scholarship in Classics to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, gaining his B.A. in 1928, and M.A. in 1932. He was taught to handle a bell in 1923 at Trumpington by Miss Kitty Willers, and rang his first peal on Armistice Day, 1925, it being six methods of Doubles. From 1926-29 he rang numerous Surprise Minor peals with Albert E. Austin's band. Ringing at the University was mainly confined to handbells, in which Frank was joined by Messrs W. H. J. Hooton, Stephen H. Wood and Christopher W. Woolley. He soon became very proficient, and rang peals of Plain Bob from Major to Maximus, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Double Norwich. The tenors were often rung by a 'learner'—on one occasion by Richard Woolley, now the Astronomer Royal. At this time, however, Frank was more interested in cricket, tennis

and rugby, but he did sufficient ringing to hold his interest.

Gaining his University Diploma of Education in 1929, he took a post at Holy Lodge Grammar School, Smethwick, and thus came into fortunate contact with the St. Martin's Guild, who were then ringing many handbell peals of Stedman Cinques. He joined the Bull Ring company, under the conductorship of Albert Walker, and has been a regular member ever since. It was not long before Frank rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's and Cambridge Maximus at Wolverhampton, both in 1929. In 1933 he was invited by Albert Walker to join the Stedman Cinques handbell band, and rang each pair in turn to his first six peals of Cinques 'in hand' between January and September. Albert also taught him to call Stedman, and he called a peal of Stedman Cinques for the first time at St. Martin's in April, 1934.

Up to date his total of peals is 640, of which he has conducted 165. A large number of these peals have been of Surprise Major with George Fearn, but he admits that he cannot stand the pace these days! Amongst the peals of which he is proud of calling is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Cambridge Youths, rung at Great St. Mary's on September 10th, 1951, the first 12 bell peal on tower-bells by the Cambridge University Guild, being Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's on September 1st, 1955, and the first peals of Cambridge Maximus by the same Guild, rung at Aston on January 10th, 1959.

Frank has called peals of Stedman, from Doubles to Cinques, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. He enjoys ringing the treble to Maximus, as at Exeter to Cambridge on April 30th, 1949, conducted by Wilfred Williams. He also has the unusual distinction of having 'circled' the four Birmingham city towers of St. Martin's, St. Philip's, St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's, now demolished. A member of many Associations, he is particularly proud of membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he insists is the Society!

Amongst the offices he has held are Master of the C.U.G. from 1928-29, Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild from 1934-43, and Master from 1956-58. He has also served on the Central Council since 1952, and is now one of the vice-presidents of the St. Martin's Guild.

Frank has a very likeable personality, and is very good company both inside and outside the tower. He is a great credit to the University which nurtured him, and the St. Martin's Guild which developed him. Although he says that he has several times almost given up ringing to take up some other hobby, there is fortunately no danger of taking him seriously on this issue. May he long continue as a prominent member of the Exercise.

APACE.

MOSSLEY HONOURS TWO RINGERS

About 100 ringers, relatives and friends attended a social evening in the Parish School, Mossley, Lancs, on February 18th, to honour two ringers connected with the church—Mr. H. Jackson with 61 years' service and Mr. E. Garside with 50 years'. Mr. H. Pickles, the ringers' secretary, in a happy speech recalled the services these two veterans had given to the church and Sunday school and his remarks were endorsed by other friends. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Garside suitably replied. Supper was served and this was followed by dancing until 11.30 p.m. when 'Auld Lang Syne' was sung.

Prior to the social two 720's of Kent T.B. Minor and Oxford were rung by Messrs. H. Jackson (cond.), E. Garside, H. Pickles and J. Radcliffe from Mossley Church and Messrs. J. Burgess, A. Farrant and G. Perrin from Christ Church, Friesland, Yorks. It was exactly 50 years ago that day that Mr. Jackson was married, but he had been a widower for three years.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Some 60 members attended the Rochester District at the Abbey Church of St. Mary, Isle of Sheppey, on January 21st. There were rounds for the many learners and for the experienced up to Cambridge Surprise, ringing being supervised by Mr. L. Hamer. The Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Wain, conducted the service and tea was kindly given by the young ringers at the Minster and their mothers.

The business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, was noteworthy for the record number of new members elected. These came from the following towers: The Minster, Tunstall, Stockbury, Gillingham, Rainham, Northfleet and the new band at Rodmersham. Mr. A. Dunk gave full details of the K.C.A. committee meeting at Maidstone. Votes of thanks were moved to all who had helped to make the meeting a very happy success by Mr. F. J. Cheal and Mr. A. Dunk, who also welcomed the younger members to the Association.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

THE O.U.S.C.R. annual dinner was held on February 4th. A large number of members, old and new, were there as well as many guests from other Societies. A good meal was provided and the Founders' Library at New College made a very pleasant setting for the evening. The president, Rev. C. E. Wigg, unfortunately had flu and was unable to be there to take the chair, but his place was ably filled by Dr. Sutton, the Society's senior member.

