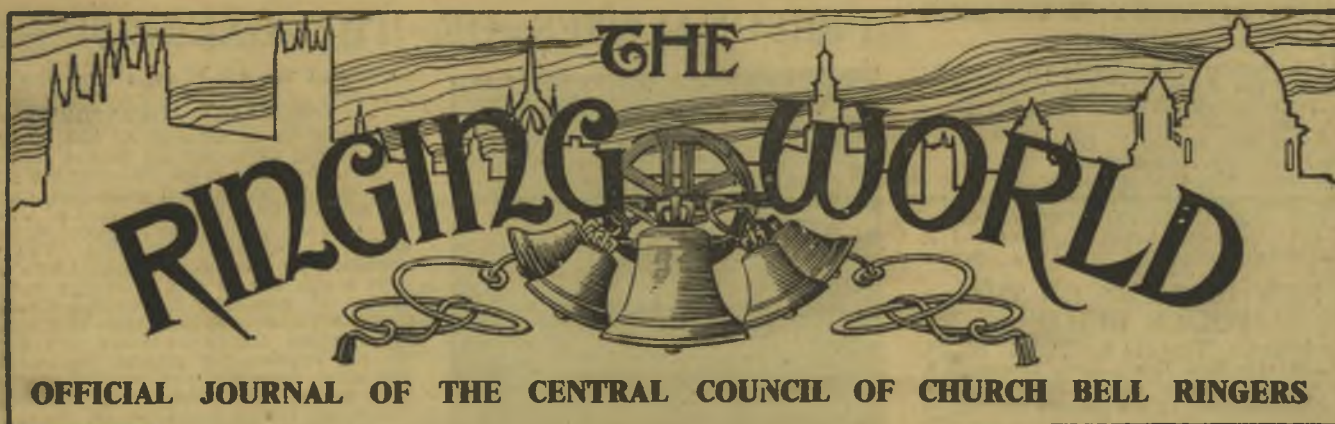




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AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND, 1961

THIS is not yet another apologia for the departed 'Ashes,' but records another sort of Australian invasion which has received rather less publicity. Many ringers up and down the country must have had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with one or other of the Australian ringers who have come here this year, and it will have been obvious to them that ringing in Australia is now well past the infancy stage.

First to arrive, in February, was Bill Lampard, from Adelaide. Wanting to get in as much ringing as possible, he naturally selected the greatest concentration of bells in the country (where else but Bristol?) for his residence. In England it can be definitely stated that Bill is not his twin brother, which must be a great simplification to Rita Webb, of Warmley, to whom he has recently become engaged. It looks as if Bill will be staying with us for a bit.

In April, Ken Minchinton, of Melbourne, paid an all-too-brief, business-packed visit, which left him very little time for ringing. This is a pity, for Ken is a fine ringer, and we hope his next visit will be better organised.

In June, Brian Cox, from Adelaide, arrived in the process of a year's intensive round-the-world course of ringing, opera and concert-going. Brian's stamina has been as admirable as his charm as he has sped from La Scala to Pipe's Pilgrims, from the U.A. tour to the Edinburgh Festival, and from Bayreuth to the S.F.E. tour in Cornwall. In August he rang his first peal, and has since added seven more, including Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples (twice).

Harvey Bagot, also from Adelaide (how are you getting on in Adelaide?), did not arrive until September, but by the end of October had already 'conquered' over 60 English towers and had become known to many ringers in London. Harvey is a fine striker and is rapidly making up for the lack of opportunity in method ringing in Adelaide. He is here to improve his physics for a year or two, and should be a credit to any band he rings with over here.

All those so far mentioned are Australians born and bred and have never before been out of Australia. We have also been able to welcome back some English-born ringers who now live in Australia. In April, George and Diana Pipe (and Sarah) came over for a few months on business, and they need no introduction. They have been a tremendous help in Melbourne during the five or so years they have been there, and many people besides this chronicler must have enjoyed hearing at first hand all about it.

Two old Leicestershire ringers also paid a welcome return visit in 1961. Bill Smith, from Turramurra, Sydney, has been back once before since he first went to Australia before the first war. During the time he has lived in Sydney ringing there has progressed a very long way, and this is in no small measure due to his efforts. Jack Spencer also left Leicestershire just before the first war, and this is his first return visit. Jack was a stalwart of the Melbourne Cathedral band up until a few years ago when poor health forced him to give up. He rang in the peals of Grandsire Cinques and Bob Royal with the English Tourists in 1934 and was captain of the Cathedral band for a while after the last war.

In recording the history of Australian ringing in England in 1961, two other events should be mentioned. At Stoke-on-Trent the Central Council elected George Pipe an honorary member, for they felt that as ringing in Australia has now come of age it should have a representative resident in Australia. George's fascinating account of Australian ringing given after the meeting was listened to with interest and applause for a very satisfactory story. In April eight members of the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Society visiting or resident in England attempted a peal at Withyham, in Sussex, but lost it due to the inattentiveness of the conductor, who clearly needs a refresher course in Melbourne.

Finally, one very important event in the history of Australian ringing which occurred this year in Australia should be mentioned. The old New South Wales Association has been re-formed as the Australia and New Zealand Association, and this at long last fulfils the wishes of many that all Australasian ringers should be united in one Association affiliated to the Central Council. The best wishes of all ringers will go out to this new Association.

P. M. J. G.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting held on November 11th, at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., the following officers were elected for the year, 1961/62:—

Master: Mr. William T. Cook;
Secretary: Mr. John Chilcott;
Treasurer: Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts;
Senior steward: Mr. Michael V. Chilcott;
Junior steward: Mr. John Phillips;
Trustees: Messrs. Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE POLICE GUILD

Ex-Inspector Thomas R. Butler, of 27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park, Liverpool 9, was elected president of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the annual meeting of the Guild at Grantham on September 30th. He succeeds Ex-Sergeant E. Charles Turner (Leicester City Police).

Constable Arthur Pearce, of 197, Wythen-shawe Road, Manchester 23, was elected to the office of honorary secretary/treasurer in place of Constable John A. Smith (Leics and Rutland).

The new honorary auditor is Constable Richard Benson, of the Manchester City Police. He succeeds Sergeant Jack Rawson (Leics and Rutland).

The two vacancies on the committee, caused by the election of Messrs. Butler and Pearce to higher office, were filled by the retiring president and secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on October 28th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Higgins), and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett. Ringing before and after tea was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

During the business meeting, at which Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair, Mrs. E. A. Barnett was appointed a District representative in place of Miss I. Inman, who did not wish to be considered for re-election. The other officers were all re-elected.

MY MINOR TROUBLES

Grandsire Doubles. Plain Bob too
Peals of these I've struggled through.
But at Minor I'm no good,
Seems my head is made of wood.
Harry, Francis, Bert, or Laurie
Start me off on Cambridge. 'Sorry!
Missed the dodge in making places.'
Sad dismay on all their faces.
Now a dodge and lead they cry.
We struggle 'till rounds are nigh,
Oh, take me back to ringing five,
My mind is buzzing like a hive.

I go to meetings, dare I ring?
Kent, Cambridge, Oxford are the thing.
But bobs they do confuse me so
Till Charlie shouts 'You're on the slow.'
'Watch the treble,' says the Master,
'Pull your backstrokes in much faster.
Open up your handstrokes now.'
Then in shame my head I bow.
Miss the dodge that's in three four
And feel like sinking through the floor.
Tho' fellow ringers kind of heart,
Take all my clanging in good part.

Triples, Major, Cinques, the lot
That marvellous brains these folks have got.
Tho' peals of these do come to grief
Through lack of concentration brief,
Bells shifting course and out of place
Blank concern on every face.
In all lost peals it is the same,
Cinques or Doubles, who's to blame?
Fred, Lorna, Albert, Ron or Jack
Hold inquests on the last lead back.
I think I'll minimize my troubles
By ringing only Grandsire Doubles.

BARBARA FISHER.

Bentley Common, Brentwood.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—48



MRS. R. RICHARDSON,
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

When Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, started ringing in 1914, lady ringers were a curiosity in the county. At one meeting in the early twenties, which she attended with her fiancé, the late Rupert Richardson, whom she married on July 3rd, 1923, the president, Canon Nicholas, invited her to sit at his table for lunch. He did not seem to think she was safe with the rest of the ringers! On another occasion, Rupert was invited to take some lady ringers to a meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Guild, as no one there had ever seen a lady ringer! Miss Phyllis Hare, later Mrs. H. J. Poole, who learnt to ring with Mrs. Richardson, went along to the meeting, and they had to ring in every touch during the afternoon and evening, so that all the men had a chance to ring with them! It was a record meeting, and they were certainly on show!

