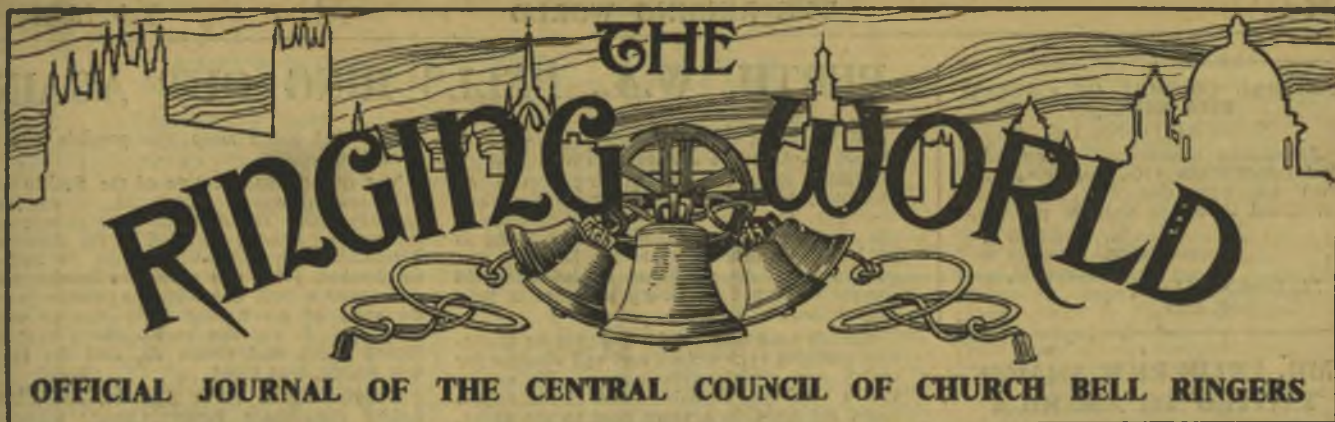




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QUARTER PEALS HAVE A STORY TO TELL

AN examination of our weekly quarter peal page well repays the time spent. Not only is it a mine of information as to the personal events in life such as births, engagements, marriages and deaths, but it repays the time spent as an indication of the trend of ringing and the number of new entrants into the Exercise.

There were published in 'The Ringing World' in the last six months of 1961 no fewer than 1,650 quarter peals. These were made up of Minimus 1, Doubles 612, Minor 448, Triples 341, Major 170, Caters 55, Royal 19 and Cinques 4.

These quarter peals were rung in 868 different towers. 'First quarters' were claimed by 450 ringers. This might at first sight be regarded as a satisfactory standard of recruitment, that 900 people in a year had passed an initial hurdle towards proficiency. But if the normal wastage is to be made good almost double that number is required. It is interesting to observe that 67 conductors called their first quarter and no fewer than ten bands were ringing their first quarter.

Stanwell, Middlesex, with 34, had the highest number scored, followed by Holme Pierrepont, Notts (17), Rayleigh, Essex (16), and St. Clement Danes' and Putney (14 each). The Stanwell band had rung quarters for three different services on the same day, but at Holme Pierrepont the writer believes that there is normally only one service on a Sunday. Practically all the quarter peals rung by the above-named bands were for Sunday services.

Nearly 50 per cent., or 851 of the quarters, were rung on Sundays and 89 others were for special mid-week services of one form or another. The number of towers in which quarters have been rung on Sundays totalled only 464. Many of these were rung by visiting bands, as there are quite a number of people—as an examination of the columns will show—who frequently on Sundays ring elsewhere than in their own church. For example, St. Clement Danes' does not have a resident band, but applications are made to the ringer in charge of the R.A.F. church to ring for a particular service. This seems to be a happy arrangement, and bands travel a considerable distance for the privilege.

Because quarters were only rung in 464 towers on a Sunday it cannot be assumed that there are less than 500 Sunday service bands capable of ringing a quarter peal. One reason is the time factor, through more than one service being held close together. Another is that not all ringers have a desire for quarter peals. In churches in the heart of Birmingham most of the Sunday service ringers are recruited from peal ringers, and it is very rare to read of a quarter being rung at St. Martin's or Birmingham Cathedral.

As there is a hard core of peal ringers who most weeks make an attempt, so there are bands of quarter peal ringers who go out on Sundays. There is the advantage of being a quarter peal ringer in that the enjoyment of achievement can be associated with Sunday service ringing, whereas with peals there is a limitation in the number of towers available on a Sunday. In London the opportunities for service quarters are many, whereas for peals on a weekday the facilities are extremely limited. Those who follow the peal columns note the distances travelled by ringers to find a tower for their Saturday peal. The bands are very much the same—probably drawn from 12 to 16 ringers. To find a Saturday afternoon peal band drawn from the same tower is indeed rare.

Many who ring in quarters have not the fitness to stand in a three-hour peal. On the other hand, one is never too old or too young to start, for first quarters were rung during the six months under review by a ringer 75 years old and also two 12-year-olds. There was also one 13-year-old conductor. It is because the Editor feels that quarter peals have a definite and important niche in the Exercise that a page or more is allocated to them each week. Some Guilds and Associations keep records of quarter peals. In New South Wales points are given for quarters and peals—one for a quarter and five for a peal, and periodically a points table appears in 'Ringing Towers'.

The Central Council give complete freedom to what is rung in quarters. Even if cover bells are introduced no questions are asked. They are not, in any sense, subjected to the same official scrutiny as peals. (Perhaps the Rabbits' Guild at their next convention might give the subject their consideration.) On the other hand, there is not the same care taken in the publication of quarter peals. The Editor has not the time to deal with all the queries that arise from copy submitted. What is required is place, name of church only if there are two or more churches in the town, date, number of changes and method, differentiating between Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major. Regarding multi-method quarters, only the number is published. Generally speaking, Christian names are only given with women and men of the same surname with the same initials. It will be noted that wherever possible all quarters are published in the same form, name of ringer preceding number of bell.

The Editor asks that when quarter peals are submitted, those from separate towers should be written on separate sheets of paper. He abominates the arrival of a quarter peal rung six months before, and assures readers that the fault in most of these lies not with the Post Office. Another unpopular act is to write them on the back or at the bottom of a peal report, necessitating time being spent in copying.

Finally, the Editor expresses his indebtedness to Mr. H. W. Cox, of Saxilby, Lincoln, who undertook the analysis, which was no light job.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1962.

Association secretaries are reminded that subscriptions (10s. per representative) are now due and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

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

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

MR. FREDERICK SHARPE INVITED TO AMERICA

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council and founder of the Launton Handbell Ringers, has been invited to be guest of honour of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at their 1963 festival.

The letter of invitation states: 'Dear Mr. Sharpe.—The Board of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers unanimously instructed me to give you an invitation to attend our national festival in June, 1963. As to date and time they have not yet been worked out, but as soon as we know I will get in touch with you if you are interested.'

'We would like you to be our guest speaker for the festival with the A.G.E.H.R., meeting all your expenses from the time you leave England until the time you return.'

Nancy Poore Tufts and Jim Lawson were at this meeting and both spoke most highly in their praise of your fine work, and felt you would be a great addition to our 1963 festival.

'I would be interested in knowing, as soon as possible, your reaction to this request and if possible by return mail.'

(Signed) MARVIN REACHER,
Director of Music,
Boston Avenue Methodist Church,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Sharpe has accepted Dr. Reacher's invitation.

PERTH, W.A., BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

AFTER being clocked for 30 years, the bells of St. George's Cathedral, Perth, Western Australia, rang out for evening service on December 10th. During the service the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Warwick Bastin, outlined the history of the bells, which were hung in 1911 and are believed to be the last ring cast by Warners. An enrolment service was held for the re-formed St. George's Cathedral Bell-ringing Society.

Rounds were rung on the front six on Christmas morning at 5 o'clock and call changes for the 6 a.m. Communion service. To ensure that a band was available some of the ringers spent the night in a room next to the tower,

though not much sleep was possible due to mosquitoes.

The first annual meeting of the Society was held at 31, Stanley Street, Mt. Lawley, on January 24th. Ten members were present and the opening prayers were led by the chairman, Mr. Laith Reynolds, who, while in Sydney in October, 1961, was taught to handle, raise and lower a bell, and within a month passed on some of his limited knowledge to other members. It was due to his efforts that the legend which had grown up, that the tower was unsafe, was killed.

Officers elected were: Captain, Laith Reynolds; vice-captain, Robert Cooke; secretary, Miss Marylyn Chambers; Ringing Master, Brian Lawes. The subscription was fixed at £1 and 10s. for students. It was also agreed that all wedding fees should go to the Association's funds.

A general discussion followed, ranging from maintenance of fittings and painting the iron frame to ordering 'The Ringing World,' 'Ringing Towers' and handbooks of instruction. During the evening refreshments were served and thanks were accorded to Hugh Nankivell and family for providing such a good spread.

Miss Chambers, the secretary, is a young Australian, 16 years of age, who, whilst on holiday in Essex for three months last year, was taught to ring and before leaving for home rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Ingrave on October 8th. She is at present the only lady member. Despite the distance of 1,752 miles from the nearest tower, two members—Hugh Nankivell and Basil Potts—received rounds experience recently whilst in Melbourne and Adelaide respectively.

The Ringing Master, Brian Lawes, was, until January, 1961, a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and had rung several quarters around Salisbury, ranging from Grandsire and Cambridge Minor to Double Norwich. He remembers with affection the patient guidance of Herbert Abrahams and Ronald Marlow.

