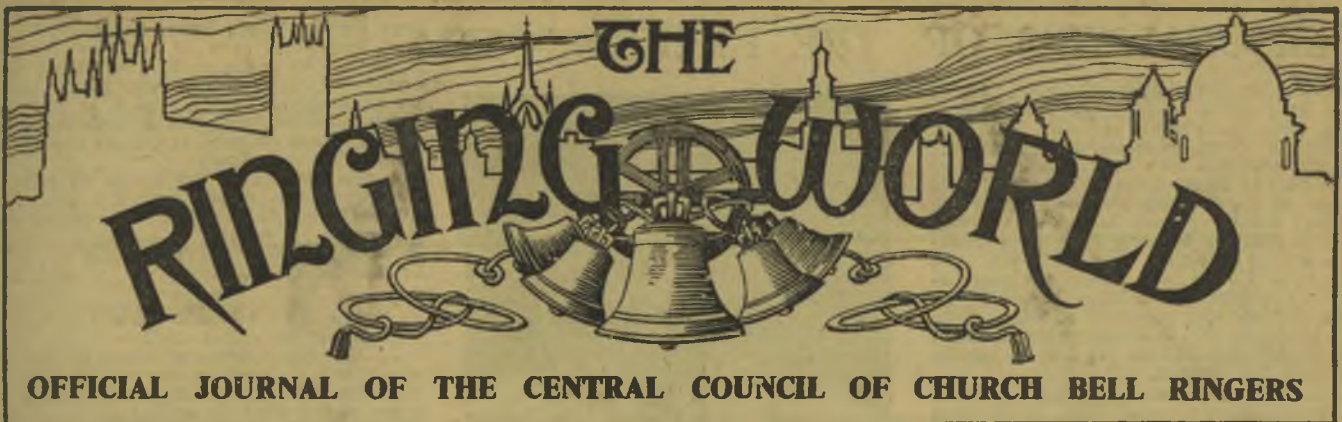




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FATHER TIME LOOKS BACK

THE year 1961 was, generally speaking, a happy one for the Exercise. The inflow of young people more or less kept pace with the losses by death, but it remains to be seen whether the entrants to ringing in 1961 will contain personalities such as Albert Walker, Preb. E. V. Cox, J. A. Freeman, G. W. Jeffs, and many others who added distinction and in one case unusual prestige in the person of the Earl of Shaftesbury. We do not know of a peer of the realm in the ranks of Sunday service ringers; we have one or two ringers in 'Burke's Peerage,' but our link with the House of Lords, except on the Episcopal Bench, has been severed. And these young people, who in some areas monopolise our towers and meetings, will probably reach a maturity more advanced than the present generation. It is a healthy and happy sign—and so great is the respect of one Guild for youth that when a ballot was taken on the Guild's future it amended its rules to allow child members to vote. The measure of accomplishment of many of these junior members is a heartening sign. More and more attention is being given to training of youth and instructors, and courses were held at Grantley Hall, Knuston Hall and Missenden Abbey, apart from a number of day courses. Another feature is the huge sale of the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners'—a sure indication of the rate of entry. Let's hope all start the right way.

There are three things in particular that make 1961 a year of special interest. The first was the declaration of a national ringing day for the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury on June 27th. An appeal was made by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, for a ringing day to be observed, and the response was excellent—very many peals and quarter peals supplemented the touches rung in cathedrals and churches. We cannot recall such a widespread response previously to honour a dignitary of the Church.

The second great event in our minds was the dedication of the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow. These bells exemplify the spirit of London, and for years the old Bow Bells provided the time signal for the British Broadcasting Corporation—which incidentally was tampered with during the year. The open meeting at Bow for ringers far and wide has yet to be held. Upon the subject of dedications and augmentations we would particularly mention Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia (a completely new ten); St. Michael's, Cornhill; Tamworth, Chichester Cathedral, Tenterden, and in Wales Buckley and Cardigan.

'The Ringing World' came into the limelight during the year by reason of its golden jubilee number. The Editorial Committee spent lavishly on the production in order to provide a suitable memento of the occasion (a few copies are still available). The memory of the founder, John Sparkes Goldsmith, was honoured; there was a pilgrimage to his grave, a service in Guildford Cathedral, and a supper and social gathering.

For a number of individuals 1961 saw the consummation of long-standing ambitions. In the forefront of these was the ringing of his 2,000th peal by Ernest Morris, of Leicester. This prodigious number was accomplished in a span of 55 years, and at 71 Ernest is still blithe and gay. The rate of peal ringing leads one to predict that within ten years there will be others to keep Mr. Morris warm in the exclusive company of the 2,000-pealers. Two new names have been added to those who have rung 1,000 peals—Edward Jenkins, of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, and John Worth, of Macclesfield; and when the latter reached his 1,000th, Edward Jenkins was one of the band.

The campanile at Loughborough Foundry continued to be the focal point for attempts to ring the extent of Bob Major. There were three attempts. That on July 15th resulted in a record length of Plain Bob Major being rung, of 32,704 in 15 hours 30½ minutes, which was conducted by Robert B. Smith, who during 1961 rang more peals than any other ringer (137). The second attempt, by Robert G. Leale's band, was not so conspicuous, extending to only 17,000, but later in the year the nearest approach to this Everest of ringing was reached by Frank B. Lufkin's band. In 16¼ hours they rang 32,912 changes. From the experience of these attempts there are now quite a number of ringers who believe that it is a practical proposition to ring the 40,320 changes. Judging by the existing enthusiasm, there is no shortage of young men who regard themselves as having the physique and discipline of mind to make the attempt with a reasonable chance of success. Other things are also coming from Loughborough. Almost weekly a peal of Surprise Royal is rung there, and many of these are firsts in the method.

While not attempting to select the most meritorious performance of the year—we will leave others to nominate their choice—we regard the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods, rung silently and non-conducted by eight members of the Central Council on Whit Monday, as being a classic performance that will go down into history. The ladies have also something worthy of a special preen—the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester on May 20th on the 35th anniversary of the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Ladies' Guild.

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PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—53

A real 'live wire' in the right place. Living in an area which needs someone to keep it going, this description certainly fits Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, of Highclere, Hampshire.

Geoff Dodd was born at Highclere on May 5th, 1932, and attended the village school until the age of 11, finishing his education at the Newbury Secondary Boys' School. On leaving he went into the building trade as a brick-layer, and is employed by a local firm. In 1945, aged 13, he was taught to handle a bell, in company with a fellow school friend, Brian Stirland, who now lives at Bath. They were taught by Mr. J. F. Smith on the eight bells at Highclere and for the first 12 months rang only call changes.

Later they were invited to attend practices at the neighbouring six-bell tower of Woolton Hill by Henry Lawrenson, new secretary of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and a ringer at Newbury Parish Church. Here he learnt to hunt the treble to Grand-sire Doubles, and in company with Brian Stirland attended practices anywhere within a radius of 30 miles, usually travelling by bicycle. They progressed up to ringing Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major, by the wise manner of learning the method beforehand, and asking someone to stand behind them to ring it. Within six months of attending Woolton Hill, they were ringing Cambridge Minor, including a number of 720's and quarter peals.

Geoff attempted his first peal on April 24th, 1948, when Mr. Albert Diserens, of Reading, arranged a peal of Bob Major at Highclere to enable both boys to ring their first together. Unfortunately it failed through a shift, but after several more failures, with other bands Geoff eventually scored his first peal by ringing the treble to Double Norwich at Amesbury, Wilts, on December 18th, 1948. In 1949, he joined the Roving Ringers, who were touring Somerset, and rang his first courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal with them. At a later reunion in Birmingham, he rang his first peal of Surprise—Yorkshire Major—at Hanbury, Worcs, on February 4th, 1951, conducted by Arthur Pritchard. A week later he rang his first peal as conductor—Grandsire Doubles—at Highclere. It was the first peal for the other five members of the band, and the tenor was rung by Mr. Jack Smith, thus enabling Geoff to join the ranks of the few ringers who have called their instructors' first peal.

IN KOREA WITH THE GLOUCESTERS

Soon after this, Geoff, who had been called for National Service with H.M. Forces in August, 1950, embarked with the Hampshire Regiment for Germany, but he was only there six weeks before being rushed home to join the Gloucestershire Regiment, who were fighting in Korea. His battle training was done in the Plymouth area, and while there he did some ringing with Tom Myers and Bill Simms. This finished with a quarter peal of Stedman Cuters at St. Andrew's, before he embarked for Korea in June, 1951. On his demob from the Army in August, 1952, he rejoined the Highclere band, and taught a young team to ring Grandsire Doubles, calling their first peal in this method, with a local band, on the occasion of a visit by H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Highclere Castle on November 2nd, 1952. This was the first peal on the bells by a local company.

Geoff's present peal total is 270, of which he has conducted 92. These include the first peal of Minimus ever rung, at Newtown, Hants, in five methods, to Spliced Surprise Major. Geoff is a great organiser of several peals in a day efforts, and arranged four peals in a day in Hants in November, 1956, five peals in a day in April, 1958, three peals of Surprise Major in a day in September, 1958, and four peals of Surprise Major in a day in October, 1960. Anyone who has tried to arrange even two peals in a day knows the amount of hard work required for these projects!

Amongst the peals of which Geoff is particularly pleased about are one of six Spliced Minor which he called at Yattendon, Berks, in June, 1960, rung as a memorial to Miss Stella



MR. GEOFFREY K. DODD,
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Davis, and another of eight Surprise Minor in July, 1960, rung at Goodworth Clatford, Hants. They were rung by a band that had been practising weekly from the beginning of that year, most of whom had worked up from Bob Minor. He is also very pleased with the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Winchester Cathedral rung for the Coronation, and a peal of Yorkshire Royal with the Birmingham band at St. Philip's Cathedral the same year. Within recent years Geoff has developed into a good heavy-bell ringer, and has rung the tenor and conducted peals at Sherborne Abbey, Evesham, Bloxham, Romsey and East Hendred. Two peals of special interest he well remembers! They were two peals of Bob Minor rung at Hurstbourne Priors in March, 1958, and Sydmonton in November, 1958. Both were rung in towers in Hampshire where there had been no ringing for over 50 years, and which were regarded as unringable! It was only through the hard work which Geoff put into the bells that the peals were at all possible.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY

Since January, 1953, Geoff has been secretary of the Andover District, and during this period he has served on the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild executive committee. The District's membership is now over 100, for the first time since its formation in 1928. He is very grateful for the help given him by the Diserens family in scoring his first peals of Bristol, London and Spliced Surprise, also to Charles H. Kippin for his early peals of Surprise Royal at North Stoneham and St. Michael's, Southampton, and to Reg Rex, for his continued support with peals, although he has not yet been persuaded to take part in a peal of Minimus! Geoff is very pleased with the Newbury Branch peal band, who have rung peals from Minor to Double Norwich as a complete band: they are good strikers and very keen. On April 14th, 1961, they rang the first Newbury District peal on the ten bells at Newbury, Kent T.B. Royal for the Queen's birthday, which Geoff called. Despite several efforts lasting into the last quarter, Geoff has not yet managed to call a peal of Stedman Triples, but he hopes to score one in 1962. Another ambition is to score a peal of London Royal, and now that these are becoming more common perhaps this will not be too far distant.

On March 26th, 1955, Geoff married Sylvia Stacey, a non-ringer, though she has since learnt. They have two children, Wendy, aged 5, and Stephen, aged 2, both being regular attenders at Highclere belfry, where Geoff is now captain, and they sit and watch while mother and father ring for Sunday service. Sylvia is well known to visiting ringers, who

have stayed at their home, and enjoyed their kind hospitality, prior to some all day peal attempts. An old custom of the band going round the village at Christmas playing carols on handbells has been revived at at Highclere. They had a fine reception at each house last Christmas and collected 12 guineas towards the Cancer Research Fund.

A real enthusiast, who spares no pains in his organisation, Geoff Dodd is a great asset to North Hampshire and the surrounding area. He would be welcome in any area, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild are lucky to have him as a member. **APACE.**

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 26th, 1912.—

...Of the conductors, many of the old names will be found among those leading the way, but Mr. A. H. Pulling has taken a big jump to the front by calling no fewer than 67 peals in the year. Mr. William Pye, first in 1910 with 45, was second last year with 46, and among others well up in the list are: Messrs. B. Prewett with 30, F. Bennett with 28, G. Williams with 25, J. Motts with 21 and C. Glenn with 20. ...One other feature of the results of the year to which we must allude is the advance of Miss Edith Parker, who, out of 21 peals rung during 1911, conducted 17, including seven peals of London, four of Superlative, three of Cambridge and three of Stedman. No lady has ever before achieved such distinction in the ringing world, and Miss Parker's accomplishment is one of the most noteworthy performances in a year full of interest in the annals of the Exercise.

REDEDICATION

ST. GILES', ASSTEAD

On January 14th the eight bells of St. Giles' Church, Asstead, were rededicated by the Bishop of Guildford. The bells, on which over 300 peals had been rung, had been quarter turned and tuned and rehung in a new metal frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All new fittings had been installed and the bells now have new metal headstocks.

The bells had been rehallowed by the Rector of Asstead, the Rev. G. J. Halsey, on All Saints' Day, but the actual service of rededication was postponed until the Bishop himself could visit Asstead.

The rededication took place immediately after Matins had finished and following the singing of the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God who liveth.' The rededication included the prayer for the proper use of the bells. While the Bishop was returning to the chancel prior to giving his address the bells were rung to rounds.

This was the Bishop's first visit to Asstead and his sermon, addressed alike to congregation and ringers, will long be remembered by those privileged to be there.

Immediately the service was over the bells were rung to changes by the local band, and when the Bishop had changed he came up into the ringing chamber and greeted all the ringers personally, both young and old.

The bells, which were always popular, are once again a first class ring and will be available to visitors. For the information of visitors, who are always welcome, ringing on Sundays is at 10.30 a.m. for Matins, and at 5.45 p.m. for Evensong. Practice night is on Thursday at 8 p.m. **J. T. S.**

FATHER TIME LOOKS BACK—Continued

The Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent was attended by 147 members—a number never before surpassed. Perhaps the main achievement was the definition of a peal of Minimus that would be included in the Council's Analysis—a peal rung only in a 4-bell tower. This seems to meet the wishes of most of those who disliked the prospect of reading 4-bell peals in 'The Ringing World.' They are not now really expected—at any rate an elaborate review of the method, its controversies and performances, has been written. The presence at the Council meeting of Mr. G. W. Pipe, from Melbourne, made the members conscious that vigorous offshoots of the Exercise do exist overseas. There have been other visitors this year from 'down under,' and their experience of homeland ringing should strengthen the standard in the Commonwealth where towers are very distant.

Children's Vote Allowed on Surrey Merger

It was a case of standing room only at St. Saviour's Hall, Guildford, on January 13th, when the Guildford Diocesan Guild balloted on the question of merger with the Surrey Association. Rule 9, para. 2, was amended for the meeting to permit junior members to vote. About five members opposed 'child' membership voting.

The Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) presided, and with him were Mr. S. Russell (honorary secretary) and Mr. F. E. Collins (liaison officer of the Surrey Association).

The Master submitted the motion, which had been drafted by the Masters and secretaries of both bodies, and was read to the meeting by the secretary. The motion stated:

'Following exploratory discussions by the sub-committees appointed by both bodies, it has been found possible to propose a common basis of agreement which would allow the merging of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association. Considerable detailed negotiation would still be necessary to ensure that the new organisation represents the best interests of both memberships, and safeguards the traditions of both societies.'

'This meeting approves in principle of a merger between the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and the Surrey Association of Change Ringers, subject to a final detailed proposal being worked out, and being approved by both societies at further Special General Meetings in due course.'

Mr. Denyer made it clear that he was not going to allow the motion to be discussed. There had been plenty of opportunities, he said, to discuss it at District meetings and in the towers.