Mrs. Richardson (née Annie Parkins) was born on May 5th, 1895, at Woodston, near Peterborough. She was educated at the Woodston C. of E. School, and at the County School, Peterborough, and before her marriage she was in the teaching profession. She was taught to ring by Herbert Hoare at St. Augustine's, Woodston. The bells had been dedicated in June, 1914, and as nearly all the ringers had joined the Forces a band of ladies helped to ring the bells, so Miss Parkins and Miss Hare started together. Mrs. Richardson rang her first peal at Woodston on May 10th, 1919 (Bob Minor), and she has now rung 270 peals, of which she has conducted two. The first of these was seven Minor methods at Woodston on February 23rd, 1923, and the other was a ladies' peal of Minor in three methods at Gamston, Notts, on March 8th, 1930. In the early twenties the Ladies' Guild had only been in existence for a decade, and Mrs. Richardson joined the newly-formed Northants Branch on February 19th, 1921, and later formed the Lincolnshire District on July 9th, 1927. She has been its secretary ever since—some 34 years—and has served on the Central Council as one of the Ladies' Guild representatives since 1932.

During the thirties Mrs. Richardson and her husband frequently joined William Pve's and Frank Bennett's peal tours, thus enabling them to ring peals in many parts of the country. She has rung peals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as Australia, and has also scored handbell peals on the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, and the Pacific and Indian Oceans. She has rung peals in 18 different twelve bell towers. Since her marriage Mrs. Richardson has been engaged in bulb growing and farming, and once took part in a farmers' peal of Bob Major at Walesby on February 18th, 1950. When the famous Boston bells were broadcast to Boston, U.S.A., Mrs.

Richardson was one of the ringers who took part.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Undoubtedly the highlight of Mrs. Richardson's ringing career was the tour to Australia in 1934. She rang in all the tower bell peals, and four of the handbell peals, and one of her proudest memories is the peal of Grand-sire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 11th, 1934. This was conducted by John S. Goldsmith, who rose from a sick bed to ring. She also had the honour of presenting the Central Council's illuminated address to the ringers of Australia. The handbell ringing on board ship during the trip required the greatest concentration. The noise, movement and inability to find a quiet spot was not conducive to peal ringing. The people milling round towards the end of the first peal, and the remarks and explanations going on at the back, had to be seen and heard to be believed! She also rang handbells in the Oasis of Sheikh Othman, near Aden, one of the hottest places in the world.

After Mrs. Richardson's marriage to Rupert, their home became a rendezvous for many ringers. Their leisure hours were also all given to ringing, so that besides taking as the first consideration their duty to the church, it was their social life as well. Their generous hospitality was never spared, and many well known ringers have spent weeks or week-ends at Glyn Garth. Handbell peals were very popular, and have been rung in all kinds of places in the house and on the farm. The names in the visitors' book are far too numerous to mention—ringers were always welcome and made to feel at home. Since 1947, Mrs. Richardson has been captain of the ringers at Surfleet, the lightest 12 in the country, and has been a member of the Church Council for many years, through being a representative at the Ruri-decanal Conferences. For twelve years she has been the enrolling member of the Mothers' Union, and arranges for the cleaning of the brasses and flower decoration in her church.

Mrs. Richardson's generosity, friendship and hospitality have been much appreciated by the many ringers who have visited Surfleet. Both she and her late husband were extremely popular, and helped to build up the social side of ringing, which is so important for the continuance of the art. Although she does only a little ringing now, Mrs. Richardson much enjoys attending Central Council meetings, and chatting with old friends, and the conversation must often be of the happy times spent on tour, and at Glyn Garth.

APACE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A Monmouth Branch meeting was held at Blaenavon on October 28th and some 40 ringers attended. Ringing on this light eight was ably arranged by the Branch Master, Mr. T. Stephens. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. E. Davies, and the lesson read by the Rev. J. A. Rogers.

Tea was served in a nearby hall, and Mr. J. Pryor thanked the ladies and Blaenavon ringers, who had so kindly provided and prepared it.

At the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Charles Greedy, a life member of the Association. Three new members were elected from St. Woolos', two from Blaenavon and one from Caerleon.

St. Mellons was chosen for the annual Branch meeting, early in 1962.

LATE NEWS

The many ringing friends of Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, will be pleased to learn he is making good progress, following his recent serious illness. After nine weeks in Chester City Hospital he has been transferred to Ward 2, Barrowmore Hospital, Great Barrow, Chester, for convalescence, and hopes to return to his home and family in about three weeks.

Central Africa's First Ring of Bells



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
SALISBURY, RHODESIA.

THE consecration of Central Africa's first ring of bells at the Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints, Salisbury, by the Lord Bishop of Mashonaland on November 5th, was marked by the pageantry of massed choirs, a military band and processions, as well as by the ringing of the bells.

The bells, ten from the Whitechapel Foundry (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E. flat), have been housed in the newly built tower for less than a month; and as all but a very few of the local band had seen a bell rope before then, it says a lot for them and their instructors that all the ten bells were rung for the consecration.

After the service all ten bells were rung again, and there were some well struck rounds on eight. An attempt to ring Grandsire Doubles on the front six was unsuccessful. The quality of some handbell ringing, in the afternoon, which included touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, suggests that it will not be very many weeks before the new ring will be heard in changes.

Apart from the local ringers, and a party of regular practisers from Marandellas, 50 miles away, ringers were present from the Umvukwes (65 miles), and Umtali (170 miles).

Fifteen ringers and friends sat down to lunch at the Meikles Hotel, where the experienced ringers brought memories of towers in Kent, Gloucestershire, Oxford and Cheshire, Suffolk, Somerset and Scotland.

A business meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild was in the afternoon, in the Parish Hall. Mr. Peter Raynor, Master of the Guild presiding, assisted by Mr. Ken Cross, honorary secretary/treasurer. Mr. George Collins was elected Ringing Master of the Salisbury tower, and Mr. Mike Baker as the steeple-keeper. It was agreed that Wednesday should be kept as practice night, and to divide the practice into beginners at 5.30 p.m. and more advanced ringers at 7.30 p.m. Handbells ringing is to be continued as before; but it was recognised that top priority is to be given to the training of enough ringers for service ringing, in changes, as soon as possible.

The ringers included: Miss Joan Winter (Salisbury), Mr. Harry Wright (Umtali), Mr. Mike Baker (Salisbury), Mr. Bruce Berrington (Marandellas), Miss Frankie Pellatt (Salisbury), Father French (Salisbury), Mr. Ekins (Salisbury), Mr. James Milford (Marandellas), Mrs. Val Grossmith (Umvukwes), Mr. Peter Raynor (Marandellas) and Mr. George Collins (Salisbury).
K. S. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Saturday, October 28th, saw the Society in Tamworth once again. The weather was fine and the trip through the leafy lanes from the industrial areas of the Archdeaconry was indeed pleasant. This historical town is dominated by its ancient castle, looking most impressive in the autumn sunlight. A number of members took the opportunity of looking round the castle, now a museum, in addition to their ringing activities.

The fine Norman church of St. Editha was the venue for the meeting. Last year the bells of this tower were augmented to a ring of ten by the addition of two new treble bells. It was generally agreed that the 'splice' had been carried out well and that the Archdeaconry now possesses another excellent 'ten,' with a tenor of 21 cwt. Ringing during the afternoon was organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. James Eastwood, and all tastes were catered for. Methods ranged from rounds for the learners to Surprise Royal for the skilful and ambitious.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Jones (Vicar). There was no formal address, but the Vicar welcomed the Society to Tamworth and gave some interesting historical facts about the church, tower and bells. After service the congregation made their way to the new Church Hall for tea. There an excellent fare awaited and more than 70 members and friends sat down to a meal provided by the Tamworth ringers. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. George H. Peers junior and his willing helpers, for providing tea. At the business meeting, following tea, 21 new members were elected into the Society, including six from the village of Shenstone, where a ring of five bells has recently been installed.

Ringing continued until almost 8.30 p.m. and many members and late-comers availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing on these fine bells. A most successful meeting and we look forward to coming to Tamworth for a meeting, in, we hope, the not too distant future.
D. J. T.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch at St. Olaf's, Poughill, on November 11th, was one of the most successful to be held.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. P. L. Ashford), who is this year's president, and he also gave the address. The collection for Guild Funds amounted to just over £2.

Over 50 sat down to a grand tea in the Parish Hall, prepared by the ringers' wives and friends. The Vicar thanked all who had helped in any way to make the festival a success, and was pleased to welcome a party from Truro, which included the Guild president (Mr. A. Carveth) and Ringing Master (Mr. R. Burnett).

