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ST. MARY'S, STOKE D'ABERNON, RING

UNTIL a few months ago, this was probably one of the less popular rings of bells in the Diocese of Guildford. Its transformation into an effective and efficient light ring of six, which is the pride of the parish, is a lesson to incumbents and ringers to persevere in the face of difficulties. It is also a tribute to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who carried out the rehabilitation, including the casting of the new additional treble; with a tenor of just under 4 cwt., it was the lightest ring they could remember handling and so presented a challenge to them, which they gladly accepted.

The existing bells were an assorted lot. The treble and tenor (both memorial bells) were new, cast in 1955 by Gillett and Johnston. The third was a 19th century Warner bell. The fourth was cast about 1450 by the famous woman bellfounder of Croydon, Joanna Sturdy—and named Joanna after her. The second was cast by James Elldridge, of Chertsey, in 1687.

There was nothing wrong with the bells themselves; chimed or struck with a hammer, they responded freely and vibrated well. The second was the weakest of them and to this day is less audible than the others in the ringing chamber, though no weakness is discernible outside the tower. The ancient Joanna speaks after five centuries with a fine, clear voice in no way inferior to that of a modern bell. But, when rung, their effect was dismal in the extreme. The treble muffled herself and was inaudible both inside and outside the tower; two, three and four double-clappered continually—none rang on and there was no incentive to accurate striking, for however the bells were struck they sounded just the same.

There were some ancillary problems. The belfry is no more than twelve feet square and open to the weather: for the little shingled wooden spire above it is a false one and the bells are, in effect, hung above the leaded roof of the tower proper, sounding through a continuous opening at the base of the spire—yet the steel angle frame butted so closely against this structure that no maintenance of some parts of it was possible. A large clock below dictated the run of the ropes. Last, but not least, there was a very inexperienced band, the tower captain himself having only been ringing a couple of years.

The key to the whole situation lay in the fittings, for the original bellfounders had produced a completely misguided solution to the problem of how to make light bells handle well; they had equipped them with fittings suited to bells much heavier. The headstocks were not merely too heavy, but made the bells swing at the wrong radius. The wheels were not merely too large, but the spokes and rims were standard for bells three times the weight. The effect of all this was to slow down the speed of rotation indeed, but to slow it down in such a way as to upset the clappering completely; the clappers lay on the bells, and in addition the clapper balls were badly graded.

In an attempt to synchronise clapper action with bell movement, the clappers were counterbalanced; when this proved unsatisfactory, pieces were added to the flights—the treble, in particular, looked like an ironmonger's advertisement. There were even lead weights screwed to the wheels.

A donor had offered a new memorial bell. It could only be a new treble, and even that would be a tight squeeze in the tiny belfry. The casting of this was entrusted to the Whitechapel Foundry, and at the same time it was decided to

have frame and bells out completely and deal with the lot. The frame was to be shot-blasted and specially treated, so that maintenance could be forgotten about for many years, and for good measure self-aligning ball bearings would be installed, together with new lightweight ropes. The old chicken wire in the belfry openings was ripped out in favour of a plated steel mesh of great hardness, guaranteed to last as long as the bell frame—there had been enough trouble with unwanted ironmongery and birds' nests were not wanted.

So much for incidentals. For the bells themselves, Whitechapel decided to make the new treble (barely 1 cwt.) the guinea pig. If this could be made to handle and clapper well, the rest would follow. They were left to get on with the job and the operation was a brilliant success.

A week before Christmas, in a dense fog, those ringers who could struggle to the tower assembled to try out the new ring. The first impression was one of extreme fright. The new ropes, not yet adjusted for length, felt like lengths of elastic and on the front three there seemed to be nothing on the end of them. The new treble's slider was sticking and set on a hair's breadth. Even the bellhanger (a redoubtable City church ringer) was in trouble with his bell. But undeniably each bell spoke out loudly and clearly, clappered correctly and rang on as she was intended to. The new treble produced a high-pitched, silvery note of great sweetness; the remainder had been re-tuned and sounded most harmonious. Within 24 hours the first stretch had already gone from the ropes, the steeplekeeper had taken them up and the teenage ringers were rapidly mastering the handling of them. A formidable band from the Guildford Guild arrived hotfoot to see what we had got and were loud in their praises; and at the same time we ourselves were able to listen to the bells from outside the tower.

The effect exceeded our wildest expectations. Over the churchyard, fields and villages in this ancient place, where people have worshipped for over a thousand years, the bells, led by the high, clear voice of the new treble, sang with great sweetness and complete harmony. Even their range was considerably increased. Many ringers will traditionally prefer heavy bells, but the music of this light ring is unique and, in some changes, produces a haunting effect that makes a tremendous impression. To produce this effect it is necessary to keep the rate of striking down and not let the bells run away with themselves; with control becoming hourly more certain, this was easily achieved and has already become habitual.

Before seven on Christmas morning the bells were ringing for service for the first time and the good people of the parish—as the experts had been—were delighted with them. The moral is that no bells are past getting into good order and even the smallest of towers can have a satisfying ring.

One final touch. Something could be made of the open-sided belfry, which would allow a view of the bells, if properly lit. So floodlights were installed in the hollow steeple; and now, on dark winter mornings and at winter Evensong, the congregation, on their way into church, can see bells and wheels revolving while the ringers ply their ropes. On New Year's Eve, when the church roof was snow-covered, the silhouettes of Joanna and her younger brethren were thrown upon it as on a screen, swinging from handstroke to backstroke, holding up, hurrying down to lead. In the cold, bright night people stopped to watch: there was no doubt that the parish had a ring of bells.

B. A.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Successful First Annual Dinner

RINGERS from Tenby, St. David's, Cardigan, and other parts of the diocese attended the first annual dinner of the St. David's Guild at the Cliff Hotel, Gwbert-on-Sea, Cardigan, on February 17th.

Cardigan bells were rung in the afternoon and the Mayor and Mayoress visited the tower and were welcomed by the Vicar of Cardigan and the captain of the tower (R. Pateman). They also joined the ringers for tea during a break in the ringing.

The guests at the dinner were the Lord Lieutenant of Cardiganshire (Capt. J. Hext Lewes), accompanied, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Hext Lewes, by Mrs. Ponsonby Lewes, and the Mayor of Cardigan (Councillor I. J. C. Radley) and Mrs. Radley. Over 50 guests sat down to the dinner and enjoyed dancing afterwards.