Mr. G. L. Grover asked the Master to accept a formal objection. They could not, he said, merge a diocesan association with an association working outside the diocesan area. If they did so they would sink the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

This objection was seconded, but was heavily defeated.

Another quibble raised was that according to the notice in 'The Ringing World' only

paid up members were entitled to vote. How many, he asked, had paid the current subscriptions for 1962?

The secretary replied that the notice was dated December and referred to 1961 subscriptions.

DIFFERENT OPINIONS

Mr. S. Joyce had a number of complaints. He did not like the votes cast at that meeting being counted after the Surrey Association meeting at Croydon. He thought the result should be announced at both places.

Mr. Denyer: That is what I intend to do.

Mr. Joyce also thought the votes should be counted at a meeting of both committees and the secretaries of the various Districts notified of the result by post.

The Master replied that the Surrey Association's meeting was fixed after their Guild's—that was why the votes were to be counted there.

Mr. F. E. Collins: If the Guildford meeting was due to take place after the Surrey Association meeting and votes were then to be counted, they would not find Surrey Association members quibbling.

Mr. Joyce then moved an amendment supporting his views, which was defeated.

Explaining details of the ballot the Master said the ballot box would be sealed and handed to the Vicar of St. Saviour's for safe keeping until the day of the Croydon meeting, when it would be taken there by officers of the Guild. Guildford Guild would have yellow voting papers and Surrey Association white. The same ballot box would be used.

Miss Oliver thought that each body should have its own ballot box and this was agreed to.

The ballot was then proceeded with, the questions being:

'I approve in principle the proposal to merge with the Surrey Association of Change Ringers,' and

'I am against any form of merger with the Surrey Association of Change Ringers.'

The total number of votes cast was 146.

THE RAVERS' REUNION

The annual reunion of the Society of Raving Ringers was this year centred on Hitcham, Bucks, where we were the guests of our Ringing Master's parents and a few equally long-suffering local landladies.

On the evening of January 6th, members met at Slough, where we were privileged to join Bill Birmingham's band in practice on the ten, some Cambridge Royal being rung.

On the Saturday morning we got off to a bad start. The minibus being less than half full, we were given a demonstration of how good the brakes were, and our chief navigator, Michael Ling, had the misfortune to gouge a lump out of his forehead. Being promptly delivered to Maidenhead Hospital, he spent the morning having his forehead stitched up, while the deputy navigator led an unsuspecting crew to Farnham Royal, via divers back lanes. We arrived just in time to ring, and found that Geoff Riglar had met the rest of the party. Chalfont St. Peter followed, then Chalfont St. Giles, where Bill Cracknell joined in some London Minor and a 'Newmarket special' touch of Spliced Minor came round.

After lunch in Amersham, London and Norwich Surprise were among the methods rung on this good heavy six. Our wounded navigator now in tow again, the party proceeded to Penn, and then Beaconsfield, where Miss Fletcher met us and joined in some Yorkshire.

Dennis Poole had the bells up ready for us at Marlow, and the highlight of a pleasant hour's ringing here was our first ever course of Bristol at only the second attempt. Indeed, so elated was our minibus driver that he rose to the bait splendidly. He received a message that the 'strong arm of the law' was downstairs, and wanted to see the chap in charge of the minibus. Alas, he found on reporting, that the constable was a local ringer, and had only come along to listen!

Our last tower was High Wycombe, where the familiar figure of Dennis Knox saw that all was in order. We didn't manage Cambridge Royal, but finished with a good touch of Grandisle Caters.

The remainder of the evening was spent at Hitcham, recalling the past and looking to the future—in particular the 1962 tour, which will be in North Wales.

Sunday morning, assistance was rendered with service ringing at several local towers, and in the afternoon five of the party were in a quarter peal attempt at Iwer, to celebrate the christening of a local ringer's daughter. This was unfortunately unsuccessful, but was followed by a ring at Langley, before we once more split up to local towers, and eventually said our farewells.

We would like to thank everyone who made us so welcome, and assisted with arrangements. R. K. R.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual dinner of the S.D.N.L.A. was held on December 15th at the Dog and Duck, Shardlow, when 51 members and guests were present, including the president (Rev. D. Rice) and the president of Leicester Guild (Mr. P. Staniforth).

The chairman (Mr. F. Hinds) proposed the loyal toast. The Rev. Mr. Jones, of Alvaston, proposed the toast of 'The Association,' in which he wished the Association every success in the coming year. The president replied. Mr. Brian Manning and members of Alvaston tower organised the entertainment, which continued until midnight. R. S. B.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WETHERINGSETT

Despite 'arctic' conditions, ringers from Pulham and Dickleburgh set out on New Year's Eve for Wetheringsett to attempt a half-muffled quarter peal in memory of Arthur Thomas George Clark, parish clerk, sexton and ringer at Wetheringsett for 70 years. Mr. Clark died on December 23rd, aged 91 years.

The Parish Church is a fine building in the Perpendicular style showing excellent examples of the flint and stone flushwork for which East Anglia is famed. The tower is of massive proportions and a massive frame, probably 16th century, contains a ring of five bells. The tenor, a fine 18 century bell, by Lester and Pack, is reputed to weigh 16 cwt. The treble and second are 17th century bells, by Brend and Draper, respectively. The third and fourth are from Whitechapel and Downham Market, cast in the 19th century. Forming 23456 of an approximate octave, the bells have a somewhat melancholy sound, which does not, however, detract from their majestic air.

Unfortunately the quarter peal was lost when a rope broke, after 720 changes of well-struck Plain Bob Doubles. The ringers were: Robin Churchill 1, Clive Calton 2, Charles R. Catchpole 3, Leonard J. Minns 4, Paul Cattermole (cond.) 5.

Afterwards the ringers were entertained to very welcome cups of tea by Mr. Clark's family, who thanked them for their efforts. P. C.

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BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kench 1, Judith Atkinson 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, D. Sawyer 4, J. Stallard 5, S. M. J. Young (first of Triples 'inside') 6, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 7, E. Mould 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LONG SUTTON

By T. A. BEVIS

LONG SUTTON is a preponderantly wealthy and busy South Lincolnshire market town, situated in an area renowned for its great churches and highly fertile soil—an area which has been wrested from the sea.

History slumbers in and around Long Sutton (formerly known as Sutton St. Mary). A short distance away industrious Romans built a substantial earthen wall to keep out the waters of the North Sea. Much later the same relentless waters almost trapped King John, who lost his baggage train and much of his treasure to the sea.

The Manor at Long Sutton once belonged to that time-honoured Lancastrian, John of Gaunt, whose famous symbol, a red rose, is displayed in a window of the church, a huge and remarkable building indeed.

St. Mary's Church is without doubt the oldest and most interesting of the town's buildings. It displays not a few unusual and arresting features.

The finely proportioned two-storeyed south porch is a splendid 15th century addition to the original church, erected at a time when men were still smarting from defeat at the hands of their Norman masters.

Six hundred years ago, when the zenith of the mason's skill was almost in sight, a double-storeyed vestry blossomed on the north-eastern corner of the chancel. Inside the church can be seen several monuments, one of which is inscribed, 'Alas, poor Bailey,' commemorating a Dr. Bailey who, in 1795, was foully murdered on a road near the town.

SPIRE OF 162 FEET

Of all its distinguished features the most distinctive is the tower and spire—together topping 162 feet. The former is only just attached to the south-west angle of the south aisle and it carries a facade of lancet arcading. The belfry windows are most unusual, each having two lights without—and three lights within.

Octagonal turrets at each corner of the tower support pinnacles, which lean inwards to the lead-covered spire, reputed to be the oldest and most perfect of its kind in existence. Much more could be written of the fine proportions of this stately sentinel, but unfortunately most towers are alike to the majority of bellringers.

This particular steeple contains eight bells of delightful musical qualities, noted for ease of handling, and a well nigh perfect circle of ropes (75 feet draught)—factors endearing them to the hearts and wills of many ringers, especially peal ringers. They are rung from the ground floor, an area formerly opened to the four quarters of the compass.

Many years ago five bells could be heard echoing from the steeple, and the tenor—by Henry Penn—bore the date 1716. This ancient bell worked hard for 170 years, and then, while tolling at the funeral of the then Vicar, Rev. Edward Leigh-Bennett, M.A., on November 13th, 1886, it could stand no more—and cracked.

Having been recast this bell was restored to its proper place with its fellows, and was inscribed:

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS. · GEORGE SPENCER LEIGH-BENNETT, VICAR. JOHN WILLIAM SWAIN AND JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT, CHURCHWARDENS. QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE YEAR, 1887.

A newcomer was also welcomed, thus augmenting the ring to six in number. These bells were suspended from a very old and massive oak frame.

THE STORM OF 1934

Over the years ringers from near and far entered Long Sutton's handsome campanile and all went well until 1934. In that year the town experienced a violent thunder storm and while torrential rain lashed deserted streets, a vicious tongue of lightning streaked towards terra firma and alighted amid flames, smoke and dust on the highest building in the district—the church steeple. Consequently the clock chamber and bell chamber were badly burnt. Following a necessary inspection the



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LONG SUTTON

old bell frame was declared unsafe, and all further ringing activities, of necessity, were suspended.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. removed the bells, which were recast and two trebles added; an iron frame was installed and the octave (tenor 15 cwt, 0 qr. 2 lb. in F) hung on ball bearings. At the same time two new floors were placed in the tower and when all was completed a service of dedication by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln was held on March 7th, 1935.

The widow and family of the late Matthew Henry Proctor gave the new bells, these being appropriately inscribed to the donor's generosity.

On November 11th, 1935, a local team of ringers rang a peal of over 5,000 changes, it being the first on the octave.

Present captain is Mr. C. A. Watts, whose father held that office in 1910. Many peals have been rung on the bells of St. Mary's, but only a few early efforts of Minor are recorded in the ringing chamber, the earliest dated August 11th, 1908. This was followed by a peal on February 21st, 1911. Both were conducted by Mr. J. B. Halifax, of Fleet, Lincs, a veteran, whom we are honoured to have with us today.

Before taking one's leave of this architecturally famous landmark, it is interesting to observe a small model bell cast from the metal of the original tenor. It brings to mind the strenuous activities of that old-time founder, Henry Penn, who, despite the atrocious conditions of travelling in these parts in his day, certainly got around. He surely experienced justifiable satisfaction at being represented at this lovely old church of the Lincolnshire Fenslands.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. Grainger 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. A welcome to Martin, son of the conductor, born January 3rd 1962.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 13th at St. Michael's (Broad Street). Ringing was followed by the service, which was fully choral; the Rector took the service and the sermon was preached by the Vicar of Twerton, the Rev. L. A. B. White. Tea was much enjoyed, and the meeting commenced under the chairmanship of Rev. E. J. Rowe.

From the balance sheet, presented by the secretary (Mr. A. Lee), it was noted that membership had increased by 15 and over £30 would be handed over to the Association. The secretary's report stated that four towers had rejoined the Association, viz. Wellow, St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, Swainswick, and the bells at Batheaston were ringing again after seven years' silence. Peals in the Branch increased by one to ten.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. L. A. B. White; vice-chairmen, Revs. E. J. Rowe (Weston), F. Pollard (Fresford), Sargent (St. Michael's); secretary, Mr. A. Lee (Twerton); treasurer, Mr. T. Milsom (Twerton); Ringing Master, Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Owen (Keynsham). Two new members were elected.

The Rev. E. J. Rowe was thanked for his services to the Branch as chairman for over 12 years. Further ringing followed at the Abbey.

A. F. L.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1961

We are in the process of compiling our records of peal ringers of 1961. Will those who have rung 25 peals or more please send details of numbers rung on tower- or handbells and the number of each conducted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ACIDITY FROM WOOLTON

Dear Sir,—The Ringing World's report on the Stoke meeting states that the Central Council now choose for the B.B.C. the towers to be heard on Christmas morning. It may interest your correspondents (pages 3 and 20) to know that I wrote the B.B.C., London, offering the St. Peter's, Woolton, bells for a live broadcast in any of the standard methods. On hearing that it would have to be recorded, I was a little shocked to hear that it could be edited. To this I said, 'No.' Reading my 'R.W.' again, I see that this is recommended by the Central Council: I therefore had no hesitation in replying 'Take no notice of the Central Council: no editing, please.' Do we understand that no attempt was made to check the interpretation of the Central Council instruction, until those who shave to the interval signal found themselves growing a stub?

Following the Chelmsford meeting, we did not become a teaching tower of the College which lives up to its name, because of the official attitude: Heaven only knows how many towers since closed would have been saved by this vision of instruction. To claim to direct the B.B.C. to towers is indeed an admission of failure and contrary to any decent Christian principle, without considering the commercial one, the not inconsiderable fee for the broadcast.

It is a pity the official report is months away, as some of the towers went much too fast and in others the microphone was badly placed. Could our secret society come out in the open and tell us just what they did? 'The Ringing World' readers should know beforehand the whole programme. Why did they not observe the everyday courtesy of normal life? If the committee for broadcasting cannot be useful, may it become decorative. The fact that London's fine bells are so silent and the fact that Tewkesbury's were on the rough side is entirely due to Central Council policy, which works 100 per cent for the snobs of the Exercise.

This may interest your clerical correspondent: Our church seats 560. Our Rector said to me before Christmas that the cord across the bellringers' seats was being removed and the seats occupied before the ringers came into church; he didn't know what he could do for the bellringers. If, reverend sir, your church is not filled Sunday by Sunday, I will be happy to tell you maybe why. There has been one feeler for making the bellringers' church attendance the Central Council's 1962 platform. Please don't, Central Council, waste your time on something really unimportant if you cannot completely change your Memorandum of Association.—Yours faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRIES.

Woolton, Liverpool.

P.S.—A pity our Queens were cut, I would have liked the South to hear how it should be done in this 20th century, in half-pull changes. Perhaps another time we'll get it in.—E. L. H.

PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space just to point out that the 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, by Gordon A. Halls, published (page 19) was first rung at the Bell Foundry on June 13th, 1960. The composition was given in the Leicester Diocesan Guild report for that year. Peal No. 2,640.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

Dear Sir,—I was amazed and disgusted to see that at meetings in the Canterbury Branch of the Kent County Association in order to secure tea one is expected to pay cash in advance. This is hardly a very Christian attitude or cannot the Canterbury ringers be regarded as being good risks for an outlay of 2s. per head?

My wife and I have just returned from a meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association where, at a moment's notice, a splendid tea was provided of meat and potato pie, followed by cakes and pastries, washed down by as many cups of tea as we desired and this free of charge! Such is the hospitality of the warmhearted people of Lancashire, and our Southern friends would do well to try and copy.

Was the 2s. stated in the 'R.W.' notice the full charge or merely a deposit? Whatever it was I know I would never attend a meeting under such conditions, and the Canterbury Branch may well be losing members by this policy.—Yours faithfully,

H. DAVID HOLLAND.

Sale, Cheshire.

Note.—There is nothing anti-Christian in payment in advance, and the Editor and other ringers can speak of generous hospitality in Kent not a whit behind that of Lancashire.—Ed.

CREDIT FOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Patrick Bird's letter ('R.W.' page 20), my opinion is that peals should be recorded to the Society or Association in which the tower where it is rung is situated.

There may be extenuating circumstances when it is necessary to deviate from such a procedure. In these cases the rules of etiquette should be observed, and the local band should be notified beforehand.

Only such procedure would avoid a bad feeling in my own tower, and certainly I would not hesitate to make my feelings quite clear to the band concerned.

The point of the Association being disgruntled, I would imagine, would be less acute.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Somerset.

Note.—Apparently, according to reader Price's point of view, non-territorial Associations should not be allowed to ring peals for their own body. Some of these date back before Diocesan and County Guilds were formed.—Ed.

MR. BALLARD AND STONEY STANTON

Dear Sir,—May I reply to the comments of Thomas C. Belton on 'Personalities of the Exercise No. 50'.

The article referred to states, '... but although Stoney Stanton has never had a good change ringing band they always ring regularly for Sunday services.'