At the annual meeting, which followed, Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. A. J. Hambly, both of Marhamchurch, were re-elected as secretary and treasurer and Mr. H. Stacey, Branch Ringing Master. Subject to permission, it was decided to hold next year's festival at Week St. Mary, and that the Rev. W. T. Simpson be next year's president.
R. J. H.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Various methods, including London, Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob, were rung when the Sherwood Youths rang on the good six bells at Wollaton on November 18th. The visitors were made most welcome and Derby members were well represented. A free tea was provided in the Church Hall.

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A. J. PITMAN.

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45362	—				LLC	
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52364	—				CLCCCC	
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CONGRATULATIONS TO LYPMPNE

Dear Sir,—You will, I believe, be publishing details of the first quarter peal to be rung by the newly-formed band at Lypmpne, Kent. I am told that this is the first quarter peal to have been rung on these bells by a local band, and I would like to add my congratulations to the many that I am sure the band will have already received.

Lypmpne is an out-of-the-way village, making it all the more difficult for outside help to be called upon, and the fact that the ringers have thus, for the most part, taught themselves, coupled with the fact that Lypmpne bells are not, generally speaking, considered the easiest of sixes to ring, makes this a performance of some merit.

Lypmpne ringers have shown that success will come with perseverance; I hope they may be an example to other struggling bands, and I shall look forward to their recording a local hand peal in the not-too-distant future.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

THE NEW METHOD

Look to now all you tenors,

Take note, two, three, four, five,

This method's calling differs,

It makes you feel alive.

There are no Bobs or Singles,

Right from the first struck blow.

The treble shouts at every lead

In double forte: 'BINGO!'

MILTON MALSOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was with great pleasure that I read on page 749 of 'The Ringing World' about the work of rehanging the above bells being near completion. These bells have been of special interest to me since my early boyhood, when I helped to chime them and 'ring in' for Sunday services.

Prior to World War I, they were seldom rung except at Christmas time and for the New Year. On the three last Mondays in Advent the bells were rung for about fifteen minutes, commencing at 5 a.m. Method ringing was not known at Milton in the early 1900's, but the village band could ring a well struck six-score of Grandsire Doubles by numbers, and also, much to the delight of the local inhabitants, 'The Shepherd's Hey'!

In the spring of 1921, a new band was formed and learnt the art of method ringing. Progress was rapid and within a few years several methods were rung, including Stedman and Carter's, and striking was of a high standard in spite of the 'go' of the bells.

I think I am correct in stating that only two peals and 21 quarter peals have been rung at Milton, the first peal being for the Central Northamptonshire Association on March 8th, 1923, viz., Plain Bob and Grandsire, in 3 hours 16 minutes: A. W. Turner 1, C. S. Yates 2, R. F. Asplin 3, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 4. P. C. Asplin 5. First by a local band—all natives of Milton. The second peal, also Plain Bob and Grandsire, was for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in 3 hours and 18 minutes, on November 24th, 1924: A. W. Turner 1, C. S. Yates 2, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 3, J. M. Gray 4, Tom Tebbutt 5. In those days Tom Tebbutt, now living at Moulton, was one of Northampton's leading ringers. J. M. Gray was from the Towcester district. Of the quarter peals, Tom Tebbutt conducted two and I eighteen. One was non-conducted.

Unfortunately, after ten years of regular Sunday service ringing, the band was split up. Philip Asplin, it is sad to relate, died in early manhood. Raymond Asplin moved to the South of England, and I left the village. The 'go' of the bells became worse, and very little ringing was done. From time to time I have kept in touch with my Milton friends, and I feel sure no long ringing attempts were made after 1931.

About ten years ago, after attending a meeting at Collingtree, my son (Bernard) and I walked the pleasant mile to Milton. This piece of countryside, by the way, has been somewhat altered since then by the M.1 cutting through between the two villages. At Milton church we met (by arrangement) my old friends, Albert Turner, Charles Yates and Willie Stockford. We managed a few short touches on the bells, with fairly good results—but five minutes at a time was enough!! Several Milton people remarked, 'How nice to hear the bells again.' A. Turner and C. Yates still live at Milton, but I am not sure about W. Stockford.

The late Rev. B. E. Evans, M.A., who became Rector of Milton in 1917, wrote 'The Story of Milton Malsor,' which was published in 1924. One chapter in the book was devoted to 'The Bells.' Another chapter, 'The Name of Milton' explains the changes that have taken place in the naming of the village, and states that in 'Domesday Book' it is referred to as Molitone, Mideltone and Mideltone. The village has been known as Middleton, Middleton Malesour, Middleton Malsor, Milton and Milton Malsor.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

R. C.

Armitage, Rugeley, Staffs.

WEST COUNTRY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday evening, November 15th, I had the privilege to take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, 'Holt's Ten-Part,' at the Church of St. Bridget, Bridgerule. This was Tom Myers' 200th and what a glorious peal it was, despite the fact that some of us were nearly frozen by the bitter N.E. wind, which was cutting through the ground floor ringing chamber.

Tom has been the stalwart of method ringing down this end of the country for many years, where, at times in the past, peals were very hard to come by. I first met him when I was demobbed from the Army in 1919; he was then a boy wearing short trousers, and we have been great friends ever since. I don't expect to have much hope to be in when his 300th arrives, but still we never know. The evening finished in great style, before a blazing fire in the village inn, a very happy party.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

St. Maurice, Plympton.

FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—It has been verified that a composition of 5,088 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, by E. A. Barnett, as printed in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild Report for 1949, page 43, is false. To correct the composition as shown, the thirteenth course should read—

M W R

26543 — RCR

The substitution of one method for another is all that is involved, but holders of this report are requested to make the necessary correction.

Apologies for this printed error are extended to the composer and to any conductor who has rung the composition as printed.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Herts.

720 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. N. W. H. Simons' request in 'Belfry Gossip' of November 17th, for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, I enclose the following composition (from Troyte's 'Change Ringing'):

23456 46325

—65243 —52436

S43625 S36542

—52463 *S42356

S63542

—24653

—35264

—46325

Five times repeated.
Binstead *S at half-way and end.

I wish Mr. Simons every success in ringing Grandsire Minor, as, musically, I find it very refreshing, in that one finds familiar changes appearing in all sorts of unexpected places.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE.

St. David's College.

Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

NUTFIELD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I would like to clear up some doubt about Nutfield Treble Bob—

Nutfield: 34-16-12-16-34-36 L.E. 12. 165324.

College Exercise: 34-16-12-16-34-56. L.E. 12.

164523.
If Wentworth has been rung to a peal I would like to know when and where.—Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

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LETTERS—Continued

'RINGING FIRST, SERVICE TO CHURCH SECONDARY'

Dear Sir,—After a father had shown his little boy around the churchyard, the perplexed youngster asked: 'But, Daddy, where are all the bad people?'

Ever since the enthronement correspondence began, I have been asking myself the same question. There has been so much patting on the back, and extolling the virtues of ringers, with their selfless service to the Church, that I began to think that the ringing world is a celestial one, inhabited only by angels. Hence my small protest, which has shown that even angels can have vitriolic pens. (See P. A. Corby's letter 'R.W.' November 10th. How different from the quiet, reasoned argument of T. J. Lock, November 24th!)

I rejoice that there are so many ringers who are active Christians. I have met some of them in various towers while on holiday and when acting as visiting preacher. One of my happiest memories is ringing before service in a small country church in Somerset, on the first day of my honeymoon!

But, alas, I have also met a strong hard core of ringers who seldom attend service, and who see no reason why they should do so, whether clergy visit the ringing chamber or not. It is to these my remarks are addressed.

However much we enjoy ringing, the main purpose of the bells is not to see how many towers we can grab, how many peals records we can make, how many strange combinations or ringers we can find—but to call people to worship.

This is surely our duty, as P. Amos said so admirably last week.

Perhaps I am wrong (I hope I am), but many ringers I have met have left me with the impression that the enjoyment of their ringing comes first, and service to the Church is secondary, or incidental. (I am aware, of course, that this equally applies to choirs.) Even 'Rural Ringer' in last week's cover article gives himself away in his second paragraph. If the majority of ringers feel like him that their interest in ringing is the main reason for being in the tower at all, then would it not be better to build towers that have no connection with the Church; or if that is impracticable, then perhaps some churches should consider charging a hire fee for the use of the tower by such ringers, in the way we let church halls to outside organisations?

I would be the first to admit that there are many clergy who fail miserably in their duty to encourage their ringers by visiting the tower and showing an interest in them. But it is sometimes difficult to say whether their attitude is the cause or the result of non-attendance ringers.

Few reasonable clergy would complain at ringers who attended at least once on a Sunday, although in that case many of us would prefer the bells to be rung just for the one service.

We thank God that there are thousands upon thousands of Christians, ringers, singers, churchwardens, and members of the congregation, who do not find attendance at three services 'unreasonable' or 'out of the question,' like 'Rural Ringer' does.