The Lord Lieutenant, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' admitted to being completely unable to talk about ringing, but, nevertheless, was delighted to attend such a gathering. He felt that the ringing of church bells was an important part of worship and wished the Guild every success in its efforts to increase the knowledge of the art. He was particularly pleased to record that Cardigan had its own bells in the Church of St. Mary, and this was due almost entirely to the untiring work of the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Jones).

In responding the Master of the Guild (Mr. Gwyn Thomas) said that before 1946 the Guild did not exist and that occasion was the first time the members had been able to gather and drink the health of the Guild. Before 1946 there was no opportunity of attending Guild meetings except those of the Swansea and Brecon Guild and he was particularly pleased to welcome Arthur Hoare, secretary of that Guild, and the others who had journeyed from Swansea to the dinner. Another member he was delighted to see present was Harry Jenkins, captain of Tenby tower and one of the founder members of the Guild. He thanked the captain of Cardigan tower for first of all pushing the idea of the dinner and for organising the evening.

Proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' Mr. Richard Warburton (Ringing Master) said he hoped it was the first of many similar occasions. It was, he felt, an excellent idea to meet, with their honoured guests and friends, under such circumstances. Such support was very encouraging and would, he felt sure, help the St. David's Guild to grow.

Responding, the Mayor of Cardigan, in a witty speech, said as a churchman he had heard bells rung on many occasions and could tell if they were being rung correctly. Until that afternoon, however, he had never actually seen bells and had no idea what went on in the tower. He was pleased to remark that Cardigan bells, only a short while after the restoration of the ring, sounded well and obviously much effort was being put into the training of ringers in the locality.

Before dinner commenced a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Hoare and Richards (Swansea and Brecon Guild) and Thomas and Warburton (St. David's Guild).

The Master of the Guild read a letter of apology for absence from the president of the Guild, the Bishop of St. David's (Dr. J. R. Richards). Grace was said by the Vicar of Cardigan and the loyal toast proposed by Mr. R. Pateman, who also performed the duties of toastmaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Clifton on February 10th, when over 30 ringers were present, including several learners. Evensong was taken by Rev. E. Hall, and then tea followed in the Church Hall.

The Rector took the chair for a brief business meeting, which was followed by more ringing, with Mr. G. Mayes as Ringing Master.

Next meeting, Sandy, March 10th.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—54



MR. HAROLD S. PEACOCK,
Ely Diocesan Guild.

One of the most important members of any Association is the general secretary. The general welfare of the members is in his hands, and the amount of enthusiasm he displays is often reflected in other people. In this respect the Ely Diocesan Guild is very fortunate, because in Mr. Harold S. Peacock, of Huntingdon, who has been general secretary of the Guild since 1959, they have a really hard-working enthusiast. In addition to his secretarial duties, Harold makes a practice of visiting every District at their monthly meetings during the year, and for most weeks of the year he visits struggling bands, and endeavours to help and instruct. At the Easter Monday annual meeting, he arranges for a large number of towers to be open, and gladly welcomes visitors from a very wide area. He usually has a typewritten sheet of directions as to the best route to get to the various towers, which is much appreciated by all.

Harold Peacock was born on September 11th, 1919, in the same house in which he lives at present, with his mother, and was educated at the Huntingdon C. of E. School. Like many other ringers, he started his service to the Church by joining the choir of All Saints', Huntingdon, in 1927, and is still a keen member, as well as being a sidesman and a member of the Church Council for the last 16 years. He learnt to ring about 1930, but up to 1939 there was very little method ringing done in the tower, and change ringing was only practised in half-pulls from cards.

During the war, he saw service with the Royal Marines for six years, and was demobbed in 1945, with the rank of sergeant. Upon returning to civilian life, he decided not to follow his previous trade of gents' tailoring and outfitting salesman, owing to the coupon difficulties, so went omnibus driving. In 1946, Harold started to get All Saints' bells ringing again, helped by three others, who had done some method ringing. Soon word went round by 'jungle telegraph' to St. Ives, where lived that great 'spade-worker,' the late Frank Warrington. Very soon Frank was over to help, and bringing others, and it was not long before Bob Minor was under way. This great help and advice was always available until Frank Warrington's death in 1955.

Harold rang his first peal at All Saints' on November 5th, 1947, when he rang the treble to Bob Minor, conducted by Frank Warrington, with other 'first pealers,' and he scored his 'first as conductor' at Caxton, Cambs, on July 14th, 1954, in three methods. Up to date, his peal total is 188, of which he has conducted 16, in Minor and Doubles methods. Although he says he has no great performances

to record, Harold has, nevertheless, rung a large number of Surprise Minor peals in up to 12 methods, and several peals of Cambridge Major. One item of interest was that, when Prince Charles was born, along with two other ringers, he scored a peal each night of the week, from Monday to Friday, and attended the District meeting on the Saturday! He has not been so active of late with peals, owing to his job as a Hunts County ambulance driver.

Before becoming general secretary and treasurer, Harold served the Ely Diocesan Guild as the Hunts District secretary from 1951-59, and during this time he saw the number of resident members in his District rise from the middle 60's to over 100, fully paid up. Another record he is proud of is that whilst he was the District secretary, and indeed to the present day, he has never missed a District meeting. Every year he arranges the annual tour of the Hunts District, and he has represented the Ely Diocesan Guild on the Central Council since 1954. He is very keen on ringing quarter peals for Sunday service, and keeps records of all, along with all 720's, and he is never happier than when arranging a first peal for his recruits, and ringing with them.

Other hobbies in which Harold has indulged include badminton, a game which he enjoyed with great gusto. He founded a club at All Saints' shortly after the war, but although the club is still going strong, he has retired gracefully for the present, if not for good. Gardening is also a great favourite, both vegetable and flower. In the summer time he can often be found about 6 a.m. on his allotment, which is two miles from his house, so that he can find time to visit a tower for practice in the evening.

Altogether Harold is a faithful servant of his Guild, who sets an excellent example to his members. By his regular attendance at all functions, and by his keenness for instruction, coupled with his methodical manner of conducting his secretarial duties, there is no doubt that he will ensure that the Ely Diocesan Guild will continue to flourish in a mainly rural area. **APACE.**

EASTBOURNE RINGERS' SOCIAL

On the occasion of the ringers' social on February 17th, the Church Room at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, at one time resembled a farmyard. Any startled passer-by would have been later reassured, however, when the sounds of fun and games gave way to the more familiar one of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

The predominance of youth at the 35 strong gathering reflected the age of the up-and-coming band. But just a few over-30's were observed shuffling for a favourable position in the musical chairs or cheating outrageously at charades.