This is quite different from the statement attributed to the article by Mr. Belton. Obviously the error referred to is with Mr. Belton and not with the article.

My brother is well acquainted with the activities of the Stoney Stanton ringers, since until the last two years he was a regular attendant at their weekly practices.

I hope this will correct any wrong impression which may have been given to those who read the correspondence and not the article.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. BALLARD

(Sometime ringer at Stoney Stanton).

Ratby, Leics.

SURVEY OF DISUSED BELLS SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—Although I am glad to think that local bells will now ring in New South Wales, I do hope that our own urgent needs will not be overlooked by owners of disused bells. Many a church with a team of ringers suffers from a cracked bell which it cannot afford to replace, or would like to add another bell, i.e. 5 to 6.

At the same time pre-Reformation bells can be found standing on the floors of some belfries; other bells are hanging in disused churches. Could not a survey of these bells be made so that they may be put to good use or sold as scrap towards meeting the cost of hanging new bells where they are needed? And what of the bells hanging in former church schools?—Yours etc.,

Over, Cambs. ALAN PAYNE.

AN UNRECORDED MINIMUS PEAL

Dear Sir,—In his review of Minimus, Mr. G. Dodds has omitted the tower-bell peal rung at North Aston, Oxfordshire ('R.W.' page 91, 1961), on Saturday, January 21st, 1961.

Details of this peal are as follows: 21-1-61. Oxford Diocesan Guild. North Aston, Oxon. 7½ cwt. 5.088 Plain Bob Minimus, in 2 hours and 3 mins. First peal for one ringer.—Yours faithfully, EDWARD R. VENN.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—We are practising the following principle, which, for convenience, we are calling 'New Duffield.' It has the same musical combinations as Duffield, including Queens and Reverse Queens, but it is more interesting to ring, and (unlike Duffield) the bells come to the front and back in regular Bob Major order.

It seems unlikely that such a simple principle is original, so I am writing to ask if any reader remembers its being published or rung, and if so under what name.—Yours faithfully,

T. HAWKINS.

Picketts Lock Lane, London, N.

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THE PASSING OF MR. WILLIAM WELLING

60 Years in Choir & Belfry at Old Windsor

FOR more than 60 years a chorister and tireless worker in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, Mr. William Welling died on January 11th, aged 77. His death has meant a great loss to ringing in the area of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and beyond.

William Welling was born in Long Crendon on April 18th, 1885. His father died when he was very young, so he was brought up by his aunt at Quedgeley, Glos. On his mother's remarriage he came to Windsor, and at the age of 11 he joined the choir, of which he remained a member to the end. After leaving Old Windsor School, he received his training as a gardener at Windsor, in the employ of Lord Edward Churchill, and later joined the staff of the Royal Gardens at Windsor Castle, where he remained until his retirement at the age of 67 in 1952, receiving long service medals from the Crown.

From the age of 18 he was a member of the belfry at Old Windsor, where he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on a working bell on December 22nd, 1906. Parker's 12-Part, conducted by J. J. Parker himself. As a promising young ringer Joe Parker gave 'Bill' Welling every encouragement, and Bill always had a great affection for the old man, and often called his compositions. He was particularly fond of his One-Part, which he conducted no less than 19 times. In all he rang 20 peals with J. J. Parker. His third peal was Stedman Triples 'inside,' and his fourth was Parker's 12-Part, which he conducted, with Joe Parker in the band, in November, 1908.

Another famous ringer whom he never ceased to praise was Bertram Prewett. Before the First World War he rang 22 peals with Bert Prewett, and Bill always lamented his death on active service.

PEAL FOR NURSE CAVELL

During World War I he was a gunner in the R.G.A. and served in France. In May, 1919, he conducted a fully-muffled peal at Dover, which was in progress when Nurse Cavell's body was brought ashore. Another famous ringer whom he often spoke about was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, with whom he rang five peals. He relates how the reverend gentleman used to fill his mouth with raisins at the start of a peal, and at intervals throughout the ringing spat out the pips. If the peal was successful Mr. Robinson used to say, 'Thank you, gentlemen, for your careful ringing' and recite a prayer, but if the attempt failed he merely donned his coat and went straight out to catch his train. 'Bill' was proud of the fact that he stood in Mr. Robinson's last peal at Hillingdon.

In a recent visit to Bill Welling the writer learned from him how the standard of ringing was raised in South Bucks and East Berks in the early 1920's. Although some local ringers could ring Surprise, it was decided to hold special practices at Burnham to bring others to this level. The late George Martin, of Maidenhead, assumed the rôle of conductor. Following Kent T.B., Superlative was mastered, and peals in this method were arranged until everyone, including spares, had rung his peal. Cambridge was treated in the same way, then London, and finally Bristol. Bill emphasised the value of a concentrated attack on a method, and of the need for unselfishness in giving every member his chance. His peal record bears witness to this, and he himself became a competent conductor in these advanced methods. Most of these ringers, Cecil Mayne, William Fussell, George Martin and his brother Arthur, Jesse Eldridge, etc., have now passed on, but we still have, happily, William Henley with us.

PROWESS AS AN INSTRUCTOR

In all this long period he kept Old Windsor bells ringing. Though not captain till the death of his old friend, Joe Guttridge, c. 1931, he was chief conductor, and time after time raised new bands, several of whose members conducted peals. It was his practice to teach a method; then, when the pupil was proficient, to insist on good striking. He always maintained that, while a beginner was



MR. WILLIAM WELLING.

grappling with a new method, he had enough to do without being nagged about his striking. In all he conducted the first peal of 49 ringers. His two sons both became ringers, but his elder son was killed in World War II in the retreat to Dunkirk.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Bill Welling participated in six 'William' peals, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples (cond.), Kent T.B. Royal, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major. He also conducted Holt's Original, and had rung the following methods non-conducted, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Superlative S., Cambridge S. and Yorkshire S. Major. In the 1930's he rang regularly with Mr. Alan Pink, who then lived at Windsor, and participated in a number of new Surprise Major peals under his conductorship.

In recognition of his service to his church he was a recipient of the Royal Maundy Money, and received it at the hands of Her Majesty the Queen at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, in 1958, a well deserved honour. Since then he had not enjoyed the best of health, and could only go to the belfry in the summer. His last peal was a reunion peal for Mr. Pink's pre-war band in September, 1956, when a new Surprise method, Ripplesmere, was rung at Windsor. In all he rang 536 peals, of which he conducted 121.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was at Old Windsor on January 16th. As the cortege approached the church the bells were rung half-muffled. Being a ground floor ring, in a west tower, his body was carried through the ringing chamber, where he had stood through over 100 peals.

The Vicar based his address on the text I Cor. iv. 2, 'It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.' He said that faithful was a word which readily came to mind in the case of Alfred William Welling. It was his faithfulness which had brought so many of his friends together, and which had earned him their unqualified respect. His recreations and his interests were attached to the Church, and he retained them right to the end. He loved his singing in the choir which he had pursued for over half a century, and his ringing he had enjoyed for a similar period—virtually the whole of his life. Anyone could take up these pursuits, but they would be continued thus only by those who knew

them to be the outward expressions of the worship of God, and performed them to the honour of His Name.

All this was in addition to the attraction of his genial and amiable character and behaviour. Although essentially a countryman he served his country well, far from the bounds of his village, as also did his son (who bore the same names) even to the extent of making the supreme sacrifice. Many of England's country churches had men like William Welling, devoted to them in their service, but usually they had only one. 'Their ways are ways of pleasantness and all their paths are peace.'

Following the interment a course of Grandsire Triples in slow tempo was rung over the open grave by A. D. Barker 1—2, D. M. Stone 3—4, F. T. Price 5—6 and E. D. Poole 7—8. The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer), and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch by the Rev. E. W. Perkins (Branch chairman) and Miss Doreen Haguz (Branch secretary). Ringers present included his two oldest ringing friends, Mr. W. Henley (Farnham Royal), with whom he had rung over 240 peals, and Mr. L. Stilwell (Worthing—formerly Windsor), with whom he had rung 153 peals. Messrs. A. Cross, R. Wawman, G. Coussins, A. Bates and D. M. Stone (Old Windsor), Messrs. A. J. Glass, K. Buckingham and R. Reid (Windsor), Mr. J. Brooks (Clewer), Mr. W. Birmingham and Miss K. Perkins (Slough), Messrs. W. H. Coles and F. Price (Hillingdon), Miss K. North, and Messrs. E. E. Gosling and R. Blewitt (Bovne Hill), Mr. J. Norworthy and Mrs. Rolls (Bray), Mr. J. E. Camp (Amersham), Mr. E. D. Poole (Marlow), and Mr. A. R. Crawford (Stoke Poges).

Wreaths were sent by the following towers: Old Windsor, Slough, Clewer, Bray, Bovne Hill and one from the local Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There were also wreaths from the Vicar, churchwardens and worshippers at the Parish Church, from his colleagues in the choir, from the local Oddfellows Lodge, of which he was a member, and his local Working Men's Club.

A memorial peal was rung with the bells unmuffled (at the Vicar's request) at Old Windsor on January 13th, and a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Slough on January 14th included several of his closest ringing friends.

So departs another outstanding personality from the ringing scene. The Oxford Diocesan Guild has suffered the great loss of a loyal servant, a great teacher and a superlative ringer, but has gained the matchless example of a humble faithful servant of God.

PALUDIAN.

HIS PEALS

Minor.—1 method (2 plain Bob, 2 Cambridge) 4 (conducted 2), 3 methods 4, 4 methods 4, 5 methods 2, 7 methods 40, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 11 methods 1, 7 Treble Bob 2, 7 Surprise 6.

Triples.—Grandsire 82 (57), Oxford Bob 6, Double Oxford Bob 1, Stedman 52 (12).

Major.—Plain Bob 42 (12), Oxford Bob 1, Ashbourne College Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 55 (16), Spiced Double Norwich and Plain Bob 1, Spiced Double Norwich, Double Oxford and Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 19 (6), Oxford T.B. 2, Liversedge Variation 1.

Surprise methods.—Bristol 16 (1), London 28 (3), Superlative 35 (3), Cambridge 45 (8), New Cambridge 7, Yorkshire 13, Pudsey 2, Lincolnshire 3 (1), Ashted 5, Ipswich 1, Belgrave 1, Painswick 3, Windsor 1, Chiltern 1, Berkshire 1, Rutland 2, Truro 1, Runnymede 1, Boveney 1, Belvedere 1, Melbourne 1, Sandringham 1, Pyrford 1, Lutterworth 1, Cranbourne 1, Cassiobury 1, Ripplesmere 1, 2 spliced 1, 4 spliced 4.

Caters.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 9.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4, Kent T.B. 2.

Cinqués.—Stedman 4.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1.

Total 536 (121).

He rang one non-conducted peal each of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Rung for nine Associations in 92 towers in nine counties.

MR. GORDON CAUDWELL

During December the Oxford Diocesan Guild lost by death its senior life member, Mr. Gordon Caudwell. He joined the Guild in 1896, when he learned to ring at East Hagbourne. He then joined the Blewbury band for a few years and then went to Cholsey, where he conducted his own first peal in 1908. This was a peal of Grandsire Doubles and there were four 'first peals' in it.

By 1914 he had moved to Drayton, Berks, where he rang his first peal of Triples. It was not until the 1920's that he began to take a very active part in peal ringing. He joined the North Berks band, which at that time was ringing peals regularly in the four 'Standard Methods,' under the leadership of A. E. Lock. By 1927 he had joined the band at St. Nicholas' and St. Helen's, Abingdon, and he continued a member of that band even after he had moved to Oxford in the 1930's. In the late 1930's he had also become a member of the band which, under the leadership of W. F. Judge, was breaking new ground in Surprise ringing.

After the 1939-1945 War, Gordon Caudwell still maintained his interest in ringing, but his activities were curtailed first of all by business and later by acute rheumatism. In all between 1920 and 1940 he had rung approximately 200 peals for the Oxford Guild, all of them in the standard methods, as they were then called, and in practically all the peals he had rung at the 'back end.' From 1914 until 1956 he was a member of the committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He always took an active part in the meetings when he was able to be present. He was also an active member of the Oxford Society for many years.

Besides being an enthusiastic ringer he had been a keen cyclist in his earlier years and won many cycling trophies. Although not known to many of the younger generation of ringers he will be remembered by those who rang with him in the pre-war years as 'a good companion,' and his passing at the age of 85 years will be much regretted.

M. R. C.

MR. JOSEPH TAYLOR

The death took place after a long illness on January 6th of Mr. Joseph Taylor, of Thurlaston, Leicestershire, at the age of 71.

He will be greatly missed in the church as he had been a chorister for 60 years, clerk for 25 years and Ringing Master for 35 years. He carried on with his duties in the church as his health permitted, and the last time he was able to ring was on Easter Sunday morning.

Mr. Taylor was not a great peal ringer, but he could always be found in the belfry each Sunday for service ringing.

The funeral took place on January 9th at Thurlaston Church, prior to cremation. The service was attended by representatives of all sections of the life of the church. In the evening 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor were rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band.

On the following Sunday evening the bells were rung half-muffled before a memorial service.

He can rest in peace knowing that 'my bells,' as he used to call them, will still continue to ring.

G. L. PICKERING.

OBITUARY**MR. RICHARD DEAL
AN APPRECIATION**

With the passing of Dick Deal I feel the end of an era of my immediate ringing circle.

When I was quite young his bluntness and enthusiasm was much in evidence when I was taken to St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster. His slightly bent figure stays in my memory almost as part of the belfry furniture, when I sat drawing and 'being a good boy' in the corner seat.

He was, as so many of us aspire to be, an 'honorary' member of the Ladies' Guild, and was one of the stalwarts who looked after the heavier end at their meetings.

Although a College Youth of long standing, as Mrs. Deal was a 'Cumberland,' he spent countless ringing and drinking hours in the company of the 'wretched Cumberlands.' He accompanied his wife to practices regularly and was a very acceptable and pleasant companion on our yearly outings.

In more recent years, although his brusque manner frightened quite a few of the younger ringers his friendship to me was one to be valued. He continued to climb the belfry stairs, but his health was failing and his gameness on the eleventh as St. Martin's was only recently replaced, with regret, when the weight became too much for him. Many times he was asked to conduct his favourite method, Grandsire Caters, but more often than not he declined with the remark that he knew no short touches, only peals.

Two things about Dick I shall always recall. When St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was reopened after the last war, the tenor, with a cracked gudgeon, was almost impossible to 'keep up.' We had all tried, but realised that it took two to keep it going even in rounds. A strap was added, and with Mrs. Deal in this position, his face becoming redder by the minute, in deep bulldog tones, his 'Give us a pound,' is a gem to be cherished. The second, his hat. The black bowler that accompanied him everywhere was more noticeable when tilted after a thirst-provoking practice.

Dick's death was not perhaps such a shock, for he had been in ill-health for some time, but myself and London Cumberlands with me regret the passing of one the 'Grand Old Men of Ringing,' and extend our deepest sympathy to the widow and son that he leaves.

F. J. MATTHEWS.

MR. WILLIAM HENSON

St. Peter's Church, Market Bosworth, Leics, has lost its oldest ringer. Mr. William Henson, who died on January 5th, would have been 91 years of age next month.

Not a spectacular ringer by some standards, his only claim was a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, but for nearly 60 years he was a steady service ringer, until age prevented him from climbing the belfry steps. He thus set an example for all ringers. 'Old William' was also a sidesman for many years.

He was laid to rest at St. Peter's, where he was baptised over 90 years before. Ringers attended his funeral service and a quarter peal, half-muffled, tokened their respect.

**APPRECIATIONS OF MR.
W. WELLING**

It is with profound regret that I learned of the passing of a very dear friend, Bill Welling, of Old Windsor.

Bill was such a quiet, unassuming person that everyone loved and respected him. He was a brilliant and reliable ringer and conductor.