The first speech of the evening was from Mr. John Wardle, who proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He spoke fluently in spite of feeling that he was proposing his own health, having been told so often from the pulpit that he was the Church. He ruminated on relations between ringers and clergy and told a relevant and amusing story about sharks and another about bricks.

Dr. Lee, the Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, the University church, replied. He thought that bells were a definite asset to a church—bringing both ringers and others into the church. As this was the last occasion on which Dr. Lee was to be present as Vicar of St. Mary's, Dr. Sutton proposed his health and wished him success in his new office.

The next speech was from Mr. Robin Elliott. He explained that he was making his speech at short notice as Mr. Andrew Stubbs, last year's Master, was seriously ill with mumps. Having expounded the complicated and invidious distinction between guests and visitors he made them both welcome. He welcomed Dr. Sutton, Dr. Lee and the various city ringers, who were present. He said how pleased he was to see all the visitors from other Universities, especially the Masters, but he was unable to think of anything sufficiently scandalous to say about them. After apologising for the lack of funny stories he proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.'

Mr. John Baldwin, the Master of the Bristol University Society, replied telling several of the funny stories absent from the previous speech and thanking the Society on behalf of all the visitors and guests.

Mr. John Taylor, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, then proposed the last toast. He was disappointed to find that the beards, which he thought had become a badge of office in the Oxford University Society, seemed to have disappeared, but nevertheless he proposed the toast of 'The Society.'

The Master, Mr. Nicholas Martin, replied, thanking Mr. Taylor and welcoming all the guests (and visitors). He had been alarmed to find that the O.U.S. had become the Oxford University Guild in 'The Ringing World,' but assured the company that it still retained its own identity. He pointed out that Mr. Elliott had only consented to speak if he could sit near the port, which was accordingly passed round to him, and made various comments on the associations of ringers and drink. He apologised for the few peaks rung and mentioned various outings and the very successful Easter tour. Having waded through his fourteen pages he sat down and the official part of the dinner finished.

The rest of the evening passed enjoyably and it was generally agreed that the dinner had been a success.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Wishes for a speedy recovery were extended at the Barnsley and District Society's meeting at Ossett on February 4th to Mr. D. Smith, who is in hospital. Another absentee was Mr. J. W. Buxton. Ringing ranged from Minor to Royal. Next meeting, Kirkburton.

WANTS £2,500 FOR SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS



Mr. L. E. Pitstow, of 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, has undertaken the big job of raising £2,500 outside Saffron Walden. This is to enable the ring of 12 to be rehung in a new cast-iron frame on ball bearings. The P.C.C. will not allow Mr. Pitstow to appeal in Saffron Walden as they fear that money will be diverted from the roof restoration fund, which has as its objective the raising of £22,000 to restore the roof and stonework of the church.

As the bells are not ringable—a gudgeon of the 11th bell is broken and the frame worm-eaten—it was not possible to ring the old year out and the New Year in, in the traditional manner. Not to be outdone Mr. L. E. Pitstow enlisted the help of some ringers and rang handbells in the Market Square from approximately 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. In the picture, from left to right, are: Mrs. L. E. Pitstow, L. E. Pitstow, L. Mumford, S. Wright and H. Cranwell.

Mr. Pitstow is anxious to hear of any fund or charitable trust to whom he could apply. Any help would be more than welcome.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

An all-ladies service touch was rung at the annual meeting of the Southern District held at Aldershot on February 11th, and in the evening methods up to London Minor were rung at Ash. After the Guild form of service, an ample tea was provided by the local members.

At the business meeting Mr. Hawthorne was elected vice-president for the ensuing year, with Mrs. C. Harbott (20, The Street, Ashted) to continue as secretary. It was agreed to make a contribution to the Pulling Memorial Bell Fund and to add to it the collection taken at tea, amounting to 12s. The success of the meeting was due in no small way to Miss Nancie Bragg, who made all the local arrangements.

GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Dear Sir,—Rule (3) 'Ring one standard method on an "inside" bell' is surely an unfair one.

This would make all Girl Guides who ring in towers where call changes only are rung ineligible—and let it not be said that making call changes is not bell ringing.

Take, for instance, in some towers where when rising all bells strike on the 3rd pull, not before not after, double strikes together (if their hanging allows), when up, go into changes and maybe down without even perhaps setting them to finish it off, all bells stop at the same stroke—surely a Girl Guide ringing in this would be a 'ringer.'

Where Girl Guides hold loyalty as a rule would not 'Ring in 75 per cent of Sunday service ringing for 3 months' be a better rule?