The new Vicar, Rev. Mr. Whiting, welcomed visitors and thanked the ringers for their service to the church. Tom Barlow, the excellent M.C., fully deserved the cheers he received at the end of an enjoyable evening. **H. R.**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUSTRALIA'S IMPORTANT YEAR

Dear Sir.—Here, 'down under,' we are, I hope, about to enter an important phase in our ringing history. This year should see the extension of the Australian Association from its inception point of New South Wales to include all Australian States and towers.

Also, the Cathedral here (St. Paul's, Melbourne) is about to open an appeal to improve the fabric, and a portion of this has been set aside for the rehanging of the bells.

Further, this year should see the resumption of regular ringing at the Anglican Cathedral at Perth, Western Australia. A team is being trained, members of which we occasionally see in Melbourne, and are able to help accordingly. They have got a new set of ropes and progress is apparently quite rapid.—Yours sincerely,

GRAEME W. HEYES.

Melbourne.

DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES

Dear Sir.—Mr. Corby tells us nothing we did not know about the anomalies of the Kent Association's 'territory.' That was not the main intention of my letter, neither was it signed 'Cotton' or 'Clare.' I have no intention of making take over bids.

I submit, nevertheless, that much good could be done in the way of long term policy if some arrangement could be made whereby a tower belonged to its own Diocesan Guild, if there was one, and if not there was everything in favour of decentralisation on that basis.

My suggestion of Central Council action was solely in the way of reconstruction. The Central Council is sometimes like the United Nations, 'authority with little or no power,' but its objects are most laudable.—Yours, etc.,

B. SHARP.

EVERCREECH BELLS

Dear Sir.—I am in complete agreement with Mr. W. A. Haythorne regarding the shortness of time allowed by the B.B.C. for the recordings of the beautiful bells of Evercreech on Sunday mornings.

How frustrating and infuriating it is to switch on the wireless at 8.50 a.m. to hear nothing but a buzz, then a prolonged silence and then, just when one is beginning to wonder if there is going to be any time left for them, the bells come on for the odd minute or two, only as Mr. Haythorne states, to be rejected quite often before they come into rounds.

Surely the B.B.C. wouldn't reject a Frank Sinatra record with five words still to go, so why, oh why, give these melodious bells this undeserved treatment?

How nice it would be to switch on at 8.45 a.m. and hear up to ten to fifteen minutes of the bells, as surely that was the idea when the recordings were made.

Wake up B.B.C., and let's have the job done properly, please!—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN P. KING.

Muston, near Filey, Yorks.

PLEASE NOTE, MR. DOVE!

Dear Sir.—I wonder if Mr. Dove would like to know of another four-bell tower. The ring in question is at Stockton-on-the-Forest, near York. The bells are rung from the ground floor, although when I visited the church about two weeks ago I discovered that the tying up knots were stiff and thus probably meaning that the bells weren't rung. It seems, from a photograph in the vestry, that the tower and spire are recent (within the last 30-40 years, I should say) additions. Originally, the church had a western bell-cote with two bells.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL KING.

York.

COMPLAINT OVER BELLS 572 YEARS AGO

It would seem that Daventry had a very keen team of ringers even as long ago as 1390, according to the following from 'The Daventry Express' of January 21st, 1893.

'In 1390-1 a controversy arose between the Prior and Convent, "parsons of the Parish Church set within the same Priory and the good folks of the same town, parishioners of the said Parish Church," the former alleging that the latter rang the Church bells so early before the hour of rising, so often, and in such manner, that they the said prior and convent, were disceised and disturbed of their rest, and the less disposed to do Divine Service the day following, considering they rose at midnight for Matins, and the latter complaining that the Prior and Convent made chase, and re-chase, with their carts and carriages through the Churchyard, claiming to have a way for their ease.

'This case was decided in the presence of the Right Mighty Prince John, Duke of Guyenne and Lancaster, at Kenilworth on the 18th of March in the fourteenth year of Richard II reign, that the said parishioners should ring in the morning "One Covenabull peeple and ringing with one bell, at the leuacoon of the sacrament of the same mass, three knellings only afore the rising of the said Prior and Convent aforesaid and that the Prior and Convent shall have a way as of ancient time through the Churchyard, as their business shall require without disturbing Divine Service and that the gate of the churchyard to be shut and with two locks and keys locked. One key to be in the keeping of the Prior of the Convent, the other in the care of the parishioners.'

One wonders what a 'Covenabull peeple' was, and whether there is reference elsewhere to such a 'peeple.' The possibility of its being a corruption of 'Conventual' seems to be discounted, as it was to take place 'afore the rising' of the Prior and Convent. P.C.

BRAMPTON TO HAVE SIX BELLS

The ring of bells at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Brampton, Huntingdon, will shortly be augmented to six by the addition of a treble, and a brighter note will sound from the tower upon which Samuel Pepys must have gazed many times.

On February 8th a party of ringers and other members of the church were present at the casting of this bell at the Whitechapel Foundry. The bell weighs approximately 5½ cwt. and will fit in with a tenor of 14 cwt., in the key of F natural. It was named the Magdalene bell by Miss E. Lenton, an esteemed member of a well known family in the parish, who expressed the hope that 'she may ring to the glory of God for many years.'

A special feature of the occasion was the presence of an I.T.V. camera. In the following evening's showing of Appia News a good view of the pouring of the metal was shown and the excitement of the occasion was apparent.

It was a most interesting ceremony and one which will remain for a long time in the memory of those who were privileged to witness it.

The date of the tenor is 1631 and is inscribed 'James Keene.' The treble is dated 1605, and it is thought that the third also dates from that year. The second was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1934, and the fourth was cast in 1741.

R. F. B.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It was a pleasant change for members to visit their own county town for the winter meeting on January 27th, which turned out to be a beautiful day.

Having conducted the Society's form of Evensong in St. Mary's Church, the Rector joined the large gathering of ringers and friends who filled the nearby hall for tea.