St. George's Society hope to see some visiting ringers from the Eastern States during the Commonwealth Games to be held in Perth during the last week in November. Normal ringing times at the Cathedral are Sundays 3.30-5 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m., Mondays 6-8 p.m.



The band during their first service ringing on October 10th, 1961: Left to right: N. Daffen, D. Pether, M. Chambers, L. Reynolds, T. Howe, B. Potts, C. Carter and J. Griffiths. [Photo: B. Lawes.]

University of London Society at Dinner

UNIVERSITY dinners seem to be becoming a rash these days, with the growth of University Societies. However, they are a very pleasant rash for those taking part, and that of the University of London Society on January 20th was no exception.

Ringing had been enjoyed at an adventurous variety of towers during the day, including such places as Southwark Cathedral and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Several eminent members considered the Society had acquitted itself surprisingly well; while a spectator at St. Margaret's commented on one touch, 'Eh, the opening chapters were better than the closing chapters.' We leave judgment to those who were there to listen.

Your chronicler was there to listen at dinner, held in the Ayrton Hall of Imperial College. Over seventy of us heard the rumbles of satisfaction and animated conversation throughout an excellent meal. We heard the president, Philip Gray, welcome us by saying it had been touch and go whether we or the demolition squad got into the hall first, since that side of Imperial Institute Road was being redeveloped. We heard David Robinson propose (as he put it) an untoastable toast: 'The Church.' The Church is the spiritual body of all Christian people, past, present and future, and is a holy thing, not the object of a pagan rite. So he must needs restrict it to the hierarchy of their Mother, the Church of England, without whose aid and encouragement English bellringing would not exist.

In reply we heard and were entertained royally by the Rev. Canon Mortlock, Rector of St. Vedast's, who is a well known and well travelled representative of the Church of England. In agreeing with David's remarks, he told us of his audience once with an

Eastern Metropolitan Bishop. In silence he was shown to his seat; in silence the great man entered and ascended his throne-like chair; in silence was Turkish delight passed round as a preliminary. Then His Beatitude asked, 'I trust His Majesty the King is well?' Canon Mortlock went on to speak of the new urgency in the ecumenical movement. He had been in Rome just before Lord Fisher's visit, and on a tour of the Vatican was assured how ordinary the coming visit would be—in merely the 'lowest category.' How different was the event! Again, at New Delhi, the pattern of the future was forcefully foreshadowed by the numbers and vigour of the Eastern Christians.

So we passed on to the rest of the evening. William Cook, Master of the Ancient Society, proposed the health of our Society in his usual masterly fashion, and our Master, Paul Cattermole, gave a satisfactory medical report. Robin Trebilcock proposed 'The Guests,' mentioning especially Canon Mortlock, Rev. M. Dean (Rector of St. Olave's), and particularly two who unfortunately could not come—Mr. Hughes and Rev. Mr. Miller, former Rector of St. Olave's, who would shortly be leaving for Australia. Hilary Muirhead, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, replied in name for all these guests, but in another sense echoed all our thanks to each other for mutual entertainment and enjoyment.

And to you, readers who were not there—and are probably bored by these reports appearing like spots on the skin of 'The Ringing World' (as it were, symptoms of the rash)—maybe you are lucky that your chronicler has lost his notes. At least you may read this spot as a sign of a vigorous Society, hungrily looking forward to the year ahead until its next annual dinner.

F. E. R.

A WARNING FROM GATESHEAD

Persons in charge of towers containing peal boards or other items of historical interest should take a warning from the recent incident at St. Mary's, Gateshead, Co. Durham. A board recording a peal of Grandsire 'Tripples' rung in 1790, and also mentioning one rung in 1794, complete with an ornate frame, was exhibited in the Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead. After the exhibition it was brought back to the church, but instead of being placed in the belfry was left against the inside wall at the base of the tower.

A £12,000 restoration and redecoration scheme was in progress at the church. Recently Mr. Bob Telford, a local ringer, discovered the 1790 peal board on the builders' rubbish heap outside the church. The board, which has now been returned to the belfry, appears to be undamaged, although rather mudstained, but the frame has been smashed into approximately six pieces.

So take heed all those who have charge of similar items and guard them jealously when any builders or people with Cromwellian tendencies are around.

J. A. A.

Lamberhurst, Kent, tower has recently been visited by an architect and a bell hanger with measuring instruments. An inspection was made while the bells were being rung and the decision is that no ringing is to take place until the tower has been strengthened. Just before the war, cracks appeared in the tower and although the tower was strengthened by a local builder it was declared unsafe by the architect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A BET ON A PEAL

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised to see in 'The Ringing World' of February 2nd, that Mr. R. G. Edwards presented a cheque for £5 to Mr. A. P. Cannon, in settlement of the bet regarding the ringing of St. George's, Bristol, tenor to a peal. I was even more surprised to read that the cheque ought to be framed!

To try to ring a peal by turning a heavy tenor in is one thing, and to have a bet on the performance is another. This sort of thing does nothing to maintain the high standard of ringing. On the contrary, I would be inclined to think that it lowered the standard to that found in betting shops and on the race-course. Betting in ringing circles, whether meant as a joke or not, ought not to be tolerated. Finally, rivalry is one thing, but the passing of £5 is another.

I hope that this is only an isolated case!—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW KING.

Wentworth, Rotherham, Yorks.

Note.—Although Mr. Ralph Edwards received a cheque for £5 from his friend Mr. Cannon, he assured the Editor that the cheque would not be cashed.—Ed.

PAID RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Having read with some interest the ringing statistics on page 76 of 'R.W.' a query arises. What exactly is a paid ringer? The answer seems obvious, but is it? Did the compilers include such cases as the following: A church was dedicated in 1897, all completely new, with its bells. A band was formed. The then churchwardens allocated a sum of money with two objects (1) to pay the Guild subscriptions of the ringers, and (2) to help finance the ringers' annual outing, this latter to avoid collecting from the congregation, as was and still is done for the choir boys' annual treat.

The amount of money and the two objects remain the same today, 65 years later, no one has complained about this. It would be interesting to know your readers' views, and information, too, should any one know the basis on which these statistics were compiled.—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

Note.—The information is based on the return of the incumbent. It is left to them to differentiate between 'paid' or an honorarium.—Ed.

THEY WERE RECORDED

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Ogden's letter ('R.W.' February 2nd), there was tune ringing on handbells at Christmas, just 14 notes, during the programme 'The Countryside at Christmas,' Home Service, 1.10 p.m., on Christmas Eve.

On December 14th our curate informed me that the B.B.C. wished to take a recording of four handbells for the above programme. This was fixed for Monday evening (18th). We met at 7 p.m., but the engineer did not turn up until 8 p.m. We recorded three carols in the street, then went inside to hear the play back. Owing to technical difficulties with the tape recorder this procedure was twice repeated and there was no time left to go out into the parish.

On Christmas Eve we and all our friends had our ears glued to our wireless sets, and all we heard over the air was half of one verse of 'Once in Royal David's City.' Although the B.B.C. sent a cheque for £33s., making our contribution to the Mentally Handicapped Children up to £20 3s., it was most disappointing.—Yours, etc.,

C. A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

EVERCREECH SIGNAL ON B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—May I refer, to those who are pressing for better treatment of ringing by the B.B.C., another of their 'Philistine' practices which appears not to have been mentioned.

Each Sunday morning, if I hurry home from 8 o'clock Communion, I can tune in the West Light Progress, in time to get several minutes of a fixed tone oscillator which finishes at 8.50 a.m. There usually follows anything up to 2½ minutes' complete silence, and then one of a series of beautifully recorded endings of peals (by Evercreech)—just the thing to set one's standards high for the morning service ring. But, more often than not, the ringing is faded, or cut out, just a few seconds before rounds come up.

On Jan. 28th, Stedman Caters came home into 1234567... the last three blows being replaced by a hideous grating sound, followed by ever such a cheerful fellow wishing us 'Good morning'—mine was ruined.

It seems such a simple matter for records used in this way to be graduated, to allow time to run to a proper finish, and, once set going, they should be played out to a finish. If we are to have unfinished snatches of ringing would it not be better for these to come from the middle of touches, and not from just near the end?

I have recordings of the endings of the last two peals of Cinques at Winchester Cathedral, which I was minded to send to the B.B.C., but before doing so I would like advice from those who have done so in the past, as to the conditions one may impose on their use, once the B.B.C. has them.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. HAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

CHRISTMAS RINGING

Dear Sir,—I found Mr. Humphriss' letter about the Christmas ringing and other miscellaneous subjects quite fascinating—as a puzzle that is—perhaps he meant it that way.

What point is there in waiting a month before writing a long harangue about a broadcast from your own tower, especially when, by ringing standards, it was both competent and enjoyable to the listener? Why this passion to criticise everyone connected with the programme's presentation from the B.B.C. downwards? No doubt the Broadcasting Committee will deal with the criticisms levelled at it, but where does Mr. Humphriss get the idea that details of the ringing were not given beforehand. Doesn't he take 'The Ringing World'? Lastly, this P.S. about the 'South.' (Where do you draw the line, by the way?) I'm sure it came as a big disappointment to us to miss Queens' 'how it should be done.' I'll bet this amused a few of our call change friends in Devon and Cornwall.

In the meantime, I suppose the rest of us will have to seek what solace we can in listening to Evercreech on Sunday mornings, but there again perhaps this ringing does not conform with Mr. Humphriss' ideas of 'how it should be done.'—Yours sincerely,

Backwell, Somerset. JOHN BRAIN.