Rule 2 would be better as 'Raise and tower a bell in peal.' With a rule you can hardly have a preference.—Yours, etc.,

GERALD PIDGEON.

H.M. Yacht 'Britannia,' Portsmouth.

'THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S'

Dear Sir,—The death recently of Douglas Furber, who wrote the famous song 'The Bells of St. Mary's' is of more than passing interest to Southampton. It was the bells of St. Mary's, the mother church of Southampton, which inspired this song, written by him and the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, during the Great War of 1914-18, when they heard them sounding across the water of the docks. The sister of A. Emmett Adams, who was in this country from Australia in 1956, attended the great service of consecration when the sixth St. Mary's Church was opened.

The well-known song is now the college song of the New York State Maritime College. For many years now these fine bells have been in the care of Mr. J. W. Faithfull, captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Southampton.—Yours sincerely,
K. S. B. CROFT.
Southampton.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHODS OR VARIATIONS— COMPROMISE?

Dear Sir,—The parties in this correspondence are hardly likely to agree on what constitutes a method or a variation, and are reduced to the hair splitting of the meaning of words. Most readers know perfectly well what the real situation is, and are prepared to give as much credit to those who ring Plain Bob with n different calls as to those who ring St. Simon's, for example, with n different slight variations to the plain course, so it is immaterial which are methods and which variations.

Even the C.C. Collection of Doubles Methods does not appear consistent, as Reverse St. Bartholomew is not included (presumably because the plain course could also be achieved by ringing Grandsire and calling four consecutive singles), yet St. Bartholomew is in, when this could also be achieved by ringing Reverse Grandsire and calling four singles. Or is it because St. Bartholomew does not use a bob that is a plain lead of another method? But does this matter? Many standards on six bells or more were already relaxed to give variety to Doubles ringing (e.g., four blows in one place), and it seems better in fact than devising an awkward asymmetrical bob to avoid using the plain lead of another method, or some other 'undesirable' feature.

The most satisfactory way out, I suggest, is this: many relaxations have been made to permit a variety of Doubles methods; keep the individual plain course requirement for six or more, but relax it for Doubles, where it is barely workable anyway, and contrary to old traditions in many ways.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

Casile Gresley.

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. POSTON

Dear Sir,—On November 2nd, 1959, Bridstow and the Hereford Diocesan Guild lost a fine ringer and a great churchwarden in Mr. William Poston ('R.W.' page 712). To commemorate his life, the Church Council has decided to erect a small plaque in bronze or stone in the church.

Locally he was known for his loyalty to his Vicar and church—he was gardener to nine Vicars and churchwarden for 22 years—but pre-war ringers will remember him for the able and vigorous band he maintained in this quiet corner of Herefordshire.

It is felt that many of those who knew 'Bill' may like to make a contribution towards the plaque, which will cost about £30, any excess going towards new bell ropes. If so, it would be much appreciated, and should be sent to Mr. D. D. Lewis, Wiltstow, Merryvale, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, or to the undersigned at Bridstow Vicarage.—Yours sincerely,

REV. F. I. TURNEY

(Vicar)

F. E. ROBERTS.

PRESENTATION CERTIFICATE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Palin's plea for a presentation certificate, has he any particular objection to the cards produced by 'The Ringing World'? The design at present is a pleasing one (I like it best of those I have seen) and the cards can be posted if necessary—only 2d. for printed matter.—Yours sincerely,

MISS J. SANDERSON.

Letchworth, Herts.

The first peal on the rehung bells of Blaby, Leics, took place on February 16th. There has only been one previous peal on the bells—Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris on November 23rd, 1920.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN AND NELSON

Dear Sir,—The method rung as Kirby-le-Soken Bob Major on January 28th, 1961, is St. Leonard's Bob Major, and it was first rung at Watlington, on November 5th, 1960, conducted by Alan R. Pink. This peal was published in the 'R.W.' of November 18th, 1960, page 764. The method is given in the footnote of the peal.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you will allow me a little space to elaborate this matter. In my opinion, the responsibility for ensuring that methods claimed as new are actually so, rests fairly and squarely upon the shoulders of the conductors of such peals. It is not good enough merely to ascertain in retrospect whether the claim was justified. Such a course not only confuses the reader (present and future), but wastes valuable space in this journal, and time and effort on the part of persons like myself who appear nowadays obliged to write on such matters nearly every other week. Also, and this is the most important point, the error remains in print for all time, serving as a constant source of confusion for years to come. This point has been admirably put by Mr. Massey in his letter of February 17th, and I wish to associate myself with his letter in its entirety, including the need for a new collection of Surprise Major methods.

