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THE NIGHT BEFORE

THERE is not a man or woman who has not during life experienced that feeling of pent-up excitement on the eve or just before an unusual event. We remember such occasions, particularly during our school days—the concern before an examination, a great sporting event, or before a first peal. Later in life came to us those dramatic minutes to zero, for within our ranks there are many who saw active service in one of the world wars, when eternity seemed so much nearer. But there are occasions far happier—the night before marriage, when both parties are expecting so much from life and hoping and praying that they will not let their partner down.

It is with such feelings of almost quivering excitement that we approach our Jubilee issue. There seems so much to be done still, like the bride putting the final touches to her trousseau. Will the missing articles arrive, or those two special advertisements? Having done special numbers before, the Editor is familiar with many of these difficulties, but each one brings its own particular problems. One thing is rigid—the time of going to press. It is no use anyone ever ringing up after 12 noon on a Tuesday with news, correction or advertisement: it can't be done. Rarely a week goes by without the Editor or his assistant having to say: 'Next week.'

We are endeavouring to make this 50th anniversary issue something special. Something never provided previously for 'The Ringing World' will be an outside cover to the 24-page issue, with the name in gold, and instead of the usual leader a facsimile of the front page of No. 1 will be reproduced. A number of special articles have been written. Naturally, much of the issue will centre on the founder and first editor, Mr. John Sparkes Goldsmith, his life and Southover Church, where he learnt to ring, being the subjects of two special articles.

Another article deals with the life of the second editor, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. And what a loyal and faithful lieutenant he was to Jack Goldsmith! There are articles from his pen in the earliest numbers—indeed throughout that first and long editorship of over 30 years he was constantly writing, and during the second war period largely wrote the paper. The affection of the dying editor to Jim Trollope is conveyed in a note written just before his last operation: 'A thousand thanks, Jim, for all your kindness and for your friendship.' The story of J. A. T. has been written by one of his pupils, a man on whom 'the mantle of Elijah' has fallen and an esteemed and fluent writer on ringing topics. There has also been a digging into the life of the present editor.

The success of a newspaper depends very largely on 'its faithful readers.' There are more than 50 of that original band of No. 1 readers not only still with us but still able to enjoy the paper week by week. While we have only been able to devote a few lines to each of these ringers—perhaps a telling phrase—there is sufficient to recall them to their friends. Some of these are great men of the Exercise; others are quiet, humble men—there is only one woman—whose service to the Exercise has been confined to their own tower, District and Guild. To the present editor they are equally as precious as those who make headlines, and such an issue gives one an opportunity of giving them somewhat belated recognition.

There are other articles to make this issue memorable—a survey of the ringing press, the improvements in ringing in the past 50 years, some well-written sonnets and other features, together with the peals, quarter peals and news of the week. We feel certain that there will be a big demand for this anniversary number. It is an issue that will appeal to a much wider circle than our ordinary readers, and we ask tower secretaries and others to place their orders at once if they are not to be disappointed.

We cannot conclude this last Editorial of the first 50 years without an expression of the spirit of thankfulness. An unseen guiding hand has enabled difficulties to be surmounted. The outbreak of the first World War was a big setback to the financial stability of the journal, and few men have faced life with greater courage than the founder. It was not merely these difficulties of production; his wife was for many years an invalid, and it was with loving care he watched over her. The wisdom of those four leaders—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, G. W. Fletcher and R. Richardson—who acquired 'The Ringing World' for the Central Council and met the substantial accumulated debt to the printers must be acknowledged with gratitude. The chances of survival of the journal are sounder with the resources of the Central Council behind it. We can see no reason if the Exercise continues to extend its goodwill, and there is a readiness to support the journal indirectly, why it should not enter into the second half of its century with courage and optimism. 'The Ringing World' has one great mission—the knitting together into one family ringers the world over. And let it not be forgotten that their pleasures should constitute a dedicated art to His service. Such thoughts imbued some of our brethren 50 years ago, and the torch they lit is being carried fearlessly into the great unknown by men and women of this generation. Yet, it is a great privilege for us to serve our Church in our art and our own special family through the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Treble	†COLIN CONWAY 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†ALAN F. S. BUSWELL .. 8
*KATHLEEN FLETCHER .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 9
†ALEX W. FRY 4	*LEWIS COBB 10
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 5	*JOHN HARTLESS 11
*JAMES DANIELS 6	JACK MUSSELL Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

A congratulatory peal to Derek and Mary Perry (née Davis), of Southport, who are now the proud parents of twin daughters—Frances and Elizabeth, sisters to Simon.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD 6
MARY HALL 2	LISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 7
JOHN A. BALDWIN 3	ALBERT M. TYLER 8
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 9
PERCY CAVE 5	DONALD E. COBB Tenor

Composed by W. J. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Frederick G. Leaker, member of St. Mary Redcliffe Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
NEIL BENNETT 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY 8
DENIS A. FRITH 4	JOHN E. COOK 9
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
First peal of Royal for the Society.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*ROSEMARY MANDER .. Treble	†DAVID J. WILKES 6
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 2	KEITH WILLIAMS 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
E. MARION KEY 4	HOWARD HOWELL 9
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5	DAVID JORDAN Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Walter R. Hughes and the 21st birthday of Miss Stella Hughes.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
MRS. J. HUNTING .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 8
*HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT 9
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JOHN DREWITT .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE 7
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
WALTER F. JUDDGE .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.
Rung for the 143rd anniversary of the bells and the centenary of the augmentation to ten.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5759 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8½ cwt.

MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 8
PETER J. EVES .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5	WALTER ARNOLD .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. 8
PETER J. EVES .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 9
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DEBENHAM. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 KNAPTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES 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.

KNAPTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18.34 x 14.30.78.14 x 90
L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E. 26543

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

GILLIAN GRANEY (Aber.) Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS (Aber.) .. 5
MOLLIE TILBURY (Swan.) .. 2	DAVID W. BEARD (Aber.) .. 6
PETER F. T. SMITH (Aber.) .. 3	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY (Card.) .. 7
BARRY J. COUZENS (Swan.) .. 4	TREVOR T. LEWIS (Card.) Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 103 lb. in F.

*IRIS THOMSON .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. 6
†JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	†GEORGE S. DEAS .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 4	DAVID HOARE .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. Treble	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 5
KENNETH R. GOODALL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 6
CYRIL RUSBY .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. 7
JOHN W. SYKES .. 4	LEONARD GOODALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
Fastest peal on the bells.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 16½ cwt.
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 2		RALPH BIRD .. 6
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 3		FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4		PETER BERESFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek Wilkinson, of the local band, and Miss Barbara Harris.

**OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob; 95 changes of method.

CECIL RADDON .. Treble	VICTOR NEAL .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	*JOHN RYDER .. 6
HAROLD WORRALL .. 3	*MICHAEL THOMSON .. 7
*DENIS MADDOCK .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

Rung as birthday compliments to Harry W. Howard and Kenneth Parker.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*RAYMOND CRAWFORD .. Treble	ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 5
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 2	PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY .. 6
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 3	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 7
*BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. First of Major in the method for all except the ringer of the second.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
CHARLES SANGWIN .. Treble	HARRY STACEY .. 5	
BEATRICE M. BOYCE .. 2	CHARLES TAYLOR .. 6	
*DAVID GARVIE .. 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN .. 7	
*EDGAR NUNN .. 4	*JEFFERY HALFORD .. Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK SANGWIN.

* First peal. First as conductor on eight bells.

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

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

COLIN A. TESTER .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*†THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	†DORIS E. COLGATE .. 6
OLIVE D. TESTER .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7
†MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	*ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

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

75th peal on the bells.

**WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 200th tower for a peal.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., March 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.		Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	D. ROY BOULD .. 5	
*YVONNE C. PORTER .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 6	
THOMAS G. MYERS .. 3	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 7	
*FREDERICK E. DAY .. 4	WALTER H. MARKS .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick E. Day.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
ANN TYLER .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. 5	
PHILIP J. EVANS .. 2	HAROLD ROBERTS .. 6	
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	HAROLD F. WHITE .. 7	
E. MARION KEY .. 4	WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A 17th birthday compliment to Tony White, son of the seventh ringer.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	*FREDERICK ROSS .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 7
GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*DENNIS T. C. SMITH .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*MARIA E. KIRBY .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
†PAUL J. DYE .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	R. JAMES COOK .. 5
JEAN L. LAVENDER .. 2	ROBERT W. HINDE .. 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 7
JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

First Surprise peal rung by the St. Mary's Society.

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CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*EVELYN CUMBERWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
CYRIL J. GOULD .. 2	RONALD E. NORRIS .. 6
†JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 4	DEREK NORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Guthrie, of Rainham, Kent.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MURIEL R. PAGE .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER .. 4	*LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 101st peal together.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Ruffles, mother of Frank and Walter; also birthday greetings to W. W. Miller and Alan Page.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	†ROBERT A. REEVES .. 5
*BARRY J. DAVIES .. 2	EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	W. NORMAN GENNA .. 7
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.

* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ARTHUR NEWTON .. Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. 2	PERCY NEWTON .. 6
*SHEILA WALLACE .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
DAVID CORNWALL .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Roland Biggs.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*BARBARA MATTHEWS .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
†RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 6
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. 7
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4	JAMES B. MORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

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

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BARRY BROWN .. Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 5
ANN BARR .. 2	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb.