BROADCASTING 35 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Further to 'Broadcasting of bell music': I have just laid hands on 'The Radio Times' of exactly 35 years ago, when the 'wireless' was just five years old. Station 2LO (London) and 5XX (Davenport) were able to give seven minutes of the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, preceding Sunday evening service.

There's something to be said for the old days, when wireless was just the cat's whisker.—Yours, etc.,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Yetminster, Dorset.

NEW DUFFIELD

Dear Sir,—Following on the publication of the Plain Court I have received a number of requests for information about the calling.

We use a 6ths place bob ('long sixths') at the Parting of the Eights; the bells in 7-8 continue dodging. At a single these bells lie still and then dodge the other way. Numbering the Parting of the Eights, as for the Sixes in Stedman, bobs can be called at 3, 4, 5, 6, without affecting the tenors. A bob at home also keeps the tenors together, but it extends the course by an Eight. Also a pair of bobs made by 8 and 7 in succession keeps them together, but cuts out the course end. (This touch can be brought round by calling two Home bobs.)

The following are some standard callings: 2 Courses.—A single on any pair, repeated; or singles at 3 and 6, repeated; or bobs at 3-4, or 4-5, or 5-6, repeated.

3 Courses.—A bob at any calling position, twice repeated; or bobs and 3 and 6, twice repeated.

4 Courses.—Bob at 4, single at 5, repeated three times. (Or S4, B5.) Similarly at 3-4, or 5-6.

5 Courses.—Bobs at 3 and 5, repeated four times.

1,280.—The five courses can be used as the basis of a quarter peal, by omitting the bobs in the last course and substituting a single at 3. (Part end 342156.) Repeat the whole three times.

The pair of bobs on 8 and 7 referred to above, combined with two homes, can be used in conjunction with many of the standard callings to give much greater variety.—Yours faithfully,

T. HAWKINS.

London, N.

FALSE COURSE HEADS

Dear Sir,—The withdrawal of the peal of Apsley Surprise by Mr. T. Chapman once again illustrates the ineptitude of publishing the F.C.H.'s of methods without giving details of the leads in which the falseness occurs. Jersey and Apsley have the same lead head order and the same F.C.H.'s, but the falseness occurs in different leads; thus, a peal of Jersey is not automatically true to Apsley.

The undersigned have, in a previous letter, indicated a way in which the full falseness may be written down just as briefly as by the present system of writing F.C.H.'s only.

We give below two compositions (which we derived, but do not claim to have been the first to do so). The first is true to Apsley, and the second to both Apsley and Jersey.

B	M	W	H	B	H
X				2	1
	—			1	1
	—	—		2	3
X				2	1
	—	—		1	1
	—	—		2	1
X					
	—				
	—				

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Yours, etc.,

D. R. CARLISLE,
G. A. HALLS,
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

A NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal at Worth, reported on page 65, was not, as you inserted, for the Sussex County Association, but was non-Association.—Yours faithfully,

LAWRENCE SMITH.

Queens' College, Cambridge.

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Letters to the Editor—continued

DIOCESES AS RINGING BOUNDARIES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'B. Sharp' would like to see adopted, at Central Council level, a recommendation that all ringing organisations except the non-territorial Societies be Diocesan.

The Central Council surely could never contemplate such unwarranted interference in the domestic affairs of its supporting associations. Any bona fide ringing association which complies with the stated requirements for membership must be free to affiliate to the Council without interference or dictation as to its status or constitution.

Apart from this consideration, there are examples where it would not be practicable to disband an existing County Association for the dubious purpose of forming Diocesan Guilds. Our position in Kent will perhaps serve as an illustration.

We are fortunate to have a well founded and reasonably efficient Association, in which we of this generation are benefiting very considerably in many ways from the skill and forethought of those who have gone before. The Association operates in six districts, without reference in any way to ecclesiastical boundaries, but formed entirely on a geographical basis.

This is as well, since our ecclesiastical boundaries are quaintly erratic, although, of course, very interesting historically. Incidentally, there are many places which, through the ages, have shunted from one to the other of the two ancient dioceses in the county. An anomaly which survives should concern your correspondent 'B. Sharp' since the Archdeaconry of Croydon is mainly in the county of Surrey, but is in the Diocese of Canterbury. From a ringing point of view Croydon and Margate would hardly fit well together for purposes of organisation!

The six-bell tower at West Wickham, some mile or so inside the Kent boundary with Surrey, is in the Diocese of Canterbury, being the only tower with bells in that diocese in that part of Kent. This tower is in the Lewisham District—as is Beckenham, of which borough West Wickham is now part. Beckenham, of course, is in the Diocese of Rochester. It is perhaps convenient to think of several towers in this district all within a very few miles of each other—West Wickham (Canterbury), Bromley, Bromley Common, Beckenham and Hayes (all Diocese of Rochester). Penge (Diocese of Rochester, but a separate urban district from Beckenham, which it adjoins and in the London postal area), and Lewisham (separate London borough—London postal district—Diocese of Southwark). Except that, alas, there is not much doing at Penge these days, the ringers from these towers have always consorted together since the towers are all so close.

In any case, what would your correspondent do with the towers which were formerly in the county of Kent and Diocese of Rochester, but which now are in the London postal area and Diocese of Southwark, namely Woolwich, Deptford, Greenwich, Lewisham (already mentioned), Eltham and Lee (where, alas, the bells are now unringable)?

Although the fortunes of these towers have varied with the years they have been second to none in their loyalty to the Kent County Association, producing in their time such worthies as William J. Jeffries (who would have known how to deal with people who want to tamper with rules and constitutions), George H. Daynes, the grandson of the man who called the first peal ever rung for the Association, and Harry Warnett, who like the

other two was a leading exponent of Holt's Original and whose regular footsteps between the Coach and Horses and St. Mary's, Lewisham, must have marked the path of what was subsequently to become the first illuminated zebra crossing in the country.

The planners would no doubt say these towers should be looked after by the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild or some newly formed Southwark Diocesan Guild. The towers concerned might be a bit chary of that—there is no Diocese of North Southwark anyway, and although the Association which bears that name has always been hospitably received in most of the towers in question, it has hardly offered itself as a substitute for the Kent County Association, which, where appropriate, has made grants from the Belfry Repair and Benevolent Funds and has organised regular meetings in these towers in due turn with the rest of the Lewisham District.

To summarise, we have all the Diocese of Rochester, not quite all the Diocese of Canterbury, a small part of the Diocese of Southwark. If some brave soul, particularly someone outside the clearly defined area of operation of the Association, wants to start a carving up operation he will be in for a lively time!—Yours truly,

Sevenoaks.

P. A. CORBY.

LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In submitting the first full peal of No. 281 in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major methods, and naming it Loughborough College Major, it is necessary to point out that two leads of this method have already been used in each of two peals of Spliced Plain Major ('R.W.' 1960, page 763, and 'R.W.' 1961, page 343), where it was referred to by the name 'Smith.'

I would have been content to use the name bestowed by the Spliced band had I not wished (a) to test the issue of who has the official option of naming a method, those who ring the first peal of a method, or those who first use it in a peal, or on some other ground altogether, and (b) to replace what I considered to be a very unsuitable name, as I have already stated in correspondence at the time the original Spliced peal was rung.

The band who rang the peal of Loughborough College at Loughborough Foundry are prepared to be overruled in this matter, and to enter our peal as one of Smith College (must 'Imperial' be added too?), but hope that our name will stand. Smith's College might be better: there is a very famous ringer of that name at Loughborough College, though he does not claim to own the place yet, and in any case he is not the Smith after whom the method was originally named!

In fairness it must be admitted that some younger members of our band thought that such a trivial departure from Crayford College ought not to receive the honour of being named after such a worthy institution as Loughborough College, but this is not unusual, as an even more trivial departure from Reverse Bob is named after a famous cathedral city.

Another objection to our name is the risk of confusion with Loughborough Bob Major (C.C.C. 34), but I do not think this is likely: we already have Minor methods named Canterbury Surprise, Canterbury Delight and Canterbury Pleasure with no confusion.—Yours truly,

DEREK P. JONES.

Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent.

'RECOGNISING OUR FRIENDS?'

Dear Sir.—I wish to say how much I am enjoying 'The Smiths,' and congratulate the author on the cleverly described characters and events, in which we can recognise our friends and ourselves. The letter from Edward Lee, in Feb. 9th issue, adds even more realism to the story. Please keep it going as long as possible.—Yours sincerely,

O. U. T. SLOW.

Note.—While thanking O. U. T. Slow for his letter the Editor assures him that all characters in 'The Smiths' are fictitious. The author does not intend to delineate any individual, but incidents do happen in belfries which are common to many and these might be narrated without particular reference to a special tower or incident.—Ed.

RULING ASKED FOR

Dear Sir.—I notice that there is only one Fifths Place 'Little' method in the C.C. Collection of Plain Major methods. Here are two interesting ones, in the first of which the back work is similar to that in St. Clement's.

(1) x 18 56 38 56—2nds P.L.E.

(2) 56 18 x 36 58—8ths P.L.E.

What is the C.C. ruling on a method where the treble goes out to thirds place only. I believe there is only one, as follows:

123456	Bob	Single
213465	312564	312564
231645	132546	132546
321654	123564	132564
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What do other readers think about these methods, the last of which splices easily with Plain Bob.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. BARROW.

Thackley, Bradford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Pulham Market on February 3rd, and some 40 ringers and friends were present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Wood), and the lesson was read by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association.