He was a gifted tutor and never tired of teaching the lads of Old Windsor to ring. He did so much in that quiet way of his to encourage them to become good ringers, and he would cycle miles to meetings and practices with his learners. He would invite them to his home to tea, show them his ringing records and talk about ringing to get his lads really excited about ringing. There was no end to his patience when it came to explaining anything about ringing; he had that knack of making it all sound so easy. No, nothing was too much trouble for Bill.

How he loved to tell of the many amusing experiences he had had in the company of ringers such as Bill Fussell, Freddie Goddard, Jack Preston and Billy Parker, and how we enjoyed his stories! He was a great raconteur.

How does the writer know all this about Bill? Because he was one of his many Old Windsor lads who came under his influence and his enthusiasm to keep ringing alive, especially in his own tower.

So many of us have good cause to thank God for the life of Bill Welling, for I feel certain that, had it not been for Bill, I, for one, would never have been a ringer.

E. E. GOSLING.

'OLD FAITHFUL'

The passing of Mr. W. Welling reminds us of how few of the old 'pioneers' are still with us. For over sixty years he regularly took his place in the local belfry and choir, never missing a service or practice except for 1914-18 war service and occasional indisposition.

His example is another reminder, to me at least, of a trait so often lacked and there is little wonder that, to our Vicar, he was known as 'Old Faithful.' His patient and quiet manner attracted many young visiting ringers to the Old Windsor belfry, where they always received sound tuition and consideration.

Bill had an extraordinary memory and he was always a good conversationalist. His reminiscences were always welcomed with interest. No one was ever at a loss in his company. He was a man of his word and his word was his bond.

To me he always seemed to be a link with the past for he could well remember those of the 'walking era,' when men would walk miles to a practice or for a peal. Bill was of the 'cycle era.' In his prime he never thought of using public transport, even if available. Always the bike and to report to him, clad in an overcoat, was unthinkable.

Those were the days of meeting, come handbells, come bread and cheese, come liquid refreshment, and he was most unhappy if, for some reason, he did not 'stand his corner.'

I am sure that all our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Welling and to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welling, his surviving son and daughter-in-law. Old Windsor.

H. A. CROSS.

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Universities' Association at Manchester

HEALTHY signs for the future of the Exercise are apparent at the universities! A near record number was present at the annual meeting and dinner of the Association, held at Manchester on January 6th, when a long list of new members was elected. Distance and weather conditions probably deterred some of the regular attenders, but their places were filled by many new faces, reducing the average age noticeably.

The day's programme began with morning ringing at Ashton-under-Lyne, where both the eight at St. Peter's and the twelve at St. Michael's were tried. Striking at the latter tower improved when confined to ten bells! Sacred Trinity, Salford, used by Manchester University Guild as their practice tower, was visited after lunch and found to be very suitable for that purpose. Some pleasant ringing was also had on the fine Gillett ten at the Cathedral.

The service was held at Sacred Trinity, and conducted by the Rector, Canon H. L. Hussey. The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, preached the sermon and recalled his early ringing days before he was ordained.

More ringing followed at the Town Hall, where methods up to Cambridge Maximus were rung.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The vice-president, Mr. W. F. Moreton, presided at the meeting and apologies for absence included one from the president, Mr. Paul Taylor. It was proposed by Mr. R. Speed that the secretary write a letter expressing our deep sorrow to him in the loss of his son. A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements was made by Mr. Norman Chaddock, and seconded by Mr. Gwyn Thomas.

The statement of accounts was not available, the postal go-slow being the excuse, but the secretary thought a profit of £7 had been made during the year.

No fewer than 48 new members were elected and it was noticeable that the newer universities were strongly represented. Competition for single bedrooms on next summer's tour at Shrewsbury is expected to produce the desired prompt response to the secretaries' circulars. There will be only seven single rooms; the remaining seven will accommodate from two to seven persons!

The vice-president then made a suggestion to the Northerners that they hold an illicit dinner of their own every year.

Despite some poor navigation all seventy members eventually found the Hopkinson room of the University Refectory, where drinks were available and the tables attractively laid for a dinner of prawn cocktail, roast Surrey chicken and peach Melba. Canon H. L. Hussey and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith were guests. The loyal toast was honoured with port wine, provided by the Manchester University Society.

Mr. Derek Ogden, president of the M.U. Society, proposed 'The continued prosperity and success of U.A.' and said how pleased he was to welcome members to Manchester, following first mention of the idea ten years ago. He recalled previous U.A. tours he had attended and, in particular, the occasion when he asked a caller at his bedroom door, 'Are you a ringer?' He afterwards discovered it was Pat Cannon!

A BLEND OF ALL TYPES

The U.A., he went on, included a blend of all types—from the closed backstroke, open handstroke variety to the open backstroke, closed handstroke ones. No other Association covered such a broad section or area, and the various University Guilds strived to achieve some sort of uniformity among them.

The secretary, Mr. Dermot Roaf, in reply, welcomed an Australian member present. He asked new members to assist his memory by announcing themselves wherever they met him in the future. He was most grateful for the magnificent festivities and for the excellent evening provided.

The toast to 'The Manchester University Guild' was proposed by the vice-president.

He said he had been very entertained by the guests. Judging by the way Canon Hussey was fascinated by Peter Border, he thought the two could never have met before. The Canon was overheard to remark to Peter during the dinner, 'How many pints of that can you drink in a day?'

He recalled the origin of U.A. and the three purposes behind it: to enable members of the two universities to get together to ring peals and just to get together—they had done this very successfully; the third purpose was to give help to other universities. The U.A. had been very fortunate in its secretaries, each one better than the previous in getting people to do things.

Following the formation of U.A., he continued, University Guilds started sprouting up, Bristol and London almost immediately. Manchester followed, and since then many more had been formed. He was not saying it was due to U.A. only, that he was pleased about it and soon, he hoped, all would have as thriving a Guild as Manchester.

Mr. John Soames, Ringing Master of M.U. Guild, replied with a welcome to Manchester and hoped members had enjoyed the ringing. This was the second largest attendance at a U.A. dinner, but he warned that the correspondence columns of the 'R.W.' would suffer if North and South got too friendly.

A convivial hour was then spent before members dispersed, some staying overnight in Manchester, others encountering fog on their journeys.

A. R. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The Tonbridge District held their quarterly meeting, combined with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, at Tunbridge Wells on January 6th.

After ringing in the afternoon, members attended a service, conducted by Rev. John Hurst. Over 40 ringers took tea in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held. The chair for the meeting was taken by Mrs. J. Hurst, wife of the Vicar. Among items discussed was a report by Miss D. Colgate of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. Mr. B. Jeffrey proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, for the use of the bells, and Mr. B. Collison, for arranging such a splendid tea.

Ringing was then enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

M. A. L.

Ashford District

About 30 ringers and friends were present for the service and tea at the first quarterly meeting of the year of the Ashford District at Tenterden on January 6th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon H. Willis, who, in his address, said how grateful he was to his ringers and all those who had contributed to the restoration of the noble ring of bells of his church. Mr. Moffat-Thompson was at the organ. Afterwards tea was enjoyed at 'The Eight Bells.'

The main item on the agenda was the honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet. Peals were slightly down on last year's record, but it was seen that membership (just over 200 practising members), service ringing, numbers of subscribing towers and money remitted to the Association all showed an encouraging trend. The report and balance sheet were adopted on a motion from Mr. S. G. Waters, who coupled this with a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary. Eight new members were elected to the Association.

Thanks were accorded to Canon Willis, for taking the service, making his bells available and acting as chairman, to the organist and to Miss Violet Relf and helpers, for the arrangements.

Ringing on the fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.) ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

C. T. H.

MR. JOHN M. JELLEY'S 500 PEALS

Mr. John M. Jelley, of Wigston, Leics. at the young age of 23 years and 5 months has rung his 500th peal. These have been rung in 108 towers for 18 Associations. He has 'circled' the following towers: Loughborough Bell Foundry (10 times), South Wigston, St. John the Divine, Leicester, Hugglescote and Countesthorpe.

TOWER-BELLS

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2

Royal.—Plain Bob 8 (conducted 4), Double Oxford Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Kent T.B. 5 (2), Oxford T.B. 1, K. and O. (Ilkstone Var.) 1 (1), K. and O. (Liversedge Var.) 1 (1).

Surprise Royal.—Anstey 1, Asfordby 1 (1), Blaby 1, Boston 1, Braunstone (1), Cambridge 7, Diseworth 1, Elmesthorpe 1, Foston 1, Glenfield 1 (1), Hemington 1 (1), Horninghold 1, Ilstock 1, Jacobstowe 1, Knaptoft 1, Lincolnshire 1 (1), Lubbesthorpe 1, More-combelake 1, Morriston 1, Narborough 1, Osgathorpe 1, Primethorpe 1, Queniborough 1, Ravenstone 1, Shackerstone 1, Tamworth 2, Thrusington 1, Ulverscroft 1 (1), Verdon 1, Wellsborough 1, Xanthi 1, Xaymaca 1 (1), Yelvertoft 1, Yorkshire 5 (1), Zouche 1.

Caters.—Stedman 9, Grandsire 6 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 21 (2), Double Norwich C.B. 15, Double Oxford Bob 1, Little Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, 2 Spliced Plain 3, 5 Spliced Plain 1, Kent T.B. 11 (2), Oxford T.B. 1, Kent (Granta) T.B. 1 (1), K. and O. (Liversedge Var.) 1 (1), K. and O. (Worcester Var.) 2 (2), K. and O. (Killamarsh Var.) 1 (1), K. and O. (other) 1 (1), Bristol Alliance 1, St. Wolstan's Delight 1.

Surprise Major.—Arnesby 1, Ashted 1, Bedfordshire 1 (1), Belgrave 2, Biddenden 1, Bottesford 1 (1), Braunstone 4, Bristol 8, Buntingthorpe 1, Cambridge 35 (6), Countesthorpe 1, Derby 1, Derwent 1 (1), Donisthorpe 1, Edmondthorpe 1, Frolesworth 1, Gainsborough 1, Glenparva 1, Hungarton 1, Ingarsby 1, Ipswich 1, Irchester 1, John O'Gaunt 1, Kirklington 1, Knossington 1, Lincolnshire 7 (1), London 4 (1), Louth 1, Lyme 1, Monaghan 1, Nailstone 1, New Cambridge 2, Osgathorpe 1 (1), Overseale 1, Painswick 1, Pudsey 4 (1), Quornden 1 (1), Rugby 1 (1), Rutland 4 (2), Southgate 1, Southwell 1, Staffordshire 1, Stratford 1 (1), Superlative 16 (1), Turrumurra 1 (1), Ullesthorpe 1 (1), Ventnor 1 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Woodstock 1, Wye 2 (2), Xemia 1 (1), Yorkshire 47 (9), Zelah 1 (1), Real Cambridge 1 (1), 2 Spliced Surprise 4.

Triples.—Stedman 24 (1), Grandsire 14, Scientific 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 4 (2), Crayford College Bob 1 (1), Wavertree College Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 2 (1), Waterford T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 8 (2), 2 methods 4, 3 methods 3 (2), 4 methods 3 (3), 5 methods 5 (1), 6 methods 5 (2), 7 methods 6 (4), 8 methods 1, 9 methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1, 16 methods 1, 19 methods 1, 21 methods 1.

Doubles.—Stedman 1, Rev. St. Bartholomew Bob 1 (1), St. Martin's Bob 1 (1), Winchendon Place Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1, April Day Bob 1 (1), 3 methods 2, 4 methods 1, 5 methods 2 (1), 6 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 2, 11 methods 1, 27 methods 1 (1), 33 methods 1.

HANDBELLS

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 10, Cambridge Surprise 1, Caters.—Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 38 (13), 3 Spliced Plain 1, Kent T.B. 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 1.

Triples.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 4 (4), Cambridge Surprise 1, 4 methods 1.

Minimus.—Plain Bob 1.

Totals: Tower-bells 436 (91), Handbells 64 (18).

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1.440 Minor (720 College Bob IV and 720 College Exercise); R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6 For Evensong.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Central Branch took place at Heckington on January 13th. The eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.) of St. Andrew's Church were very much enjoyed by the members and friends present, and the ringing room was greatly admired for its comfort and cleanliness. Ringing was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. Millhouse, and included up to Spliced Surprise Major.

The Vicar, Canon Rees Jones, conducted the service, and in a welcome to the ringers said bells could be heard far and wide and were a great witness to the Church.

Tea in the Village Hall was accompanied by recordings of church- and handbell ringing. The secretary thanked the ladies for providing such an excellent meal.

In the absence of the president, Canon M. H. R. Synge, who sent his apologies, the Vicar of Heckington was elected to the chair. Eight new members were elected to the Guild. The balance sheet for 1961 was approved; it showed a slight decrease in paid-up membership, and the secretary appealed for early payment of subscriptions. The Belfry Repair Fund was in a fairly healthy state.

Officers elected included president, Canon M. H. R. Synge; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Millhouse; secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. A. Chambers. Meetings arranged for 1962 were: Brant Broughton, Metheringham with Blankney, Dunholme with Welton, and Ruskington, the annual meeting being at Harmston in January, 1963.

The Guild secretary, Mr. J. Freeman, spoke of a new report and a possible review of subscriptions.

Mr. J. Walden proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned for making the meeting a success. Ringing was then continued in the tower. S. A. C.

MID-HERTS TOWER GRABBERS IN SOMERSET

'Take at least six ringers, and sufficient transport to move them, add a sprinkling of six-bell towers and arrange in order.' This is the M.-H.T.G. recipe for an outing, but this year's New Year outing was complicated by the postal 'go slow' causing a last minute flap. A car in a ditch meant two ringers less, and 'flu accounted for another. However, on Friday morning a car hurtled through slush and snow to Digswell, erstwhile hunting ground of its driver, where the nucleus of the party had assembled. In the evening it returned to Bristol, the recklessness of the driver being abated by fog, ice and darkness.

A strictly non-conducted tour of Bristol next morning, and we collected Ian and Ken, who stood in at the last minute. The first tower was Locking, where sallies, slippery with damp, gave us a taste of what we were to meet all day; however, the light six were soon tapping round to standard five- and six-bell methods. A long climb brought us to Uphill, where the six sound heavier than their 9 cwt. The thick mist prevented any view from the top of the tower.

In the afternoon we set off to tackle 'them Bleadon bells,' which we found easy to hear, and where we added Cambridge to our repertoire. After mistaking a cowshed for Loxton church, we arrived in time to admire several features of this 13th century building before adding three spliced to our successes. Kent and Oxford came round at Compton Bishop, before we made our way to Axbridge; for tea. Axbridge's only cafe was closed, and a trip to Cheddar produced only fog, ice, a flat tyre, three more closed cafes and a broken down soup vending machine. Meat pies, fruit, cheese and biscuits, purchased from the general stores, fortified us for Axbridge's glorious bells, which were a joy for the tenor men.

Next morning, after making our Communion at bell-less churches, we rang for Mass at Westbury-upon-Trym, satisfying ourselves that it is possible to make even these bells sing to God's glory. Ringing for Matins at Henbury brought the tour to a close.

Our thanks are due to Audrey, for arranging the towers; we are most sorry she was unable to join us. P. C. F. W.

AN OUTING IN SUSSEX AND SURREY

MANY people would think November an odd time of year for a ringers' outing, but nevertheless a party of eleven spent an enjoyable day on November 4th in Surrey and Sussex. The countryside seemed particularly delightful, bathed in the golden sheen of autumn.

Easebourne's interesting church, on the edge of Cowdray Park, was the first call, with a pleasant 'Taylorised' octave (tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.), rung from the ground floor. A short run brought us to the market town of Midhurst (with a lumpy six), followed by Stedham, where the bells could benefit from the attention of a bellhanger. The Parish Church of Harting is an impressive building, the chancel roof being especially noteworthy; the bells are rung from the middle of the church.