RAYMOND PECK .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 7
C. JACK GIBSON .. 4	PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

In memoriam Mr. J. B. Parling, churchwarden and ringer at Halesworth, who died the previous day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*ELIZABETH WILLS .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4
†CAROLINE WILLS .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
†JUNE I. DEAR .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER SHERRATT .. Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*HENRY WINDSOR .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

* First peal in seven methods.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED LOCKWOOD .. Treble	LESLIE G. FOSTER .. 4
ARTHUR E. COOK .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 3	JOHN L. GIRT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

A farewell peal to Rev. A. S. Derbyshire, Rector of Cotton and Wickham Skeith, who is leaving for Horsington, Somerset.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Tewkesbury Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents of Northrepps and eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*ALAN HAWKES (15) .. Treble	†ARTHUR HALLING .. 4
MARTYN HAWKES .. 2	ERNEST W. PENN .. 5
†ANNE M. BROXTON .. 3	*ROGER LIDDELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Tenor 8 cwt.

RATTLEDSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B.; two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. 4
MRS. H. IVINGS .. 2	*HENRY IVINGS .. 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN E. IVINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

A farewell peal to Rev. T. H. T. Evans, Rector, who is retiring to Cheshire.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Single Court, four of Plain Bob and one of Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob Spliced.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4
EDGAR A. COLE .. 2	J. EDWARD BROWN .. 5
WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Desmond.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and one Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARGARET A. LADD .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4
MONTY W. GILBERT .. 2	*ERNEST J. LADD .. 5
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 350th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Monty W. Gilbert, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to his wife.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob, 13 St. Simon's and 11 St. Martin's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*A. KEITH PHILLIPS .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 3
*FREDA P. GREAVES .. 2	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 4

*GRAHAM J. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. First in four methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Phillips on the birth on February 2nd of a son (Nigel Keith), a brother for Susan and Helen.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Single Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*SUSAN E. WATERFIELD .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. 4
*GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. 2	C. WILLIAM HALL .. 5
HORACE O. OVER .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal.

A farewell compliment to the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, Vicar of this church for the past 4½ years and chairman of the Loughborough District for the past two years.

ALDERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four extents and one 240 (Morris) of Grandsire, eight extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*DAVID J. BARNETT .. Treble	*†MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3
ALAN F. LEE .. 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4

TERENCE J. MILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in four methods. † First on five bells. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie R. G. Taylor.

CHARTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

PAUL CATTERMORE .. Treble	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4
PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
*VIOLET I. E. RELF .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* 25th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 4
F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. 5
JOHN RYDER .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALBERT G. DRIVER .. Treble	ARTHUR E. COOK .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	JOHN L. GIRT .. 5
JAMES BAILEY .. 3	ROBERT E. LESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, R. Canterbury, April Day and Old Doubles, one extent Spliced Candlesby and Plain, and 27 Plain.

Tenor size 9½ in A sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

75th peal as conductor.

Also

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 7½ in C sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by ALAN H. BRIDGES.

First peal as conductor. First in the variation by all the band, and for the Association.

Also

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by GEOFFREY BRIDGES.

First peal as conductor.

Also

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITCHURCH BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
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GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in the variation, which is Plain Bob with Antelope Singles for bobs.

Also

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5520 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 46 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
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*HAROLD BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by ALAN H. BRIDGES.

* First peal 'in hand.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6
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JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8
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Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 300th peal together.

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QUARTER PEALS

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. C. Dale 1, Miss L. Doane 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss E. Pryke 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Elizabeth Miller 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5. Rung as a token of respect to the Hon Wilfred Holland-Hibbert.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: A. Bywater 1, S. Roberts 2, Janet Lloyd 3, M. Challioner 4, M. H. Lloyd 5, P. Purslow 6. A compliment to the Rector (Rev. R. H. Hill), who is leaving after 15 years as rector.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Ward 1, Miss B. M. Foster 2, Miss P. A. Turk 3, Miss J. R. Cox 4, K. Medhurst 5, Miss M. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. W. Knowles 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie (first of Surprise Major) 2, A. D. Collins (first of Yorkshire) 3, A. Elsmore 4, J. D. Holden 5, E. Speake 6, H. Griffiths 7, R. J. Lees (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8.

BROSELEY, SALOP.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Garbett 1, Dorothy E. Garbett 2, Joyce B. White 3, W. J. Garbett 4, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 5, W. Harishorne 6. For Evensong.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Roberts 1, H. White 2, H. Roberts 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, A. H. Lawton 5, W. G. Talbot 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, J. Talbot 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. White 1, Mrs. H. Roberts 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, A. H. Lawton 5, H. Roberts 6, W. G. Talbot 7, J. Talbot 8.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratton (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. First of Single Oxford for all the band except the conductor. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Watts, father of the 3rd ringer, and grandfather of the 6th.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On March 5th, 1,260 Minor (Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob): D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, W. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods for 1, 2 and 4.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Sheppard 1, W. Smith (cond.) 2, R. Law 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, O. Lamb 6. First quarter in the method in Africa, and for all the band. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge): K. Ward 1, F. Scott 2, D. Hilling 3, Kathleen Higgins 4, D. Cornwall 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Smith 1, Hilary Martin 2, Pauline Fennell 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Garwood (first quarter) 1, W. J. Atkins (first in the method) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, B. Cracknell 4, D. R. Bartholomew (first as cond.) 5, A. Grover 6. For morning service.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On March 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilda Kingcott 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Mary Hall 3, D. G. Yeo 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. Brain 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, C. E. Lewington 8. A compliment by West Country Roving Ringers to Michael and Monica Horseman, on the birth of their son, Mark David.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, F. Perry 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Cook.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. V. Young 1, Mrs. D. Belamy 2, T. Toze 3, E. Quick 4, H. Purchase 5, I. Hall 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Feb. 26th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Cooke (cond.) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, P. Newing 5, E. Pannell 6, T. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chambers (first quarter) 1, B. Ward 2, D. Urquhart 3, R. Spencer 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, J. Murkitt 6. Rung for the christening, by the Bishop of Peterborough, of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brodenell.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bridges 1, A. H. Bridges 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, D. Parkin 4, C. T. Hughes 5, D. G. Astridge 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Hillary Jackson 1, K. R. Goodall 2, Catherine Bradley 3, Angela Scutt 4, L. Goodall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, J. W. Sykes 7, G. N. Goodall 8. Rung in memory of Thomas Barker (for 60 years a bellringer at this church), who passed away March 2nd, 1958.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Smith (first of Minor) 1, P. Codrington (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Burton (first of Minor) 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. For Evensong, to celebrate the Feast of St. Chad (dedication of church).

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith 1, W. E. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, R. C. Chew (cond.) 4, F. Turner 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Tasker, of Dymock.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Turland (first quarter) 1, Judy Frost 2, D. M. Trueman (first as cond.) 3, G. C. Paul 4, G. T. Dickens (first quarter) 5, C. C. L. Lamberton (first quarter) 6. All of the band under 16 years and members of Northampton Grammar School.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: 1. Whiting 1, W. Jones 2, P. Clarkson 3, G. Green 4, W. Cox 5, M. J. Pryor 6, T. Boreham 7, L. Edwards 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, J. Whiting 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney Romans, former member of Cathedral band.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Whitfield (first quarter) 1, W. Sykes 2, Miss C. Dearnley 3, Miss M. Smith (first 'inside') 4, R. B. Mitchell 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. Saunders 3, C. E. Truman 4, W. A. Yates 5, J. Linnell 6, E. J. Smith 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Smith 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, B. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On March 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,372 Plain Bob Major: Penelope Sedgwick 1, Marlene E. Jones (first 'inside') 2, Jill V. Morgan 3, Ann Barr 4, J. B. Webb 5, B. J. Townsend 6, C. M. Smith 7, M. Elson (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6, J. Fowler 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant 10. For Matins. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gasson (first of Triples) 1, Miss M. March (first 'inside') 2, G. Pratt 3, M. P. Barton 4, N. Davies 5, P. Catermole 6, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 7, C. Pain 8. For Matins.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Julia Chandler 1, A. Gammon 2, Helen Williams 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5. In memory of Albert Wesley Priestley, vicar's warden for 20 years.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, P. G. Smart 4, B. A. Todd (first as cond.) 5, K. R. A. Glue 6. For Evensong.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, on Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: C. Sayer (first on 12) 1, S. Boar 2, F. N. Golden (cond.) 3, G. Sayer 4, C. Curson 5, A. G. Bason 6, D. Cubitt 7, C. Bird 8, S. Gall 9, W. Love 10, W. Barrett 11, B. Gogle 12. For Evensong, on the eve of the 73rd birthday of ringer of 2. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Bird 1, F. N. Golden (cond.) 2, A. G. Bason 3, S. Gall 4, D. Cubitt 5, G. Sayer 6, W. Love 7, F. C. Goodman 8, B. Gogle 9, H. W. Barrett 10. For Evensong.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury (50th quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, A. D. Leach 3, J. Martin (50th quarter) 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. For afternoon service, and as a birthday compliment to J. A. Martin.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. A. Lister 1, D. M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. S. Hart 4, R. G. Morris 5, J. K. Foot 6, V. H. Nash 7, R. E. Tallia (jun., cond.) 8. For Matins.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. C. W. Mayes (first quarter) 1, J. F. Carter 2, F. J. Saez 3, S. C. Walters 4, N. R. Waite (first as cond.) 5, A. D. W. Logan (first quarter) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Tomlin 1, P. Coward 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hatch 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Holroyd 1, Miss N. Chadcock 2, S. Armeson 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, R. Woodward 6, J. N. D. Chadcock 7, N. C. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 3. Rung prior to Morning Eucharist.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whitworth 1, Ann Chettle 2, S. Hodgkins 3, J. M. Clifton 4, H. Richardson 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, W. Dickens 7, G. Smith 8. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Chettle 1, Christine Wood 2, B. Whitworth 3, S. Hodgkins 4, J. M. Clifton 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, J. M. Clarke 7, A. Gibbs 8. Both rung for Sunday services.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,360 Minor (Spliced St. Clement's and Plain, Spliced Plain and Little): C. Webb 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, O. Cripps 3, W. Simpson 4, J. Harvey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 5.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jill V. Morgan 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, Ann Barr 3, J. B. Webb (cond., extents 1-5) 4, C. M. Smith (cond., 6-10) 5. Rung by the Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band, for Evensong.