At the business meeting the officers elected were: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason; Ringing Master, M. H. B. Fuller; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo; Standing Committee, Messrs. F. C. Arnold and W. G. Saunders; Branch Committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. F. C. Roper, C. R. Catchpole, W. Platt and L. J. Minns.

Five new members, including the Rector, were elected.

The chairman thanked the Rector, organist, Mr. A. Roope and others who had helped to make the meeting a success.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the meeting of the Society, held on February 3rd, it was agreed that future business meetings would be held on Tuesday evenings, following the monthly practice at St. Paul's Cathedral. The meetings will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., at 8.15 p.m., the first to be on Tuesday, March 6th.

Provincial members who may be in London during the week will be particularly welcome at the practices and meetings, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to take part in the Society's activities.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Two Districts Hold A Combined Dinner

TWO Districts of the Suffolk Guild—the North-West and South-West—combined to hold their first dinner at Cockfield on January 27th. All of the 77 ringers and friends voted the dinner and social afterwards a great success.

Proceedings started with afternoon ringing at Lavenham and here assembled ringers from Lavenham, Diss, Bures, Rougham, Glemsford, Euston, Fordham, Little Horksley, Norwich, Hartest, Clare, Holkham, Preston, East Harling, Elveden and Radlett (Herts). Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St Clement's. Afterwards the company found their way, with the assistance of special A.A. signs, to Cockfield Institute for the dinner. Here they were greeted with the sound of Rougham bells from Mr. Wright's recorder and the company was swelled by ringers from the Stowmarket area, Mildenhall, West Stow, and also East Africa. It was a very jolly crowd, over whom Mr. L. E. Last, of Hoxne, presided.

A toast was proposed by Mr. Nolan Golden to 'The Suffolk Guild,' and Mr. Edward Daniels, of Rougham, belfry, replied. Mr. John Ivings, of Euston, proposed 'The Guests,' and the Rev. A. C. E. Widdicombe gave an amusing reply. He said when in the company of ringers he began to wonder whether they thought the bells and belfry the most essential part of the church. Mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, of East Africa, who were at the dinner, and it was hoped that their search for bells for their new church in East Africa would be fruitful.

The chairman mentioned that Mr. Arthur C. Rolfe, a keen ringer, is at present in hospital, and the gathering sent him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

After the dinner entertainment was provided by several District ringers. Miss Rosemary Greaves, of Rougham, gave two songs and a piano solo; the Ivings family, of Euston tower, rang handbell tunes, with dexterity, on four bells each. (To a beginner who has difficulty in coping with one tower bell, their performance was marvellous.) Henry and John Ivings rang (four bells each) Plain Bob Major and Miss Rosemary Seabrook (Clare). Roger Palmer (Fordham), Nolan Golden (Norwich) and Len Last (Diss) rang Grandsire Triples. Richard Seabrook raised much laughter with his Suffolk Alphabet on Ringers and Ringing, particularly when he mentioned ringers who were present. Students from Chadacre Agricultural College added songs and choruses to the entertainment, and dances and games, under the direction of D. L. Alderton (Great Barton), brought the evening to a pleasant end at 11 o'clock.

Thanks were accorded to the committee who organised the dinner and social evening. They were Miss E. Cansdale and Mr. A. Cansdale, on behalf of the Sudbury District, Mrs. Ivings, the Misses D. Reeve and June Wright, Messrs. D. Alderton and Les Wright, representing the Bury St. Edmunds District. Mr. Wright acted as chairman, and Miss G. Reeve as secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Whether it was the attraction of Beddington and Carshalton bells or the opportunity to take part in several ballots, some 90 member and friends arrived for the District annual meeting on Jan. 27th at Beddington. During the afternoon the pleasant ring of 10 was kept busy by relays of ringers whose talents varied between rounds and Cambridge Royal; Mr. F. E. Collins being in charge of proceedings. At 4.15 the Association's form of service was led by the curate, after which the large company adjourned to Carshalton for tea and the business meeting. Mr. Jennings, the local captain, had organised an excellent tea with the help of the fairer members of his band. But even they were surprised at the number who turned up. At tea the ringers were joined by the Rector of Carshalton, who welcomed all to the parish. He also expressed the hope that it would not be 30 years before the Association visited Carshalton again.

The committee's and treasurer's reports were both accepted by the members. Funds had increased over the year by a modest £7 13s.; new resident members and two non-resident members were then elected.

In the ballot for District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins emerged the victor, and thus continues to hold office for a further year. Mr. Layton was re-elected auditor after a ballot, and Miss M. Lewis, Mr. N. Bagworth and Mr. H. N. Pitstow were elected committee members. The honorary secretary, Mr. W. Parrott, was returned unopposed, as was Mr. N. Steere for the new post of assistant secretary.

A larger programme than usual was proposed for 1962, and there are to be two practice meetings, in addition to the usual quarterly and joint meetings. The committee's proposals in the matter of the striking competition was rejected by 28 votes to 26; bands may continue to ring according to the wishes of the captain, instead of a set touch as the committee wished. The collection for the bell fund amounted to £2 4s. 8d.

It is usual for meetings to end with votes of thanks, but the ringers had overstepped their time and had to clear the hall for an old time dance, so the gratitude of the company to Mr. Jennings and his band at tea and the thanks to the retiring officials were not formally expressed, but were nevertheless sincerely felt.

W. P.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North-East District

The annual meeting of the N.E. District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bungay on January 27th. The bells were used during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods, including Grandsire Triples, Cambridge and Bob Major. A service was conducted by the Rev. G. J. Tarris, after which tea was served. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. P. Bedford, the committee was re-elected. Mr. Bedford welcomed the members present and said it was a pity that the bells were in such a rough condition.

The next meeting will take place at Saxmundham on February 24th, and the next quarterly meeting at Tunstall and Blaxhall on April 7th, if the bells are available.

STEEPLEKEEPERS' CORNER

By H. D. STOCK

IT has often been stated that we in this country are a nation of shopkeepers, but all things being equal I think it would be also fair to say that we are a nation of steeplekeepers. For surely there can be no other that can boast as many bell towers, as we know them. With rare exception it can be safely assumed most of our belfries have in their ringing companies at least one member who has the ringer / carpenter / mechanic / painter and decorator outlook. Well now, I know for a fact that the more conscientious a steeplekeeper is, the better the belfry conditions all round are!

The months of January and February are appropriate for a spot of spring cleaning, and no better place to commence is the top. Number one priority is, of course, the roof, more especially with regard to roofed towers.

Towers or steeples being usually in high places, they naturally take the brunt of 'mother nature's' onslaughts. This then is the time to cast a ferretlike eye under the roof, for the purpose of marking or at least noting any tell-tales of damp that perchance shows itself.

Have you cleaned the roof gutters lately?

Should it be that a leak is traced, then the churchwardens are the first to be 'got at,' also the incumbent—and with much technical diplomacy as possible, please!

This talk of leaks reminds me of a rather interesting story I heard some time ago, concerning Ross-on-Wye. It would appear that there lived an old gentleman from Ross whose home was unfortunately situated over the top of a hill and out of vision of the town. However, in the course of time he became a man of substance and then considered that if Ross spire was heightened he would at least be still in touch with native haunts, so to speak. He apparently financed this scheme and the spire was extended stone upon stone. This job of work was, in its way, jolly fine, but as the years went by the apex became porous and a leak developed. By a thousand to one chance the tenor headstock lay pretty well central to the tower and so for years it was the receiver of a dripping bombardment. Since the last war the tenors have been rehung, and I understand that it was necessary to splice quite a quantity of new elm into the tenor stock, due to the inevitable wet rot.

Not a very inspiring story, but there you are!

Next month—something about bell frames.

COLD ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Douglas (first quarter) 1. F. Wingrove (first 'inside') 2. C. Dickens 3. Anne Yuill (first 'inside') 4. First quarter of Minimus for the band. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. W. Munday (first in method) 1. Peter Munday (first 'inside') 2. Gladys Anderson 3. D. A. Carpenter 4. R. C. Spittle 5. P. Ford 6. J. E. Beams 7. C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. C. Colson 1. J. Clifton 2. W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 3. A. Gibbs 4. C. Clarke 5. H. Richardson 6. For the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Cyril Easthaugh as Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

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THE CUMBERLANDS' NOTE OF OPTIMISM

Prospects Of A Woman Master

THERE was a larger attendance than in recent years at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at the Euston Tavern on February 3rd. A happy evening was spent. The Master (Mr. D. Beresford) was able to report a progressive year, and to the delight of his guests arranged a handbell titbit in the form of a course of London Surprise Major. The band consisted of E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss J. Beresford 3-4, D. Beresford 5-6 and P. Beresford 7-8.

An excellent meal was followed by the toast of 'The Queen,' and then a Past Master of the Society, Mr. Peter N. Bond, who is a theological student at Rochester, proposed the toast of 'The Church.' The question of attending the services for which we ring, he said, had been raised in 'The Ringing World,' and he had been following the correspondence. Previously, he had looked at the question from a layman's point of view, but recently he had considered it from a priest's view. He still found that he came down quite largely on the rather liberal side.

'I am quite certain,' continued Mr. Peter Bond, 'if I was incumbent of a parish which had bells, I would not expect the ringers to attend every service for which they rang, but I think it is reasonable to ask them to attend at least one service on a Sunday. Providing we attend whenever possible, then we can look on our ringing for service as our special act of worship, done for God's glory. Only if we look on ringing in that light can we regard it as a vocation.'