Nevertheless, the absence of a suitable collection of methods does not excuse conductors their responsibility, and certainly not in the present case, as a good collection of Plain methods exists. If people are going to ring new methods, then it is their duty, either to keep accurate records and not make slips or omissions, or to submit their methods, before they are rung, to someone who does. Anything short of this is grossly irresponsible. Not that I wish to be inundated with such requests, but I would rather that than have to write to 'The Ringing World' so frequently. If requests are made, a S.A.E. would be appreciated as this sort of thing tends to get a trifle expensive.

The publication in the 'R.W.' of February 3rd, page 88, of the figures of the peal of 29 Plain Major methods raises another matter. One of the new methods appended is named Nelson. This name cannot stand, as a peal of a different Plain Major method named Nelson was rung at Accrington on June 24th, 1960. It may be argued that the method rung in the Spliced peal should be called 'Nelson College Major' while that rung at Accrington is called 'Nelson Bob Major.' I do not, however, think this distinction good enough, and there is no precedent for such a procedure. Moreover, the descriptive terms used for Plain methods—College, Imperial and Court—are not precise terms in the same way as Surprise and Delight, and it is at times arguable what terms are appropriate to a Plain method. Therefore, I do not think two Plain Major methods can be allowed the same proper name, even if they differ in construction. In view of the fact that only a few months separate the two peals in question, and also that some ringers took part in both peals, this appears as another irresponsible act.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

NOTE.—G. W. Massey and Giles R. Thompson are thanked for their letters on this subject.—Ed.

PEAL OF ERIN CATERS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Erin Caters rung at Wakefield on October 15th, 1960, as the composition is false. I extend my sincere apologies to the band.—Yours sincerely,

Wakefield.

W. F. MORETON.

FALSENESS IN PEALS

Dear Sir,—We would like to thank Mr. G. Massey for his comments on our article, and we apologise for the error which he points out in the published form of Sawley S.M.

Our generalisation that publishing F.C.H.s without the incidence of falseness is of no value was perhaps too sweeping. We agree that it has some limited value, but very little compared with that of the complete falseness.

Mr. Massey's assertion that a conductor merely needs to know the F groups to which his compositions are true, can produce some startling results. Suppose for example that a conductor has Middleton's amongst his compositions. He will know that this composition is true to F groups B, D and K. He will also know that Cambridge has F groups B, D and E, and will therefore conclude that Middleton's is not true to Cambridge!

If, however, he does not ignore the incidence of falseness, he will know that Middleton's is true to F groups B, D and K in all leads, and to group E in all but lead 4, and that the falseness of Cambridge is B (F1 2/3), D (F1 2/5 and 7/3) and E (F1 7/7).

This way of thinking can have even worse results. We know of a case where an eminent conductor wanted a composition for X Surprise Major, which he knew to have F.C.H.s Y and Z. In his own collection of compositions he had one which appeared to suit because it was for a method which had the same lead head order, and also had F.C.H.s Y and Z.

Unfortunately, since the incidence of falseness in the two methods was different, he conducted a false peal.

By requesting the full information, we are not asking for any additional work to be done, since deriving the F.C.H.s entails deriving the incidence. One reason alone why the information is vital is that it will enable composers quickly to determine all the methods to which their compositions are true. We know that a composer can quickly derive full falseness for himself, but can he do this quickly for the 7,178 methods which are about to be published? Our estimate is that it would take one man 12 months' full time work.

It will have been noticed that a few well known composers are able to publish a composition for a particular method and then add a long and impressive list of other methods for which the composition is true. This is because they have derived the full 'truth' of their composition and have available the full falseness of all classified methods.

In conclusion may we express our thanks for the magnificent task carried out by Eric Critchley and Shirley Burton in compiling a complete list of all the right place Surprise Major methods and their F.C.H.s, and may we ask them to allow us to share in the full fruits of their work, by publishing not only the F.C.H.s, but the incidence of falseness.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. C., G. A. H. and D. J. M.

Derbyshire.

RESPECT FOR DOUBLES RINGERS

Dear Sir,—When Mr. Pink rang his peal in 42 method/variations he was probably justified in claiming the 'first in 42 methods,' but since then Mr. Blagrove has so raised the standard of Doubles ringing that in comparison these variations are as worthwhile as Bob Minimus. If more Doubles ringers followed Mr. Blagrove's example then perhaps they could expect more respect than they get at present.

What would the Central Council rating be if Mr. Amos rang a peal containing 80 plain course methods and 40 variations?—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon, Wilts.

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MINUTES OF THE FOLKESTONE MEETING, 1960

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-fourth Council (63rd Annual Meeting), held in the Town Hall, Folkestone, on Whit-sun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor of Folkestone, Alderman F. W. Archer, the Bishop of Tonbridge, Dr. G. Russell White, the Vicar of Folkestone, Canon J. F. Hough and Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent County Association. The President replied on behalf of the Council.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett and Mr. A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. A. Moulds.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. J. L. S. Glanville and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves and F. B. Lufkin.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and C. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colegate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. F. Dunkerley and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

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Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. D. Barker, D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs and E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. B. M. Buswell and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. G. W. Hughes and Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Mr. J. W. Blythe, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss R. J. Seabrook.