After the meal members heard with regret that Mr. Derek Tranter had resigned the post of Society honorary secretary as a sudden promotion in his work necessitated his living in Leicester. He announced that Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, had temporarily undertaken to fulfil this task until the annual meeting in June, and ringers are asked to communicate with him with regard to Society matters. Mr. Tranter was thanked by the members for all he had done for the Society during his term of office and all best wishes go to Derek, Monica and their family for the future. The Rector of Stafford, the organist and not least the local band's lady helpers were thanked for all they had done to make this meeting so enjoyable.

Ringling took place on the ring of ten bells housed in the octagonal tower of St. Mary's Church, under the watchful eye of the Ringing Master, Mr. James S. Eastwood. All tastes were 'catered' for, from rounds and Queens on ten to more advanced methods. The 'titt-bit' of the day was the half course of Yorkshire Royal rung during the evening.

C. M. S.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT

A significant feature in the East Riding of Yorkshire during 1961 was the continued growing interest shown by the younger generation. At the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Society at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on February 10th, it was reported that 34 new members had been elected, an early breaking of the record figure of 30 new members in 1960. These have been predominantly teenagers, and their enthusiasm is reflected in the increase to 41 in the average attendance at the monthly meetings. The Society's membership now stands at 149.

Sixty-four ringers attended the meeting, from 17 towers in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Visitors included Australian Brian Cox, who was paying a short visit to Beverley and the East Riding. The ringers were welcomed by the Vicar, Canon R. Iliff, during a short service which included an anthem sung by members of the choir and a plain course of Grandire Triples on handbells.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington), in the absence through indisposition of the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley). The policy of holding meetings at rarely visited towers had been continued, with meetings at North Ferriby and Burstwick, after intervals of 12 and 9 years respectively. The new ring at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor had also been visited for the first time.

Mr. D. Johnson presented the Ringing Master's report, stating that 10 peals and 26 quarter peals had been rung for the Society. Five members had rung their first peal, and 12 first quarter peals had been rung. Outstanding amongst the Society's peals were Plain Bob Royal, 12 Minor methods and 16 Doubles methods. Mr. Johnson warned against a falling off in the standard of striking in the enthusiasm for ringing new methods, and stressed the necessity of good striking for Sunday service ringing.

The vote of thanks to the local clergy and company was proposed by the Society's chaplain, Rev. G. Siorer. The retiring officers and committee were re-elected, with Mr. J. Singleton (Hessle) being elected to a vacancy on the committee.

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OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD G. L. COWARD

It was a great shock to his many ringing friends to hear of the passing of Mr. Edward G. L. Coward, captain of the St. Martin's, Dorking, ringers, suddenly on February 8th, at the early age of 53. He had seemed his usual cheerful self at the previous Monday practice, and his last touch in his own tower was a course of London Minor, with four of the local band. On the Tuesday he had stood in an attempt for a quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Reigate, and this was his last ring. On returning from work on the Thursday evening, he complained to his wife of having a pain in his chest. He went to bed, and within two hours he was dead. We in Dorking will miss him very much, both for his friendship and excellent leadership as captain since 1957, and also his conscientious loyalty to anything connected with the church, including the choir.

Ted Coward, as he was known to his Surrey friends, and 'Copper' to his West Country friends, was a true Wiltshireman, having been born in Mere on December 23rd, 1908, where he was taught to ring about 1921. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles at Zeals, on September 25th, 1926, conducted by his friend, Bill Shute, with whom he did a great amount of ringing. To make progress in that part of the country, one had to travel, and this Ted gladly did, usually by cycle and motor cycle, and his first 50 peals were rung in no fewer than 42 different towers in Somerset, Wilts and Dorset. In 1931 he became associated with the Somerset 'Wednesday' band, which met for peals and practice in different towers, and he was always very pleased when talking about two peal tours he had in Somerset in 1931 and 1932, when he rang several Surprise peals. Under the conductorship of such men as George Pye, George Williams, Bill Cave and Frank Perrens. On August 30th, 1931, he rang his first peal of London Major at Dibden, Hants, followed by another at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on November 21st, the same year, both conducted by George Williams. One peal of which he was justly proud was ringing the treble to the first peal of Major at Sherborne Abbey, on December 20th, 1930. In March, 1939, he conducted a peal of Doubles in four methods on handbells, in which Mrs. Coward rang 5-6.

Ted's trade was brushmaking, which he learnt at the Hill Brush Co., Mere, and where he was formerly a foreman. When war was declared, he was called up into the R.A.F., serving in the Military Police, in Austria, Italy and Sicily. While stationed in the London area in 1942, he rang two handbell peals of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Major, all conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner. In 1948 he moved to Leatherhead, Surrey, to become an instructor in brushmaking at the Royal School for the Blind. In this work Ted was eminently suitable. His patience and interest with his pupils were always appreciated. He joined the local band, and rang several peals in the neighbourhood, including Yorkshire Royal. In 1935 he moved to Dorking, and was elected captain in 1957. Ted was always keen on instructing others, and would do anything to help beginners. A fine handler of a bell himself, one of his favourite axioms, which helped to improve the ringing, was to place people on the bells most suited to them, rather than let them catch hold in a haphazard manner. He always believed in simple touches for Sunday service, so as to get better striking.

On April 14th, 1956, Ted took part in the first and only peal of Cobham Surprise

Royal, rung at Leatherhead, and conducted by Albert Harman. This is not a Cambridge or Yorkshire variation, and the blue line is distinctly tricky. His last peal was one he conducted at Nutfield, in two methods of Doubles on April 19th, 1961, and this brought his total of peals to 181, including five on handbells. He had conducted 13. His peals was rung in 111 different towers. He was proud of being a member of the College Youths, for whom he rang six peals, including Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on April 15th, 1932. On a few occasions, he had been privileged to deputise at St. Paul's Cathedral for Sunday service. Ted was always of a modest disposition, shunning the limelight, and his work was always done as a service for others.

The funeral, which was fully choral, took place at St. Martin's, Dorking, on February 13th, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, including some 30 Surrey ringers, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Targett, of Chilcompton, Somerset. About 50 of his pupils from the Blind School were present, and also five of his former works colleagues from the Hill Brush Co. at Mere, with Mr. Jack Paul, who also represented Mere ringers, and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. In his address, the Vicar, Canon K. D. Evans, spoke of the thought that Ted always had for others. At the committal service in the Dorking Cemetery four of his friends rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave—F. Oakshott 1-2, F. E. Roberts 3-4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5-6 and A. P. Cannon 7-8, and in the evening a well-struck half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church, in the slow time of 55 minutes, by the local band, assisted by Frank Oakshott. Muffled touches were also rung at Mere the same evening. There were many floral tributes.