In these days, if it is true that 90 per cent of the people stay at home, then the witness of those who do come is of tremendous importance.

So I hope that the good work of the Central Council and the Associations will continue, by condemning and discouraging non-attending ringers, so that in time ringers who leave before service will be as rare as choirs who retire before the sermon, or parsons who send 'inaccurate and uncharitable' contributions to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

D. G. BRUNNING (Rev.).

Usk, Mon.

P.S.—I don't know why two correspondents should think I was criticising the Usk ringers. Four of them attend church with great regularity.—D. G. B.

EXPERIMENTING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read David G. Smith's article on 'Little Treble Bob,' as I, too, have been experimenting with Treble Bob methods. Working on the principle of having both treble and tenor in the hunt, I arrived at the following, from Kent T.B. Major:

Bob

53718264	12345678	85236741
35172846	21345687	58236714
31527486	12436578	85327641
13527468	21436587	58327614
31254786	24163857	53872164
13254768	42618375	35781246
12354678	42163875	35872146
21354687	24618357	53781264
12536478	26481537	57318624
21536487	62845173	75136842
25163847	62481573	75318642
52618374	26845137	57136824
	28654317	51763284
	82654371	15763248
	28563417	51672384
	82563471	15672348
		16527438

Royal Bob

5371920486
3517294068
3152749608
1352479680
3125746908
1325476980
1235746890
2135476809
1253748690
2153478609
2514387069
5241830796

It will be found that whereas the plain courses of Major and Maximus contain three and five leads respectively, the royal comes round in two leads. The bobs can, of course, be called at the half leads as well as at the lead ends. On six bells, only a plain course of 24 changes can be rung as it is false at the bobs.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

Thurso, Caithness.

Found at the Bridge House, on the occasion of the College Youths' dinner, one cheque book (unsullied) from Barclays Bank Ltd., Southall. Will the owner please contact John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey.

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OUTING

BOLSOVER, DERBYS

The second outing this year of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends was centred in and around Grantham on October 28th. Unfortunately, the date was not convenient to the normal contingent of friends from Warsop, but ringers from Chesterfield, Creswell and Staveley made up a party of approximately 25, which left Bolsover at 1 p.m.

The first call was at the fine church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bottesford, and Mr. Box very kindly offered to assist in raising the heavy bells in peal. By contrast, at the next tower, Heydour, the light ring of eight was more in keeping with conditions at the home tower. Considerable interest was taken in a peal board recording a record length of London Surprise Major. The church is rather isolated and very cold, and ringing was limited to approximately 35 minutes.

The tour had been suggested by Cyril Wright, a former ringer at Bolsover, who is now mine host of the Chequers Inn at Grantham, and he was waiting to join the party for ringing at the majestic Church of St. Wulfram. The very fine ten were raised in peal and several members of the band had their first venture at Stedman Caters. The local representatives were of the opinion that the general performance of the ringing was of reasonable standard for bells much heavier than usual for most of the ringers.

Methods rung during the tour included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

It is customary on the annual half-day outing to arrange an evening meal and this was taken at the Angel and Royal Hotel, Grantham. Most of the party afterwards adjourned to join Cyril Wright at the Chequers Inn.

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BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

BOW BELLS OF LONDON

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE famous 'Bow Bells of London' have ever been notorious, both on account of the 'Dick Whittington' legend, and also from the supposition that to be a true 'Cockney' one must be born within their sound.

With regard to their history we find that in very early times John Downe, a worthy citizen, left two tenements in Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane), 'for the maintenance of the great bell.' In 1469, by an order of the Common Council, a bell was to be rung every night at 9 o'clock, and lights were to be exhibited in the steeple during the night to direct travellers to the Metropolis.

According to Stow, William Copland, tailor, the King's merchant, being churchwarden in 1515, gave the great bell, which was to be rung nightly at 9 o'clock. He adds that this bell was first rung as a knell for the death of the donor.

Weever states she was inscribed 'Dudum fundabur Bowbel campana vocabar: Sexta sonat, bis sexta sonat, ter tertia pulsat' (I was cast recently and was called Bowbell; The sixth sounds, the sixth sounds twice, the third strikes thrice). It is supposed the latter refers to some custom as to the number of strokes given for knells. There appears to have been six bells here at this time, though Stow only mentions five.

WHITTINGTON

In the story of Dick Whittington they were supposed to have been ringing in the following order, when he heard them and returned to London: 531246 'Turn a-gain-Whit-ting-ton.'

By adding two bells in front of this the present well known Whittington row on eight bells has been produced—12753468—though this does not fit to the original words. We must remember that in Whittington's time not only was half-pull change ringing unknown, but bells were not rung up as in the present day. They were only swung to stock level, so we must suppose that on this occasion they were rung in this manner in the order above mentioned.

PERISHED IN GREAT FIRE

Both steeple and bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666. After the church and steeple were rebuilt by Wren, an order for a ring of eight was given to John and Christopher Hodson, the funds to pay for same being derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire. In due course the bells were cast and hung.

In 1738 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Phelps died the same year, and the foundry was carried on by

Lester, later by Lester and Pack, who in 1762 recast the other seven bells and added two trebles, thus making a ring of ten, which were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, to celebrate King George III's birthday.

In 1881, two more trebles were added by Mears and Slainbank to make them twelve. On the tenor its weight was engraved 'Wt. 53-0-22.' In 1819 the steeple was repaired and strengthened with iron ties. In 1905 the bells were rehung and new chimes added to the clock, which played as follows: First quarter 5123; second 512-314; third 789-x84-534; fourth 512-314-579-x8E. The hour striking on tenor.

On these bells the present writer had the great pleasure of taking part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on February 27th, 1926, conducted by the late William Pye.

B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

In 'Radio Pictorial' (December 14th, 1934) I wrote an article on 'Bow Bells and the Message they Broadcast,' and stated therein:

'The B.B.C. recently treated listeners to a gramophone reproduction of these famous bells in lieu of the metronome hitherto used as an "interval signal." This innovation "tells the world" that these bells have been made pealable after several years' silence, and such news is welcomed throughout the country, for their fame is more than Metropolitan—it is National.'

This 'interval signal' has been used ever since at specified times and the ringing thus broadcast is worthy of the emulation of every ringer throughout the land as a fine example of perfect striking.

In 1933 several of the bells were recast and all rehung on ball-bearings, with new headstocks, etc., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, this restoration being in the gift of Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

AGAIN IN WORLD WAR II

During the Great War II the church and bells were destroyed during an air-raid over the City in 1941 and the majority of the bells fell to the ground. One or two remained on the floor above, but all were broken.

Now with the restoration of the church and steeple, a new ring of twelve has been erected, the bells having been cast in 1956 in readiness for the time when the tower and bell frame would be completed.

The bells are now inscribed as follows, and it will be noted that in addition to each individual name the passages from the Psalms inscribed on them make (with the initial letter of each text) an acrostic spelling, 'D. Whittington.'

Treble.—Katharine.

Declare His glory among the brethren, His wonders among all people.

Second.—Fabian.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.

Third.—Christopher.

His name alone is excellent, His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Fourth.—Margaret.

In His temple doth everyone speak of His glory.

Fifth.—Mildred.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever.

Sixth.—Faith.

They shall sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Seventh.—Augustine.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy Majesty and of Thy wondrous works.

Eighth.—John.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.

Ninth.—Timothy.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name, Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.

Tenth.—Pancras.

Thy saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power.

Eleventh.—Cuthbert.

O Lord my God, I will glorify Thy name for evermore.

Tenor.—Bow.

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

(on the waist):—

'The bell of the parish of St. Mary-le-Bow

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Recast 1669 Recast 1738

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Recast 1956.'

Hugh Evan Hopkins, O.B.E., M.A., Rector.

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Churchwardens.

John H. L. Trustram, M.B.E., M.A.,

Vestry Clerk.

Named me

'Bow.'

Round the sound bow: A decorative border of London Pride.

CALL CHANGE FESTIVAL AT BIDEFORD

Nine towers competed in the eight bell ringing festival for the Pilton Shield, held at St. Mary's Church, Bideford, on November 11th. Among the competitors was Mr. Norman Mallett, from Exeter, who stood in as third man for Pilton, who were one short.

The judges were Messrs. J. Harris (Wrafton), W. Tuck (Bideford) and L. Hookway (Croyde). The first team to ring tolled the signal bell to warn the judges. The competition was followed by a service in the church, and then came tea and the declaration of the result, as follows:

Shield and 1st certificate: Barnstaple 65 faults, Torrington 85, Witheridge 95½, Kings-teignton 102, Pilton 121, Tawstock 123½, Chittlehampton 132, Georgeham 145, Kilkhampton 182.

The competition was organised by Mr. L. N. Passmore, secretary of Pilton tower, who received great assistance from Mr. F. Parsons, captain of Bideford tower.