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Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

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Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 57 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 156 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 187. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE

An application from the University of Bristol Society was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. M. J. Gray, seconded by Mr. W. Williams.

SUMMARY:—

	Members	
	Society	Present Absent
Wholly represented	29	70
Partially represented	21	54 22
Not represented	8	— 11
	58	124 33
Life Members		6 1
Hon. Members		14 7
		144 41

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr H. O. Baker, Miss M. E. Beamish, Rev. E. G. Benson, Messrs. R. G. Blackman, L. G. Brett, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Fearn, J. G. Gipson, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, C. H. Hawkins, A. C. Hazelden, G. I. Lewis, A. E. Lock, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. D. H. B. Millward, T. G. Myers, A. J. Pitman, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, D. H. Rooke, H. J. Shuck, Miss H. G. Snowden, Miss M. E. Snowden, Messrs. B. A. Sollis, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, Miss N. G. Williams, Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths); A. H. Reed, G. Salmon (Bath and Wells); A. E. Rushton (Bedfordshire); Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University); A. R. Elkins, J. Worth (Chester); J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry); G. A. Halls (Derbyshire); Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon); K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle); E. J. Ladd (East Grinstead); D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin (Ely); P. J. Eves (Essex); R. G. Hooper, C. A. Wratten (Gloucester and Bristol); C. W. Denyer (Guildford); G. Dodds (Hertford); P. A. Corby, I. H. Oram (Kent); E. Morris, B. G. Warwick (Leicester); J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln); D. Smith, P. Walker (Oxford Guild); Dr. J. E. Spice (Oxford University); B. Austin (Peterborough); J. T. Barrett (Salisbury); H. Poyner (Shropshire);

D. Beresford, F. J. Cullum (Royal Cumberland Youths); Miss R. G. Seabrook (Suffolk); R. W. R. Percy (Sussex); A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth); V. Bottomley (Yorkshire); Dr. T. P. Edwards (University of Bristol); H. L. Roper (Honorary).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr. Frederick Sharpe was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Vice-President: The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. F. W. Perrens was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willis.

The Committee also recommended the election of Mr. W. F. Moreton.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

The Honorary Secretary gave notice under Rule 6 (ii) on behalf of the Standing Committee that the election as life members under Rule 6 (i) (b) of Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. Walker would be proposed in 1961.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. R. B. Blanchard (Surrey), H. C. Chandler (Middlesex), R. E. Chichester (Devon), J. Clark (Hereford), A. H. Cocks (Oxford), A. N. Hardy and C. J. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), R. S. F. Murphy (Irish), A. H. Pulling (Honorary), and A. W. Searle (Devon). Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Cocks, Murphy, Pulling and Searle.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 18th, 1960, and circulated to members were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, subject to the following amendments:—

Reports.—Insert after 'Methods Committee':—Literature and Press Committee, ('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1959, p. 369). Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Alteration of Rules.—For 'A. D. Baker read 'A. D. Barker'.

Motion (c).—The sentence 'The motion, as amended was carried' to appear at the end.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 17th, 1960, pages 418-9)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. It was agreed that the Secretary should inform the Devon Association of Ringers that the Council would be pleased to consider an application from the Association for affiliation to the Council.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes for demonstrating the machine during the year.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 17th, 1960, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, R. S. Anderson and F. I. Hairs were reappointed. Mr. W. G. Wilson was added to the Committee.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

(June 17th, 1960, pages 420-1)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 17th, 1960, page 421)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The Committee (Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes) were reappointed.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 24th, 1960, page 434)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Willis, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. The Committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, L. Stilwell, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis) were reappointed.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

(June 17th, 1960, page 421)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler. The Committee (Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler) were reappointed.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 24th, 1960, page 434)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. Messrs. H. J. Sanger, N. Chaddock, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were reappointed and Mr. H. N. Pitstow was added to the Committee. The Council's thanks were expressed to Mr. A. A. Hughes for his past services to the Committee.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 24th, 1960, pages 435-6)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall were reappointed and Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the Committee.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 24th, 1960, page 435)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, with the inclusion of a peal of Minimus but the omission of a peal of Minor in which two ringers exchanged bells. Arising from the latter, it was agreed that Mr. W. B. Cartwright be asked to consider redrafting the appropriate item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' (page 19 of the Council's Handbook) to remove any possible ambiguity. The Committee (Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. L. Roper and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) were reappointed.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 17th, 1960, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Crichtley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn. Messrs. W. E. Crichtley, G. E. Feirn and A. J. Parnan were reappointed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed was added to the Committee.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY COMMITTEE