SOMERTON, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,360 Doubles (April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Margaret J. Cozier 1, A. Gammon 2, J. S. Walker (first as cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5, S. D. Edwards 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On March 7th, at the University of Southampton, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. N. Evans 1-2, Mrs. M. E. Chapman (cond.) 3-4, A. J. Tumber 5-6, J. R. Goodenough 7-8. First of Major 'in hand' for 1-2 and 7-8.

STAFFORD.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Harvey (first quarter) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, D. Murcott (first in method) 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, R. Barlow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, J. C. Evans 8. Rung for Commissioning of Assize.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Seighford, Kennington, All Saints', Clifford's Pleasure): Margaret Cozier 1, J. S. Walker 2, N. D. Deam 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5, R. H. Jones 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Noel D. Deam.

STEPNEY.—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Thomas 1, H. Weedon 2, J. Sheldrick (first as cond.) 3, L. Fox 4, P. Tarling 5, J. Scotcher 6. For Evensong.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Halling 3, F. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Hawkes 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Penney (first quarter) 1, R. S. Drewett 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, Miss M. Wright 6. First of Grandsire Doubles on working bell for 2 and 3. Rung on the eve of Michael Penney's 12th birthday.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Smith 1, G. Cloughton 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, F. J. Cook 5, W. F. Gladman 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On March 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. Ducker 1, C. R. Robinson 2, J. G. Hobson 3, T. W. Thirkill 4, J. A. Singleton (first in method) 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds, M.A.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Axion 1, W. Paul 2, B. Hullah 3, D. Laud (cond.) 4, D. Bell 5, R. Smith 6, R. Bell 7, G. Seaman 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving Watford to take up nursing.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey M. Short 1, Jean Gay (first 'inside' in the method) 2, R. Davis (first 'inside') 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bentley (first quarter) 1, Christine Froggatt 2, B. Mills (cond.) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, R. W. Winstanley 5, A. H. Longhurst (first quarter) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. E. Truman 1, L. Smith 2, D. Burbidge (first on eight) 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts 6, J. Linnell 7, J. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

HEADS OR TAILS

By JOHN SEGAR

Ringers couple together two words of opposite meanings. The extent of Plain Bob Minor can be rung with calls at Wrong and Right. Stedman has Quick and Slow bells. In and Out are used for various reasons. Handstroke and Backstroke is the first pair of opposites to be explained to a learner. No instructor would use these words the wrong way round, but among those who conduct or compose Surprise Major, there are many who persist in using the wrong word of a pair. In 1960 'The Ringing World' printed forty-six place notations. These were the subject of an article by Mr. Wilson. At the end of thirteen notations there was information about the falseness of the methods. I am sorry Mr. Wilson did not deal with this also as it was confusing. We were told that 12436578 is a Course-head and also that it is a Course-end. Somebody must be wrong.

1	123456		
	X		
	153624		X
2	156342	B	153624
	X		156342
	146253		

Over fifty years ago I prepared some small cards for composing Minor. Between the head and the end of card No. 1 there is an X for the ten changes missing from a lead of twelve. Alternatively the X is for twenty-two changes between the head and end of a treble bob lead. The method need not be named as the card is correct for forty-five methods. If it represents a plain method there is a choice of five cards, any of which is legitimate if placed second.

My selected No. 2 has 156342 at its head. When a conductor calls a bob much too late one of the protests will be from the ringer who says he had made seconds before the call. This is exactly the fault with card B. Seconds had been made before the line was

drawn and it is too late for a call. Those who say 156342 is the first lead-end based upon the drawing of the line as in diagrams and card B should admit that a call is impossible and anything longer than a plain course is also impossible. Those who prepare cards, as Nos. 1 and 2, can play with sixty of them and obtain extents in many methods, separately or spliced. Mr. A. R. Pink and one other, not identified, are correct in stating 12436578 is the head of a course. The remainder say it is the end. They are in the majority but they are wrong.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Ranmoor on March 4th, when the melodious ring of 10 bells was put to good use in methods up to Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, and London and Bristol Surprise Major. Reports of the secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master revealed a satisfactory year's working. One major change in the rules, which was carried unanimously, was the election of a new president each year, thus providing an opportunity for suitable members to serve the Society in this office.

Mr. Fred Cardwell, of Handsworth, was elected president, and Mr. Frank Brunt, of Thrybergh, president-elect to serve as president the following year.

Next meeting, Ecclesfield, April 8th.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Susan Sheath (first quarter) 1, Sheila Bradder 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, G. Francis 4, G. C. Rix (cond.) 5, R. A. Banner (first quarter) 6. For St. David's Day.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Algate 1, P. J. Bird 2, I. C. Buckland 3, P. E. Parry 4, F. W. E. Carter 5, D. C. Exell (cond.) 6, D. J. Hunt 7, C. J. Richards 8.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE BELLRINGER

REMEMBER Wednesday evenings to keep them wholly for the practice.

THOU SHALT NOT tarry without the gates.

THOU SHALT hearken to the sound of thy striking and keep thy bell within her place.

THOU SHALT NOT bump the stay of thy bell lest it break and thou be carried up to the heavens.

THOU SHALT NOT follow one rope too long, for the eyes are the windows of the mind and if they be glued to one rope how shall the mind be lighted.

THOU SHALT NOT rely completely upon thy helper, but cultivate thine own understanding, for he that listeneth for his helper from place to place shall stumble and perish, but he than counteth his own places can in no wise strike in the wrong place.

THOU SHALT learn thy methods well.

THOU SHALT NOT contemplate thy homework nor thy housework nor thy boy friend nor any characteristic of thy fellow ringers, lest when the bob is called thou be taken unawares and be utterly confounded.

THOU SHALT NOT break any covenant with the band to follow after thy wife nor thy best girl nor thy second-best girl nor thy friend nor thy enemy, for the band will not hold him worthy that turneth his 'yea' to 'nay.'

HONOUR thy band and thy Ringing Master and forget not that regular attendance is also expected of thee on Sundays.

P. F.

BRECON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M. Dunning 1, G. P. Davies 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. M. Peterson 4, M. T. Johns (first as cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. Rung for the birthdays of ringers 5 and 6. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): J. A. Ellis (first attempt) 1, Miss S. Roderick 2, M. T. Johns 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, E. P. J. Pollard 6.

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At the conclusion of the peal at Leicester Cathedral on February 27th. Harold G. Jenney was heartily congratulated on ringing a peal again after a lapse of two years. Harold, now in his 80th year, has rung many peals of Maximus in different methods, but this was his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. He has been a member of the Cathedral Society for nearly 50 years, and now very rarely misses practice and Sunday service ringing. He is a true 'Servant of the Exercise.'

A good friend of the ringing fraternity has been Mr. F. L. Cobb, publicity officer to the B.B.C. We wish him many happy years of retirement. His successor is Mr. Brian Mulliner.

Northampton Grammar School has now entered the list of ringing schools. A band of their pupils, all under 16, rang a quarter peal at Gayton.

Mr. W. F. Gladman, who learnt to handle a bells 40 years ago at Studham, Beds (four bells), has just rung his first quarter at Totternhoe. He was reintroduced to ringing by his son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sinfield).

The current issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the N.S.W. Association, contains an appreciation of the work of Mr. John Cummins, who has resigned, after six years in office, the post of editor. Since his resignation there has been a delay of five months in publication. The acting editor is Mr. W. D. Watson, 17, Norton Street, Randwick, Sydney, N.S.W.

The name of Mr. Ronald Marlow, of Fordingbridge, should be associated with the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Christchurch Priory, on February 25th, as he organised both this and the previous attempt, made on October 29th last year. Unfortunately, Mr. Marlow was prevented from ringing in the successful attempt owing to illness. Mr. Alan Buswell, of Portsmouth, now staying in Bournemouth, completed the band at short notice and had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal on 12 bells at the first attempt.

BELFRY GOSSIP

An alarming and unfortunate experience occurred at St. James' Church, West Teignmouth, on Sunday, March 5th. A tremendous thud was heard while ringing was in progress. An inspection revealed that the gudgeons of the tenor had broken and the bells was found lying in the pit. It will be some time before ringing can take place in this tower. Birmingham ringers, who were due here on April 11th, will, in consequence, be unable to ring.

The peal rung at Holbeach on February 13th (see page 154), was Biddenden Surprise Major and not as printed.

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries at Spalding (see page 161), the number of new members elected was 17 and not seven as printed.

Appealing for ringers, the Rev. D. V. Clatworthy, Vicar of Pensford with Publow, said that with watches, clocks and radio there was only one reason left for ringing church bells today, the best of all—to sound forth the glory of God. You, who read this, will you learn to be a ringer for the love of God, or are you already thinking of an excuse?

Sympathy was expressed at 'The Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner on Saturday week, to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ainsworth, Mr. J. E. Anderson and Miss I. Thompson. They were motoring down from Newcastle to attend the function when, after travelling 50 miles, the big end of the motor car failed. In consequence hopes of Birmingham had to be abandoned.