A NEW ZEALAND APOLOGY

Amongst those who sent apologies for absence on the occasion of the College Youths' dinner was Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, of Christchurch, N.Z. Unfortunately, Mr. Sloan's letter reached the secretary too late to be included in his list of apologies.

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TWO SHEFFIELD VETERANS**MR. H. THORPE**

It is with deep regret that the Sheffield Cathedral Company of Change Ringers record the passing of two very loyal members of the company.

On November 13th, at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, Haydn Thorpe passed away. Mr. Thorpe, brother of the late John Thorpe, also of Sheffield Cathedral, became a member of the company in 1917 and continued to be an active member till 1951, when an unfortunate accident at work caused him to resign from active membership. Haydn was never one to push himself to the front, or one to seek publicity, but in spite of that he was a sound ringer, being a first rate striker and a sound method ringer. His quiet, cheerful manner and sound common sense, coupled with an air of imperturbability, endeared him in the hearts of all who knew him. He was 76.

MR. S. F. PALMER

On November 18th, Mr. Sydney F. Palmer was taken from us. Mr. Palmer, a native of Lincolnshire, went to Sheffield in 1904. During his long sojourn with us, he held many important offices in the Exercise. Four 25 years he was secretary of the Sheffield Cathedral Company, besides being a member of the Central Council, a trustee of the Yorkshire Association, and during the last year secretary of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association.

Sydney had the happy knack of rarely becoming ruffled. He was a stickler for things being done according to rule and precedent. Whatever he himself undertook to do, one could always be sure that it would be done properly and to the best of his ability. He was an active ringer at the Cathedral till last year, attending twice every Sunday to ring his favourite method, Siedman. He was 87.

On Tuesday, November 21st, a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in their memory. B.H.

OBITUARY**MR. W. W. WEBB**

As briefly reported recently, we regret to announce the death of William Walter Webb, which took place in the West Middlesex Hospital on November 3rd. He spent his 72nd birthday in hospital, a few days before his death. Two years ago he had serious heart trouble, from which he made a miraculous recovery and even rang again. Bill hated inactivity and it was a good thing, perhaps, that his last illness was short.

'Bill' Webb had been a ringer at Heston for many years, and will be sadly missed. Not a ringer of many peals or methods, his joy was found in the making of many friends in the Exercise. Conscientious to a degree, 'Bill' was always in the tower on Sundays and practice nights, and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Association, where his cheery presence, and that of his wife, was always a joy. We were proud to have both of them as honorary members.

For the greater part of his working life, 'Bill' had been a policeman, first at Chelsea and later at Norwood Green. After his retirement from the force, he joined the Civil Service and up to the time of his first illness was at the Board of Trade at Eastcote.

He had always wished to return to his native village of Broadwell, near Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. and it was due to the determination of his wife that he was buried there on November 9th, in the presence of his relatives and friends, many of whom were from the village. The Middlesex Association was represented by Messrs. W. N. Genna (late assistant general secretary) and F. W. Goodfellow (treasurer), who were joined by Bill's brother, Jack, from Ross-on-Wye, to ring a simple but impressive touch on handbells over the grave. The Heston ringers and the Middlesex Association sent wreaths, of which there were many. It was a beautiful autumn day and with the church set

in such lovely countryside, together with the charm and peacefulness of the village, we felt that Bill had indeed had his wish and returned home.

A memorial service was held in Heston Parish Church on November 18th, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Roundhill). Mrs. Webb was accompanied by her daughter and also her mother. Among the ringing friends who attended to pay tribute to an old friend were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mr. A. W. Coles (North Myms), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, F. T. Blagrove, L. Grice, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sansom, P. Ruch and other members of the Heston band. The bells were rung in different methods both before and after the service.

MR. J. A. ROBERTSHAW

A member of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. John A. Robertshaw, of Scarborough, died on November 21st, after an illness of 16 months, aged 65.

His ringing career started over 50 years ago at St. Thomas a Becket, Heptonstall, where his father, Francis Robertshaw, was tower captain for many years. John first joined the Yorkshire Association in 1923; he went to Scarborough in 1951, when he joined the St. Mary's Parish Church company.

On November 22nd, the normal practice night, half-muffled changes were rung for one whose cheerful personality will be missed by his fellow ringers.

He leaves a widow and a son.

The funeral service was held on November 24th at the Parish Church, when, in addition to relatives and neighbours, representatives from the Scarborough and Bridlington towers were present. B.S.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 18th, 1.260 Minor (Single Oxford, Oxford T.B.): M. Maughan 1, J. I. Booth 2, Miss D. Killengly 3, M. Armstrong 4, J. Pladdys 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6. The band would like to express their gratitude to Mr. H. Thompson, of Lanchester, for providing an excellent tea, in spite of their losing a peal.

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In the forefront of our ringing veterans of today is Mr. Henry Sharpe, of Haddenham, Ely. Now 87 years of age, he took part in a quarter peal at St. Peter's, Wilburton, on November 16th, to commemorate his first peal rung there 65 years ago! Despite his age, he regularly rings for Evensong and always attends the midweek practice, which consists of seven or eight different Surprise methods. He is now dabbling with four Spliced Surprise methods, including Alnwick and Kelso.

A novelty from Bishopstoke—a peal of Major on tower bells in which there were two double-handed peals.

With the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on November 20th, Mr. George J. Hawkins has 'circled' Dunkerton tower and called a peal off every bell in the tower.

One of the ringers in the quarter peal of Cambridge at Abingdon was locked in the belfry after taking the mufflers off the bells in the morning. The quarter peal itself was rung by candlelight, because all the fuses were blown. Someone suggests that the two events are not unconnected!

Mr. H. Denman, District secretary for North Notts, is the first in Nottinghamshire to ring 100 peals in one tower (St. Peter's, Gamston). They were all Minor, the longest being 7.200 Treble Bob. He would like to thank all ringers who have helped him to achieve this.

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers honoured the memory of their former secretary, Mr. Ernest James Taylor, with a memorial peal at Chittlehampton on November 18th. Afterwards the president of the Guild and Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) entertained the band to tea. For this thoughtful act the band express their thanks.

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, reappears in the peal columns with a peal of Surprise Maximus, rung by several local ringers. The evergreen George E. Symonds, at 87, rang his 97th peal of Maximus. He hopes to reach 100. Peals or years, or both? We hope both. It was the first peal on 12 bells by Miss Clare Webster, of Cambridge University Guild, and she rang almost faultlessly.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Paul L. Taylor performed the opening ceremony at a church bazaar at Sapcote, Leics, on November 4th, to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell by Newcombe, of Leicester (November 9th, 1611). The bazaar was a great success, £270 being raised towards a new belfry screen in oak.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild hope to hold a striking competition at Aston on May 26th.

The band who rang in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Brant Broughton would like to congratulate F. G. Hooper on his fine performance on the tenor, from which he also conducted the peal.

The B.B.C. T.V. programme 'Viewpoint' of November 16th showed a short excerpt of ringing in the Quantock Hills area of Somerset. The ringing was rounds on six. Close-ups of the ringers and a peal board were also shown.

One's first peal of Siedman is always a milestone, but has anyone left it so late as Mr. Philip H. Avey, of Rayleigh, Essex, who has just accomplished this, at the age of 73! Also in the band was another youngster of 75!

The ringers in the peal at Hemsworth on November 18th wish to congratulate Mr. James Thorley upon ringing his 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Well done! May you ring many more!!

His many friends, and particularly the members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, extend hearty congratulations to Mr. T. G. Myers, of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on ringing his 200th peal. This was Grandsire Triples, and was rung at Bridgerule on November 15th. Tom has conducted 83 of his peals, which have ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus at Croydon. His brother Will has rung about 65 peals, and brother Fred has rung about 49, and all their peals have been rung with Tom, who conducted practically all of them. Mr. T. G. Myers, in addition to being captain of St. Andrew's, is the honorary secretary and Ringing Master of the Branch.

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A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. Treble	†ANTHONY E. COX 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	JOHN H. GILBERT 8
†REGINALD G. HOOPER 3	PHILIP MEHEW 9
†ERIC J. HITCHINS 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
†CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
*†ROGER K. WHITTELL 2	*TERRY EARLE 8
†JAMES B. MORLEY 3	†JOE E. G. ROAST 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	CECIL W. PIPE 10
†CLARE WEBSTER 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 25th peal together. ‡ First on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	GORDON BENFIELD 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
DONALD H. NIBLETT 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK 9
J. HENRY FIELDEN 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in six methods by all, and for the Association. The conductor's 800th peal.