After a break for lunch, the delightful six (tenor 8-1-12) at Rogate were visited; the bells hang in a wooden turret. Strangers to Milland church should note that it stands just off the A.3, and is about 1½ miles from its village; a pleasant ring here, though the acoustics are poor. Another chancel ring across the border in Hampshire is at Bramshot, where the Vicar is a ringer, and he told us that his bells are by Thomas Janaway. The second eight of the day was to be found at Grayshot, an excellent product of the White-chapel Foundry; various methods up to York-shire were rung here.

This outing had been particularly planned to include the ten at Haslemere, Surrey, and here Taylors have cast a grand ring; Mr. and Mrs. Bowden met us and joined in the ringing. The local lads had raised their octave for us at Chiddingfold, an easy-going Mears ring.

Following a refreshment pause, we ascended the central tower of All Saints' Church, Witely, and rang Superlative and Grandsire Major on a difficult, odd-struck octave; the Vicar kindly showed us round his church afterwards. Bramley's six run along merrily, though 'laminated' Kent and Oxford came to grief. The only heavy ring of the day was at Godalming (8, 22½ cwt.), and the final call was at Shalford (a very good Taylor ring), where we were pleased for a couple of the local band to join us in a touch of Stedman, which was continually interrupted by bangs from a fire-work party close by.

The party extend their grateful thanks to all those incumbents and local ringers who allowed them the use of their bells.

I. H. O.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite the wintry weather which prevailed on January 6th, the attendance at the combined meeting of the Northern and Western Divisions at Warnham was exceptionally good.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and soon the belfry was full to capacity. The service, taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Michael Newman, was most enjoyable and unusual, in that the ringers' hymn was accompanied by handbells instead of the organ. The young band (trained by Mr. George Francis) are to be congratulated on their fine performance.

Fifty sat down to an excellent tea, which was prepared by Mrs. Mainstone and helpers, who also provided coffee and sandwiches during the social. During the evening Mrs. Mainstone was presented with a basket of fruit for her efforts.

The tower was visited again until 7 p.m., when it was time for the social at the Village Hall. Various games were played (one of which brought a well known Crawley ringer into 'prominence').

Full marks must be given to Mr. George Francis, for his patience in training his young band, both on handbells and tower-bells, and also for making arrangements for the meeting and social, which proved such a success. Thanks are also due to Mr. Leslie Weller and others who ably assisted, also to Miss Janet Roberts, who filled the breach in the absence of the organist. E. L. H.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

A social meeting at Chester-le-Street during the Christmas season has become a regular feature of the Durham and Newcastle programme of recent years. This year it took place on January 6th.

Ringing was confined to the afternoon, and after tea Christmas carols, under the direction of Kenneth Cheeseman, with prayers by the Rector took the place of the normal service.

The ringing competition saw a reversal of the usual roles, where the ordinary ringers had to do the judging from what they heard. The tape recorders developed faults and a 'live broadcast' had to be arranged hurriedly. Fortunately at Chester-le-Street the bells can be clearly heard from the shelter of the Church Institute. The test required the listeners to say in which order the three distinctive Triples methods—St. Clement's, Grandsire and Stedman—had been rung and to name the bells at fault when some bad rounds were deliberately rung.

These tests earned marks for the members of the two teams, A-M and N-Z, formed from those present and ably captained by Ken Cheeseman and Fred Ross.

A story related by Denis Bayles was noisily interrupted at frequent intervals when he mentioned technical terms in ringing. Bells and fittings caused handbells to be sounded, ringing terms a clapping of hands, and names of methods a stamping of feet, with the word that had been used shouted out. The marks were awarded for the first team to react correctly with penalties for errors. This event was a tie at 42 all.

In the course of the evening Kenneth Arthur made a preliminary announcement of a one-day course on ringing, which is being arranged to take place at Lumley Castle, near Chester-le-Street, on April 14th. A definite booking has been made for the accommodation and details will shortly be circulated.

D. A. B.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

The District's annual meeting was held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on January 6th, a week earlier than first arranged, because of the special meeting at Guildford on January 13th.

About 40 people attended and the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) took the chair for the last time as Ringing Master.

A report from the District Ringing Master (Mr. Roy Collins) was read, in which he congratulated the District on its progress and for its high membership. He said the most outstanding tower was Weybridge; after being such a weak tower it had become a strong one, under Mr. T. Luxford and Commander E. Tindal-Biscoe. He also stressed the value of the keen clergy in the District.

Four new members were elected, two from Chobham, one from Esher, and one from East Molesey.

Ringing started again at 6.30 and ended at 8.30 p.m., and included Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Triples, Bob Major, attempts at Cambridge Surprise Major and three attempts at St. Clement's Bob Major. C. B. A.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Over 30 members were present at the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on January 13th. The following officers were elected for 1962: Chairman, L. H. Bywaters; secretary and treasurer, A. S. Smith; committee, G. Mayes, R. Sharp, M. Lockey, R. Houghton; treasurer for Belfry Repair Fund, A. Sinfild; Press secretary, Miss S. Percival; District organist, M. Lockey.

The next District meeting will be held at Clifton on February 10th, and the annual outing on May 12th. Before the meeting closed three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was given to the ladies who had prepared tea.

Mr. L. Bywaters took charge of the ringing during the afternoon and evening, until the bells were lowered at 8.15 p.m. Ringing on the handbells rounded off a successful meeting.

THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

Our last instalment dealt with the practice at Hexworth tower, supervised by the head ringer, Joe Smith. Others introduced to our readers were Joe's daughter, Phyllis; Henry, her boy friend; John, schoolboy son of Joe; Old William and his bookish son, Young William; Alice and Rene Browning, 12-year-old twins; and Old George, the treble ringer.

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THE CONTEST COMMITTEE MEETING

On the evening of the Saturday following the practice at which young William had scored his first 720 of Cambridge, a Guild Committee meeting was held in the vestry of Barnswood Parish Church to decide certain details of the annual shield contest to be held several months later. The Vicar of Barnswood, a Guild vice-president, readily gave permission for functions of this kind and, because Barnswood was approximately in the centre of the district, coupled with the fact that St. Stephen's had a fine ring of eight that were always made available after the meeting, a good turn-up of ringers were usually assured.

Each tower in the district was allowed to send one voting representative to the meeting, and when Joe arrived there was a fair gathering of ringers present. He took a seat near the back of the room, next to Walter Hardaker, of Netherton, a very shortsighted ringer, with a Summerzeshire 'burr' in his voice that had not been effaced after nearly half a century away from his native county. 'Walt' as he was known, as representative of his tower, was, of course, entitled to a vote, but there was little prospect of his ever taking part in a contest as his entire repertoire, accumulated during nearly 50 years' ringing, consisted of the first 12 changes of Bob Minor. In this performance he preferred to ring the tenor, although it was his proud boast that his versatility extended to being able to accomplish this length of changes on any one of the six bells in the tower (albeit, he usually fought shy of the third!).

'Walt' was what Joe termed 'a seconder,' which being interpreted means that he was one of those persons, unfortunately not unique, who, at a meeting, 'second' someone else's proposition on every available opportunity, although they themselves rarely contribute anything useful to the discussion.

'I'll second that,' he would say, and up would shoot his hand. He was quite prepared to second not only the proposition but the contrary amendment as well, and a wise chairman would ignore one or the other, knowing full well that 'Walt' would frequently have little idea what either was about. His name, in consequence, figured prominently in the minutes and it was always possible to tell without asking whether he had been in attendance at the previous meeting.

He had a peculiar sense of humour and a short spasmodic laugh that was quite infectious.

Joe remembered sitting next to him on a bus when returning from a meeting after Walt had had 'one or two.' When the conductress had come round for the fares, Walt had peered up at her in his shortsighted manner, drawing quite close to her and breathing over her an odour that was certainly not incense.

'How much, luv?' he had asked.

'Don't "luv" me!' snapped the harassed female.

'I don't,' replied Walter, with a burst of laughter that had set the whole bus in an uproar, including those who had not the least idea what it was all about. Such was the power of his laugh.

Seated on the other side of Joe was Jack Byers, of Renthorpe, a tower which had never yet won the shield although it had been quite close on several occasions. There was Raymond Smithson, an enthusiastic and energetic young ringer from Redbank, Stewart

Marston, of Layton-on-the-Wold, and Allen Slater, of Brigton, three towers all of which were capable of winning the shield. Joe also noticed David Walker, of Whetherton, Leslie Owen, of Undercliffe, and David Thomas, of Rosse-on-Ooze, each of whom had been a member of a team that had, at one time or another, taken home in triumph the coveted trophy, although he knew that Rosse had been in dire straits these last few years owing to the passing of several older ringers, that Undercliffe were pretty much in the same boat, and, he gathered from conversation prior to the meeting, that David Walker, of Whetherton, who were constantly fall-out amongst themselves and patching things up again, was now on the look out to see if he could borrow a couple of ringers from Barnswood, to complete their team for the contest.

The meeting began quietly enough with John Chappell, of Brigton, the president, declaring the meeting open and calling upon Edward Lee, of Redbank, the secretary, to read the minutes of the last committee meeting. Joe always enjoyed listening to Edward's minutes. He contrived somehow, to make the most jejune subjects come to life like Elijah's vision of dried bones, and often added a touch of subtle humour to enrich the drabest situations although his written word displayed a much wider vocabulary than his spoken one, and Joe had the feeling that Edward compiled his minutes with Roget's Thesaurus at his elbow.

With Edward a meeting was, often as not, a 'conclave,' 'assembly,' 'gathering' or 'muster'; a vote of thanks was 'received with acclamation,' 'carried with tumultuous applause,' or, on at least three occasions, 'acknowledged with a cacophony of enthusiastic approbation'; whilst a meeting never ended, it 'terminated' or 'was brought to successful (or satisfactory) conclusion.' These words and phrases he spoke with great deliberation, and they flowed off his tongue like syrup from a tilted treacle-jar. Whether all his audience enjoyed listening to him was a moot point, but there was no doubt that the reading of the minutes was the highlight of Edward's meetings.

When he had finished, and the last sonorous syllable had died away, the minutes were passed as read (Walt being, of course, the seconder), John Chappell asked, 'Anything arising out of the minutes?' and paused, looking round the room over the top of his glasses.

'Yes,' said Raymond Smithson, of Redbank. 'I notice that there was a suggestion in the minutes that inquiries should be set afoot regarding the possibility of including "rise" and "fall" as part of the competition, and that the matter was left in the hands of the president and secretary. I would be obliged if the meeting could be informed what steps have been taken.'

There was an uneasy pause. 'Er—well!' began John Chappell, 'the matter was discussed at some length at the previous meeting, you may remember—'

'Since it was I who broached the subject,' was the somewhat tart reply, 'I am not likely to forget!'

'In that case,' continued John, somewhat nettled and gathering momentum as he went on, 'you will be fully aware that the consensus of opinion was against any alteration in the contest procedure, and one almost insuperable obstacle to the implementation of any change being the lack of any qualified judge to—er—judge such a contest. I have made exhaustive inquiries [in fact he had mentioned the subject in an offhand manner to his wife] and have been unable to find anyone with sufficient knowledge of such contests as to be able to—er—take on this 'ere contest you keep on about.'

'But, didn't the Guild once have such a contest some 15 or 20 years ago?' asked Raymond.

'Aye, that it did,' interposed old Jack Byers, of Renthorpe, his grey imperial quivering with indignation at the very thought of it. 'John Threadwall and Albert Snade, from Suttin's Bottom, were t'judges, an' a fine mess they made o' it. Got a system out, so they said, for judging t'rise an' fall which, when they used it, worked out so that the quicker a team got 'em up and dropped 'em down, the less faults they got. We wad a' wan that 'ere contest 'cos we had less faults than anybody else 'ceptin' for t'rise an' fall, an' we took five minutes up an' five minutes down, like we allus does at home, an' they gav' us more faults nor anybody else. We want a diff'rent system to that. Rise an' fall indeed!'

And he looked round the company for corroboration, and many were the sympathetic murmurs he received, for quite a few of the older members could still remember the injustice of that contest when Renthorpe had been 'cheated' out of the shield on the only occasion on which they had ever won it.

Raymond may have been the voice crying in the wilderness, but he was not yet crippled by laryngitis. Jack Byers' interpolation was something that he had heard before and it was evident to Joe that Raymond had, to use another metaphor, all his guns primed and his powder dry. In fact, thought Joe, his powder-kegs were pretty well waterproof—almost, but not quite hermetically sealed.

'We are always sorry to hear of a miscarriage of justice,' he said dryly, 'but because a mistake was made once is no reason why it should be repeated. Surely we all recognise that a good rise and fall are as necessary as good ringing in between. I have heard Mr Byers himself say that, since the introduction of contests into the Guild, some 25 years ago, the standard of striking has improved tremendously throughout the area. I think we are all aware of the necessity for a corresponding increase in the standard of rising and falling, and I suggest that if we introduced this into our contests we should attain our objective. I believe, also, that the standard of judging, and judges, has advanced since the days of John Threadwall and Albert Snade, and I think it would be interesting to learn what Henry Hammerton and James Hargreaves had to say to Mr. Chappell when he approached them on this subject.'

This was a pretty good broadside as Raymond guessed that John had never spoken to these two well known judges on this particular subject. John made a few incoherent noises and was slowly rising to his feet when Edward Lee came to his rescue.

'We approached Mr. Hammerton and Mr. Hargreaves,' he said, rapidly standing up, 'and neither of the gentlemen had had any experience in judging such a contest, although Mr. Hargreaves did say that he would get in touch with a ringing friend of his in the south of England, where, I believe, such contests are quite common. However, we have heard nothing further from this source.'

Personally, I think we should leave the matter until we have further information.'

There were murmurs of approval from the assembled company and a shout of, 'I'll second that!' from Walter. It was obvious that Raymond was fighting a losing battle: doggedly and determinedly, but a losing one nevertheless.

Joe rose to his feet and began to speak. Raymond looked up hopefully and the company fell silent. It was a source of permanent surprise to Joe that people always listened so carefully and respectfully to what he said in the Guild discussions. The truth was that he didn't realise the value that many people placed on his opinions nor that he had quite a reputation throughout the Guild for level-headed judgment and clear thinking.

'Mr. Chairman and fellow ringers,' began Joe, 'I have listened with great interest to the various points of view put forward this afternoon, and although I can't say that I am in complete agreement with the suggestion advanced by Mr. Smithson I feel, notwithstanding, that there is a great deal that is worthy in the idea of introducing "rise and fall" into our contests, and that at any rate it ought to be given a trial once more. There are a great many young ringers in the Guild, some of whom, like Raymond here, are advancing at a rate calculated to leave many

The Smiths — Continued

of the older ringers, such as myself, far behind, and I think it would be unfair to shackle their enthusiasm.'

'Let us be quite frank with ourselves,' he continued, 'and admit that in most cases the reason we are opposed to many of the new ideas, including this, is because we have grown accustomed to the old routine and resent being prised out of the familiar groove. It has been suggested that the reason why such contests are not held is because we have no judges who are capable of judging such a contest or are unfamiliar with them. To the first suggestion I would quote Mr. Hammerton and Mr. Hargreaves, who have already been mentioned this afternoon, names familiar to many ringers beyond the confines of our Guild as judges of high repute, and with regard to the second I would propose that (a) our excellent secretary writes a letter to "The Ringing World" asking for information on this subject, which I am sure would soon be forthcoming, and that (b) the matter is placed on the agenda of the Annual Meeting in January, and that both Mr. Hammerton and Mr. Hargreaves be approached for a re-appraisal of the position, and that they are both invited to express their views at that meeting.'

After further discussion the proposal was adopted, not with very good grace by one or two people, but adopted it was nevertheless.

[To be continued]

Sixty-Six Years Ago

Mr. S. Flint, of 39, Sefton Lane, Maghull, Liverpool, is the only survivor of the band of eight members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ormskirk Parish Church on February 11th, 1896. He was then 17 years of age.