There was a court sequel on March 7th to an incident that followed the practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland (6), on January 11th. Mr. William Mallinson (70), retired bank official, who pleaded guilty to having an offensive weapon with him, was bound over to keep the peace. The allegation was that as Mr. Thomas Lambert (80), the tower captain, was leaving the church Mr. Mallinson rushed at him and prodded him in the thigh with a sword. In court Mr. Mallinson said the sword was never out of the sheath, except to show it to the bus driver.

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Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 24th Council (64th Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1961, in the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)).—Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1961.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14).—Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by Tuesday, April 11th, 1961.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible and not later than May 6th, 1961, to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

WHIT SUNDAY, May 21st.—Leave headquarters 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Broughton (8), Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Uttoxeter (8). Arrive back at headquarters 9 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of high tea and gratuities, 16s.

WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Alton (8), Bake-well (8), Buxton (8), Cheadle R.C. (8), Leek (10), Youtgreave (8). Arrive back at headquarters 8.30 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch, high tea and gratuities, 24s.

WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Clive (6), Hodnet (8), Market Drayton (8), Whitchurch (8). Arrive back at headquarters 5 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch and gratuities, 17s. 6d.

INDUSTRIAL VISIT—WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

Arrangements have been made for a party to tour the factory of Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., on the morning of Wednesday, May 24th. As numbers are strictly limited applications for inclusion in the party should be sent as soon as possible to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

MR. FREDERICK LEAKER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

In recognition of over 60 years' ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, two presentations were made to Mr. Frederick Leaker in the belfry on February 19th. Both gifts were of premium bonds and were made by the Vicar. One was on behalf of the churchwardens and the other from his ringing friends. In making the presentations the Vicar referred to Mr. Leaker's 80th birthday and his record of ringing in Bristol, of which he could be truly proud. Returning his thanks, Mr. Leaker said he hoped to be spared to serve his church for years to come.

His birthday was on the previous day, a happy day for Fred socially and in the tower. Alas, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on his favourite bells, the old Temple eight, now installed in Bristol Cathedral, came to an untimely end after 1½ hours, and an attempt at a quarter was thwarted by the arrival of the B.B.C., two courses from home.

Peals of Cambridge Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's and Bristol at Kingham were scored as a tribute to him.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Ringing was of a high standard at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on March 4th, and ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Major. About 30 ringers attended.

Canon Harry Williams, in his address at the service, told a graphic story of Bishop Gwynne's 50 years in the Sudan. Mrs. Whitworth and her lady assistants were thanked for a very nice tea, which was followed by a short business meeting.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 11



MR. JACK L. MILLHOUSE,
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

One of the most prolific peal ringers in the country since the war has been Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln. He has taken part in some really remarkable performances, and yet, at the same time, he has not forgotten to help any member of his Guild who wishes to ring a peal in some simple method. His own tower of St. Giles', Lincoln, has always been a strong tower for teaching beginners, and continually providing good ringers for Lincoln Cathedral, and other towers in the District. The constant progress made in this tower gives him as much pleasure and enjoyment as does calling a peal of Spliced Surprise with a more seasoned band.

Jack, who was born on April 17th, 1916, first learnt to ring at Lincoln Cathedral in 1934, when they decided to teach a new band for the Church of St. Giles. This was the old St. Peter-at-Arches, in the centre of the city, and was removed to a new housing estate. He was made a member of the Cathedral Company in 1936, then under the brilliant leadership of the late John Freeman,

who was a first class conductor. He joined the St. Giles' tower, when the bells were installed in 1938, and he has always rung for four Sunday services ever since.

His first peal was on the treble at Navenby, Lincs, on February 23rd, 1935, and his first peal as conductor was at Elston, Notts, on September 19th, 1936, this being seven Minor methods. He scored his first Major as conductor by calling Double Norwich at East Markham, Notts, on October 23rd, 1937. His present total of peals, to the end of January, is 836, of which he has conducted 440.

Among the interesting performances he has taken part in are peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 16, 22 and 32 methods, which were records at the time, and he has conducted quite a number of four or more methods. In 1948 he took part in the present record length of 14,144 London Surprise Major, rung at Heydour, Lincs, and he has been a very keen exponent of Spliced Minor ringing, having taken part in peals of 70, 100, 104 and 125 methods, the last three being then records.

Since the war, in which Jack served in the Royal Navy, he has turned his attention to handbell ringing, and his rung a lot of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and more recently has rung peals of Spliced Plain Major in hand, in 27, 36, 42 and 50 methods, conducted by George Fern, though some of these have unfortunately turned out to be false. He called the first peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey Royal and Maximus for the Lincoln Guild, and has also called the first peal for the Guild of nearly 50 different Surprise Major methods.

Jack is employed in the furnishing business, and is a member of St. Giles' P.C.C., as well as Ringing Master of his church, and holds the same office for the Central Branch of the Guild. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1960.

He is a keen supporter of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and has rung quite a number of peals for this Society in his own area. He particularly enjoyed the Cumberland peals of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, and Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He has rung peals on all the rings of eight in Lincolnshire, except four, and has rung peals on a large number of the 12-bell towers in the country.

Jack, being of a jolly and friendly nature, is very popular with all his many friends. He sets an example to all keen peal ringers of what their duties should be. He teaches beginners, holds various offices, and calls peals in any method to suit the band and occasion. Everyone will wish him good luck for his 1,000 peals, which are now not far distant.

APACE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Some 40 ringers and friends enjoyed ringing on the fine six (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Smarden on February 25th, on the occasion of the Ashford District meeting.

Miss V. Relf reported on the praiseworthy efforts being made by the Tenterden ringers, backed by the borough civic authorities, in promoting a Local Industries Exhibition, in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. She also reported that arrangements for the Association dinner, to be held at Tenterden on September 30th, were well in hand.

Mr. A. Waddington showed members the long-awaited certificate of membership, now available at 1s. each. He had also made available programmes of meetings and events in the District for 1961, artistically produced by the Printers' Guild of Ashford North Modern Boys' School, at the instigation and expense of Mr. J. Batchelor.

Mr. Batchelor voiced the thanks of the gathering to the Rev. J. Watts, Vicar, for conducting the service; to Mr. F. G. Deveries, the organist, and his choir for lending their services; to Mr. P. Reeves, for making the local arrangements; and to mine host and hostess of 'The Chequers,' for providing such an excellent tea.

C. T. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Whitechurch Canoniscom on February 25th. Ringing included the usual Triples and up to Surprise Major, under the leadership of Mr. D. Bishop, Branch Ringing Master.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. V. Syer, and the lesson and address given by Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox. The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. A warm welcome was expressed to Preb. E. V. Cox and to a large number of visitors. Grateful thanks were voiced to the local ringers and their wives for giving a wonderful tea.

Nine ringing members were elected from Thorncombe. The honorary secretary stated that Thorncombe had nearly half the money for a sixth bell, and it was decided to give the day's collection (£1 10s.) to this tower. A brief report of the general committee meeting was given and it was decided to run a coach to the Guild Festival at Calne, on May 13th. Next meeting, Powerstock, April 15th.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Bernice Frodsham (first quarter) 1, T. G. Pickering 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, C. Underwood 4, A. G. Evelyn (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6, Rung for Confirmation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SHENSTONE

THE small village of Shenstone, Staffordshire, lies to the south-west of where two main roads cross, the A38 and the A5 being about three miles from the city of Lichfield. The two towers in one churchyard are well known landmarks for some miles; one, together with an attached 13th century doorway, is all that remains of a Norman church built on the hilltop, and demolished in 1852. The following year a new church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, built in red brick faced in stone and capable of seating 600 people, was consecrated a few yards to the south of its predecessor.

Of change ringing history, Shenstone can boast nothing, as the bells have always been manned by call change ringers. Peals have occasionally been rung on them by visiting bands, however, but the writer has only been able to trace three as yet and additional information, if any, would be welcomed.

In August, 1909, the Rev. E. V. Cox conducted Holt's Original from the 3rd, in 3 hours 3 minutes with a band drawn from Lichfield. It only took 2 hours 49 minutes to ring Thurstans' Four-Part with a mixed band of whom the conductor was Thomas Bloore, ringing the 6th, in June, 1914. The last peal on the bells appears to be Parker's Twelve-Part rung on March 20th, 1937, in 2 hours 48 minutes, by the following ringers: P. George Golder (first peal) 1, Harold Smith 2, George E. Oliver 3, Howard Howell (50th peal) 4, Barnabas G. Key 5, Aubrey M. Pickering 6, Harry Boswell (conductor) 7, and Albert J. Hubble 8. Since the last war at least two attempts have been made by ringers from Lichfield, both lost through the shocking state of the bells.

It would appear that in 1813 the younger Thomas Mears supplied a ring of six, with a tenor weighing approximately 9 cwt. These bells, of course, were hung in the old tower. In 1864, John Taylor and Co. recast the tenor, and in all probability rehung the six for the use of the newer building. Interest in bells is evident by the fact that only the following year, J. Warner and Sons added a treble and tenor, at the same time recasting the 4th, the resulting eight being hung in a new wooden frame. The fifth bell must have been unsatisfactory as in 1898 James Barwell, of Birmingham, was recasting it, together with the 6th, and rehanging the whole ring on the Warner frame. Therefore we have four foundries, of different periods, represented in only eight bells, and one can imagine that except to the tone-deaf the resultant noise must have been most unsatisfactory.

The writer had the good fortune to ring on this collection of eight bells in April, 1951, but being only his 7th tower 'away' his bell tone knowledge was nil. It was soon observed, however, that the bells were very rough going and that their fittings and the ringing room were in a sad state of neglect. In 1953, the eight bells, being unringable, were removed to

the Loughborough foundry. In view of the mixed and really bad composition of the bells, an agreement was reached for a new 'Minor' ring of three bells to be supplied in exchange for the old bell metal. (Apparently, since found to be so bad that not all could be re-used by the foundry.) The 'Minor' three bells were supplied together with new fittings throughout and hung on ball bearings. The Warner frame was retained, being in good condition but was strengthened where necessary. These bells have since been little used except as '5 minute bells.'