The reply was from the Rev. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar of Thames Ditton, who said out of the five times he had attended their dinners, he had replied to the toast of 'The Church' on three occasions. As this was the third time of asking it was time he caught the 'bride or the belle.' (Laughter.)

THE CHURCH CARED FOR THEM

Within the Church it was a joy to know there was a company such as ringers, who were prepared to lay their sacrifice into the lap of Mother Church and it was perfectly true that the Church cared for them as they cared for the Church.

Thames Ditton bells had gone away and they were now looking at one another on a Sunday and saying, 'Isn't it quiet.' He wished them much pleasure in their ringing and the joy of feeling that they were doing their best in the service of God.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who said there was a tendency to think of the Cumberlands as just one more London Society (perhaps too many). If they did think on those lines the fact that half the band of Lincoln Cathedral were with them that night shattered any such suggestion. They could also claim to be a great democratic society. The presence of certain officers of the Ladies' Guild proved that nobody had ever been disqualified because of sex.

They welcomed everybody to their ranks. They did not, however, have College Youths. Between them and the College Youths there was a slight difference. Others might join them immediately, whereas a College Youth must spend 12 months in the wilderness. Furthermore, the Cumberlands were so democratic that it was within the bounds of possibility that there was in that room someone who might be the first lady Master of the Society.

Continuing Mr. Barnett said he supposed they could truly say they were not quite so skilled in the art of public relations as their friends at Ludgate Hill. The story came to his mind of a certain member of their Society who was called in at the last minute to ring in a peal that was lost in the last lead. The organiser, Stafford Green, wrote a letter to this man asking, 'Are you a C.Y.?' and Jim wrote back, 'Yes.' Later on they met and Stafford said, 'I did not know you were a College Youth.' Jim replied, 'I am not. You



MR. DENNIS BERESFORD,
who for the second year in succession
has presided.

said in your letter "C.Y."—Cumberland Youth.' He had the thing in the right perspective.

Mr. Barnett concluded that he was very proud to be a member of their Society and all what they did to help it to prosper would be for their own and posterity's benefit.

NOT ALWAYS DEMOCRATIC

The Master, in reply, said the Society had not always been democratic. He had been looking at some of the original rules of the Society. One stated, 'A ringer having been told to stand to a rope, shall forfeit sixpence if he does not do so.' Another read, 'A ringer shall be appointed to a rope by the Master, or in the absence of the Master by the Senior Steward, or in the absence of the Senior Steward by he who knows best.'

'We have tried very hard to build up the Society in London,' said Mr. Beresford. 'Many of you will recollect that a short time ago the Master was decrying apathy. Now they had a large number of people coming from Lincoln, Lichfield and Birmingham, and it was wonderful to see the spirit build up for the Society.'

'The Society has had in the last few years a rather hard time, particularly the last two years, when we have been without our headquarters at St. Martin's. Let me assure you, the Society is not dead; it has built up a strong nucleus. We have held practices each week with 16 or 17 present, and we want our quarterly meetings to be strong so that we can return the gesture from our friends outside London.'

'Pealwise we have not had as successful a year as last year. We have had one or two peals worthy of note—a peal of London Major at Caythorpe, by our Lincoln friends, and may I suggest to other friends of the Society outside of London to stir up enthusiasm for the Society.'

The Society had rung a peal of Glasgow for the first time and a peal of Pudsey Royal, and they were invited to go to Bedford to commemorate a peal rung in 1761. He was pleased to say that they were successful in that attempt.

The Master expressed his gratitude to friends at Clerkenwell and St. Giles-in-the-Fields in allowing the society to go there for practices. They were also grateful for the excellent relationship existing between their Society and the College Youths. There was no truth in the rumour that they had increased their steepage in order to make a take-over bid for the College Youths. (Laughter.) He believed that the Cumberlands could offer to any young fellow in London the best opportunity—almost in the country—for advancement.

Mr. Ian Oram proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. W. T. Cook, in reply, said he was very pleased to hear of the progress the Cumberland Youths were making, the Surprise methods they were ringing at their practices and that Shoreditch bells were now back again. He hoped it would not be long before they had St. Martin's. He would like to see the Cumberlands put on a performance on 12 bells, like the College Youths.

'I think,' said the Master of the Ancient Society, 'that we do ring well for Sunday services at St. Paul's, Cripplegate, and Cornhill, but our ringing is capable of improvement. It does not matter how well you think you are doing, you can still do better and unless we are ringing as well as we can we are wasting our time.'

The Master: We hope that when we have our 12-bell ringing of the standard of the College Youths, their standard on eight will be as good as ours.

The Editor also replied. Songs were sung by Ann Boon (soprano) and Ray Large (baritone), with Mary Towersey as accompanist. Before the evening concluded the Master, in a vote of thanks, not only mentioned the artistes but also Jack Phillips for arranging to meet them at Cornhill, Jewry and Cripplegate, and the Vicar of Stepney for allowing them to ring on that delightful ten. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Zass-Ogilvie, for the excellent arrangements.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master and Mrs. D. Beresford on the top table were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. W. R. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Messrs. W. T. Cook (Master of the College Youths), P. Bond, J. Hawkins, T. W. White.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. G. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester and Mr. and Mrs. D. Woodcock, Mrs. A. Beresford.

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MR. HAROLD G. JENNEY

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Harold Jenney, for just over 50 years a ringer at Leicester Cathedral.

A native of Ripley, Derbyshire, he settled in Leicester in 1911, on joining the Police Force there. He soon made contact with the ringers, and before the 1914 war rang peals of Stedman and Double Norwich. After the war was over he was one of the band that moved Leicester ringing out of the doldrums into the Surprise class and during that period took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal to be rung for the old Midland Counties Association and several other Surprise Royal methods that were rung for the first time. He was also in the band that rang the first peals of London and Bristol by Leicestershire ringers.

Other outstanding peals at this time were 10,400 Superkative at the Bell Foundry, and 7,008 and 13,440 Cambridge Major at Stoney Stanton. After the second war he took part in many of the peals of Surprise Maximus that were rung at Leicester, under the leadership of Harold J. Poole. Over the last few years his peals had not been many, but he was always regular for service ringing and practice, and he will be sadly missed.

A member of the Police Guild since its inception, he was one of the first members of the committee, and later held the offices of honorary secretary and president. He took part in several of the peals rung for the Police Guild.

He was a man of the highest integrity, and of a quiet demeanour, always ready to give advice and if trouble at any time arose could be depended upon to bring peace. He spoke good of all men and ill of none, and in over half a century in the belfry no one could say that he had spoken a word in anger. It was a privilege and pleasure to have known him.

Failing health kept him from the belfry for the past two months, and on January 10th he was taken to hospital, where he passed peacefully away on January 30th at the age of 80 years.

OBITUARY

The funeral service was held in Leicester Cathedral on February 2nd, at which many ringers were present, including representatives of the Police Guild. At the end of the service an impressive course of Grandsire Triples was slowly rung on handbells by H. B. Bowley, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, P. J. Staniforth and B. J. Warwick. The deepest sympathy of all ringers will be extended to his widow and family in their loss. H. B.

MR. CHARLES WILLSHIRE

Probably the oldest living change ringer died on June 21st at Mansonville, Quebec, Canada, in the person of Mr. Charles Willshire, who was 96 on January 2nd last.

Mr. Willshire was born at Birchington, Kent, and was taught to ring at Quex Park, about 1884. It was here on May 22nd, 1885, that he rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples), and his second peal the following day. His first peal of Treble Bob Major was rung at Gillingham on June 7th, 1890, when he was a member of the Sittingbourne tower, and was conducted by G. Lindoff. In all he rang 26L peals.

In 1890 he went to Sittingbourne, and finally in 1896 to Guildford and became a member of the Holy Trinity band, ringing frequently with the late J. S. Goldsmith. On December 26th, 1900, he took part in three peals. Double Norwich at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Walton-on-Thames, and Siedman Triples at St. Nicolas', Guildford. Most of his peals at Guildford were rung in association with the late Mr. A. H. Pulling. He was also an accomplished handbell ringer.

From 1903-13 he was chairman of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. He also represented the Guild on the Central Council and attended four meetings.

It was a surprise to his many friends when he and his wife and daughter decided to emigrate to Canada in 1913. They went to Montreal, and it was here that Mrs. Willshire died in 1916. He afterwards made his home

with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allam. In 1957, upon Mr. Allam's retirement, they went to live at Mansonville, Quebec, and it was then that his health began to fail. Although he had lived in Canada for such a long period he maintained his interest in peal ringing and his letters home indicated his close interest in the Exercise. He was buried in Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal, with his wife.

MR. E. G. L. COWARD

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward G. L. Coward, tower captain at Dorking, who died suddenly on February 8th. He was an excellent captain and a good friend.

MR. FRED WATKINSON

With regret we record the death of Mr. Fred Watkinson, aged 82, a well known South Yorkshire ringer and Past Master at Handsworth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Axbridge Deanery has lost its chairman, Preb. Alford. At the annual meeting held at Weston-super-Mare on January 27th, it was announced that he was not seeking election. He was thanked for his long service and hard work for the Branch.

The new officers are: Chairman, Mr. John Walton; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Prescott; Master, Mr. Harold Hooper; secretary, Mr. David White. Twelve new members were elected.

Subject to permission, the following meetings were approved: Practice, February 24th. Winscombe: practice, March 24th. Cheddar: quarterly, April 28th. Burnham-on-Sea; June. Corporate Communion, Congresbury; May 12th, annual outing to Cotswolds.