(June 24th, 1960, page 436)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray. Mr. N. Chaddock, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were reappointed to the Committee.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(July 1st, 1960, pages 450-1)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman. It was agreed to submit to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, for their

comments, the proposed amendment to paragraph (a) of the draft joint statement. The Committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) were reappointed with the addition of Messrs. B. Austin and B. D. Threlfall.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(July 1st, 1960, page 451)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Mr. B. G. Warwick said on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild that two methods referred to in the report, Lyne and Whitwick Surprise Royal, would be renamed. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Secretary of the North Staffordshire Association regarding Gainsborough Surprise Royal.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. C. K. Lewis were reappointed and Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the Committee.

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Honorary Secretary announced the names of the ex-officio members:—Mr. F. Sharpe, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow and all conveners of committees.

The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Look, P. J. Stanforth and Mrs. P. J. Stanforth.

ALTERATION TO RULES

On behalf of the North Staffordshire Association Mr. R. S. Anderson moved the following amendments of Rules, and in the absence of the seconder the Honorary Secretary formally seconded:—

(1) To add the following new Rule 2, and renumber the existing Rules 2 to 18 as 3 to 19 respectively:—

'2. The Council shall:—

(i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.

(ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.

(iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.'

An amendment proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott to delete the words 'guard the rights and' was lost and the motion was carried.

(2) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Societies' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall'.

The Rule to read:—'At the meetings of the Council and President or Vice-President shall take the chair, and in the event of their absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether Representative, or Honorary or Life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President or Vice-President, or, in the absence of the President or Vice-President, to the Chairman of the meeting.'

The motion was lost

MOTION

Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre:—

'This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of "The Ringing World" and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peal Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's Handbook of 1956.'

After discussion, Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. Freeman seconded that the matter be left on the table. This was credited.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the North Staffordshire Association to visit Stoke-on-Trent and from the Norwich Diocesan

Association to visit Great Yarmouth. It was agreed to accept the former.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Honorary Secretary drew attention to the item (f) (ii) of 'Conditions required for peals' on page 19 of the Council's Handbook, that in the case of an attempt to surpass a record peal of 6,720 or more changes, notice shall be sent to the secretary of the society under whose title the record peal was rung. It had been brought to notice that this had not been complied with on two recent occasions.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Folkestone, the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge and Mr. J. Willis, Vice-President of the Kent County Association, for their welcome; to the Vicar of Folkestone for the use of his church for Holy Communion and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to Messrs. A. Berry and J. R. Cooper, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. C. T. Hillis, T. C. Phillimore and J. Willis of the Kent County Association for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were guests of the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone at tea.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**West Lindsey Branch**

A wedding delayed the start of the West Lindsey Branch meeting, held at Stow on February 11th, and a merry 'peal' was rung for the happy couple as they left the church. The Rector (Rev. W. Nicholson) conducted Evensong and extended a cordial welcome to those present. Tea was served in the Methodist School room to some 40 ringers, among whom were visitors from the Central Branch.

The vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) presided at the business meeting, when the subject of group practices was raised. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) thought it might be possible to arrange for an instructor through the local education authority, as had been done elsewhere. It was agreed to postpone a decision until a more representative opinion had been obtained.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH**Alton and Petersfield District**

Over forty members and visitors met at Petersfield for the annual meeting on February 11th. The eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening with methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Long, the lesson being read by the secretary, Mr. C. E. Bassett.

An excellent tea was served by the wives and friends of the Petersfield ringers, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rector. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and warm welcome, also to all others for making the meeting a success. R. T. J.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

All the Branch officers and committee members were re-elected at the annual meeting at the Eastern Branch at Loddon on February 11th. They were: Mr. E. R. Goate, chairman; Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, secretary; Miss D. Lidbetter, Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. A. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. Gorrod and B. Willgress; Association's Standing Committee, Rev. G. C. Galley and Mr. W. B. Duncan. A membership certificate was presented to Mr. Arthur Cooper (Gorleston) by the president (Mr. N. Golden), and Miss V. J. Cooper, of Beccles, was elected a non-resident ringing member.

Great regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of Acle, and the secretary was instructed to write to him accordingly. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the Rev. G. C. Galley, who preached at the service, and the organist (Mrs. J. Robertson). Also to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and their helpers for the tea arrangements.

Next meeting, Ranworth, April 22nd (subject to permission).