About three years ago a new incumbent arrived who was soon determined to see more bells in the church tower, and an order has now been placed with the Loughborough foundry to supply two new trebles to make up a 'Minor five,' these to cost about £500; this amount has already been found from within the parish. There is now an enthusiastic move afoot to raise the £380 necessary to pay for the addition of a new tenor, which will have to be about 9½ cwt. in A, to provide what should be an excellent example of a modern ring of six.

If present arrangements go according to plan, these bells will not hang silent through lack of ringers. The writer has volunteered to train the seven people, together with the Vicar, who have come forward to learn, and a weekly lashed clapper practice has commenced on the three bells in readiness for the imminent arrival of the new ones this year. During the past few weeks, these recruits have spent several evenings a week cleaning out about 10 years' accumulation of dirt, and in completely redecorating and refurbishing the ringing room, and are an example to all who regularly ring in dirty bellfries.

It will be obvious that any donations, however small, will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, Rev. J. Ormston, The Vicarage, Shenstone, near Lichfield, Staffs, towards the above efforts. The dedication and future ringing arrangements will be announced in due course in this paper.

C. M. S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

A programme of ringing from 2.30 until nearly 9 p.m. was arranged for the meeting of the Western District held at Winklaton on February 9th. There were two breaks—for the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. J. G. Fox), and the excellent tea, provided by local ringers' wives and the young girl ringers. All were appropriately thanked—Mr. W. Tyson, the Rector and Miss M. E. Marriott and the ladies.

The large attendance enjoyed the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor, Beverley proving to be most popular.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

The officers of St. Peter Mancroft Ringing Guild, Norwich, were re-elected at the annual meeting on February 13th. These are: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. F. N. Golden, Deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Christopher Sayer was elected a member, and the accounts showed a balance of £42 2s. 8d. Weekly practices are on Mondays, 7.45-9 p.m. Thanking the members for their loyal support to the church, the president (the Rev. F. Jarvis) said he would like to see more members of the church take up bellringing.

STANDARD NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR RECORD PEAL

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the attempt for 23,111 Grandsire Caters at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on March 4th, was called off by the conductor (Mr. Frank B. Lufkin).

In his report on the attempt, Mr. Lufkin writes:—

The attempt started at 8.10 a.m., and in the fifth course I called a bob a lead late so 'stand' had to be called. A fresh start was made and the difficult courses were rung satisfactorily, but near the end of the first part a trip occurred, which had to be corrected, and I considered this was not good enough for a record peal, so the bells were brought round and a peal of only 5,759 changes rung.

The band, during the afternoon, rang a peal at Stonham Aspal.

Thanks are due to:—

(1) The ladies who supplied the hot drinks at the conclusion of the peal.

(2) The lady who supplied breakfast to four members, who arrived early.

(3) Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, for the lunches for the complete company, afterwards.

(4) Jim Pipe and Ron Steward, who acted as engineers and general organisation at Grundisburgh.

(5) The Rector of Grundisburgh for the privilege of the use of the bells, his welcome and his invitation to come again and finish the job.

(6) Mrs. Button for her part before the afternoon peal.

(7) Billy Button, for his welcome after the peal.

(8) To all folk of Grundisburgh and Stonham Aspal for their general welcome.

Failure there was yet successful in making new friends and renewing old friendships, so a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you, Grundisburgh and Suffolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

East Berks & South Bucks Branch

About 70 ringers attended the monthly meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Chalfont St. Peter on February 25th, when the Guild service was conducted by Canon McKenzie, who in his address spoke on the history of Chalfont Church and its bells. Mr. W. Birmingham read the lesson and remembered in prayers were Jesse Harrison (79), H. Buckingham (91), W. E. Yates (88), F. Sinkins (96) and G. G. Gilbert (73). A collection for the Guild Restoration Fund realised £1 4s. 4d.

Ringing was under the direction of Messrs. W. Cornwall and E. G. Swift and the Branch gave a welcome to Mr. G. Harris and three young ladies from Denham. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Swift and her helpers for an excellent tea.

E. G. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

A pleasant afternoon and a delightful 15th century church attracted a good number of District members to the meeting on February 18th, at Monken Hadley. During the afternoon and evening, ringing ranged from rounds and standard methods to more complicated methods, including Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Erin Triples.

The service, including an excellent address, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wood. The business meeting was held in the tower with Mr. G. Dodds as chairman, minus a chair. Wheathampstead was decided on for the next meeting and Hull Surprise Minor was chosen as the special method.

C. M. R.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCAST PROBLEMS IN VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—We have been reading with interest the difficulties arising from the plans made to broadcast Christmas ringing in the British Isles. We, too, here in Canada, have had our problems.

During the four years our Society has been in existence we have tried to continue the good habit the early band at this tower established, of having these bells broadcast at New Year's Eve. The first two years C.J.O.R. radio station carried the broadcast quite successfully. Since then our broadcasts have not been as we would have wished.

This past New Year we were heard from coast to coast on C.B.C., but the commentator, I think in an honest attempt to use all the information he had acquired from us, talked all the way through the ringing!—which to this point had consisted only of the 12 strokes of midnight and a few call changes. At about four minutes after 12, just as our conductor called us into Grandsire Triples, the broadcast was switched to an 'on the street' report and dance music. That was the end of the bells! We were glad to note the several letters of protest which resulted. I am sure there are many English people in Canada who would have enjoyed hearing 15-20 minutes of change ringing.

Ours is also a problem of educating the public, as change ringing is a comparatively new art in Canada. I think next year we will decide what we want to do in a broadcast and then see if any of the local radio stations are willing to co-operate.

Another point: we have found that in a live broadcast—perhaps because we are keyed up by excitement—our ringing has far surpassed any we have ever done before!

We hope to improve these broadcasts and to this end we find the Christmas broadcast comments in 'The Ringing World' most helpful.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) J. FRANCES BODIE,
Chairman.

The Vancouver Society of
Change Ringers

DOES IT JUSTIFY A NEW NAME?

Dear Sir.—Plenty has been said concerning methods and variations in Doubles ringing in your columns recently, and I do not wish to add to the confusion, but I would like to point out that the only difference I can see between Lubbesthorpe and Zouche Surprise Royal is the substitution of 8064975231 for 8064972531 in the 17th change of the plain lead and a similar alteration at the 23rd. The plain course of each method is identical except for these two changes.

Surely this very slight alteration of the position of two bells for one blow does not justify a new name for the method, considering the large number of combinations available with 10 bells.

Even the variation from Plain Bob to Reverse Canterbury P.B. Doubles is a bigger step than that.

Perhaps Mr. Warwick would let us know whether he used the same composition for both peals and whether he regards the phrase 'Rung without previous practice' really justifiable, under the circumstances.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BROWN.

Portbury.

EMNETH BELLS

Dear Sir.—I noticed on page 96 it is recorded that the bells of Emneth, Norfolk, were cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, nearly 200 years ago. Emneth Church records, however, show that the frame dates back to 1619, in which hung three bells. Other bells were probably added as the timbers in the oldest part of the frame show room for more than three. Also large pieces of stone have been cut out of the tower wall in the shape of bell swinging arcs.

Another record shows that William Dobson, of Downham Market, in 1807, melted down some bells, then cast and hung the existing ring of five, the tenor of which measures 3 feet 5 inches and weights about 12½ cwt., in between the keys of G and G sharp.

It is not known what happened to the remaining bell metal, but it is believed that it was sold and the money used to replace the church roof, which had, at that time, been destroyed and the tower badly split. The tower is now held together by a chain at ringing chamber height (about 50 feet). The bell frame is the original one apart from various top additions. The tenor bell hangs in roller bearings, fitted by Bowell, and the top four in ball bearings, fitted by Mears and Stainbank about ten years ago. Until last year the 'go' of these four was bad, the third having a lop sided bearing and catching the frame at one side.

Thanks to the local tower master, Mr. A. K. Phillips, who has replaced clapper fittings, straightened the third bearing and added various iron fittings, the bells are now in good ringing condition and have been a delight to ring to two peals so far.—Yours, etc.,

GRAHAM J. MANN.

Elm, Wisbech.

BELLRINGER'S BADGE FOR GIRL GUIDES

Dear Sir.—With regard to Gerald Pidgeon's letter in 'R.W.' page 146, I do not agree with his suggestion that 'method ringing' should be abandoned from the syllabus, if the 'home' tower of the prospective candidate is a 'call change' tower.

Whilst I agree that call changes and the method of rising and lowering he mentions does much to better good striking and handling, it does little for ropesight and half pull changes.

In most areas in this country there are associations who hold ringing meetings, and in many places practice meetings, where a Guide would be made welcome to complete her proficiency test. Surely it is a test of her keenness to put herself out to learn method ringing, especially if it is not practised in her own tower.

None of the proficiency test badges are won without some effort. I had to 'travel myself' to complete my Rangers' Bellringer's Test (Community Service Bar) as my 'home' tower was a 'call change' tower. (Rangers are the senior branch of the Girl Guide movement, and the test is similar but more advanced.)

I would suggest to Mr. Pidgeon that the syllabus is set out by H.Q. to cover the majority, and to create incentive as well as further the art of bellringing, and that he leaves rules as they are, as his other two suggestions are rules for the Rangers already.—Yours sincerely,

EDNA G. PANNELL.