Thanks were accorded the Rector (Preb. Turnoak), for taking the service, the organist and the ladies for the tea. A wide variety of methods was rung by the 60 ringers present.

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Mr. R. Roger Savory corrects the footnote to the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Winchester Cathedral on January 6th. It was not the first 12-bell peal for the Guild by an entirely resident band. This honour was achieved by the Christchurch Priory Sunday service band on November 22nd, 1933, when 5,038 Grandsire Cinques was rung in 3 hours 11 minutes. The Winchester peal was, however, the first of Stedman Cinques for the Guild by an entirely resident band.

Could any reader send the Editor the figures of St. David's Doubles?

The peal of Bob Major at Whitchurch recently was the 25th peal of R. E. Morris, of Hodnet, Shropshire.

Two quarter peals rung at Queenborough, Kent, in recent weeks have been attributed to Leicestershire. The error is regretted.

We learn that Mr. John F. W. Read, who was formerly at Ipoh, Malaya, is leaving Carlton-on-Trent shortly for Calcutta. A farewell quarter to him was rung at Sutton-on-Trent on February 3rd.

Eight of the 12 bells of Tewkesbury Abbey have been lowered from 120 feet up the tower to the ground floor by Messrs. A. Fidler and K. J. Jones. They are to be taken to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry for recasting.

An attempt for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was lost in the 22nd course at Lyme Regis Parish Church on January 27th, much to the disappointment of the band. It was to have been an 80th birthday (January 26th) compliment to Canon C. Carew Cox, past president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and former vicar of Lyme Regis.

Two different bands rang peals at Stoke-on-Tern, Shropshire, in honour of the birthday of Mrs. F. Morgan, the wife of the tower captain. The band conducted by Mr. Harry W. Howard ask that through 'The Ringing World' thanks may be expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan for the excellent meal provided for them after the peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A senior member of a well known family of Fenland bellringers, John Moore, of Wendreda's Church for 60 years. To commemorate this worthy achievement 'Jack' turned the tenor in to a quarter peal of Plain Bob. He has always insisted on slow ringing so as to bring out the beauty of the bells, and he is a stickler for good striking. Sound in wind and limb, Mr. Moore rang the tenor as well as ever and an excellent quarter resulted. His ambition: to ring a quarter of Treble Bob and a half-peal. His motto: 'Good ringing is music; band ringing—physic!'

Sible Hedingham, Essex, ringers welcome back Mr. R. Rayner, after more than a quarter of a century away from the tower. He has already rung a quarter peal with remarkable accuracy.

Recently we gave a report of Mr. B. D. Price's electric change ringing machine. The machine has rung its first quarter peal (1,264 Plain Bob Major) at Lord Weymouth School, Warminster, Wilts. It was conducted by Nicholas R. Webber under the watchful eye of Mr. Price.

Mr. Jim Quinney, the popular secretary of the Cambridge Youths, has had a spate of bad luck. His shop and post office was raided by thieves, he had a bad motor accident and recently a sudden illness which necessitated his being sent to hospital. He is now making good progress and his fellow Youths hope that he will soon be with them again.

Great Glen, Leics, handbell ringers raised £107 12s. by their Christmas collection. This collection brings the total raised since 1926 to over £1,000. Societies benefiting this year are: Dr. Barnardo's Homes £25, Wireless for the Blind £20, National Spastics Society, Imperial Cancer Research, National Children's Home, Church of England's Children's Society £10 each, Great Glen Evergreen Club and League of Friends, Stretton Hall £5 each; Bell Repair Fund £7.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 7
MARY C. POYNER 2	HARRY POYNER 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	FREDERICK ROSS 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
GEOFFREY DAVIES 6	DAVID J. PURNELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
RUTH M. BORDER 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 9
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 10
BRIAN DOWNES 5	PETER BORDER 11
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Maximus in the method, in the county, and by the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
MURIEL REAY 2	FREDERICK ROSS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
JOHN McDONALD 4	DAVID J. PURNELL 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.'

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41½ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 6
GILLIAN B. SCHOFIELD 2	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 8
PETER SCHOLFELD 4	WILFRID F. MORETON 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN 7
FRANK W. RIVETT 3	ARTHUR GIBBS 8
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 9
RONALD J. SHARP 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Cyril Easthaugh, 34th Bishop of Peterborough.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 WYE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*†A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
†R. KINGSLEY MASON 2	†W. DAVID WARD 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	†BRIAN G. WARWICK 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 5	†ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal on the bells. † First of Royal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 WYE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
DAVID E. HOUSE 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 7
NORMAN HAYES 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
DEREK C. JACKSON 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER 9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN 5	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	REV. GILBERT THURLOW .. 5
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
A. WILLIAM BIRD 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung for the Week of Prayer organised by the Norwich Council of Christian Congregations; the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul; and Godspeed to the Rev. Giles Galley, who is now at St. Nicholas', King's Lynn.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. Treble	*BERNARD MOSS 5
MARGARET CROSTSWAITE .. 2	*MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 6
THOMAS BARKER 3	†CYRIL CROSTSWAITE .. 7
FRANK STEAD 4	THOMAS TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTSWAITE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PETER MALLOCH Treble	PETER WATSON 5
E. DOROTHY FEARNEHOUGH .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 7
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

A variation of Pritchard's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.
JOHN O. WELLER Treble	STANLEY JENNER 5
ANN GEORGE 2	EDWARD J. JENNER 6
HILDA OAKSHETT 3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 7
*D. PAUL SMITH 4	JOHN W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

* First peal, and first attempt 'inside.'

A 14th and 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth and fifth respectively.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	ERNEST PENN 5
PATRICK ALLEN 2	RALPH HAZELL 6
PETER CLARKSON 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
WILLIAM RICHINGS 4	VIVIAN DEANE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.
Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard and the ringer of the second.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburgha,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER .. Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon. Jan. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CHRISTINA DAVIES .. Treble	MICHAEL LING .. 5
PETER BAKER .. 2	DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
FREDERICK NEWTON .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7
†DOUGLAS BOTT .. 4	DON FIELDS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.' First of Grand-sire Triples as conductor.

Rung by members of the staff of the Cheltenham branch of S. Smith and Son (Clock and Watch Division, and Aviation Division).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. Treble	ROGER HARRIS .. 5
*IAN F. GARVIE .. 2	*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	*HARRY V. SEAR .. 7
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by FRANCIS A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the Rector's 19th wedding anniversary.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5152 TRINITY COURT MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	COLIN SMITH .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN .. 3	ROGER B. MORRIS .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	ROBIN J. LEE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all, and first on the bells since rehanging.
A 31st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. B. Millward.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. 3	HAROLD HAMER .. 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

In memoriam Percy H. Derbyshire, of Worsley, a past president and member of this Association since 1896.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.

A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JACK S. DEAR .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. 7
ERIC EDMONSON .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist with All Saints.

WATERLOO ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER .. Treble	DENNIS RANDALL .. 5
MOLLY E. POWELL .. 2	C. MONTAGU MEYER .. 6
ALAN STREETER .. 3	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 4	A. FRANK UDALL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. GRAINGER.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Rev. V. C. Morton's ordination as priest in St. Paul's Cathedral. Fr. Morton is Rector of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard W. Bullock.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5088 LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE MAJOR

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
GORDON H. LANE .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major No. 281).

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	BRIAN COX .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
CHRISTINE HARBUTT .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method by all.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

CAROL I. V. CORTON .. Treble	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 6
KEITH H. MILDRED .. 3	BRIAN M. SMITH .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by BRIAN M. SMITH.

* 200th peal on tower bells. First as conductor.

Rung for the 69th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MICHAEL R. STANLEY .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 3	ANTHONY R. PFAKE .. 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PFAKE.

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

WEST YCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOYCE BARTON .. Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 6
ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 3	PERCY NEWTON .. 7
WALTER AVERY .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

First peal of Little Bob by all except the ringer of the sixth.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

JANET E. CLEEVE Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*ALAN R. PATTERSON 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
ROBIN G. TURNER 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	†A. JAMES POYNOR 5
*W. DAVID WARD 2	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 7
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4	*R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

KEITH WHITTELL Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL 5
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 4
MAX PAGE 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. FOREMAN Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 4
LEONARD J. MINNS 2	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS 5
NORMAN WATSON 3	HARRY B. FULLER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY B. FULLER.

* First attempt for a peal (aged 52). First as conductor, and his 25th peal.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN Treble	DOUGLAS BOTT 4
*CHRISTINA DAVIES 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 5
IVOR GOULTER 3	PETER BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal 'inside.'

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*ROBERT H. TOPHAM Treble	MICHAEL FREEMAN 4
MRS. H. D. HOLLAND 2	ROLAND F. ECCLES 5
†JOHN O. FREEMAN 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

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

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Bourne, Nether-seale, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt, 7 lb.

CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4
*STANLEY G. PONTING 2	†GEORGE FRANCIS 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	†W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* 75th peal for the Association. † First of Surprise Minor.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, being four extents each of All Saints, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and St. Columb, three each of April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Old. Southrepps and Northrepps, two each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and Winchendon Place, one each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and St. Martin's.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MICHAEL W. BROWN 4
AMY WARNES 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK 3	W. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*E. ANN CULPIN Treble	†JOHN MANLEY 4
*JANE FOSTER 2	*A. BRIAN SHINGLER 5
*T. FELICITY WEBBER 3	PETER M. WILKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

* First peal in seven minor methods. † 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor. First in seven Minor methods for the Society. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. F. J. G. Coles on his retirement.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being an extent of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain, Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob.