Lancashire ringers might recognise some of the names of the band: S. Flint 1, J. Scholican 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Fairclough 4, J. Pilkington 5, W. J. Taylor 6, W. Bentham (cond.) 7, J. R. Parks 8.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Despite the cold winds and the icy down-pour, the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association was attended by a record number of members—72 were entertained to tea by the Rector of Stoke, Preb F. A. R. Chapman.

Ringing at the Parish Church commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m. The service was taken by the Rev. H. Harper, who deputised for the Rector.

The business meeting followed immediately after tea, with the president (the Ven. Geo. Youell) in the chair. Four new ringing members were elected and Mr. W. Anthony Adams, J.P., was elected honorary life member. Mr. G. W. Biddulph (chairman) thanked the Arch-deacon for his continued interest and support, and also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for providing tea again this year.

The company then returned to the belfry and ringing (from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major) continued until 9 p.m. J. G. B.

A BYGONE VETERANS' PEAL

Mr. E. H. Williams, of Sampford Arundel, near Wellington, Somerset, forwards us a cutting from 'The Devon and Somerset News' of October 26th, 1933, recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C., to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. Ernest Bishop's work as a bellringer.

An unusual thing was that the ages of the band varied from 71 to 82 years. After ringing for 100 minutes a rope broke. There was a delay of 10 minutes and a fresh start was made, and the peal successfully rung.

The band consisted of Challis F. Winney (aged 76), of Fulham (conductor); William T. Pates (81), Cheltenham; Ernest Bishop (71), Swindon; W. H. Smith (72), Caversham. Reading: Robert H. Brundle (82), Ipswich; Francis E. Dawe (75), Woking; James George (80), Birmingham; Waller Prime (78), Dalston.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley on ringing their 300th peal together. For years they have been leading peal ringers, but unrecorded in our columns. There are, however, others in the Hertfordshire Association who count their annual tally!

To the memory of Mr. Harry Edge, of Much Wenlock, secretary of the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the members of Claverley, Salop, band attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. It was regretted that the attempt failed after half an hour of good ringing.

An excellent article on the bells of St. Michael's and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ashton Reporter'; written by Mr. J. Cassidy. It was on these bells that the record peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung on April 17th, 1911. As a boy, Mr. Cassidy met Mr. Samuel Wood, the conductor of that peal, and was allowed to enter the belfry during practice nights.

The oldest past member of the Central Council is Mr. Charles Wiltshire, who recently celebrated his 96th birthday; he is living with his daughter, Mrs. George Alam, R.R.3, Nansonville, Quebec, Canada. In a letter to Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mrs. Alam inquires about Mr. Tony Price, who visited them in Canada in the 1930's. Mr. Wiltshire rang in the first course of Surprise (Superlative) at Guildford in 1901. The only other survivor of that band is Mr. Hazelden.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: Stella Trindall 1, P. A. Oram 2, Christine Saunders 3, Jean Addicott 4, I. C. Maycock 5, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 6.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Elkington 1, L. H. Taylor 2, F. W. Elkington 3, J. W. Bailey 4, J. P. Morris 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. In memory of George F. Cummins, a ringer of this church.

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The band at St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, N.S.W., under Mr. T. W. Goodyer, are making rapid progress. This week we publish three of their quarter peals—Single Oxford Bob Triples, Double Oxford Bob Triples and Norwich Surprise Minor. They have not lost a quarter peal since last September. Miss W. A. Nichols is believed to be the first Australian lady to ring a quarter of Surprise.

The peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Worsley, Lancs. on December 19th was Royal and, not Major as published on page 25.

Six lady members of the Sapcote, Leics. Sunday service band rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on January 10th.

Mr. Nicholas J. Davies rang his 50th peal on the bell upon which he was taught to ring, the fifth at St. Alphege's Church, Canterbury.

The peal rung at Hillingdon on January 13th was noteworthy for the fact that the ringer of the eighth was exactly four times the age of the ringer of the fourth (88 and 22). Both birthdays occurred this week-end.

The in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal for Mr. William Welling, of Old Windsor, rung on January 14th, was the 100th quarter peal on the bells since their augmentation to ten in 1950; of these 34 were 10 bell quarters.

The still active veteran of St. Mary's, Usk, tower is Mr. Edgar Luff, who is now in his 81st year. For 35 years he has been ringing at this tower. In honour of his golden wedding his fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on January 14th.

Two courses from the end of the peal of Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on January 13th, Reuben Sanders hesitated to dodge. Afterwards, someone said that was the first time he could remember over many years Reuben ever making the slightest mistake. Fancy not making a mistake until your 88th birthday. A tribute to Reuben's all-round excellence as a ringer and an example to us all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

If his present enthusiasm for peal ringing continues, Mr. John M. Jelley, of Wigston, Leics., will be at a very early age a 1,000 pealer. He is now 23 years 5 months and his just rung his 500th peal. His contribution towards this total during 1961 was 113.

Mr. Malcolm Phipps informs us that his first peal on ten bells was Yorkshire Royal at Grantham and not, as inadvertently stated, at Rotherham (page 9), which was his first of Caters.

Mr. Stanley Shipp, of Sutton, made a welcome return to peal ringing at Haddenham, Cambridgeshire, on January 13th. Ringing with his usual efficiency, a good peal was scored.

In succession to the late Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Billings, of 61, Melville Street, Northampton, has been appointed secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

During the 'coming of age' peal for Mr. John Hall, at Broughton, he visited the church and being unable to enter the ringing chamber left a note of appreciation and six bottles of champagne. The ringers gladly toasted his coming of age!

Comments our Sussex correspondent re the social at Warnham: 'During the dancing some of the more mature male members demonstrated the fact that they could handle a bell in the tower far better than a belle on the dance floor.'

Mr. D. S. Johnson, conductor of the quarter peal at Walkington, East Yorks, on January 12th, congratulates the newly-formed band on its high standard of striking. He is confident that with hard work and the same enthusiasm a wonderful future awaits this young band.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has lost its patron, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, who has accepted an important post on the staff of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. A farewell peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Newcastle Cathedral. Cinques were planned, but because of flu the peal was reduced to one on ten bells.

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On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARNS 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	BARRIE HENDRY 8
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of London Royal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb.

GEORGE DAVIS Treble	†THOMAS YEOMANS 6
ROBERT E. COLES 2	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	DAVID J. KING 8
*ROGER G. HAVARD 4	†TREVOR T. LEWIS 9
*ROGER KING 5	*BRYNLEY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. GROVES.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th for the Association. ‡ First of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON 6
FRANK T. BLAGROVE 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	*REUBEN SANDERS 8
ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4	JOHN W. EUSTON 9
EDWIN A. BARNETT 5	WILLIAM H. COLES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW.

* 80th peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

ROBIN G. TURNER Treble	JOHN HEDLEY 6
DENIS A. BAYLES 2	FREDERICK ROSS 7
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	BRYAN PATTISON 8
ALAN R. PATTERSON 4	EDMUND P. CROWDY 9
KENNETH ARTHUR 5	GEORGE S. DEAS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung as a farewell to the Provost of Newcastle, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, M.A.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 5
GILES B. THOMSON 2	BASIL JONES 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	JOHN ROBINSON 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*BARRY CORBISHLEY Treble	*WALTER SHERRATT 5
K. PETER JONES 2	*ROY WORRALL 6
*NORMAN SHERRATT 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. First of Lincolnshire as conductor.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Treble	RICHARD E. WATERS 5
MIKAELA ERIC 2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH 6
PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	RONALD A. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by RONALD A. WRIGHT.

First peal of Major as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh; also to congratulate Miss Mary Hoare and Mr. Trevor Fawcett on their engagement.

LINCOLN

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

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

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
*PETER A. SHARP 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BRIAN DOWNES Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 5
JOHN D. ROCK 2	ANDREW N. STUBBS 6
ANNE C. GARNETT 3	DENNIS RANDALL 7
*CLIVE SIMPSON 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BRIAN DOWNES.

* First peal on eight.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	†BRIAN M. SMITH 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3	‡R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 7
*KEITH H. MILDRED .. 4	§NICHOLAS R. MAY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Triples, and of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire Triples, and 50th peal. § First peal.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 6
NEVILLE F. WHITTALL .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCOTFIELD .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 119 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

DEREK J. MARSHALL .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	PETER BORDER 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
F. JOHN NELSON 4	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOHN ROBINSON 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

JACK P. KESTERTON Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH 5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal of London Surprise.

Rung in memory of John William Taylor, only son of Merle and Paul Taylor, of Loughborough.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN 6
H. GEORGE HART 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

BRENDA COLLINS Treble	BRIAN COX 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	*BRIAN AUSTIN 6
FRANK E. CROSIER 3	†MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal for the Guild. First of Surprise as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

HILARY MUIRHEAD Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
E. JANE LANGTON 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 6
GEORGE E. THODAY 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,408 Superlative, 1,280 Bristol, 1,248 Cambridge and 1,088 London; with 107 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH Treble	†IAN H. ORAM 5
PETER BERESFORD 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
*ANDREW M. MACVE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 11). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Spiced Major. † 50th peal on the bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARK 6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 3	PETER A. SHARP 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HAROLD A. NOBES Treble	WINIFRED E. KEYS 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
RONALD A. WRIGHT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 74 lb.

*GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. Treble	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5
DON C. EXELL 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 7
*†PETER BRIDLE 4	*JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

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

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*PETER MORRIS Treble	DESMOND FERGUSON 5
MARY C. POYNER 2	RICHARD E. MORRIS 6
BERYL W. ABBOTT 3	ROGER W. POWELL 7
HARRY POYNER 4	HENRY C. LEWIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Major.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	PAUL CATTERMOLE 6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
*JOHN C. EISEL 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JAMES E. DANIELS Treble	RAYMOND HAINES 5
I. ANN ABRAHAMS 2	REV. ROGER KEELEY 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 3	JOHN HARTLESS 7
RONALD N. MARLOW 4	EDWARD J. DOEL Tenor

Conducted by REV. ROGER KEELEY.

For the Epiphany; also to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev S. F. Allison, D.D., as Bishop of Winchester.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative: the full work of every method for each bell; 112 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal of Spiced.

Rung for the dedication of a memorial window to the Rev. W. M. Myres, D.D., Vicar of Frodsham 1912-1954.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

REGINALD W. REX Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 2	JOHN H. NAPPER 6
WILLIAM J. IRVING 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD 7
ERIC T. LEE 4	ARTHUR SAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 6
*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
EDWARD B. SMITH 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of D.N.C.B.M. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.	
*MICHAEL C. WYCHERLEY	Treble	FRED W. JONES	5
MARY C. POYNER	2	HARRY POYNER	6
†BERYL W. ABBOTT	3	JOSEPH L. STANIER	7
†HENRY C. LEWIS	4	‡BRIAN GADD	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Triples away from the tenor. † First of Triples.
‡ First on eight. Mr. J. L. Stanier, the local captain, has now 'circled the tower.'

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.			
GILES B. THOMPSON..	Treble	ROY WORRALL	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN..	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY ..	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	JOHN ROBINSON	7
JOHN R. GILDEN..	4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	Tenor
Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.		Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.	

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.			
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	<i>Treble</i>	EDWARD W. COLLEY..	5
BERYL E. CAWSE ..	2	BRIAN J. WYLDE..	6
MARTIN C. FAULKES ..	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	7
GORDON H. LANE ..	4	JOHN M. JELLEY..	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
*ROGER G. EGGINS	Treble	GRAHAM D. CARTER	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	DOUGLAS BURNETT	6
ANTHONY LOCKE	3	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	7
CLEMENT W. JOSE	4	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON	Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal on eight.
Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany; also a birthday compliment to A. J. Davidson.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

H. W. Wilde's		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
STANLEY ANDERTON	Treble	JOHN JACKSON	5
MARY R. CROSTHWAITE	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

Rung upon the Feast of the Epiphany, and to celebrate the marriage at this church previous to the peal of Miss Gladys Metcalfe to Mr. William Farnworth.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Warshbrook's variation of Middleton's.		Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.	
H. GEORGE HART	Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH	5
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. 450th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 49th birthday compliment to A. Patrick Cannon.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ERIC YOUNG	Treble	HARRY HODSON	5
ALBERT H. LAWTON	2	HAROLD ROBERTS	6
E. MARION KEY	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
SHEILA HODSON	4	*ALBERT E. PURSLOW	Treble

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman. The fifth ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Feast of Epiphany.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
JOHN W. SMITH	Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	MONTY W. GILBERT	6
JOHN W. COLEMAN	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
MARTIN L. HOWE	4	RALPH BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to John Wheadon, a Kent ringer of many years' standing, now residing in Cheshire.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
BARBARA FOSTER	Treble	MICHAEL P. FISHWICK	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
BARRIE WILD	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
ALLAN SMITH	4	IVAN KAY	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

Rung in memoriam Frank Appleton, a ringer at the above church.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.			
ROSEMARY D. BRAY.. ..	Treble	HENRY C. LEWIS	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	†MICHAEL J. WYCHERLEY..	7
*JOHN C. BALDWIN	4	PETER MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* 25th peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First of Plain Bob Triples for all except ringers of third and sixth. First of Plain Bob Triples on the bells.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.			
DONALD F. MURFET	.. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS	.. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	.. 2	*MARTYN L. J. JORDAN	.. 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	.. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	.. 7
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	.. 4	DEREK E. SIBSON	.. Tenor
Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.		Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.	

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Nancy and Stuart Brown.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.	
*PAMELA E. KEY	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
HAROLD ROBERTS	2	IAN FRIEND	6
ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	ERIC YOUNG	7
E. MARION KEY	4	JOHN W. DYKE	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on eight.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. John Hall, whose grandfather renovated and augmented the bells at this church in 1922.

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SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-Part No. 19 in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.
THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 5
DAVID CUBITT 2 *BRIAN COX 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3 GEORGE SAYER 7
JOHN COX 4 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged for Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide, Australia.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5136 ERYRI SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble PETER BORDER 5
MURIEL REAY 2 DAVID J. PURNELL 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON 3 BARRIE HENDRY 7
JOHN PINFOLD 4 GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor
Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
A Q-set variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.
ROGER BALDWIN .. Treble DAVID FRIEND 5
WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 2 JOHN MURFIN 6
MRS. KATHLEEN BALDWIN 3 DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
MRS. PATRICIA A. HALLS .. 4 DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY. Treble PETER J. COLES 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2 COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3 EDWIN G. BUCK 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4 JACK S. DEAR Tenor
Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 300th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.
FRED HODGSON .. Treble *JACK ROACH 5
THOMAS M. COX 2 FRED W. ELLIS 6
*ROHILLA M. COOKE .. 3 *PETER WISHART 7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 4 THOMAS COOKE Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Treble †JOHN S. RANK 5
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 2 E. DENNIS POOLE 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3 WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 4 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Tenor
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman.
In memoriam William Welling.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. David.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt.
*REGINALD INGHAM .. Treble †JOHN M. CARTER 5
†JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD 2 GEORGE SKINNER 6
FREDERICK WREDFORD 3 NORMAN MALLETT 7
†BRIAN F. COLES .. 4 GEORGE LUXTON Tenor
Composed by H. H. HUBBARD. Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. Pritchard, instituted as Vicar of St. David's on January 11th; also to mark the formation of a new band of ringers at this church.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At St. George's Chapel-of-Unity.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED-SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,880 Bristol, 1,216 London, 480 each Cambridge and Superlative; 96 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.
ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble DORIS E. COLGATE 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2 BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3 GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4 PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor
Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.
ANN EDWARDS .. Treble IAN R. PANTON 5
PETER J. CAME 2 MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 6
JOHN L. FENNELL .. 3 ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 7
JAMES L. TOWLER .. 4 BRIAN J. HOWARD Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
First peal of Major as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble DEREK W. STONE 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 2 ROY B. NEWMAN 6
PAUL A. BRAND 3 EDWARD S. T. FARR .. 7
DAVID G. PICKETT .. 4 J. KEITH WARD Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of William Welling, a chorister and ringer at Old Windsor for many years, who died January 11th.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part (No. 2). Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.
*JANET SHEPHERD .. Treble §ANTONY JACKSON 5
†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2 EDWIN BROMLEY 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 3 EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 7
†IAN V. J. SMITH .. 4 *GEORGE H. STANDEN .. Tenor
Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal. † 375th peal. § First of Triples. § First of Triples inside.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.
MRS. L. D. MILLS .. Treble *WINSTON GIRLING 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2 †ERIC C. HOTINE 6
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3 WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 4 LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge. † First of Cambridge Major.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.
*M. JANE FOSTER .. Treble E. JOHN W. MANLEY .. 5
†T. FELICITY WEBBER .. 2 ERIC T. LEE 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3 PETER M. WILKINSON .. 7
JANET K. SECKER .. 4 FRANK W. LEWIS Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
ARTHUR GIBBS .. Treble *ROBERT L. PIRON 5
AVRIL IVIN 2 ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. 3 STEPHEN IVIN 7
FRANK W. RIVETT .. 4 C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of London. First of London rung in Bedford.
A birthday peal for Mrs. C. E. Jeffries.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
AMY WARNES .. Treble | MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
JUDY A. M. COX .. 2 | BARRY BRANT .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 3 | A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

First peal of Minor on the bells for 40 years.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.
DAVID J. WILLIAMS .. Treble | M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 4
*DAVID J. DANBY .. 2 | CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. 3 | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Minor on the bells, and first for the Society for 45 years.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. P. W. Tildesley on his retirement after maintaining the clock of this church for 38 years.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In nine methods: (1) London Scholars', Kingsione, Sandal, (2) Violet.
(3) Duke of York, (4) Woodbine, (5) Oxford, (6) Kent, (7) Merchants
Return. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.
ROGER TARBATT .. Treble | *FREDERICK R. BROOK .. 4
*ELIZABETH PEACE .. 2 | JAMES W. BUXTON .. 5
*SUSAN PEACE .. 3 | TREVOR TARBATT .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

* First peal.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROGER COOPER .. Treble | MAUREEN ALLEN .. 3
R. F. BAKER .. 2 | E. J. WHITING .. 4
J. W. ALLEN .. Tenor

Conducted by R. F. BAKER.