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: March 7th and 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; March 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded of the meeting at Oxford, on Saturday, April 15th. Full details later. 7774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7762

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Parish Church, on Saturday, March 4th, 7-9 o'clock.—F. Skinner, 38, Marnston Road, Exeter. 7783

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7738

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, March 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. E. Warrett, 219, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7726

WATFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey (8), March 4th, 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. One tea arrangements.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7742

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 7693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Poolstock, Saturday, March 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 7760

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7725

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7731

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 4th, at Calverton (6). Good attendance, please. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford. 7751

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, March 4th. Ringing in City: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 2-3 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 3-4, Cathedral (12) 4.3-6 p.m. 7731

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hok, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. T. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7754

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seaser, Sec. 7671

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Monks Eligh bells (6) available 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury. 7681

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Practice meeting, Wenhamston and Blythburgh, Saturday, March 4th. Wenhamston (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Blythburgh (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhamston, Halesworth. 7734

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, on March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. in The White Lion.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 7786

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice at St. James', Benwell, Monday, March 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Norwich, Warkworth, only. 7769

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 6th, 7 p.m. 7764

BARNLEY DISTRICT.—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cuns of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7768

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at Southill. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Killamash and St. Clement's. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th (no names no tea) to Alan S. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Patton Road, Biggleswade. Phone 3215. 7778

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hesse, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 9th, to Mr. R. Sharpe, 6, Clarke's Gardens, Hesse. 7762

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual and Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, March 11th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing at St. Alkmund's 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—G. A. Halls. 7794

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, March 11th, annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by 9th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Look up St. Clement's Bob Major and Lincolnshire Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7728

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting at Whittlesford, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 6 o'clock onwards.—E. W. Bullman. 7791

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street, Colchester. 7755

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), March 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7773

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m., at St. Nicholas' and Stoke, 2.30 to 4.15 at Holy Trinity, 7.15 to 9 St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.15 at Holy Trinity. Tea buffet and service 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, the 7th.—S. Russell, Hon. Sec., Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 7799

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridge-north District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockton (6), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday previous, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Shropshire. 7782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 11th. Bishop's Stortford, 3 p.m. Special business: Formation of Bishop's Stortford District, and election of secretary. Names for tea to H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam. 7771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District).—Quarterly meeting, and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch)—Annual meeting at Staplehurst, on March 11th. Bells (8) 3 n.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7727

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Saturday, March 11th, annual District meeting, St. James', Bristol. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by March 9th, to B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. Tel.: 48933. 7763

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, Warwick, Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 n.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, March 15th, to Mr. W. R. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton. 7789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heversham, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 n.m. Tea 4.30 n.m. meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Miththorpe, Westmorland. 7789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen, St. Helens, March 11th. Bells 3 n.m. Service 4.30 n.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitfield Road, St. Helens, Lancs, by March 8th.—J. H. Wilton, Sec. 7785

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, March 11th. Refreshments provided.—J. Wilmsey. 7788

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGNING SOCIETY AND SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Intr meeting, on March 11th. Ringing at Bristol (8) 2.30-5 n.m. and Thornhill (6), 7.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby (6), on March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 8th, to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester. 7780

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. All names for tea, please, by March 8th, to D. C. Birkinshaw, 114, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3. (Finchley 3288.) 7759

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 7781

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who send names by March 7th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury, St. Thomas'. Salisbury, 7-8 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall (left-handed eight), on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to R. Austin, Cleveland Avenue, High Ercall, Wellington. 7776

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, March 11th. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 7776

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District.—Meeting at Debenham, March 11th, to elect secretary and committee. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than March 9th, to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal. 7758

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Norman tower (10), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 7740

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 11th. Lyndhurst (8) 2.30 p.m. Brockenhurst (6) 6 p.m. Tea 5. The New Forest Cafe, Lyndhurst. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. Godfrey, 'Pinehurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 7779

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bredon's Norton (6), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Please notify for tea by March 8th, to C. B. Longmore, Sec., 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 7753

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Thanet, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and cakes only, cost 1s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, please, by March 13th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7719

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), March 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Kent. Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 15th.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7787

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those notifying C. Copp, North Muskham, Notts, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 7770

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Rothwell, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7790

LADIES' GUILD.—St. Margaret's, Ipswich. March 25th. Ringing, and meeting to discuss revival of Eastern District. Names, please, of those interested to Miss Alice Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market. 7775

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service in St. Peter's Church, at 12 noon. Names for lunch, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, Hon. Sec., 9, Kenmon Road, Wells, Somerset. 7796

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7777

BEVERLEY SOCIETY'S RECORD YEAR

A record year for recruitment was reported at the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, held at Beverley on February 11th. During 1960, 30 new members joined, bringing the membership to 120, representing 28 towers in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. There were increased attendances at the monthly meetings, which had included the first visit of the Society to Wakington.