The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and three children, Brian (a ringer), Lloyd and Heather. We have lost a good friend and a fine ringer, but he has left behind him a practical example of Christianity. May he rest in peace. A. P. C.

APPRECIATIONS

FROM SURREY

'An excellent captain and a good friend,' said 'The Ringing World.' How true.

It was a great shock to learn of the death of Ted at such a young age, after ringing with him at his District's annual meeting only the previous week. He was a friend of all, especially young ringers, always keen to help them in their ringing and a great believer in promoting the enthusiasm of young people by voting them into tower and Guild offices. Ted gave a real welcome to visitors to Dorking, and was always willing to help struggling bands in their practices and quarter peals. He was a keen churchman, which influenced his life to the extent that no one was ever heard saying anything but good of him, and he was dedicated to his work.

One of his remaining ambitions in peal ringing was to ring 42 Doubles methods. Loyalty to his office of captain of Dorking was shown on one occasion by his refusing to attempt a Sunday afternoon peal in 21 methods, the first stepping stone, unless it could be guaranteed that he would be back in time for evening ringing. The order of importance he attached to the various aspects of ringing is an example to us all. A tragic loss to the Guildford Guild—we will remember him. D. A. R. M.

FROM SOMERSET

The news of the sudden passing of Mr. Edward 'Copper' Coward brings back a flood of memories of ringing days prior to the war, when he lived in his native Mere.

Under the wing of that great enthusiast, Bill Shute, and later under the guidance of J. T. Dyke, 'Copper' became a first class ringer and conductor. Our first peal together was of Grandsire Triples at Evercreech in 1927, and later in 1931 at Bradpole. He conducted his first of Major by calling a peal of Plain Bob, it being his first touch as conductor in the method. From 1929 to 1939 he took part in Bill Shute's Bank Holiday tours.

When the 'Wednesday' band was formed in 1931, in mid-Somerset, he was a founder members. During these years we rang quite a number of peals together to say nothing of the vast number that fell by the wayside. In the early 1930's he was invited to join in one of the late Canon Coleridge's Somerset peal tours, and rang his first peals of Surprise Major in exemplary fashion. As he matured he settled down to become an excellent tutor and did yeoman service in the North Dorset Branch as a Ringing Master and in training local bands.

'Copper' was truly a man of many parts. Besides his ringing interest he was a keen chorister and an excellent musician, being a very keen bandsman, and above all he was a splendid and sincere churchman in every sense. In all things he undertook his aim was always perfection. He had no use for the slipshod and careless type, nor was he backward in making this known to the culprit, without fear or favour, in that delightful Wiltshire accent we knew so well. Although he had lived in Surrey for some years his visits to friends in the West were real occasions, and he never tired of talking of our days together. It was fitting that the funeral service was attended by another close friend and member of the 'Wednesday' band, Fred Targett, of Midsomer Norton.

The passing of 'Copper' Coward leaves us the poorer in the loss of his person, but the example of his enthusiasm, earnestness and forthright character will ever remain with us. Evercreech. H. J. S.

Mr. Herbert Worsfold

The death occurred suddenly on February 11th of Mr. Herbert Worsfold, of Slough, Bucks, aged 72 years. Originally a member of the band at Egham, Surrey, he did his early ringing in that area, and rang a few peals of Grandsire Triples in the 1920's. His chief 'guide' was William Welling (who also died this year), and Mr. Welling conducted his first peal at Wraysbury, Bucks, in July, 1925.

In 1928, Mr. Worsfold moved to Slough, where he was buyer for a large drapery store, which firm he served for 33 years and, although officially retired, he still went to help during the busy part of the week.

'Bert' Worsfold was not a great ringer; as his work precluded his attendances at meetings and peal attempts, but prior to World War II he was a most regular Sunday ringer at Slough Parish Church. Since the war one saw little of him in the belfry, partly because of his wife's long illness. Only a fortnight before his death he spoke of his loneliness since his wife's decease, a year or so ago, and said he was thinking of taking up ringing again, but it was not to be! He always maintained his interest in ringing, and one never met him without his opening up that subject. Domiciled between Slough and Burnham, he was a regular worshipper at Burnham church.

Mr. William Henley and Mr. W. Birmingham represented the Slough bellringers at his funeral. Memorial quarter peals were rung at Windsor and Slough.

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BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OUTING

For its first outing of the year the Birmingham University Society spent a day among the sandstone towers of Staffordshire and Shropshire. A fleet of Fords left the Union at 11.15 a.m. and brought us to Halesowen, where a notice asking us to support the 'rope fund' was found soon after the rope of the sixth had given up at the end of a course of Bob Major; however, a splice was effected in time to give us all a chance to sample the enjoyable eight. On then to Kinver, where we lunched on sandwiches and flasks of coffee. The sound of these bells running round to Cambridge welcomed Pete Warren, who joined us at this point, with his venerable vehicle.

St. Mary's, Enville, has a magnificent tower, with bells to match, even if the ropes were a bit long. A sack produced for Pat to kneel on whilst ringing the sixth disclosed a crate of beer bottles, and a polite notice in the corner asked us to refrain from smoking in the belfry for fear of blowing up the lawn mower!

The policeman who directed us to St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, was rather bewildered to see a whole convoy of vehicles execute a 'U' turn in the High Street! We made good use of the light eight before walking up to St. Leonard's, the interior of which showed an interesting contrast with St. Mary's. Some good music was produced on the fine heavier eight.

We had some trouble locating the lights at Claverley, but eventually the Vicar located us, and made us welcome. Later he directed us to our last tower of the day, Wombourn, where the belfry is reached by a ladder.

Our thanks are due to all the incumbents and Ringing Masters for the use of their bells, and to our drivers who got us to all the towers on time.

P. C. F. W.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WILLSHIRE

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. A. C. Hazeldine writes: The obituary of Mr. Charles Willshire does not give an adequate idea of his enthusiasm and the importance of his impact on change ringing in Guildford and West Surrey. When he arrived in 1896 there was an active band at St. Nicolas', Guildford, recently bereaved of two leading members—Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. F. W. J. Rees. Those remaining were inadequately led by Mr. J. J. Jones and an employee of his, Mr. Frank Blondell.