* First peal.

Rung for Christmas.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
MAUREEN LAWRENCE .. Treble | DEREK G. TAYLOR .. 4
J. YORKE PARKER .. 2 | CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
ALBERT G. FULLER .. 3 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Jennifer Sargeant (a ringer at this church) and Mr. Cliffe Allen.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PHILIP STEVENS .. Treble | MICHAEL BARTLETT .. 4
REV. C. R. COUSMAKER .. 2 | BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3 | BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
*GEOFFREY UPSDELL .. Treble | THOMAS YEOMANS .. 4
RONALD LUCAS .. 2 | NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 5
†CHRISTINE GLASTONBURY .. 3 | WILLIAM DARE .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor in the method, and as conductor on tower bells.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*JUDY SOUTHWOOD .. Treble | ANDREW THOMSON .. 4
*MICHAEL ATFIELD .. 2 | DAVID MUNDY .. 5
LAWRENCE SMITH .. 3 | ROBIN ELLIOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN ELLIOTT.

* First peal.

Rung for Christmas; also as an induction compliment to the Rev. J. Guy Hetherington.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in B.
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble | †DAVID J. DANBY .. 4
*RAYMOND J. BALLARD .. 2 | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. 3 | M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal. † First of Treble Bob. First of Kent T.B. Minor by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

Rung for the birth of Dawn Critchlow.

THRUSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3
KEITH H. MILDRED .. 2 | BRIAN M. SMITH .. 4

A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The greatest number of Doubles variations by all the band, and for the Guild. First peal on the bells for 40 years.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*DAVID J. DANBY .. Treble | K. PETER JONES .. 4
*M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. 2 | CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3 | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal in four methods. First in four methods for the Society, and on the bells.

LEIGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY .. Treble | GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 4
E. MARION KEY .. 2 | DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3 | GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Capel, Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Kent, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kingston.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ANN P. SMITH .. Treble | CHRISTINE MACNAIRE .. 4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2 | PETER DALE .. 5
ALEC OSBALDISTON .. 3 | FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK OSBALDISTON.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four variations, being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Grand-sire and April Day, and 12 of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*F. JOHN VALLENDER .. Treble	JEREMY A. TANDY 4
JOHN E. LAWLEY 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 5
PETER L. BILL 3	BRIAN WOOTTON Tenor

Conducted by JEREMY A. TANDY.

* First peal. First as conductor. First in four variations by all the band except for the ringer of the fifth.

Average age of band 14 years 9 months.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being four extents each of Old, Clifford's Pleasure, two of Rev. Canterbury, eight of Grandsire, ten of April Day and 14 of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	†RODNEY E. LLOYD 4
MICHAEL W. BROWN 2	MICHAEL J. COPSON 5
*RICHARD N. CLARK 3	*ALFRED G. COPSON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

* First peal in six methods. † First of Doubles. First peal on the bells by a local band.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE Treble	DEREK A. DAVIS 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
ROGER D. BAILEY 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE FRY Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER 4
*JOHN E. WARNER 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY 5
*ANN GEORGE 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*CHRISTOPHER HOLMES (14) Treble	†ANTHONY E. STAMP 4
JOHN A. SYKES 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
*EDNA M. POULTER 3	C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

STANGROUND, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14 cwt.

*GILBERT COWLIN Treble	*FRANK BOYALL 4
HERBERT GOAKES 2	TREVOR BEVIS 5
*RAYMOND H. DAW 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal in more than one method.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three methods (eight variations), as follows: Four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob and April Day, and ten extents and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris' arrangements of Grandsire.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER G. EGGINS Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 4
ALAN CARVETH 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 3	ANTHONY LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 200th peal.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SILVESTER DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. in A minor.

MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
GEORGE F. ROOME 2	GRAHAM C. PAUL 4

RICHARD J. DANBY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung a peal from every bell in the tower.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Silvester, and in honour of Mr. Malcolm Hiron being ordained a deacon in Birmingham Cathedral on December 21st, 1961.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

ALAN J. CLARKE Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
JAMES BENNETT 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of one Morris' 240 and ten callings repeated four times.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WINIFRED MILLEN .. Treble	†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4
VIOLET I. E. RELF 2	‡MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	*ALFRED GORHAM Tenor

Conducted by KATHLEEN M. YEO.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Single Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

JOHN F. W. READ .. Treble	*BERYL N. REED 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	COLIN W. REED 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.
 Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

RODNEY FRENCH .. Treble	JAMES H. EDWARDS 4
AVRIL IVIN 2	FRANK W. RIVETT 5
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung with compliments to Diana Lawless and Alan Frost on their engagement.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

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

*BRIAN J. BULL .. Treble	BRIAN DOWNES 4
CHERRY WHITE 2	ANTHONY S. BISHOP 5
JOHN S. RANK 3	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. Treble	PETER W. HORN 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	*DAVID HARRADINE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Pimlott, mother of the ringer of the fifth.

CHILDREY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being three extents of Stedman, five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 16 of Grandire and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*†STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. Treble	*NORMAN H. LESLIE .. 4
*PAMELA C. ROONEY .. 2	*DENNIS A. LESLIE .. 5
†KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 3	HERBERT J. ROONEY .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Doubles. First as conductor. Rung for Epiphany.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK E. WATSON .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
J. HARRY COOK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding compliment to Derick M. King, of Leicester, and Sylvia M. Taylor, of Narborough, married at this church on December 30th; also a birthday compliment to Miss Joy Reynolds.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Bourne, Surfleet, Beverley, Durham, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY TURNER .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
HERMON J. OLIVER .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	ROY R. TIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY R. TIFFIN.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	*ROGER B. SANDERS .. 4
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 2	DEREK A. DAVIS .. 5
KEITH R. DAVEY .. 3	ALAN G. PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDIRE DOUBLES

Being Pitman's 240 and 40 extents in ten variations of calling.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*JEAN M. BAKER .. Treble	JAMES E. PULLON .. 4
JOHN E. WHITTALL .. 2	PAUL CATTERMOLE .. 5
†MARTIN POWELL .. 3	*BEVERLEY M. GITTINS .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to Jimmy Pullon, who is leaving Wychbold for Kempsey.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMORLAND DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of St. Clement's and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*PAUL MUTHITT .. Treble	BRIAN COX .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 5
C. JACK GIBSON .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin, of Witham, interred this day.

WESTMORLAND DELIGHT MINOR

36—34.6—12—123—14—1. 2nds place lead.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

MONICA M. MOORE .. Treble	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of London Minor by all the band.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods, viz.: (1 and 2) 1,440 in 12 methods: Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester, Munden, Carlisle and Cuneastre; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in more than seven Surprise methods. † 150th peal together. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MICHAEL BIRWISTILL .. Treble	RICHARD J. PARKER .. 4
ROGER LEIGH .. 2	ROBERT BOLT .. 5
*PIETER EAGLE .. 3	†PIETER SCHOLFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BOLT.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Durham, York, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* 400th peal for the Association. First of Surprise as conductor. First in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

*E. M. T. CUMBERWORTH Treble	†TIMOTHY D. WICKINS .. 4
†JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
JOHN S. BARNES .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal of Minor, and in more than one method. † First 'inside' in four methods. ‡ First peal. The conductor's 50th peal.

The fifth bell was rung sliderless.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 31 methods: (1) Whitley, Northumberland, Carlisle and Wooler; (2) Canterbury and Morpeth; (3) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (4) Chester, Munden, Newcastle and Alnwick; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 141 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: London, York, Bourne, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR YARROW Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY 4
STANLEY SHIPP 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
DONALD F. MURFET 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble	† PHILLIP GAY 4
* MICHAEL WILSHAW 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
† RAYMOND J. BALLARD .. 3	DAVID J. DANBY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First of Minor, and 'inside.'

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two Pitman's 240's, four Morris' 240's, four Price's 240's and 22 120's (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. Treble	J. EDWARD BROWN 4
NORMAN B. FAVARGUE .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
FREDERICK DERRY 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

* MICHAEL ROBERTS .. Treble	RAY DAW 4
HERBERT GOAKES 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
FRANK BOYALL 3	GILBERT F. COWLIN Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung to welcome the new Bishop, who took up residence in Peterborough during the past week.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents, as follows: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, (4) Cambridge and Beverley, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Surfleet: 80 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal in ten Surprise methods by all except the ringer of the fifth.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PAUL MUTTITT Treble	JACK PILGRIM 4
RAYMOND PECK 2	RICHARD F. PRIME 5
* PETER M. SHIPLEY 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung in memoriam Mrs. W. H. P. Mellin, of Witham.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

* GRAHAM A. BARNARD .. Treble	‡ DAVID K. PUTNAM 4
† JOHN W. COLEMAN 2	MARTIN L. HOWE 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	BERNARD GROVES Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal. † First in ten methods. ‡ First in ten methods 'inside.'

Rung as an engagement compliment to Thelma C. Hills and David K. Putnam.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE Treble	ROGER D. BAILEY 4
* LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	* JOSEPH W. BAILEY 5
KEITH R. DAVEY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 25th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT LLYS ESOB,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of New Grandsire and three each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

* DAVID S. BISHOP 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
* MAGNUS PETERSON 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal in three methods. First as conductor in three methods.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four different callings. Tenor size 16 in C.

* EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 1—2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3—4
† ANTONY JACKSON 5—6	

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1962, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 20, PERCY STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 19 methods in seven extents: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (2) London Bob, Lytham Bob and Westleccott Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College; (4) College, Wavertree and Rodbourne College; (5) Kent T.B.; (6) Oxford T.B.; (7) Plain Bob.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 1—2	BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT 9, FIRST AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN F. BRYANT 1—2	ROBERT E. MOULDS 5—6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3—4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7—8
J. NEVILLE PARKIN 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FILLDEN.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Tues., Jan. 7, 1962, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods: Seven extents each of St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Osmund, St. Martin and St. Simon. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN GRUNDY 1—2	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3—4
BETTY MARTINSON 5—6	

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1962, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE 3—4
B. SIEDMAN PAYNE 5—6	

Conducted by B. SIEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to compliment Mr. and Mrs. J. Morley, of Birstall, Leics. on the birth of a son.

HALF PEAL

SNATH, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: D. Sheppard 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Sheppard 3, R. Stephenson 4, K. B. Sissons 5, R. R. Warford 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, J. Potts 8. This was an attempt for 5,040 Grandsire Triples but, owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers, 'Stand' was called at the half-way.

ASHTHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Williams (first on eight) 1, J. T. Symonds 2, Christine Boxall 3, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 4, Geraldine Piper 5, B. Piper 6, P. Jackson 7, H. H. Hayns 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging in 1961. For Evensong.

ASPENDE, HERTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): Susan Secker 1, Janet K. Secker 2, M. Jane Foster 3, Frances A. Secker 4, T. D. Wickins (first in two Minor methods) 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. D. Casson 1, A. S. Burbidge 2, B. Downie 3, M. G. Ingram 4, E. J. Franklin 5, A. Short 6, R. C. Ingram 7, D. R. Ingram (first of Bob Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Moppett (first quarter) 1, Louise Gallini 2, Valerie Mephram 3, H. Ballard 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, C. A. Masters 6.

BEDFORD, MIDD.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Wiggins 1, D. M. Boniface (cond.) 2-3, P. Brand 4, T. Tyres 5, D. Pickett 6.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods): J. Taylor 1, K. Gardner 2, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 3, D. Allen 4, G. P. Hammond 5, W. Knight 6. First in seven methods by all except the conductor. Rung for annual ringers' service and dedication of new befrity furnishings.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—At St Botolph's, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Martin 1, B. Burrow 2, P. Catermole 3, J. Eisal 4, M. Barton 5, H. Clark 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbot 8. In memoriam Richard Deal, London, and William Welling, Old Windsor.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Castell 1, C. J. Adam 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon 3, Angela M. Ayres (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. A. Partridge 5, J. M. Elaine Dixon 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Castell 1, Philippa J. P. Dixon 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, C. J. Adam 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: D. J. Hunt 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, P. Bridle 3, J. R. Taylor 4, D. C. Exell 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Hunt (cond.) 1, Deirdre J. Borer (first of Minor) 2, Kathleen M. Exell 3, H. N. Evans 4, D. C. Exell 5, C. J. Richards 6.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Forrester (first quarter) 1, R. Barratt 2, G. Forrester 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, T. Norbury 5, D. Harradine 6. For Evensong and carol service.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods): Hilary Martin 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, N. Martin 3, D. Parker 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. E. Davey 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Beckwith 1, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 2, A. R. Andrews 3, J. Fowler 4, J. Warner 5, W. Arnold 6, B. Fairhead 7, E. E. Davey 8. Rung after a peal failure.

CONSETI, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): M. Armstrong 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6, R. B. Skelton cover.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. E. Hawkins 1, N. G. Kneec 2, V. Bull 3, A. Bull 4, E. E. Norris (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. Rung for the 76th birthday of Mr. Jack Fricke, a ringer at Corsley for 56 years.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Bolton (first of Minor) 1, Miss D. Yeates (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Yeates (first of Minor) 3, Miss W. Phillips 4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5, F. Ross 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Mr. J. A. Richardson and Miss J. Pattison, both ringers at this church. The bride taught the conductor bell control.

QUARTER PEALS

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Minor (London Surprise, Plain Bob): R. J. Elliott (cond.) 1, B. C. Webster 2, A. Thomson 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, D. Mundy 5, A. J. Griffin 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the conductor.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Smith 1, P. Burton 2, W. S. Smith 3, H. A. Burton 4, J. M. Burton (cond.) 5, T. R. Smith 6. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. Burton 1, P. Burton 2, J. M. Burton (cond.) 3, T. R. Smith 4, W. S. Smith 5, C. V. Cade 6.