Beaminster St. Mary's.

P.S.—Incidentally, Mr. Pidgeon's 'home' tower.—E. G. P.

MODERN CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—The Rev. A. S. O. Graham is despondent at the present day tendency to design and build churches without towers or any provision for the installation of bells.

In Bournemouth I know of at least four churches which boast fine towers, built with intention of housing a ring of bells; such bells have yet to be hung therein, although three of the churches were built over 70 years ago. Three of the four towers possess bell frames and in two of them a fine tenor bell is hung for ringing, but I doubt if the remaining bells will ever be installed unless a kind benefactor comes along with the necessary money.

This is a great pity, for one church, the newest of them, stands in a fine position and the bell music from the tower would be heard over a wide area of newly developed North Bournemouth. In addition to the above mentioned churches, there are at least two others which have bell towers planned and, indeed, the foundations for the same already built.

Mr. Graham also finds difficulty in opposing electric bells while accepting an electric organ. The answer to this one seems to me to be that the church organ has been accepted for many decades—ever since the 'box of whistles' operated by one person supplanted the musicians of the church orchestra.

We ringers are justified in resisting such a substitution in our belfries, but only as long as we do our best to ensure that the bells we do possess are rung regularly Sunday by Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

THE 'RINGER'S GUIDE'

Dear Sir.—I am now preparing the third edition of 'Dove' and would be glad to have any genuine corrections as soon as possible. This applies, particularly, to practice nights, many of which have changed or been discontinued. I am anxious to show the practice night, where this is regular and unlikely to be changed.

The majority of my weights have been verified by the bell founders and I am aware that many of them differ from local legend, which is almost invariably wrong, so please do not write to tell me that 'Dove' is wrong because 'the locals say their tenor weighs a ton' or such-like.

Neither is it necessary to tell me of augmentations which have been reported in 'The Ringing World,' yet it is surprising how many ringers do so.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue,
Leeds 8.

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THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

A LIMITATION of the number of diners to 60 resulted in a smaller gathering than usual at the 73rd annual 'Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner, held at the White Horse Hotel, Birmingham, on March 4th. The numbers were augmented after the meal. The chairman this year was Mr. F. W. Perrens, who is president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Everything possible was done for the visitors' comfort by Mr. G. E. Fearn, the Guild's honorary secretary, with a full programme of ringing. The highlight of the evening was the satirical verse written by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, at the expense of prominent members of the St. Martin's Guild.

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted formally by the chairman, who said there was one incident he would like to relate, which took place at the first of these gatherings, following the death of Henry Johnson. The chairman was Mr. A. P. Heywood, afterwards Sir Arthur, who after extolling the virtues of Henry Johnson and his great achievements in connection with ringing, finished by asking everyone present to stand and repeat, 'that his memory may be ever preserved with us.'

After the toast had been honoured the chairman asked those who had been attending these dinners for 40 years to stand. Those who rose were Messrs. Albert Walker, A. Paddon Smith, J. Frank Smallwood, Edgar C. Shepherd, Bernard Ashford and Albert Jones.

The toast of 'Continue prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was submitted by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who, to the delight of the company, read some verses entitled 'The great debunker of Birmingham or Summoned by peals.' In a more serious vein he said there was no Guild held in greater affection than St. Martin's or one better able to teach them about good ringing and good company. He had learnt and was still learning more from the Guild than any other body, and he owed the Guild a debt he could not repay.

AN ACHING VOID

The Master of the Guild (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) replied and said wandering around the city recently he made his way round the back streets and came across a great vacancy where Bishop Ryder's Church once stood. There was an aching void and it came as a great shock to him to find that the church had gone. It was an historic church—a church where Frank Smallwood started his ringing and 40 years ago it was where their old friend, James George, was Ringing Master. He understood that the bells were still in the city and would eventually appear in another tower.

The Guild had had a reasonable amount of ringing success in the past year. A great deal of that was due to their secretary, and they to hand it to him for his enthusiasm and indomitable pluck in collecting ringing bands. He would like to associate with him their Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, and it was a privilege to see the way he managed visitors and members on practice nights.

Mentioning that they had some very promising young people in the Guild, Mr. Shepherd said he saw a youngster of 13 on practice night first ring the third to Bob Minor. Then he rang the third to Stedman Caters and later Cambridge Royal. There was a new band at his own tower, Solihull, and a prosperous band at Aston. The lady ringers at King's Norton handled their bells well and were ringing Surprise methods. A great deal of credit was due to Miss Alice Greaves and Mr. Rodney Pipe.

The prosperity of a Guild did not rest on ringing performances, but other things. Punctuality was one—in not letting down seven, nine or eleven other people; in courtesy to those seven, nine or eleven people with whom one had the privilege of ringing. He was very proud of the young people they had in their Guild, and felt that wherever they went they would be good ambassadors of the Guild.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNEST MORRIS

They had had the privilege, in the past year, of entertaining other Guilds—the Railwaymen's Guild and the Universities' Association. He would like to send greetings from that assembly to Mr. Ernest Morris, who had completed his stupendous feat of 2,000 peals. It would not be long before someone else reached 2,000 peals and then they would have closer congratulations to give.

The toast 'The Visitors' was given by Miss Muriel Reay, who recalled that it was at a dinner in honour of the 80th birthday of Henry Johnson that the Central Council owed its formation. Sir Arthur Heywood had gathered together the leaders of the Exercise and after they had dined very well he put forward his idea of a Central Council, and as the company were largely his guests they could not refuse. They were unfortunate that some of their ringers from the north could not be with them as their car had



MR. FRANK W. PERRENS
This year's chairman of the dinner.

broken down. From London, they had a number of ringers, including Mr. Wilfrid Williams and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, from the west Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, and from the east Mr. Jack Millhouse and his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Walden. On behalf of the company she congratulated Mr. Walden on being appointed Master of the Lincoln Cathedral company.

Mr. Jack Millhouse, who replied, said he remembered, in his earliest days of ringing, visiting Birmingham for a week-end. He was told by his tutor to go to St. Martin's and tell Mr. Walker that his tutor had sent him. He was invited to ring the seventh to Stedman Cinques and was feeling very nervous when Mr. Walker, from the eighth, gave him great encouragement. Since then he had enjoyed St. Martin's hospitality on a great many occasions. For instance, there was nothing like a couple of peals in a day and a couple of hours of ploughing at Hall Green afterwards.

LOOKING BACK TO No. 1.

In submitting the toast of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John McDonald appropriately referred to the forthcoming jubilee and that No. 1 of the paper was published on March 24th, 1911, price 1d. In the editorial of page 1, the editor set out to give the aims of 'The Ringing World.' These were 'to use its columns for the information, instruction and elevation of all those who take an interest in the art of change ringing, and in the business and social side of the organisations which promote the art.' The editor stressed that

there were two things which would also contribute to the success of the paper. One was that the paper should be received promptly each week by ringers, and the other that there should always be up-to-date news.

The peals in the first number included one of Treble Bob Maximus on the Kent variation rung at Sheffield. Included in the band were Clement Glenn, William Morris (conducting) and William Binger on the tenor. Another peal was Stedman Caters at Winchester, with Sepimus Radford on the eighth and Alfred Pulling conducting off the tenor; Grandsire Triples at Enderington, Kent Major at Dublin, and Bob Major at Smethwick. In the same issue there were 10 peals, including one on handbells.

There were two big differences between the peals reported in that issue and peals rung today. One was that every peal of Minor was rung in at least seven methods. The other—and this was rather sinister—there were only three women ringers in peals compared with 40 in this week's issue—and that is excluding quarter and half peals.

An amusing item was a report of a touch of 1,008 Bob Major rung on handbells at Shifnal. The ringers stood—if that was the word—as follows: Smith (in the parlour) 1-2, Brown in the bakehouse) 3-4, Jones (down the cellar) 5-6, Samuel (in bed, and calling it) 7-8. Apparently, the names had been changed to protect the innocent, but the facts remained.

The issue contained a competition to get more subscribers for which the prize was a set of handbells. The post-free quarterly subscription was then only 1s. 8d., so it might be possible to buy sufficient copies and still show a profit. All of them should do their utmost to promote sales of the journal, not merely for the anniversary but to pay the debt they all owed to 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, stated that a really attractive issue was being planned for the jubilee that would appeal to people not normally among the ranks of readers. He asked all tower and District secretaries to push this issue and send their orders forthwith. While they all naturally wanted to see a bigger circulation—it was now double the circulation ever enjoyed during the time of the first editor and 2,000 more than during Mr. Trollope's editorship.

It was with a sense of thankfulness, added Mr. White, that they looked back on the past 50 years, and he felt that it had been a great privilege to be editor. As a result he had gained a very large number of friends—not only in this country, but in all parts of the world. Only that morning he had received a letter from Sydney and another from Canada and during that week from Cape Town and the United States. These were not merely 'letters to the Editor,' but from friend to friend that created a bond of affection the world over.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and acknowledged by the chairman.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president and Mrs. Perrens were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Lt.-Col. D. and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bowden (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

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THE GREAT DEBUNKER or SUMMONED BY PEALS

By RODNEY MEADOWS

(Presented by him at the Henry Johnson dinner on March 4th.)

In a tower in the Midlands of England
An outspoken debunker holds sway.
He has no time for past reputations
Or for styles that don't follow his way.

I approached him one day on this topic,
'Surely Birmingham ringers are grand.'
He replied, and with scarcely a twinkle,
'There's not one that I'd have in a band.'

'Now take Border, a terrible mauler,
Arthur Pearson, he just calls the bobs.
And, as for those two lads from Handsworth,
Well, they're only a couple of yobs.'