The position at Holy Trinity was worse: the bells were nearly unringable, and such ringing as was possible was call changes. The band included the late Mr. A. H. Pulling. With the arrival of Canon Grant from Aylesford, where he might have met Mr. Willshire, repairs to the frame and fittings were put in hand. Mr. Willshire was an expert instructor and his influence on the young ringers at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' resulted that at Holy Trinity there was a band able to ring a peal when the repairs were completed. The well known Holy Trinity band of that time was largely Mr. Willshire's creation, and of the old members only Mr. Henry Hutton is now alive.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

Over 40 ringers were attracted, on February 17th, to the Marlborough Branch meeting at Aldbourne—the home tower of the popular secretary and chairman of the Branch (Arthur Palmer and George Newman). These bells, the only ringable octave in the Branch's area, will be the magnet of peal ringers, as vast improvements have been made to ringing arrangements. Instead of a ground floor ring, the long draught has been more than halved by ringing over 30 feet up in the clock tower.

There was an hour's ringing on the smooth-going bells before the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Perry), with Mr. J. Taylor as organist. The company were afterwards guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keen, of Aldbourne, to tea. They and the Vicar were heartily thanked and afterwards touches were rung on handbells, cast at Aldbourne and believed to be over 200 years old. A collection was given to the Belfry Fund. Ringing continued in the evening and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. W. A. E.

Devizes Branch

A successful meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bromham on February 10th. Over 40 people attended the service, conducted by the Vicar, and afterwards partook of an excellent tea, served by the ladies and friends of the local band.

The fine ring of six was put to good use, the methods rung ranging from rounds to Cambridge and London.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' February 23rd, 1912.—

A correspondent invites us to appeal to those who do a great deal of peal ringing to give a little of their time in visiting towers where beginners are struggling to make headway in the art. He says: 'I see every week the same names occurring, sometimes ringing two peals in the week. Although I have every admiration for the skill of these men it seems to me that if they spent some of their time in assisting some of us beginners they would be doing still more to further the cause of ringing.' There is no doubt that the art would benefit if a few more of the experts were to give their services in assisting those on the lower rungs of the campanological ladder!

'R.W.' March 8th, 1912.—

Birmingham can boast of two of the most remarkable products in the ringing Exercise. One is Mr. John Carter's ringing machine, the ingenuity of which is so extraordinary that it almost passes belief. It will ring the extent or any number of changes on any number of bells from 1 to 12 in any method yet devised or yet to be devised: it will print all the changes or only the course ends as it rings them, according to desire; it will print the diagram of the method and record the number of changes rung.

The other remarkable product is Mr. Harry Withers, the man who, without having seen the figures of the peal, took down correctly all the course ends of the record peal of London Surprise, and who 'called' a peal of Superlative while standing outside the tower and pressing an electric button which rang a bell up in the ringing chamber when the bobs had to be made.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

The annual 'Rag Week' tour was held in the Marches of Herefordshire on February 15th and 16th. The tour was based on 'The Woodlands,' Glasbury-on-Wye, overlooking the pinnaced tower of St. Peter's.

The tour began with a quarter peal of Doubles at Clifford on the Thursday evening. Luckily the Vicar's tape recorder ran out just before a bad patch at the end of the quarter! Ringing at Glasbury and Talgarth, where we were most grateful to the local ringers for allowing us to join their practice, ended the day.

On the Friday we rang at Clyro, Whitney, Bredwardine, Tyberton (where we were joined by the Rev. and Mrs. Richards) and Madley before stopping for lunch. At Madley, one, who shall be nameless, managed to lasso a bench with her rope, causing considerable consternation amongst the assembled company. In the gale we were all amused to see the hands of Madley clock 'speeding' around its face. After lunch there followed ringing at Eaton Bishop, Kingstone, Ewyas Harold and Abbey Dore.

The highlights of the tour were probably a course of Cambridge on the beautifully-toned bells at Madley, and some perfect Stedman at Ewyas Harold. The church at Abbey Dore, once a Cistercian abbey, with its anticlockwise six and flickering lamplight, proved a fitting end to the tour. Its huge area and great stone altar, its almost awful majesty, made it well worth the trouble of finding.

The A.G.M. was held later in the evening at Peterchurch, where the following elections were made: Master, 1962-63, Colin A. Lewis (Aberystwyth); secretary, Miss Gillian E. Graney (Aberystwyth); college secretaries to be decided at the next meeting. Mr. P. K. Else and Mr. J. G. Sutton, both of Aberystwyth, were admitted to the Society. It was decided to add the following regulation to the constitution: 'The Master and Secretary, or Chairman of the previous meeting and Secretary, shall have power to alter the venue of meetings and tours if, in their view, necessary.' The summer tour will take the form of a week-end trip towards the end of the long vacation. The venue will be decided by the Master, secretary and college secretaries.

The tour was attended by representatives of Aberystwyth and Lampeter.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor.

We should like to thank all the incumbents and tower captains for allowing us to use their bells, and especially the incumbents of Glasbury and Whitney, for their kindness in providing refreshments. C. A. L.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Sagers 1, Freda Streeter 2, D. West (first 'inside') 3, Wilfred Dunn 4, G. West 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber cover. For Evening. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dunn 1, Betty Sagers 2, D. West (first 'inside' Triples) 3, Freda M. Streeter 4, G. West 5, K. Game 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. E. G. L. Coward.

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THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING

Some Elementary Points

By A. W. T. CLEAVER

The principles upon which the production of changes is based are very simple, much simpler than many ringers realise. Some knowledge of these matters is not only of great interest for its own sake, but can be of considerable practical help. Unfortunately the subject is confused by the various meanings given to some of the technical terms. In these notes only old established terms are used, but an attempt is made to clarify their meanings.

THE PRODUCTION OF CHANGES

The term 'change' is apt to be used ambiguously. It should properly refer to the difference between any one combination and its predecessor or successor: the combination itself is better referred to as a 'row,' at least for theoretical purposes.

Successive rows are produced by reversing the positions of adjacent pairs of bells. Adjacent pairs only are reversed because of the practical difficulties of moving a bell by more than one place at a time. As an example consider the production of changes on four bells.