A compliment to John N. D. Chaddock on the eve of his 21st birthday.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7
*A. TERENCE COLLINS 3	ERIC SUTTON 8
†IVOR GOULTER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Caters. † First of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the eighth bell has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*TOM CROSSLEY Treble	*JOHN WHITE 6
*LINDA GOTT 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*MARGARET BRIGHTON .. 3	JOHN E. KIRBY 8
DAVID CUBITT 4	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 9
*GERALD DALE 5	R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on ten bells.

A farewell peal to the Provost of Wakefield (the Very Rev. Noël T. Hopkins) and Mrs. Hopkins.

SELBY SURPRISE ROYAL

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

—70—14.70.56—36,14—70.58—56.14.70—14—10

10ths place lead head. 1426385079. 4ths place bob.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 63 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON 5
*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON 4	FREDERICK ROSS Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Eileen Westgarth (a former ringer at this church) and William Stephenson, who were married here immediately prior to the peal.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5184 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5
ANN M. COX 2	R. ROGER SAVORY 6
DEREK C. JACKSON 3	DAVID J. FORDER 7
NORMAN HAYES 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by STEVEN IVIN.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

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

Rung without previous practice.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

DONALD T. YOUNG Treble	REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. 5
GEORGE J. GIBBS 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 3	RICHARD E. DEAN 7
JOHN W. BLACKWOOD 4	ARTHUR BOARDER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

In honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also Robert George, son of the Rev. G. N. Heath (one-time curate at Spalding, now Vicar of St. Alban's, Acton Green) and Mrs. Heath.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDGAR J. SMITH Treble	BRIAN R. WHITE 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS 6
FREDERICK W. SODEN 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
EDWARD R. VENN 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ERNEST H. MASTIN Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OFFICERS' PEAL

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

HARRY RICHARDSON, Thrapston Branch Guild Committee and Auditor .. Treble

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, Guild Ringing Master .. 2
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE, Thrapston Branch Guild Committee .. 3
HUGH M. JOHNSON, Daventry Branch Guild Committee .. 4
ERIC BILLINGS, Northampton Branch Treasurer .. 5
JOHN E. SKERRITT, Wellingborough Branch Secretary and Treasurer .. 6
WILLIAM A. YATES, Towcester Branch Secretary and Treasurer .. 7
JOHN H. BLUFF, Peterborough Branch President Tenor
Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

This peal has 4.5.6. each 15 times Wrong and 12 times Right in 56.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. W. Jeffs, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble D. ROY BOULD 5
*THOMAS G. MYERS 2 HARRY STACEY 6
CHARLES E. TAYLOR 3 WILLIAM G. LAVERS 7
REGINALD G. PEARCE 4 WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* 200th peal.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

CHARLES N. LEA Treble †ANDREW C. BOLTON 5
*WENDY PHILLIPS 2 ERIC N. HARRISON 6
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 3 ALAN R. PATTERSON 7
JOHN E. ANDERSON 4 GEORGE S. DEAS Tenor

Composed by ROLAND PARK. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

MARGARET A. LADD Treble *MARTIN L. HOWE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2 ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3 BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4 TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method.
Birthday compliments to Mr. C. T. G. Sone and Master Richard Carter. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble *CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 5
D. ROY BOULD 2 HAROLD L. PARFREY 6
WILLIAM G. LAVERS 3 *ALAN F. LEE 7
THOMAS G. MYERS 4 WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* 25th peal together.

Rung in memoriam Ernest James Taylor.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 14 cwt.
*THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble JOHN C. SLATER 5
†CATHEEN S. HEANEY 2 DAVID BEACHAM 6
†JOHN E. WHITALL 3 REGINALD WOODYATT 7
ALLEN MORGAN 4 JOHN J. STANIER Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble †LESLIE A. PAGE 5
*I. ANN ABRAHAMS 2 JAMES E. DANIELS 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 3 LEWIS F. COBB 7
RAYMOND HAINES 4 RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble STANLEY G. PONTING 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT 2 KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS 6
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY 3 WILLIAM S. DEASON 7
*CATHERINE M. POWELL 4 A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First course of Lincolnshire. 250th peal of Major as conductor.
First of Lincolnshire for the Association.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, being 576 London, 480 each Ealing, Watford, Wembley and Knebworth, 384 each Rutland, Bristol and Rochester, 288 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Painswick; 140 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble STANLEY JENNER 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
RALPH BIRD 3 JOHN R. COOPER 7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES 4 PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 350th peal. First of 13-Spliced by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DAVID SHEPPARD Treble RONALD R. WARFORD 5
ALAN EVANS 2 JOHN POTTS 6
RUSSELL STEPHENSON 3 †JAMES THORLEY 7
ALAN SHEPPARD 4 KENNETH B. SISSONS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
* First peal of Major. † 100th for the Association.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

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

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung as a last token of respect to George Wilson, a member of the Leiston company, who passed to higher service on November 6th.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS Treble CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 5
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK 2 MICHAEL J. HALLETT 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES 3 ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*PHILIP H. AVEY 4 ROY D. TOMLIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LONDON, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 2 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3 JACK S. DEAR 7
ERIC EDMONDSON 4 FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (second observation). Tenor 25 cwt.
WALTER H. POOLE Treble TREVOR E. MARKS 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2 ALBERT W. DYER 6
*JAMES E. BREWER 3 WILLIAM E. TURNER 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 4 †MICHAEL STRICKLAND Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.
Rung as a tribute to Frederick Strickland on completing 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. . 5
JOHN H. NAPPER 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. . 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. . 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* 60th peal together.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK Treble	*CYRIL LOW .. . 5
*VICTOR DRAPER 2	*ERIC COOK .. . 6
*PATRICIA BUSS 3	*FRED PEARSON .. . 7
*MRS. FRANCES LOW .. . 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

Heywood's transposition.	
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH Treble	JACK O. BERRY .. . 5
JAMES E. GODMAN .. . 2	ERIC O. DAVIES .. . 6
FRANK E. GODDEN .. . 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. . 7
*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. 4	WILLIAM E. FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
HARRY PURCHASE Treble	FRED CASELEY .. . 5
GEORGE SPARKES 2	*WILLIAM J. NURCOMBE .. 6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. . 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
EDWARD H. LANGLEY .. . 4	ARCHIE GALE .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID J. FORDER Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON .. . 6
*TOM CHAPMAN 2-3	NORMAN HAYES .. . 7
FRANK C. PRICE 4-5	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. . Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First double-handed peal. First of 'Major rung in this fashion.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*R. IAN VAUGHAN Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. . 5
†JILL M. LANE 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 6
†ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. . 3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. . 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. . Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Yorkshire Major. Mr. S. G. Ponting's 175th peal. Miss Winifred Keys' 100th of Surprise.

SIX BELL PEALS

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	
ROLAND REED Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. . 4
WALLACE COUSINS .. . 2	CLAUDE COUSINS .. . 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	TONY PRICE .. . Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(Hinckley District.)

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*DOROTHY PAGE Treble	CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 4
†LAWRENCE WATKINS .. . 2	†MICHAEL E. BROWN .. . 5
†JOHN WATKINS 3	V. THOMAS COOPER .. . Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal on the bells. Rung by the local band to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the casting of the tenor (cast November 9th, 1611, by Thomas Newcombe, of Leicester).

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

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

*ELEANOR ROSE Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
J. EDWARD BROWN .. . 2	†FREDERICK DERRY .. . 5
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † 50th peal.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 120's.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ANTHONY TALBOT Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. . 4
*PAMELA E. KEY .. . 2	IAN FRIEND .. . 5
E. MARION KEY 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to David W. Friend.

LANGFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. Treble	MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. . 4
†E. WILLIAM FORD .. . 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. . 5
†GORDON W. LAND .. . 3	BRIAN BLADON .. . Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; (7) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. . 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. . 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. . 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. . Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 200th peal for the Association. The most methods rung to a peal for the Association.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	FRANK BIRKETT .. . 4
ALAN CAPSTICK .. . 2	ERIC BIRKETT .. . 5
BRAITHWAITE RIGG .. . 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. R. R. Saville) to the parish.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHEVIOT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. . 4
FRANK C. PRICE .. . 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . 5
JOHN HILL 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	*PETER WILKINSON .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
*JOHN MANLEY .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of St. Machutus.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. Treble	JOHN F. W. READ .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	*HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* 100th peal in this tower.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeks, of Gamston (November 15th).

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent T.B., two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ROBERT PEPPER .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. 4
KENNETH BURDETT .. 2	C. WILLIAM HALL .. 5
JOHN WARDLE .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. H. Food to this parish with Stanton-under-Bardon, wishing him every success with us.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	VERONICA E. DUPRE .. 4
ELIZABETH A. NEGUS .. 2	*ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. 5
*MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. 3	JOHN H. LOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal.