'Did I say there were two lads from Hands-
worth?

As a matter of fact there are three.
John Anderson's not a bad youngster,
'Till he starts scoring peals without me.

'Roddy Pipe's getting far too ambitious.
Spliced is fine, and I'm not one to nag.
But what's wrong with a good peal of York-
shire?

They all count one more in the bag.

'Albert Walker is no good on 12 bells.
Edgar Shepherd's all right—with his pen.
As for Haynes, he just comes when he wants to.
What on earth good is twenty past ten?

'In our Saturday peals in the winter.
When the ringing is not up to scratch.
I keep thinking, up there at the Hawthorns
There's a London band, watching the match.

'In Ralph Edwards we've quite a good striker
And his ringing shows no lack of guts.
I'll agree he's just fair on a tenor.
Any other bell, can't ring for nuts.

'On 12 bells our ringing's appalling
And most of it's far, far, too slow.
I have been in some peals with young Hampton,
Where he hasn't struck one decent blow.

'... The Ringing World " may be essential,
But there's nothing much in it for me.
All those outing accounts, utter twaddle.
Who wants to know where they had tea!

I said, 'Surely you've good Sunday ringers?'
'Sunday ringers? I'd give them the sack.
Take Bill Froggatt, far too quick at handstroke,
Or Muriel, too slow at back.

'Percy Richards afloat on the treble
Is not an encouraging sight.
Lloyd and Chaplin get awfully muddled
And Pinfold's a left over right.

'If it weren't for the peals I keep fixing,
The whole thing would come to a stop.
John McDonald gets more and more casual.
While Sid Holloway just lives in his shop.

'The ringers of old, at St. Martin's,
Were not the experts that one thinks.
It may be their performance was faultless.
If they rang nothing but Stedman Cinques.'

So, I turned round on our great debunker.
I said, 'George, I just don't understand.
Out of all this collection of ringers
There's not one you would have in a band?

'Can no one come up to your standards.
Is there no one who does, or once did?'
He pondered, and said, 'Percy Laffin,
Maybe Laffin, and me, and Our Kid.'

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 13th, 1931.—
First peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was
6.006 Grandsire Cinques, rung by the London
Scholars on March 14th, 1927, and on the
following day, 6.314 in the same method was
rung by the College Youths.

Sixty years ago 10.176 Oxford Treble Bob
Major was rung at Kenninghall, and forty
years ago the first peal of Duffield Maximus
was rung at Birmingham.

RESTORATION AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

ST. Michael's, Cornhill, London, is a church
which has always held an honoured position
in ringing circles. The present church
was the last work of Sir Christopher Wren,
and the stately pinnacled tower, said to have
been inspired by Magdalen College, Oxford,
was completed in 1721, when Wren was 90.
It was here that the then record length of
Stedman Cinques (8.580) was rung in 1861,
to be followed in 1913 by a non-conducted peal
of Stedman Cinques; here, too, that the first
peal of Cambridge Maximus in London was
rung in 1911.

But no major work has been carried out on
the bells since the beginning of the century;
some of them were known to be cracked and
their 'go' was far from satisfactory. It was
therefore decided when the gudgeon of the
11th broke, one Sunday morning in July, 1958,
that this would be a good time to approach
the church authorities with the suggestion that
a complete restoration should be carried out.

It was felt that it would be a great pity
if the unique tone and character of the bells
were lost by having them all recast, and it
was eventually agreed that only those bells
which were actually cracked should be recast.

London ringers are very happy about the
way in which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank
have managed to preserve the character of
these bells. The 6th, 9th, 10th and tenor
(now 42 cwt.) were recast so as to blend in
with the remaining eight, which were cleaned
by sandblasting, and the result is a ring of
twelve, with an individuality and grandeur
of its own. The bells were rehung in an
entirely new metal frame, which replaces the
old wooden one. The louvers were blocked
up at the same time, thereby eliminating one
of the defects of the old bells, which was that
some of the small bells, which were hung
above the rest, used to 'shout out' above the
others, which spoiled them for the person
listening outside.

The work of rehangng was completed in
October of last year, and since that time they
have been rung every Sunday morning. The
rehangng of the bells was only part of a
great task of restoration, carried out by the
church, which included the redecoration of the
interior, major repairs to the organ, and clean-
ing of the exterior stonework. The redeco-
ration included the ringing chamber, which, with
its white walls, light blue woodwork and
modern lighting, is now one of the smartest
in London.

The church was crowded in the evening of
February 14th, when the rededication of all
these works was carried out by the Bishop of
Stepney. Touches of Stedman Cinques were
rung, before and after the service, by mem-
bers of the Ancient Society of College Youths,
and a quarter peal was rung the following
Sunday morning to mark the event.

W. T. C.

OBITUARY

MR. SIDNEY ROMANS

With regret we announce the death of Mr.
Sidney Romans, of Gloucester, at the age of
92 years. Until a few years ago, when he
was troubled with failing eyesight, he rang at
Gloucester Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt.
He was the last founder member of St.
Michael's Juniors, with whom he rang some
of their first peals. In all he rang about 150
peals, conducting two.

He joined the Customs and Excise as a
young man and his work took him to Wales,
London and abroad. While in London he
joined the Ancient Society of College Youths.
On his retirement, in 1931, he returned to
Gloucester and continued his earlier ringing
activities. He was elected Master of the
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,
1934-1938, having joined the Association 1887.
He leaves a widow and two daughters.

The funeral took place at St. Catherine's
Church, Gloucester, on March 1st and was at-
tended by his widow and family friends. The
Gloucester and Bristol Association was repre-
sented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman (Master),
W. B. Kynaston and A. L. Barry (past
Masters), C. W. Martin and T. Borham (vice-
presidents), C. Rouse (general secretary), H.
Newman, W. T. Cox, Mrs. W. Jones (repre-
senting Mr. W. C. Jones) and Mr. A. E. Waite.

MR. H. R. STEVENS

A well known Surrey ringer, Mr. Herbert
Richard Stevens (known to his friends as
'Pop'), of 79, Station Road, Chertsey, died on
March 4th, aged 91.

Born in April, 1869, and celebrating his
diamond wedding seven years ago, Mr. Stevens
did not commence ringing until 1906, when he
was 37. For 10 years he was captain of the
ringers of Chertsey Parish Church, and later
became verger. At one time his family
frequently provided five out of eight ringers
at the church, the others being Miss N.
Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Crocker and Miss J.
Crocker. He rang his last quarter on his 80th
birthday and then blindness set in, which
caused him to retire from ringing.

The funeral service was at All Saints'
Church, Chertsey, on March 8th, and was
followed by interment in Chertsey Cemetery.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDXX.—At the Church of All
Hallows, on Dec. 24th, 1.344 Plain Bob Major: Ann
Muir 1, Margaret Westcott (first of Bob Major
'inside') 2, Jill Baron 3, R. Goodman 4, Gillian
Neal Smith 5, Dr. A. J. Muir 6, Dr. D. J. Neal
Smith 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast
of Christmas.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1.260
Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Tanner (first quarter) 1,
J. A. Howard (cond.) 2, D. Martindale 3, J. Leppard
4, D. Slater (first 'inside') 5, A. Dawes (first quarter)
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IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—Treasured memories of George Harry, who departed this life March 14th, 1960. A loving husband, dad and grandad. Sadly missed by all. 7806

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY.—Annual tour, South Wales, July 29th-August 12th. Any ringers interested (preferably capable of at least Treble Bob Hunt), please contact C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway', Talbot Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel.: STReetly 7793. 7853

SHENSTONE, near LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—Dedication of two additional trebles to complete a 'Minor Five', by Rev. J. Ormston, F.Ph.S., on Sunday, March 26th, at 11 a.m. Bells available for short period afterwards. 7854

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—No practice at St. John's on Monday, March 20th. Latest bulletin: Michael Palmer out of hospital and John Hill progressing favourably.—F. W. Goodfellow, tower captain. 7867

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CANCELLATION

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Regret there will be no meeting on March 25th, 1961.—T. M. Haines. 7868

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by Business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7809

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, on March 18th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Hallows' 6 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7813

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.—B. N. Reed. 7770

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Joint practice meeting at Pulborough, on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Red Lion'. Names to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 7823

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Claford (6), March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No service, Tea in Andover, followed by meeting. Andover (8) 6 till 9 p.m. 7814

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 7846

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watchet, on Saturday, March 25th. Numbers for tea by the 21st, most essential.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7875

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Radford. 7851

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 25th, at Etwall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7871

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, March 25th, combined with the wedding of Harry M. Windsor and Miss Joyce M. Ellman, who extend a very cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. Ringing 2-2.20 p.m. Service 2.30, followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be available for everyone, but please send names before March 23rd, to Miss J. M. Ellman, The Gables, Shrewley, Warwick.—H. M. W. 7793

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8), on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m., to be followed by ringing at Rickling (5)—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7811

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Werburgh's (6), March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Consecration of church extension at Filton (6), March 25th. Open date for bells to be arranged later.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 7855

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), March 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by March 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7859

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Ash (6), Saturday, March 25th. 6-9 p.m. 7856

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst, not Marden as previously arranged, on March 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 21st.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7793

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Saturday, March 25th. Nomination meeting at St. Matthias' Church, Burley (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at moderate charge. 7845

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chesham, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompius Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7876

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, on March 25th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannermans, Dadford, Buckingham. 7803

ST. MARY'S, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.—Service of rededication of the recently recast eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) on Saturday, March 25th, at 4 p.m. To be conducted by Rev. G. C. Taylor, president, Middlesex County Association and L.D.G. 7842

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Great Ness (6), on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7766

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 25th, at Kirkby. Bells (5) available 3.45 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. No tea arrangements.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 7850