BRIAN W. HALL Treble	MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4
FREDERICK W. SODEN 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
BERTRAM J. COGGINS 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

First peal in eight methods by all the band.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MIDGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

JANE FOSTER Treble	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4
RONALD F. DISERENS 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
REGINALD W. REX 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. K. Talbot, inducted as Rector of Midgham and Brimpton three weeks previously.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(System District.)

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods or variations, being eight extents Grandsire, six each of Rev. Canterbury Pl., Northrepps and Old, four each of Clifford's P., April Day, Plain Bob and Southrepps. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLEY J. RYALL .. Treble	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. 4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 2	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 5
N. ROD ELLWAY .. 3	RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal, first attempt.

BATHFORD, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT .. 4
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 5
*PATRICIA A. BURT .. 3	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Read, of Bathford.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
*MARION BRANCH .. Treble C. JACK GIBSON .. 4
RAYMOND PECK .. 2 PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3 JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 44 lb. in E.

*DEBORAH YEATES (12) .. Treble	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. 4
*MICHAEL MAUGHAN (13) .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal. † 200th for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 WARWICK DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble *A. JAMES POYNOR .. 4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2 BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 5
GORDON H. LANE .. 3 DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 100th peal on the bells. First in the method (C.C.C. 3D.6).

A birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

MORETON-CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T. Bob, and two each of Kent T. Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.
MICHAEL C. WYCHERLEY .. Treble DESMOND FERGUSON .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. 2 EDWARD J. COLLEY .. 5
HARRY POYNER .. 3 JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

50th peal as conductor. 400th for the Association.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
E. MARION KEY .. Treble IAN FRIEND .. 4
ALBERT H. LAWTON .. 2 WILLIAM TALBOT .. 5
FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. 3 BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Morgan, wife of the tower captain at this church.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. Treble JOHN RYDER .. 4
F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 2 HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
VICTOR NEAL .. 3 HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Morgan, wife of the tower captain.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	*ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. 2	RONALD J. HILL .. 5
*MICHAEL STIMSON .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal in seven methods.

A birthday compliment to David Andrew Warwick, son of Brian and Winnie Warwick; also to Miss Tysoe.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM MANSEY .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in 12 methods. First in 12 methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1962, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and Kennington. Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID F. MOORE .. 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
AND

THE STOURBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN ST. MARY'S VESTRY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: four extents of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 1-2	PETER L. BILL .. 3-4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5-6	

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

First peal for the Society. First 'in hand' by all.

QUARTER PEALS

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Stephens 1, G. J. Roberts (first 'inside') 2, P. A. Lock 3, W. J. Harvey 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, J. Kelly 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Dunn 1, G. J. Roberts 2, Valerie Stephens (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 4, P. A. Lock 5, P. Shipp 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Lansley 1, R. Humphries 2, A. Lee 3, P. Gaisford 4, D. Barnett 5, F. Box 6, R. Purnell (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Lovelock 8. A birthday compliment to P. Gaisford.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Partridge (first quarter) 1, F. Castell 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, C. J. Adam 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, R. M. Heyworth (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival of St. Agatha.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Christina Harris (first quarter) 1, Susan J. Beresford 2, G. K. Stainton 3, Allison S. Murray 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Strong (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung for enrolment service of local branch C.E.M.S.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Barcham 1, R. Rippingale 2, E. W. Brown 3, D. K. Putnam 4, J. H. Brett 5, T. Bird 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Neville Brown, son of ringer of the 3rd.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Briden 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, P. G. Badcock 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, E. T. Bosher (first quarter) 6. Rung for Patronal Festival of the daughter Church of St. Paul, also first birthday compliment to Philip, son of E. T. Bosher.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Butcher 1, D. Slater (first as cond.) 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Miss B. M. Butler 4, Miss P. M. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carter, married at Danehill this day, also a second birthday compliment to Alison Hilary, daughter of the conductor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Wood 1, M. V. White 2, T. Hawkins 3, J. R. Towers 4, H. Howson 5, E. Beauchamp 6, J. D. Duggan 7, D. E. Towers (cond.) 8.

EPWORTH, Lincs.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Selby 1, M. Rose 2, E. Gray 3, D. Smith 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, A. R. Heppenstall 6, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 7, E. Golland 8.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Morley 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, A. M. Barber (first as cond.) 3, A. G. Orbell 4, D. C. Taylor 5. Rung for the installation of Canon C. S. Scott, former vicar, as Archdeacon at Bury St. Edmunds.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, F. A. White 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Large 1, H. L. Bishop 2, G. W. Bishop 3, J. P. Gordon 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Both quarters rung half-muffled following the funeral of Henry Keith White, chairman of Hagbourne ringers for the past 35 years.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burt 1, Joan Woolgar 2, Jennifer Cook 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley 4, R. H. C. Johnson 5, M. F. Hall (cond.) 6. For the dedication of the new Church of the Epiphany, Handsworth Wood.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Andrews (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Rayner 2, Miss F. Pocock (first 'inside') 3, P. Kuch (cond.) 4, M. Hawkins 5, D. Sumner 6, A. Butcher 7, S. Porter 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Cullwick (first quarter) 1, A. Duggan 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, D. Bedford 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung to wish the Rev. H. Ray Powell a long and happy retirement, also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Cullwick.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Hubbard 1, R. J. Hill 2, M. Stimson 3, A. J. Stimson 4, J. F. Hubbard 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: I. Foster 1, A. Hubble (cond.) 2, Alison Mann 3, F. White 4, B. Mann 5, J. Clarke 6, Ann Edwards 7, J. Towler 8. A compliment to John Easter and Celia Bloomfield who were married at this church this day.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, J. G. Jefferies 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, J. W. Jefferies 5, M. J. Jefferies (cond.) 6, E. Cooksley 7, G. Blagg 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. Jefferies, who was 82 on February 3rd and is still an active ringer at Mangotsfield.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. S. Parsons 1, D. Feek 2, A. Palmer 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. Rung for morning prayer. A compliment to J. Moore, 60 years a bellringer at St. Wendreda's Church.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. G. Osborne 1, P. M. Turner 2, I. G. Campbell 3, F. C. Hobson 4, R. H. Rogers 5, R. D. Gibson (first of Cambridge as cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 2, 3, 4, 5. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Denyer, M.A., who is being inducted on February 24th.

MESSINGHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 1st, 720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Whiting (first quarter) 1, Jill Allison 2, M. Lings 3, W. Baines 4, M. Whiting 5, H. Judd (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son (Jonathan Mark), brother for Simon and Sarah, to the Rev. P. M. and Mrs. Freeman.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Vaicric Colegrove 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, C. Underwood 4, A. G. Grant 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John A. Clarke (91), former churchwarden. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: J. R. Haycock 1, T. G. Pickering 2, Joan Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. G. Parker (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong. First quarter in the method on the bells, by all the band.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hubbard 1, R. J. Hill (cond.) 2, J. H. Cook 3, Mrs. E. M. Hill 4, M. Simson 5, A. J. Stimson 6, J. F. Hubbard 7, R. H. Cook 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Cornelius (first of Grandsire Caters) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Miss M. A. Shepherd 3, T. G. Myers 4, D. R. Boul 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Arranged for J. Cornelius, of Shepton Beauchamp. Rung for Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): B. Bull 1, M. Uphill 2, Miss C. White (first of Kent) 3, B. Coatsworth 4, A. Bishop 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Knight 1, D. J. White 2, M. L. Northway 3, M. D. G. Northway (first of Triples as cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, R. R. Savory 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. A birthday compliment to Audrey Knight.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Blackshaw 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Eberall 3, S. Adams 4, G. Fisher (cond.) 5, R. Whitworth 6, D. Oliver 7, L. Butler 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. C. Burrows on their golden wedding anniversary.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Jan. 28th, at Sacred Trinity, by the Manchester University Guild, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion L. Higgins 1, Mary Browne 2, Jean Allen (first quarter) 3, Janet Warwick 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, B. S. Sheppard 6, E. P. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. J. Baker 8. A birthday compliment to John H. Soanes. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Ross 1, Edna Poulter (first of Surprise) 2, G. Nix 3, B. S. Sheppard 4, J. H. Soanes 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6, D. W. James 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Queen's accession.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. J. G. Wilson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Petts (first in two methods) 2, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 3, B. M. Barker 4, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (first in two 'inside') 5. For the induction, this evening, of the new Rector.

SELBY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Eccles (first quarter) 1, J. L. Boylin 2, Nora Barker 3, A. L. Westwood 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas C. Humphreys, one time churchwarden.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ellen E. Riley (first quarter) 1, Marion O. Simmonds (first 'inside') 2, Elsie E. Pettitt 3, Jean R. Simmonds 4, J. G. Brett 5, D. K. Putnam 6, J. H. Brett 7, A. T. Barcham 8. Rung for the midnight service. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rayner 1, Marion O. Simmonds 2, D. E. Tupper 3, Jean R. Simmonds 4, J. G. Brett 5, J. H. Brett 6, V. S. Connell 7, A. T. Barcham 8. An engagement compliment to Miss Thelma C. Hills and Mr. David K. Putnam.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Stanley (first quarter) 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, D. Murcott 3, D. Harman 4, Rob. J. Warrilow 5, F. Wiggin (cond.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. Harvey 8. For morning service.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Andrews 1, L. Walters 2, J. Ranford 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. M. Hodson as Bishop of Hereford.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Grace Burchall 2, N. Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, J. Read 6, W. Exton (cond.) 7, H. Denman 8. Rung after meeting short for Major, as a farewell to John Read, who is leaving for Calcutta.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Ewers 1, L. J. Gregory 2, J. Eustace (cond.) 3, H. G. Rand 4, L. Busby 5, W. H. Ayris 6. A wedding compliment to the Rev. Gerald Parrott and Miss Angela Greaves, daughter of the Vicar of Wotton Underwood.