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1 2 3 4
X   X
2 1 4 3
X X X
2 4 1 3
X   X
4 2 3 1
   X
4 3 2 1
X   X
3 4 1 2
   X
3 1 4 2
X   X
1 3 2 4
   X
1 2 3 4
(I)

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Starting with rounds we first reverse the positions of the first two and the last two bells, 1 and 2 and 3 and 4. A repetition of this process would bring us back to rounds so for the next change the first bell in the row is left undisturbed and the next pair is reversed. This obliges us to leave the last bell in the row where it was as well. The operation for the next change is the same as that for the first, for the fourth change the same as that for the second and so on until we finally return to rounds, the row from which we started. In (I) the pairs of bells which are reversed are shown by crosses. The procedure is universal in change ringing; the various methods, as will be shown later, are all produced in this way, the difference between them being in the selection of the bells reversed or left undisturbed.

On odd numbers of bells the procedure is the same except that one bell must always be left alone.

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1 2 3 4 5
X   X
2 1 4 3 5
X   X
2 4 1 5 3
X   X
4 2 5 1 3
X   X
4 5 2 3 1
etc.
(II)

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For the first change the first and second pairs of bells were reversed, leaving the last one alone. Repeating this would return us to rounds so for the next change the first bell is left and the remaining two pairs reversed, and so on. On larger numbers of bells the procedure is the same except that there are a greater number of pairs to reverse. On any even number two bells must be left alone for each alternate change; on any odd number one bell must be so treated in each change.

METHODS

The maximum number of possible combinations on four bells (the extent) is the number known to mathematicians as Factorial 4 (4!) which is equal to $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$. In the diagram of changes on four bells (I) rounds reappeared after only eight changes; eight different rows were produced. How are the other 16 obtained? Suppose the procedure of diagram (I) is repeated with on alteration,

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1 2 3 4      1 3 4 2      1 4 2 3
2 1 4 3      3 1 2 4      4 1 3 2
2 4 1 3      3 2 1 4      4 3 1 2
4 2 3 1      2 3 4 1      3 4 2 1
3 4 1 2      4 2 1 3      2 3 1 4
3 1 4 2      4 1 2 3      2 1 3 4
1 3 2 4      1 4 3 2      1 2 4 3
1 3 4 2      1 4 2 3      1 2 3 4
(III)

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For the final change of the eight the first and second bells have been left alone instead of the first and last as in (I). In diagram (III) this process has been repeated twice giving the whole 24 rows before rounds reappeared.

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This making of second's place has caused the other two bells to execute a dodge. The method is, of course, Bob Minimus. The treble bell is not affected by this variation in the means by which the changes are produced, in each of the three leads shown above it follows the same plain hunting path among the other (working) bells.

There are other ways of achieving the same result, e.g.,

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1 2 3 4      1 3 4 2      1 4 2 3
2 1 4 3      3 1 2 4      4 1 3 2
2 4 1 3      3 2 1 4      4 3 1 2
4 2 3 1      2 3 4 1      3 4 2 1
4 2 1 3      2 3 1 4      3 4 1 2
4 1 2 3      2 1 3 4      3 1 4 2
1 4 3 2      1 2 4 3      1 3 2 4
1 3 4 2      1 4 2 3      1 2 3 4
(IV)

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Rounds has again reappeared after 24 changes but the fourth change in (I) has been altered instead by leaving the third and fourth bells undisturbed rather than the first and fourth, causing the bells in 1-2 to dodge. The treble still pursues its plain hunting path and the method will be recognised as Reverse Bob Minimus. Both alterations can be incorporated; the resulting method is Double Bob Minimus.

If the procedure shown in (I) is applied to six bells rounds reappear after 12 changes.

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1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 5 6
2 4 1 5 3 6
4 2 5 1 3 6
6 4 5 2 3 1
6 5 4 3 2 1
5 6 3 4 1 2
5 3 6 1 4 2
3 5 1 6 2 4
3 1 5 2 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 2 3 4 5 6
(V)

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On six bells the extent is factorial 6, $6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 720$. How far towards this do we get if we apply the same variation to (V) as we did to (I) to produce the plain course of Bob Minimus (III)?

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123456  135264  156342  164523  142635
214365  312546  513624  615432  416253
241635  321456  531264  651342  461523
426153  234165  352146  563124  645132
462513  243615  325416  536214  654312
645231  426351  234561  352641  563421
654321  462531  243651  325461  536241
563412  645213  426315  243516  352614
536142  654123  462135  243156  325164
351624  561432  641253  421365  231546
315264  516342  614523  412635  213456
132546  153624  165432  146253  124365
135264  156342  164523  142635  123456

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(VI)

This is the plain course of Bob Minor, five leads each containing 12 rows making 60 in all. Once again the making of second's place has caused the other working bells to dodge whilst the treble continues to plain hunt. For the present we will leave the question of obtaining the whole extent and look a little more deeply into the construction of methods on six bells.

In Minimus (four bell changes) there are only two changes where it is possible to introduce alterations in the bells we choose to leave undisturbed (the place making bells) without either affecting the plain hunting treble or causing any bell to stay in one place for more than two rows in succession. In Minor the choice is far less restricted. We might, for instance, decide to alter (V) by making first's and fourth's place at the second change giving

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1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 5 6
2 4 1 3 5 6
4 2 3 1 5 6
4 3 2 1 5 6
3 4 6 2 5 1
(VII)

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SYMMETRY

Before going any further there is another factor to be kept in mind: methods should be symmetrical. In the example above (VII) first's and fourth's place were made at the second change. To make the lead symmetrical the same places must be made at the second change from the end.

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1 2 3 4 5 6  Lead head
2 1 4 3 5 6
2 4 1 3 5 6
4 2 3 1 5 6
4 3 2 1 5 6
3 4 6 2 5 1  Halflead end
3 6 4 5 2 1  Halflead head
6 3 5 4 1 2
6 5 3 1 4 2
5 6 1 3 2 4
5 1 6 3 4 2
1 5 3 6 2 4  Lead end
(VIII)

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This is the complete lead. Note that the beginning and end are also determined by the principle of symmetry. In a treble dominated method the lead contains two rows with the treble in each position and each halflead one such row. The halfleads are arranged like the object and image in a mirror placed on the line between them. Hence the places in the second half occur in the reverse order to that in which they occur in the first.

To be continued.

LATE NEWS

MR. WILLIAM G. GIGG

While preparing to ring for morning service at St. James's Church, Taunton, on February 18th. Mr. William G. Gigg, Ringing Master of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 15 years, collapsed and died.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The annual District meeting was held at St. Albans on January 20th. At St. Peter's during the afternoon 46 people, including members from about half the District's towers, had the pleasure of ringing Cambridge Royal, standard methods and rounds. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ferguson.