SOCIETY OF RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Gnosall, Stafford, March 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. G. Key, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, by Wednesday, March 22nd. Astins bus leaves Odeon, Stafford, 2, returns 6.10 and 7.25. Towers also available: Haughton (5) 2.30-3.30, Church Eaton (6) 7-8 p.m. Please adhere strictly to times. 7820

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Meeting at Wickham Skeith (6), Saturday, March 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 23rd, please, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 7808

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey (afternoon) and Westham (evening), on March 25th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea, to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 7860

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch (6s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) at Bell Hotel. Names for lunch essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope. Ringing details later.—G. Salmon, 9, Keonion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7862

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Ringing at Flitwick 9-10 a.m., Westoning 9.30-10.30, Eversholt 10-10.45, Toddington 10-11, Houghton Regis 11-12, Dunstable 11-12. Leighton Buzzard 11.30-12.45. (Note, no other towers available during morning.) Lunch, Cross Keys Hotel, 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Names for lunch (8s.) with cash and stamped, addressed envelope, to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard, by Wednesday, March 29th. 7865

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Arlecdon, Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Names for tea to Mr. F. Richardson, 2, Lindow Street, Frizington, Cumberland, not later than March 29th. No other means of refreshments available.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7852

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Trumpington. Ringing arrangements: Great Gransden (6) 10-12 noon, Gamlingay (6) 10-12, Bourne (8) 11-1 p.m., Orwell (5) 12-2, Melbourn (6) 12-2, Meldreth (6) 1-3, Haslingfield (5) 2-3.30, Harston (6) 2-3.30, Trumpington (8) 3.15-4.15. Service Trumpington Church 4.15. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with S.A.E., by March 29th, from General Secretary. General business meeting

after tea. Towers available after tea: Trumpington 6.15-7.15. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge (12) 7-8.30. St. Bene's (6) 7-8.30. Histon (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7866

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth, on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. P. Davis, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, by March 29th, please.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 7864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—New certificate of membership now ready; members, new and old, who would like to receive their certificate on Easter Monday, please send names and year of election to their District secretary. Towers open for ringing on Easter Monday: Barming. Bearsted. Harrietsham, Leeds. Lenham, Linton, Maidstone (All Saints'), Maidstone (St. Michael's), West Malling, Wrotham. Times: 10-11.30 a.m., 4.30-8 p.m.

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.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. James' Hall, Newport Road.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7861

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15, and tea arranged at 5, for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m. All Saints' (10) 10-10.55 a.m. and 7.30-9 p.m.. Claines (10) 3-4.30. St. John's (8). St. Withun's (6) and Powick (6.) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7848

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at West Malling, April 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mr. P. Carter, Ringers, Newtown, West Malling.—P. J. Osborne, Sec. 7877

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Full details will be published shortly. Will those requiring lunch (10s.) please forward their names to Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th latest. Please remit cash with application.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7872

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Advance notice: Quarterly meeting, on April 15th. St. John's, Waterloo Road. 2.30-4; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30-8 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Preliminary notice. Annual general meeting at Liverpool, April 29th. 1960. 7849

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual Dinner October 28th, 1961. Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. Committee members, please, note change of date owing to Cathedral Festival.—F. V. G. 7843

LATE NOTICE

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Arksey, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 7878

Mr. Philip J. Evans has rung peals of Grandsire, from Doubles to Cinques. The family was completed on March 2nd, with Triples at Broughton, Staffs.

THE BELLS OF ALDERTON, WILTS

It was Easter Saturday, 1959, that two ringers from Twerton, Bath, called at the little Church of St. Giles, Alderton, and inquired, from the people decorating the church, whether their bells could be rung. No one seemed to know, except to say that the bells had not been rung very much since the last world war, but we were sent to find the tower captain and only ringer left in the village, Mr. B. Watts. Having secured the key we ascended the tower but the bells would not move or swing because of twigs and rubbish, but Mr. Watts promised to clear the bell chamber if we would care to come back in a week or two. This we did and brought along enough ringers to ring all five bells.

The captain met us and explained that he had cleared the bell chamber of all the rubbish and no less than 47 jackdaws' nests and had now barred the birds' way with strong wire netting. The bells were rung up singly and then to a few rounds, all going well, except the rope on the fourth broke and the ringer fell in a heap on the floor.

Since then the bells have been rung a few times and one or two quarter peals were successful. On February 18th of this year, a full peal was attempted, but was brought round after 23 extents, owing to the second running dry, but the attempt on March 4th was successful and a good peal resulted.

It is interesting to note that the back three bells were rehung on ball bearings about 1930, but the front two still retain their plain bearings. The frame is good and strong, but some of the timber in the bell chamber floor has had to be renewed (after the writer fell through it and showered those in the ringing chamber with rubbish).

Now the bells in this beautiful village ring out once more, they are a tuneful ring outside, but a little loud inside. But thanks are due to all of those people who have helped to put these bells back into something like ringing order, especially Mr. Watts for his hard work, and Mrs. Watts for having the ringers in to tea everytime we have been to ring.

A. F. L.

UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING

Saturday, February 25th, was the occasion of the second joint meeting of Northern University Ringing Societies this session, when past and present members from Liverpool, Leeds, London, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield Universities descended on Sheffield.

During the afternoon there was ringing at Rannmoor (10) and Dore (8), and surprises included a broken rope and Spliced Major. The way in which about 40 people were transported from one tower to the next in five small vehicles was also rather remarkable. After tea there was two hours' ringing on the 12 bells at the Cathedral, where the excellent ringing chamber is ideal for meetings. Much of the ringing here was of a surprisingly high standard, and ranged from plain hunting to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal.

Although the meeting officially ended at 8.30 p.m., handbells were still being rung at 1 a.m. in one of the local halls of residence—so ended a very successful event.

Our thanks to the local companies for the warm welcome we received in each belfry.

J. S. R.

SATURDAY PEAL

The bells hang silent now but soon shall sound. For on this day eight ringers gladly meet. To make the bells to rise in merry round And ring a peal both well struck and complete. All stand ready now, salutes one by one Fly up to meet the bells and then descend; The hours go by until the setting sun The peal completed sees, and day to end. Well satisfied the men go on their ways, Tomorrow they again display their art. To tell the people that the day of days Has come again another week to start. A peal brings pleasure both to man and boy. But Sunday service ringing brings more joy.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Record Attendance At Wirral Branch A.G.M.

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Wirral Branch held at St. Saviour's, Oxtou, on February 18th. Members were present from 14 Wirral towers, and there were visitors from Liverpool, Nantwich and Macclesfield. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung and the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers) ensured that all present had an opportunity to enjoy a ring.

The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. J. Pasterfield), who also preached. The local ringers kindly provided tea in the Parish Hall.

At the ensuing business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. M. Lloyd, Vicar of Eastham; president-elect, Rev. S. G. Barton, Rector of West Kirby; chairman, Mr. W. R. Stanley (West Kirby); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Martin (Oxtou); Ringing Master, Mr. T. Rogers (Wallasey); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. B. Pemberton (Bidston); auditor, Mr. V. T. O. Boase (Wallasey).

The honorary secretary's report revealed continued interest in the art and a fairly steady influx of recruits. Eleven monthly meetings had been held and there was an average attendance of 63. A full social programme (dinner dance, two outings and a social) had been arranged during the year and thoroughly enjoyed.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Fifty-five ringers attended the Llandaff Branch annual meeting, held at Cowbridge on February 11th. Ringing was supervised by the Branch Master, Mr. Alfred Hannington.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. T. Lewis, using the Association's form of service, and Mr. Alfred Morgan was at the organ.

Local ringers' wives prepared the excellent tea, which followed. At the business meeting, Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as Branch secretary, and Mr. Alfred Hannington was made the official nominee for the office of General Ringing Master at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch, was chosen for the next Branch meeting.

R. E. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Western Branch

Forty members, representing 18 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Western Branch held at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on February 25th. Among those present were the president (Mr. Nolan Golden), general secretary (Mr. W. Love) and Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett).

Ringing was under the supervision of Branch Ringing Master Mr. G. Cooke, and the service was conducted by Canon A. Aitken, who, prior to his address, extended a very cordial welcome to all present. The president read the lesson. Tea was prepared and served in the Priory Hall by relatives of the local band.

The chairman, in opening the business meeting, welcomed back the president and Branch secretary after their stays in hospital. He thanked the officers and members for their efforts during the past year. Eight new members were enrolled. The following officers were re-elected: Rev. R. G. Dodson, chairman; Mr. G. A. Cooke, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Tovell, secretary.

An interim meeting will be held at Great Ryburgh on April 8th, and the next quarterly meeting at Swaffham on May 27th. Dates for other meetings are August 26th, November 25th and February 24th. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furhank 1, Miss S. A. Hayward 2, J. H. Stith 3, R. G. Jones 4, J. L. Fennell 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. First of Stedman by 2, 4 and 5. For Sung Eucharist.

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If little explanation be necessary, still less is there need for apology. We do not hesitate to say that the legion of bell-ringers throughout the country have long been awaiting a journal which shall be in the truest sense a "newspaper," which shall reflect their opinions, which shall keep them in touch, week by week, with the doings of their colleagues throughout the country, and which shall cater for all grades of the Exercise—for those who are struggling with the early difficulties of Grandsire Doubles as well as for those who have reached the goal of ambition in the achievement of London Surprise or Cambridge Maximus; for those who are only upon the threshold of those intricate mathematical problems in Composition as well as for those who are steeped in the science, and whose delight it is to revel in a maze of figures complicated enough to turn the brain of the uninitiated.

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