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COWARD.—E. G. L. ('Copper'), on February 8th, 1962 (suddenly), at 4, Norfolk Road, Dorking. 9703

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Stoke D'Abernon, St. Mary's, bells, increased to six, are again in use.—C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon. 9705

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots (8), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenhams, on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) from 3-5 p.m. and 6.15-8.30 p.m. No service. No teas. 9688

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45, and tea following. Names for tea to Miss E. Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking. 9628

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6), 3 p.m. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 9639

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield (10), on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Royal. Names for tea to Mr. M. Pettitt, Resting Seat Cottage, Roe Green, Hatfield.—M. A. Coburn. 9612

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. Lines. 9658

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Practice, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Christ Church, Ealing, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6 to 8 p.m. Joint meeting on Feb. 24th at Slough, with O.D.G. and Ladies' Guild.—F. T. B. 9641

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to Mr. K. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9620

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Forthcoming practices: February 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; February 27th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45; March 6th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C. on Tuesday, March 6th, at 8.15 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9668

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 24th, at Great Longstone, Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9695

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bentley, on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Doncaster.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9661

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd, please. J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9692

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Evening practice at St. George's (8), Bristol East, on Saturday, February 24th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. R. Hussey. 9686

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilfracombe Parish Church, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Jewell, Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 9684

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—February 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Martin's (12) 2-3.30 p.m., St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 3-4, Cathedral (12) 4-5.30 p.m. 9696

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24th. Service 6.30 p.m. Celebration supper 7.15 p.m. (by reservation only). Numbers by Feb. 21st to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (Tel. 2260). 9614

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 9675

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6, recently restored) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. E. Woolley, 9, Sackville Close, Hothfield, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 9637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Bolton, Saturday, February 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Come and enjoy this magnificent eight (ton tenor).—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 9700

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hunslet, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Judith Green, 33, Arthington Place, Leeds 10. 9679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Fifteenth annual dinner will be held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 12s. each. Names please by the Wednesday previous to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychegate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley, Leics. Phone Burbage 516. 9693

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley on Saturday, February 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 21st to G. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, Leics. 9691

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 9687

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 24th. St. Lawrence Jewry, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate (opposite Liverpool Street), 5 p.m. St. James', Clerkenwell, 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 9654

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Swaffham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 22nd, to Mr. B. Heyhoe, 62, The Oaklands, Swaffham. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 9656

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Branch Sec. 9678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, February 21st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch, Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9670

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Britford, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 20th Mr. J. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. 9597

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams Memorial meeting at Bradpole on February 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lodgers tower also open 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9669

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Ellesmere (8) on Saturday, February 24th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9587

SLOUGH.—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Stoke Poges (8) and Farnham Royal (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.45 to 5 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and social to follow. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 20th, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holport, Maidenhead. 9622

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. 1672.—Joint meeting with the DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District), on February 24th at St. Andrew's, Derby. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Blore, 67, Park Grove, Derby. 9682

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh (not Leigh), February 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9681

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting, Saxmundham (6), Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells from 6 p.m. 9619

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 24th, 1962, for the purpose of considering the proposed merger with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Bells will be available at 3 p.m., service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by February 21st, 1962.

Resident members are asked to come and vote on the future of the Association and all other ringers are welcome.

Raymond Parsons,
General Secretary.

9591

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.

—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 9690

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 144th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells open 1.30 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Tickets (10s.), before Feb. 24th, from F. A. White, Bell Hanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks. 9636

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9698

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at King's Walden on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9694

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting at Spalding, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, February 28th, to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. 9673

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9697

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, Newcastle-under-Lyme. Bells (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 28th, to Mr. R. S. Anderson, 76, Dimsdale View, Porthill, Newcastle, Staffs. 9674

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, St. Giles', Norwich, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft in the evening. Service 4.15. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 5 p.m. Methods for practice: Hethersett Delight and Yorkshire. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 28th, to C. Bird (Hon. Sec.), 27, Warwick Street, Norwich, NOR 4 F. 9677

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd. Daybrook. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Method: Double Norwich. Names for tea by February 28th to Mr. P. E. Ball, 1, Devon Circus, Redhill Arnold, Nottingham. 9701

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Aberavon, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by February 24th to Mr. D. Wyatt, 3, Wern Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot.—J. A. H. 9665

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The Annual Meeting will be held at Derby on April 28th, 1962.

Bus leaves station at 11.15 a.m. for Duffield.

Full programme. Further details later.

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A. J. Hoare, Gen. Sec.

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Mr. Albert G. Harrison, honorary secretary of St. Mary's ringers, Diss, informs us that they are waiting for an estimate for the re-hanging of their tenor which at present is not going too well. The frame is good and the other bells go fairly well. Weekly practices are being held, but there will be no peal ringing until the tower is attended to.

Twelve-year-old Deborah Yeates, of Jesmond, and 13-year-old Michael Maughan, of Whickham, together scored their first peals on the heavy 19 cwt. six at Cramlington, Northumberland, on February 3rd. Their performances were up to the high standard which the Durham and Newcastle Association try to maintain and it is hoped that their next peal will be of Surprise Major.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' February 2nd, 1912.—

In these days, when the augmentation of bells seems an almost daily occurrence, it is certainly strange to hear of a peal of eight being reduced to six. Yet this is what has happened at Brigg, in Lincolnshire. A correspondent informs us that the reason is that the church authorities and others who had the matter in hand were afraid they would not be able to raise sufficient money to carry out necessary restoration to the church and bells, and, therefore, the two trebles were sold to help to defray the expenses. It now turns out that after the whole thing is completed there will be a balance in hand of nearly £100.... We have before now remarked upon instances of where, in days gone by, the bells of a church have been disposed of to buy an organ, and not long ago there was recalled the case of Sholbeach, where 'the poor and silly people sold the bells to buy a steeple.' Brigg has done something almost as bad by selling two bells when there was no need for such a drastic step.

'R.W.' February 9th, 1912.—

The twelve bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, have been rehung at a cost of £400, which includes new frame-work, fittings and girders, and the recasting of the two treble bells to be in tune with the other ten. It is intended that in future the bells shall be rung rather less than before in full term; peals and ringing of any length will take place only in vacations, except on very special occasions. 'It is to be hoped,' says 'The Church Times,' that in making these alterations in the amount of ringing the Vicar is not yielding too much to the somewhat factitious agitation which has been carried on against the bells in the Cambridge Press: some of the writers were found to be going on complaining of the disturbance caused to their rest and slumbers long after the bells had been taken away last term for the recasting! Another example of the frequently unscrupulous opposition to ringing.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held its A.G.M. on January 27th at Shrewsbury. Wrackwardine and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were open in the afternoon. The service at St. Chad's was conducted by the Vicar, and the Bishop of Shrewsbury gave a short address. The Bishop also presided over the business meeting.

The Deputy Ringing Master, R. H. Newton, and one of the trustees, E. Fox, did not stand for re-election, and C. Smith (Oswestry) and W. Hayward (Hodnet) were elected for the two respective jobs without opposition. Three new area secretaries, who had been co-opted by the committee since the last A.G.M., to help cope with the increased work created by the expansion of the Association, had their appointments ratified. They are T. R. Davies (Ellesmere area), R. E. Morris (Hodnet area) and H. R. Toogood (Shifnal area). No other changes were made.

The Ringing Master, H. Poyner, began his report for 1961 by referring to the death on January 6th of Harry Edge, tower captain at Much Wenlock, who had been a keen member of the Association for many years.

Twenty-five peals had been rung during 1961; there were eight first peals and one first as conductor. The ring of six at Hope Bowdler had been rehung, and so had a ring of three at Acton Scott. Further re-hanging work and augmentations were under consideration at other towers in the country.

The duplicated report issued free to members contained for the first time a comprehensive list of towers. Practice nights, methods rung and other details were included as well.

The badges had been produced by Dowler's, a Birmingham firm, to the design on view at the 1961 A.G.M., and 103 had so far been sold at the original estimation of 3s. 6d. each.

Details of the Association outing in late August were described by its organiser, H. R. Toogood. The inclusive cost for a week's ringing holiday in Somerset is expected to be £10 per person.

After the meeting some transparencies of local towers and characters were projected. Further ringing followed at St. Mary's and at Atcham.

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By C. W. WOOLLEY

23456	1	2	3	6
45236	—	—	—	—
64235	2	—	—	—
35426	—	3	—	—
43652	3	—	—	—
65432	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
32654	3	—	—	—
25634	3	—	—	—
53246	3	—	—	—
34256	3	—	—	—
23456	2	5	—	—

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23456 M W H

54326	2	2
53246	1	2
24536	1	1
56342	1	2
32465	1	2
64235	2	2
62345	1	2
63425	1	2
32654	2	2
23456	2	2

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. James (first quarter) 1. L. James 2. C. Dilnot 3. K. Triplow 4. S. James 5. D. Cordell (cond.) 6. To commemorate commencement of the extension of the church.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. F. Haines 1. Miss Y. L. Eloie 2. R. Haines 3. Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4. L. A. Page 5. H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2, and first of Surprise on the bells.

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