EALING, MIDD.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): M. Sprackling 1, H. J. Eldred 2, S. Croft 3, F. Ranson 4, W. Wilson 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. M. Wilkinson 1, M. Jane Foster 2, T. Felicity Webber 3, Janet K. Secker 4, E. J. W. Manley 5, Jennifer M. Davies 6. Conducted by 1 and 5. Rung by members of the Reading University Society, as a compliment to Patricia Heather and Ronald Diserens, on their engagement.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 540 Single Oxford: R. Huckle 1, Miss M. Pettitt 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, R. French 4, C. Payne 5, R. F. Law (first quarter as cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to the Vicar (the Rev. P. Hartley) and Mr. R. Law.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Wilson (14 years) 1, Pauline Webb (15 years) 2, E. L. Box 3, J. W. Marr 4, E. J. Wells 5, R. North 6, D. P. Elsmore (first as cond.) 7, L. Balchin 8. First quarter first attempt 1 and 2. For Evensong.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. Whiting 1, Maureen Allen 2, L. B. Jefferies (first 'inside') 3, E. Bailey 4, R. F. Baker 5, J. W. Allen 6.

HESSLE, E. YOKES.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Elizabeth Harrison (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. A. Singleton (cond.) 3, Jill Riley 4, R. H. Sharp 5, G. R. West 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Pool.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Jan. 14th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: F. C. Price 1-2, W. H. Coles 3, M. J. Palmer 4, A. T. Turley 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, J. Hill 7, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 8, T. Price 9, G. W. Hill (first on ten) 10. For Evensong, and in remembrance of an old friend of the tower, William Welling, of Old Windsor.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Leakey (first quarter) 1, F. Andrews 2, Sondra Hunt 3, P. Gay 4, R. Gay (cond.) 5. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. E. R. Wilson.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Vellam 1, A. Marshall 2, K. Davey 3, R. Bailey 4, R. Sanders 5, D. A. Davis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—All at St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 31st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jean F. Barnett 1, Olive D. Barnett (first in method) 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, Joan Beresford 4, E. A. Barnett 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. Rank 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Hilda E. Oatway 3, C. Oatway 4, C. Hughes 5, R. Cademy (first of Stedman Caters) 6, A. Bishop 7, J. Marks 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10. Also for Evensong on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Bagworth 1, C. Otley 2, B. Bull 3, C. Emery 4, A. Clayton 5, C. Mew 6, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 7, P. Chapman 8. First in method 3, 4, 5 and 6.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Childs 1, A. Bayley 2, E. Fox 3, W. Lloyd 4, L. Longlands 5, L. Evans 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, C. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mr. Harry Edge, ringing captain and secretary of this tower, whose funeral was this day.

NAITSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Boulbee (first quarter) 1, C. Boulbee (first 'inside') 2, Olwen Quint 3, R. Adkins 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—At 11, Church Road, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fellows 1-2, P. L. Bill (cond.) 3-4, C. R. Tandy 5-6. Witness: Pauline S. Bill. First 'in hand' by all. For Epiphany.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Angela Brunsell 1, D. Fellows 2, Celia Bland 3, P. Fells (cond.) 4, Christine

Rimmer 5, Alison Macfarlane 6. First in 11 methods by all. Rung (after peal failure, due to fraying rope) on 50th anniversary of first peal in tower by a local band. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): R. Lewis (first of Minor) 1, Christine Rimmer 2, Celia Bland 3, D. Fellows 4, Alison Macfarlane 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Rimmer 1, Celia Bland 2, R. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, P. Fells (cond.) 5, D. Fellows 6. For morning service.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Newman (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Bunyan 2, A. T. Hawkins 3, Alison J. Macfarlane 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. P. Hilling 1, W. D. Ward 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. D. Rivers 7, D. K. Walters 8, F. R. Scott 9, J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. In memoriam William Welling, died January 11th, 1962, aged 76 years.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, R. J. Ford 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. J. Ford and Miss J. L. Taylor, who were married on December 26th.

STAINES, MIDD.—On July 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Williams 1, Linda Skipsey 2, E. Skipsey 3, R. Wiggins 4, M. Bartlett (first as cond.) 5, J. Skipsey 6. First quarter 1 2 and 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Linda Skipsey 1, M. Loveday 2, R. Shepherd 3, B. Bartlett 4, R. Wiggins 5, M. Bartlett 6, E. Skipsey (cond.) 7, J. Skipsey 8.

STAINES, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Skipsey 1, D. Pickett 2, R. Wiggins 3, B. Bartlett 4, M. Bartlett (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Williams 1, Linda Skipsey 2, E. Skipsey 3, R. Wiggins 4, B. Bartlett 5, M. Bartlett (cond.) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss M. Webb 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, S. J. Withey 3, R. J. Purnell 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, A. R. Peake 6. First quarter of Minor in the method by all the band. Rung for Confirmation, at which four members of the local band were confirmed.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—All at St. Mary's Basilica. On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: David C. Hughes 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, Ralph L. Clark 3, Wm. D. Watson 4, John C. Sheehy 5, John H. Fryer 6, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, Lawrence R. A. Curran 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. First in method on tower-bells in Australia 'Farewell' to 1961. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: D. C. Hughes 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, R. L. Clark 3, W. D. Watson 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, J. H. Fryer 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, L. R. A. Curran 8. First in method by all the band and in N.S.W. To welcome 1962. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Graeme A. J. Langshaw 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, R. L. Clark 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer 6. First in method in Australia.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jane Foster 1, Evelyn M. T. Cumberworth 2, Judith White 3, T. D. Wickins 4, G. A. Naylor 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. Rung on the Feast of the Epiphany.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rudderham (first quarter) 1, F. Hobbs 2, D. Taylor (first as cond.) 3, R. Clench 4, S. Kear 5, D. Hughes 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Luff.

WALKINGTON, E. YOKES.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. E. Drew (12 years) 1, J. Gray 2, E. M. Haynes 3, S. J. Wight 4, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 5, N. W. Castle 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 6. All but the conductor are members of the newly-formed local band.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Dec. 16th, 1,320 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, Miss G. Wild 3, M. C. Austin 4, K. R. Scrimshaw 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the ordination, in Chelmsford Cathedral, of Rev. A. A. Mackenzie, who is to become curate in this parish.

WENTWORTH, YOKES.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (5 methods): A. Beaumont (first away from tenor) 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. King 5, D. Broadhead (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (8 methods): A. Beaumont 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, D. Broadhead 6. Rung half-muffled before Evensong, in memory of Miss E. Wright, headmistress of Wentworth C. of E. School.

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary
and Treasurer.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

BIRTH

CHAPMAN.—On January 15th. 1962. to Ella and Ted. of 33, Balmoral Avenue, Spalding, a daughter (Delyth Anne). 9538

ENGAGEMENT

MOULD—COLLETT.—The engagement is announced between Edward George, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mould, of Pewsey, Wilts. and Christine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Collett, of Littleover, Derby, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. 9550

IN MEMORIAM

SEAGER.—Treasured memories of a dear husband, dad and grandad, Frederick, who passed away suddenly on January 27th. 1960. —From his loving wife, sons David and Robert, grandchildren Kevin and Janet. 9561

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The address of Mr. H. V. Frost (Assistant secretary of the Hertford County Association) is now 'Faircroft,' 367, Watford Road, St. Albans (Tel.: 50893). 9551

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting. Evercreech (10), January 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9499

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heaviley, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 9530

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, January 27th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, 'Wickstead,' Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 9507

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Monthly meeting at Broad-sall, on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6). Names for tea to M. Blore, 67, Park Grove, Kedleston Road, Derby. 9520

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9489

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 27th, 3 p.m., Hemel Hempstead. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead. 9510

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants.—A.D.M. on January 27th at Henlow. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow.—K. A. Rivett. 9510

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), January 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 9490

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. A. Frith, 86, Dudley Road, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9515

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Saturday, January 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 6 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, January 27th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Names for tea to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 9521

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service, St. Thomas', 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Red Lion 4.45. Bells: St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8; St. Paul's, 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea (4s., juniors 3s.) essential to Miss Eloie, Sec., 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9433

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec., 9503

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Stafford, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mr. R. J. Warriow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford. 9430

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Burwash on January 27th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea early please to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9487

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church. 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Cottage. All Saints' bells available. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 9495

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YORTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, February 3rd, at 6 p.m. There will be no practice at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, January 30th. Will members please note the following: June 23rd, ringing day in Bristol to include luncheon and business meeting. November 3rd, the 325th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1. Full details of both occasions will be published later.—John Chilcott. 9549

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting to be held on February 3rd at Ripponden. High tea, price 6s. 6d., at the Queen Hotel. Names essential to me. All welcome.—D. Smith, 9 Bower Road, Elland. 9453

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Whitnash, Saturday, February 3rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The young ringers attending the meeting are invited to join the church's Y.P.A. social during the evening after the ringing meeting. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 9535

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 3rd. Gosforth. All Saints'. 3 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Hedley, 21, Wyndham Avenue, Newcastle on Tyne. 9556

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9537

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 9435

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The meeting to transact the annual business will be held at Leatherhead on February 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, by January 31st, please.—A. H. Smith, 9518

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, February 3rd, at Baldock at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9528

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 3rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9522

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on February 3rd at Burnley, Holy Trinity (3-5 p.m.) and Padidham (after tea). Cups of tea at Holy Trinity at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—John Pilkington, 9438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Annual general meeting follows. 9439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. James' (Poolstock), Wigan, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m., for those notifying Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, by January 31st.—F. Pearson, Sec. 9460

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, February 3rd, Keele. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, 9545

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Pulham Market, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Method for practice, Cambridge Surprise. All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mr. A. C. W. Roope, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 9498

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Simpson, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. 9548

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, February 3rd, in the Founder's Library, New College, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets (18s.) and ringing arrangements from J. E. Camp, Jesus College. Please send names. 9553

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food, tea provided. Ringing also at St. John's (8) in evening. All ringers welcome. 9543

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, February 3rd, Bromham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea.—Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9559

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Handsworth, February 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Treeton (6) also available 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea in Handsworth Parish Centre at 5 p.m. Names to J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, by February 1st.—J. Seager, 9546

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for annual dinner on February 3rd: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1-2.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.30-3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.45-5 p.m. Tickets are still available from I. V. Zass-Ogilvie, 131, Camberwell Road, S.E.5. 9527

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 3rd, Gedling. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Method: Norwich Minor. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Road, Carlton, Nottingham, by Feb. 1st.—S. Adams, 9540

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Woodbridge (8) on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Deben Tea Rooms. Notifications for tea, please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh, not later than Thursday, February 1st.—C. R. Lovett, 9524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Assington (6), Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Evelyn Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9534

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Cuckfield, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9533

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 31st, to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 9442

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at New Alresford on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., for those who notify by January 30th.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 9554

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Sharow (8), Saturday, February 3rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only. Names to me. Service 4.30 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 9555

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 10th, Frensham, Surrey (6), 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea and business, Farnham, 5.15. St. Andrew's, Farnham (8), 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9563

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mellons, February 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Name, please, to Mr. R. Addis, 'Maesycoed', St. Mellons, Mon. 9558

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 7th, certain please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill', Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, NOR.21W.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9519

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, February 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9552

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, March 17th, at 2.30 p.m. All motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Honorary General Secretary on or before February 3rd.—M. R. Cross, 9524

Quarter Peals

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Sutton (first quarter) 1, Judi White 2, Mary Busch 3, D. Evans 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, T. Samuelson 6. Also at St. Michael's, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Phillips 1, Mary Busch 2, Bridget Heighton 3, Judith Atkinson 4, E. Mould 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. C. Maycock 1, Janet Phillips 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, Christine Collett 4, Judi White 5, S. M. J. Young (first as cond.) 6, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Sutton 1, Jane Tuffin 2, Janet Phillips 3, Judi White 4, C. Tyndale-Biscoe (first as cond.) 5, M. Foster 6.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Birkett 1, Miss C. Linfoot (first in method) 2, D. Smith 3, F. Linfoot 4, A. Rogers 5, V. Nutton (first as cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong, and to celebrate the award of an exhibition at Selwyn College, Cambridge, to the conductor.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. McDowell 1, P. Morrey 2, D. J. Phillips 3, D. J. Kirkham 4, L. Copnall 5, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by a local band. A compliment to L. Copnall, 30 years a member of the local band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, F. Hunt (first of Grandsire) 3, A. R. Knight 4, F. C. Mortlock 5, W. Jarvis 6, S. C. Milton 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung for Evensong, also birthday compliments to ringers of 4, 7 and 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): T. Stephens 1, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray (cond.) 2, P. Sturdy (first 'inside') 3, D. Newcombe 4, W. Woodyatt 5, A. Newman jun. 6, A. Newman sen. 7, H. Harrison 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greening on their diamond wedding day. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): A. Newman jun. 1, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 2, T. Stephens (first 'inside') 3, A. Pendlebury 4, D. Newcombe 5, P. Sturdy 6, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: E. M. Thresher (cond.) 1, A. Dicks (first 'inside') 2, P. L. Westerman 3, J. E. Goddard 4, E. A. Gautrey 5. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Yeomans.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Boulden 1, H. S. Humphrey 2, Maisie Vantom 3, P. J. H. Small 4, R. J. Cooper 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. Rung for the carol service, on the back six after meeting short for Triples.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and on to Wittington after tea. Names for tea to Mr. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 9570

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, February 3rd, at West Haddon. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. No name no tea. 9569

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, February 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Mission Hall, 5 p.m. Carisbrooke bells available.—Anne M. Guy, The Shielling, Freshwater. 9572

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Loughborough District, Saturday, February 10th. Bells available: Whitwick (8) 2-3 p.m.; Oaks-in-Charnwood (6) 2.30-3.15; Shephed (8) 3-3.45; Loughborough, All Saints', (10) 3-4.10 and 6.30-8; Bell Foundry (10) 6.30-8.30. Service, Loughborough, All Saints', 4.15. Tea (followed by meeting) in Fearon Hall, 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Gillian Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough, by Feb. 8th. Nominations for general officers and Central Council delegates, and any proposed alterations to rules must be received by this meeting (Rules 5 (a), 7 and 16). General Committee meeting, St. John's Vestry, Albion Street, Leicester, Feb. 7th at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9567

Quarter Peals

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan E. Budd 1, Cathleen S. Heaney 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, L. F. Palfrey 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. A birthday compliment to Leonard F. Palfrey.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Stephens (first quarter) 1, Miss O. Jones 2, N. Instance 3, J. Hope 4, R. Hatcher (cond.) 5, F. Sandford 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Clarke 1, C. W. Pipe 2, D. H. Buxton 3, J. Bennett 4, Brenda E. Downing 5, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, E. G. Pearce 8, R. F. Downing 9, S. Pipe 10.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob Minor: D. Bradley 1, C. Froggott 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. To ring out the old year. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Froggott 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. To ring in the New Year.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mavis Shires (first quarter) 1, Delwyn Tidball (first quarter) 2, J. E. Dews 3, M. Hunt 4, I. Slack (cond.) 5, P. D. Atkinson 6, D. S. Lockwood 7. For the Vicar's silver wedding.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Pizzeby (first quarter) 1, Sally Buchanan (first quarter of Surprise Major) 2, Mary Marshall 3, Janet Cleeve 4, J. Thorley 5, C. J. Herbert 6, W. G. Wilson 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by the Durham University Society.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods, including Stedman): N. D. Kirk 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. First in 10 methods by all and on the bells. Rung by the Sunday service band for Christmas.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Stopp 1, Miss G. Smith 2, R. Culley 3, A. Stanton 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. Gerald Roberts, of Lillingstone Dayrell, in appreciation of his generosity to Lillingstone Lovell church.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Smith (first quarter) 1, R. Spray 2, M. Davis 3, J. Corbett 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, G. Stocks (first quarter) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Jane Thompson.

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