CROPREDY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*MARK W. SAYERS .. Treble	RONALD K. RUSS .. 4
BARRY J. DAVIES .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 3	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 4
*FRANK COOKE .. 2	†MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 5
MALCOLM FOSTER .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods.

First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball-bearings by J. Taylor and Co.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,920 Plain Bob and 3,120 Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ANN SEYMOUR .. Treble	BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 4
†ROSALIND K. HICKS .. 2	EDGAR G. SWIFT .. 5
†DAVID ROWLANDS .. 3	*HAROLD CHADWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR G. SWIFT.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

A compliment to the Rev. Ian Russell, curate and ringer at Iver, on his marriage this day to Miss Barbara Dixon at All Saints', Childwall, Liverpool.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents Single Court, four of Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

KEVIN BARNES .. Treble	GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 4
*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR .. 5
ALEX SIMPSON .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

* First peal in three Minor methods 'inside.' First as conductor.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in B.

*V. MICHAEL COX .. Treble	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 4
WILLIAM J. H. PARKER .. 2	*PETER J. JOYCE .. 5
*D. PAUL TREBLE .. 3	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND E. FINCH.

* First peal in five methods.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*HAROLD L. PARFREY .. Treble	*ALAN F. LEE .. 4
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 2	S. ARTHUR READ .. 5
GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Kent Minor.

Rung for the sixth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Evans as Rector.

HANDBELL PEALS

EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT 62, LEIGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 1-2	DAVID J. FORDER .. 5-6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3-4	TOM CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1-2	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5-6
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7-8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.' † First of Surprise Major 'in hand.' First of Surprise 'in hand' as conductor.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Berry 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon (first of Cambridge) 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, J. A. Constant 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth A. Buckley (first quarter) 1, D. F. Roberts 2, R. I. Gosling 3, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 4, B. R. Manning 5, A. R. Coldwell (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley P. Hydys 1, Bernice A. Manning 2, B. R. Manning (cond.) 3, R. I. Gosling 4, E. D. Thomas 5, R. Lawrence 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Hydes, mother of the treble ringer. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,270 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lawrence 1, B. R. Manning 2, S. K. A. Huson 3, R. I. Gosling (first as cond.) 4, E. D. Thomas 5, A. F. Hall (first away from treble) 6. Rung for the dedication of a new lectern and pulpit, by the Bishop of Derby.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Cynthia M. Clayton 1, Christine B. Clayton 2, P. J. Malloch (first quarter) 3, N. Bennett (cond.) 4, C. J. Clegg 5, D. J. Marshall 6, D. F. Yates 7, R. M. Edwards 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, J. Lunham 2, W. Dowler 3, L. J. Clarke (first quarter) 4, D. Jones 5, J. Rothwell 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Elizabeth Farrow 2, H. N. Pittow (cond.) 3, A. F. Spooner (first of Stedman) 4, G. Huxley 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. A. Reece 8. For the Patronal Festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, M. Pole 2, A. W. Skinner 3, A. G. Skinner (first of Stedman) 4, O. Castleman 5, N. O. Abell 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, C. D. Lynch 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire, St. Martin's and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. First quarter in five methods by all. For Matins.

BLABY, LEICS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Cobley (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, B. C. Law 3, K. H. Mildred 4, J. H. Wale (first as cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Hill (first in method) 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, Miss I. E. Down 3, H. J. Ralph 4, H. P. Sparks 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Sandra Elaine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller, Blackwater Farm, West Bourton, and niece of the ringer of the third.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Charlton 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, H. Parsons 4, W. F. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull 4, G. Charlton (first as cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BURWOOD, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Battishill (first quarter) 1, G. F. Kerr (first 'inside') 2, L. Bruce 3, L. R. Langshaw 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, A. Hicks (first quarter) 6. First quarter in 3 methods for all except conductor. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Allsopp (first quarter) 1, G. F. Kerr 2, P. Davis 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, L. Bruce 5, W. F. Kerr (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire for all except conductor. First quarter by father and son for Australian and New Zealand Association. Both rung for 90th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on Nov. 14th, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: Miss H. Muirhead 1, Miss B. C. Webster 2, P. H. Pigg 3, M. J. L. Gordon 4, H. Muncey 5, H. F. Brown 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Foster 10, W. J. Quinney 11, H. C. Lewis 12. First on 12 for 2, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12. Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Charles.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Barnett 1, F. Symonds 2, R. Sturmeay 3, F. Stedman 4, E. H. Amey 5, R. H. Duke 6, J. Rose (cond.) 7, V. Furnage 8. First on eight, 1, 3 and 8. First on bells since being augmented to eight. A tribute to the fallen in two world wars.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Woolf (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, J. A. H. Betts 3, L. Hall 4, P. Toccock (cond.) 5, E. C. Stanford 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Stretton 1, W. Moreley 2, W. Cross 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Lloyd 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, A. Leach 8. First of Stedman for 2, 5 and 8.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Sawtell 1, D. Nibbs 2, G. Humphries 3, R. Humphries (cond.) 4, D. Stillman 5, J. Stillman 6. First in the method for all the band. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKs.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. T. Gibson (first quarter) 1, D. I. Cowman 2, D. M. Robershaw 3, D. J. Barrow 4, M. S. Bruce 5, D. P. J. Bruce (cond.) 6. By Sunday service band for Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to ringer of fifth, who is leaving for Cambridge.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Wretham (first quarter) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, A. Duggan 3, D. A. Bedford 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung at Evensong for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 720 Durham): J. Fray 1, R. G. Beck (cond.) 2, E. C. Wadman 3, E. J. Chivers 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6. First in method for 1, 5 and 6.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, A. Callow 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. A Bown 6. For the wedding this day at Somerton of Miss Sheila Carol Gratton, daughter of the treble ringer, to Mr. Leslie Neal, of Evershot, Dorset.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): Josephine D. Hardy 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, J. Richards (first in two methods) 4, C. T. Hillis 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Oxford T. B. Minor: Anne P. Smith 1, Margaret Mackay 2, E. Shuttleworth 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. Smith 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. Alun F. Davies and Marion Davies.

NETHER COMPTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis (first on five) 1, Miss P. A. Bond (first on five and 'inside') 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

NEWENT, GLOS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banks 1, May Stevens 2, W. Jenkins 3, M. Banks 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. First quarter by a local band.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church on Oct. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Thomson 1, D. Bennett 2, Alison Macfarlane (first in method) 3, R. Crawford (first in method) 4, B. Wakefield 5, J. Camp (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Crawford 1, Brenda Collins 2, Marion Phillips (first of Minor) 3, M. Atfield 4, J. Cawood 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

PARAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (1,020 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Elaine Graves (first quarter) 1, G. A. J. Langshaw 2, P. B. Gates 3, R. L. Clark (cond.) 4, R. W. Ferris 5, D. Langdon 6. To mark the visit of the Archbishop of Sydney.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss P. Drury 1, J. King 2, A. D. Leach 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Cherryman, on his 75th birthday.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, H. W. Perkins 2, H. W. Milford 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day (first as cond. on 10) 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to Miss R. J. Marks.

ROTTERHAM, YORKs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Chaddock 1, R. Lindsay (first quarter) 2, N. Donaven 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, S. Armeson 5, G. Lee 6, N. Chaddock 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Thomas' Church: 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela J. Williams (first of Triples) 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Margaret R. Page 3, I. Ann Abrahams 4, Yvonne L. Elole 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, E. J. Doel 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

STANWELL, MIDDx.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brand 1, Miss J. Wiggins 2, M. Bartlett 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, D. Boniface (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,296 Spliced 10 Surprise: M. Bartlett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Also 1,296 Spliced 10 Surprise: Miss M. Gibson 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Jewitt 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Barton 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Rea 5, K. Cherill 6, M. Barton 7, Miss C. White 8. For Matins. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Sanders 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, Miss M. Taylor 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, M. P. Barton 5, J. C. Eisel 6, P. Cattermole 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 3 and 6. For Matins. Also for Evensong: 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Shepherd 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Chapman 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, K. Cherwill 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. Also at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Williamson 1, R. Talbot 2, K. Cherill 3, G. Parsons 4, E. Talbot 5, C. Wood 6, M. Harbut 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (in eight methods): M. W. Brown (cond.) 1, J. Clark 2, R. Clark (first 'inside' in eight methods) 3, R. Lloyd 4, M. J. Copson 5, N. R. Ellway 6. First in eight methods by 2, 4, 5 and 6.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, L. R. A. Curran 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to His Holiness the Pope. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob): Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. H. Fryer 2, G. A. J. Langshaw (first as cond.) 3, L. R. A. Curran 4, W. D. Watson 5. For evening Mass.