Forty-two ringers attended the meeting and the 10 bells at the Minster were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon, prior to a service in the Minster, when the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Bull, welcomed the Society. Tea was served in St. Mary's Church Rooms, and was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, took the chair.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster); vice-president, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington); Ringing Master, Mr. J. Johnson (Kirk Ella); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Kirk (Kirk Ella); assistant secretary, Mr. G. Pvbbs (Cottingham); committee, Miss J. Gray (Wakington), Mr. F. Dale (Hessle), Mr. J. Parker (Bridlington), Mr. C. Robinson (Sutton-on-Hull), and Mr. A. Taylor (St. Mary's, Beverley).

Thanks were accorded to Mr. J. M. Harrop (Howden) and Mr. I. N. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), who relinquished the positions of Ringing Master and assistant secretary, respectively, after two years in office. Further ringing at St. Mary's concluded an enjoyable meeting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Fifty ringers from 16 towers were represented at the Northern District's annual meeting at St. John's, Croydon, on January 28th. Ringing was supervised by Mr. F. E. Collins, the Vicar conducted the Association's form of service and Mr. H. N. Pitstow was organist.

Mrs. Collins and her helpers prepared an excellent tea, and Mr. Collins was in the chair for the business meeting. The secretary's report stated that the highlight of the year was the meeting of tower captains to inaugurate a scheme for helping bands struggling in the first stages of change ringing and the commencement of the first course of instruction at Walton-on-Thames.

Retiring District officers were re-elected, four new members elected, and the collection for the Bell Fund totalled 30s.

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OBITUARY

MR. S. SMITH AN APPRECIATION

I was sorry to learn of the passing of 'Gunboat' Smith, of Nettlebed, near Henley-on-Thames. He was, indeed, one of the characters of the village, and, although only a ringer in a modest way, he is never likely to be forgotten by those ringers who made his acquaintance.

He came to the village in 1912 from Chalgrove, where he learned to ring with his older brother, Jim, under the tuition of the late 'Freddie' Woodward. In 1914 Sid Smith went straight to the war, and Nettlebed did not see him again until 1922. He followed his vocation as a baker, but found time to interest himself in the belfry sufficiently to get the six bells rehung by White's, of Appleton, and to introduce change ringing to the tower, where previously nothing but call changes, rung from tablets on a stand in front of the ringers, had been the custom. By much perseverance, he succeeded in getting the old ringers to ring plain courses of Grand-sire Doubles for service.

By this time his brother, Jim (who died a few years ago), found employment in Nettlebed, and his experience and tremendous enthusiasm soon created a band of youngsters capable of ringing Stedman and several Minor methods. As Sid had now become steward of the village Working Men's Club his time available for ringing practice was severely restricted, and he got rather left behind, but his enthusiasm never waned, and he was always willing to do what he could for the belfry.

He was not only a ringer, but a keen sportsman, and the writer well remembers his still playing a good game of football for the village eleven when he must have been about 40 years of age. Although Sid Smith was an 'unknown' to the Exercise at large, it should be placed on record that he was instrumental, both in getting Nettlebed's bells rehung and in introducing change ringing to this remote Oxfordshire village, where it has continued ever since.

W. B.

MR. THOMAS MALE

We regret to announce the death on February 4th at his residence, 21, The Butts, Warwick, of Mr. Thomas Male, in his 77th year. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, from 1902 until 1946, when he was forced to give up ringing for health reasons, but he maintained his interest in the art until the end. The funeral service was at this church on February 9th.

MRS. BEATRICE STEWART

We regret to learn of the sudden death, on February 23rd, of Mrs. Beatrice Stewart, the beloved wife of Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset. She will be remembered as a charming hostess by very many ringers who visited Mr. Martin Stewart at the Nurseries. Much sympathy will be extended to him and the family.

REV. A. L. MINNS

We regret to record the death, on February 27th, of the Rev. Arthur Leonard Minns, Rector of Holy Trinity, Chester, the news of whose passing reached us as we were going to press. He was a ringing member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. His church, a new building, situated on a housing estate, is of traditional design, and has a tower designed to accommodate six bells.

Mr. Minns was aged 52, and leaves a widow and four children.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 12th, 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jill V. Morgan 1, M. Elson 2, Penelope Sedgwick (first of Surprise) 3, Ann Barr 4, Lucy Allen 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. Run by the Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band for Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Macfarlane 1, M. Frost (cond.) 2, D. Fellows (first quarter) 3, Christine Rimmer 4, K. Darvill (first on six bells) 5, G. Penney 6. A 63rd birthday compliment to Arthur Malyan, a St. Stephen's ringer.

5,056 RUTLAND SURPRISE**MAJOR**By **NORMAN SMITH**

M	B	W	H	23456
	X			23564
—	X	—	2	35264
—	X			25634
—	3			24365
—	X			34625
	X			42356
—	X			25346
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					23564
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—					53274
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					32574
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