TENBY, PEMB.—On Sept. 10th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: Stella Lewis 1, Gladys Richardson 2, Dorothy Saunders 3, J. Webb 4, A. Richardson 5, W. G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins 7, N. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong as a farewell and with the best wishes of the band to Miss Dorothy Saunders, in her forthcoming marriage.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Marshall (first quarter) 1, T. Price (first quarter) 2, R. Rex 3, A. Stacey (first quarter) 4, Pat Woodward-Smith 5, D. Muttram 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. For Sunday Service. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: T. Price 1, R. Christopher 2, Pat Woodward-Smith 3, W. Hunt 4, R. Rex 5, R. Pike 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TINTINHULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tavener, of Tintinhull, on their recent marriage.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, B. Nulty 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WARMEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lampard (first of Minor) 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, H. Taysom 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, I. G. Smith (first as cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, H. G. Summers 3, R. Harris 4, I. W. T. Taylor 5, L. M. Callow 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Elkington (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Morris 2, F. Elkington 3, J. W. Bailey 4, L. H. Taylor 5, J. P. Morris (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): G. Markwell 1, H. Sharp (age 87) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, D. Mureft 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung to mark the 65th anniversary of Mr. H. Sharpe's first peal at Wilburton on November 17th, 1896.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (4 methods): D. Mureft 1, S. Shipp 2, G. Crisp 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, G. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung for Sung Eucharist.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margie Ness (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne Garnett 3, R. Mayes (first of Minor) 4, A. Bagworth 5, K. Newman (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, and for Evensong.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Barlborough bells from 3 p.m., Eckington bells 3 till 4 p.m. only.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 9322

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to the secretary. No names no tea.—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Hunts District at Over on December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Stevenage on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—December 2nd. Rickmansworth (10). 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 6755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9303

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (instead of as shown in programme), Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6, 6½ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Pile, Mill Cottage, Little Chart, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 9286

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Gresley, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9296

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Langham (6 bells), Saturday, December 2nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 9305

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. St. Giles's, Cripplegate (12). 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts, or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 9233

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. Everybody welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9311

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Aspley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 9308

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15, conducted by the Archdeacon of Lewes. Tea 5 p.m. only to those who notify E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9300

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 9287

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 4th. 7 p.m. 9320

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, December 9th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9332

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, December 9th. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea early to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 9336

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 9330

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 9th, at Potton. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. Please note change of tower.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9333

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 9319

COVENTRY GUILD.—Joint meeting, North and Southern Districts, Saturday, December 9th, at Kenilworth. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Royal (captain), 33, Waverly Road, Kenilworth, Warwick. 9339

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Heavytrees 7-8 p.m., also St. Thomas'. Names for tea to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9293

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, December 9th, at Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Frost, 122, Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire, by Thursday, please.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9334

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, December 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Henry VIII. Names by 7th to W. J. Bunch, Hillcrest, Chiddingstone Heath, Edenbridge, Kent. Annual dinner at Tunbridge Wells, February 20th, tickets 15s., available at this meeting or from Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. Please try and support.—C. A. Bassett. 9345

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Chesterton, on December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9341

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12). December 9th. 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important business following tea. Names by December 5th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9335

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Swindon, December 9th. Ringing 2-5 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting and social evening. Names for tea by Wednesday.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9347

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Minchinhampton, December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names essential by December 6th to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9342

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Annual meeting, Stow-on-Wold, Saturday, December 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. Names for tea by Wednesday December 6th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 9337

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting, December 9th, 3 p.m., Widford.—T. J. Southam. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, London Road, King's Langley. No name no tea. 9344

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne (please note change of tower) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD—Eastern District.—Meeting at Long Stratton on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Dickleburgh (6) from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. E. J. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, December 6th. Everyone welcome. 9342

LADIES' GUILD—Western District.—Meeting at Twerton, Bath, Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. Alan Lee, 3, Fernley Terrace, High Street, Twerton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, December 9th, at Newhey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations required for new secretary. Evening ringing at Milnrow.—Hudson, Sec. 9358

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 9360

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. A. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool 19. 9357

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church (St. Laurence), Saturday, December 9th. No tea arrangements, cafes nearby. Meeting in church 5.45 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish on Saturday, December 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers, etc.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 9354

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Ibstock (6), December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock.—W. W. Hall. 9314

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-upon-Soar, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m., for those who notify by December 7th Mrs. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow. (Tel. Quorn 2813.) 9340

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Club Room, 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, December 4th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 9297

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES—Meeting at Leeds, Saturday, December 9th. St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) 2-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 3-5; Parish Church (12) 6-7 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. Couperthwaite. 9355

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Great Yarmouth, December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, December 6th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winslow (8), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Choral Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cowley, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. W. F. Holloway, 30, Marsh Road, Cowley, Oxford. 9343

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham postponed until December 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Townsend, Well Street, Buckingham, by December 6th. Please note change of date.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 9316

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Meeting at Shifnal, on December 9th. Bells available from 3 till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Salter, 15, Church Street, Shifnal, by previous Wednesday. Nominations for officers for 1962 to be given in. 9352

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, December 9th. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 9350

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SOUTH WALES NOMADS—Meeting at Rumney (Mon.) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 3.30-6.30 p.m. All members please note this date. Visitors welcome. 9241

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 9325

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting, Limpsfield, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield, by December 6th. Chart bells also after business meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9282

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Washington (6) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 9346

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 9th, 11 a.m.-12 noon Immanuel, Streatham (8); 1.45 p.m.-2.45 St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey (10); 3.15-4.15 St. Peter's, South Croydon (10); 6-7 St. Leonard's, Streatham (8). All welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 13th to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester.—E. Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9329

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Combined meeting with SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY at Goole on December 16th. (Beverley not available.) Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.15. Christmas tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before Thursday, December 14th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9324

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting at Drighlington, December 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Briggs' Cafe, followed by business meeting in Sunday School. Names for tea by Friday, December 15th, to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Drighlington, near Bradford, Yorkshire.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9351

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION—The A.G.M. will take place at Shardlow, on January 13th, 1962, at 3 p.m. Nomination forms for officers and committee to be returned by December 20th, 1961.—R. S. Barker, Hon. Sec. 9321

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The annual dinner for the present session (1961-62) will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 1962. Details later. 9318

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'R.W.' December 1st, 1911.—

A serious accident happened in the belfry at Southover, Lewes, on Sunday afternoon. The steeple keeper (Mr. A. S. Langridge) went up among the bells while they were up to adjust the muffies, which had been put on owing to the death of the Rev. E. D. Stead, when he got in the way of the tenor, which was being tolled, and was knocked into the pit. Fortunately the bell did not strike him, but the slide bar hit him on the knee, and, as was afterwards ascertained, fractured his knee cap.

Only two ringers were in the ringing chamber below. On finding something wrong they hurried to the bell floor, where they found Mr. Langridge in the pit. With difficulty they extricated him from the perilous position, and got him down the steep ladder and stairs to the church below. Thence he was taken home, afterwards to hospital, where he will have to remain for some time.

The accident again illustrates the danger of going among bells when they are up, and particularly when any of them are being rung. Too much care cannot be exercised both by those who find it necessary to go up among the bells and by those who may at the time be in the belfry below.

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STAMFORD, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, P. D. Baldock 3 C. Matthews 4, G. S. Bush 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For Evensong, on the Patronal Festival.

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DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Minnear 1, Mrs. Y. M. Gibson 2, E. W. Honour 3, W. H. Minnear 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, B. J. Sykes 6. A farewell to Yvonne M. Gibson, who is leaving Deddington to join her husband in the Persian Gulf.

DERBY.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire) (7, 6, 8 cover): K. Betesta 1, D. Astridge (cond.) 2, G. Bridges 3, A. Bridges 4, H. Bridges 5, J. Kettle 6, D. K. Walklate 7, W. Allsop 8. For Evensong.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 720 Cambridge Minor: B. Read 1, Olive Boulden 2, Ethel Clear 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6. First of Surprise by 1, 3 and 6, and first ever by Dorking local band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Leigh 1, D. E. Leigh 2, Ann George 3, E. J. Jenner 4, J. E. Warner 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6, S. Jenner 7, L. J. Fox 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hammond (first quarter) 1, K. Gardner (first quarter) 2, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 3, A. K. Fortin 4, D. J. Allen 5, S. Woodward 6. For Evensong.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew): A. Hicks 1, H. Miles 2, C. Hale (first 'inside') 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. On St. Leonard's Day, for Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. Whelan (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Stopp 1, Miss C. Stobbart 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, G. Riglar (first as cond.) 5, R. Curry 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Bob Doubles by all.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bruce 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Cherry Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): B. Hudson 1, G. L. Lovett (cond.) 2, M. E. White 3, T. Dexter 4, W. Swan 5, J. Preston 6, W. W. Draper 7, M. Briggs 8. Rung before the bell ringers' annual service.

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