After an excellent tea, served by local ringers and their wives, the president, Mr. G. W. Seaman, acted as chairman at the business meeting. The company stood in silence remembering members who had passed away during 1961. They were Messrs. J. T. Kentish, F. W. Brinklow, W. Hill, B. A. Cornell and a friend at Tewin, Mr. C. Jeeves. A suggestion for the next meeting to be held at Hatfield was accepted. Many new members were elected.

In her report, the secretary (Mrs. Coburn) said that there had been a good attendance at meetings during 1961 and an addition of 25 new members. Attendance for Sunday service ringing had been good, but members should remember the reason behind their ringing activities. She concluded by thanking members for their support and hoped that the improvement in District affairs would continue during 1962. A statement of accounts was read.

A proposal by Mr. G. W. Debenham that officers should be re-elected 'en bloc' was accepted. The officers are: Honorary secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Coburn; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Penney; District Committee, Messrs. G. Penney, G. Dodds, F. Jacklin, J. Cull, S. Huckle, Mrs. M. A. Coburn and Miss C. Rimmer; General Committee, Messrs. G. Dodds and F. Jacklin; 'R.W.' representative, Miss C. Rimmer. Mr. H. V. Frost (St. Albans) was nominated as president of the Association.

Much discussion was caused by a committee recommendation to alter the name of the Association slightly and one of the rules concerning the object of the Exercise. The committee propositions, that a list of special methods, coupled with a list of towers to suit all stages of advancement, be used in 1962, and that the March meeting should be replaced by a visit to Carter's Ringing Machine, were adopted. Mr. G. Penney thanked the District for its support at meetings, and Mr. S. Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the ladies for an excellent tea.

C. M. R.

CIRENCESTER GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lewis, of 31, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos, who celebrated their golden wedding on February 15th.

Owing to a slight attack of thrombosis about 18 months ago, Mr. Lewis cannot climb the 92 steps at Cirencester Parish Church, where he has given many years of faithful service. He does, however, ring at Watermoor for services and practices.

On February 17th Mr. Lewis collected a band from some of his oldest ringing friends and at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, they rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of W. H. Hayward 1, W. A. Godwin 2, H. L. Cooke 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 5, P. Morgans 6, P. J. Lewis (grandson) 7, W. Wrigley 8. The quarter was followed by a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. F. J. Lewis sen.

Later the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their home when handbells were brought into use.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 9th annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at 'The Culverden Arms,' Tunbridge Wells, on February 10th. After last year's poor support, the organisers had some doubts, but with plenty of push and propaganda 50 tickets (the limit of seating) were sold and the 'best ever' resulted.

An excellent meal put everyone in the right mood for the speeches and entertainment.

When the loyal toast had been drunk, Mr. B. V. Collison gave a welcome to the president, thanking him for his interest and support. The Rev. J. R. Missen, in reply, was in his most jovial mood, amusing the company with jokes and anecdotes, but he was very sincere when he thanked the ringers for their service to the church, stressing the fact that the clergy were very conscious of the effort and loyalty of their local bands.

The Guild chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey, welcomed members who lived out of the Guild area. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. J. Ladd and Margaret, for the hard work that they had put in, in arranging the dinner, and to Mr. R. Large for arranging the entertainment.

While the tables were being cleared the handbells were put to good use by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Miss H. Oakshett, Miss M. Ladd and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, E. J. Ladd and G. Fry.

For the entertainment, Mr. R. Large, with friends from Tonbridge, sang songs, duets and a quartet, with dancing by another young lady, all accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Ladd at the piano. George Fry entertained with his monologues, and later Godfrey Fitzhugh took over at the piano for musical chairs, etc.

The president won first prize in the raffle (a bottle of whisky), he also held the second and third winning tickets, but refused prizes. Ten-thirty came all too soon, and the party broke up after the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

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Reference to the first wireless in 'The Ringing World' (page 107) prompts a reader who still has a cat's whisker set to ask: Is it by now 'vintage' or 'veteran'? What is vintage or veteran anyway? As an example—a motor-bike to be veteran has to be one made before December 31st, 1914. To be vintage it must be manufactured before December 31st, 1930. After that it is of no historic value as a show-piece, say the rules of the Vintage Club. And for bells?—'veteran' up to 1600, and 'vintage' up to 1750, contends the writer. Anyone disagree?

Mr. John S. Walton has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal rung at Adlington, Lancs, on January 27th (see page 113) was Grandsire and not Stedman Triples.

The Leatherhead District have submitted two nominations for the post of Guildford Guild Master, which Mr. C. W. Denyer is vacating. They are Messrs. Harold N. Pitstow and Douglas May.

There were several sightseers during a peal at Wolvercote, Oxon, on February 17th. One became so engrossed that he watched for about 20 minutes and before leaving wrote out a cheque for two guineas for the ringers. This has been paid into one of the Wolvercote Bell Funds.

There was another husbands and wives get-together at Heptonstall, Yorks, on Sunday, February 18th, when four married couples rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Mr. Derek Tranter, secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, has resigned his appointment on being promoted to a post at Leicester. Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, is acting as secretary temporarily until the Society's annual meeting in June.

Thanking the Editor for giving so much space to news from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, Mr. William Smith, of Turramurra, Sydney, writes, 'We all share your excellent journal which, like the string of a necklace, links us all in one big fellowship.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Briggs, of Somerby, Leics, has rung his first quarter at the age of 84.

Starting at Oakham, Rutland, before the turn of the century, Mr. Briggs travelled widely, including South Africa, where he learnt to drive a motor-car in 1903. He returned to live at Somerby and became the conductor of the local band, who rang only Grandsire Doubles. He is now keen to ring a quarter of Grandsire Triples at his native Oakham and, writes our correspondent, 'I think there will be no peace until he has done just that.'

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Worth has been confined to his room for nearly a month. His many friends hope that before long he will be back in the belfry.

Essex ringers, conducted by Mr. Howard J. Egglestone, have now reached 60 methods of Spliced Minor to a peal. This was rung at Stisted on February 16th and constitutes most methods yet rung to a peal. Congratulations!

Messrs. P. J. Staniforth and Alfred Ballard have rung Yorkshire Surprise from Major to Maximus on both hand- and tower bells. This was achieved by their participating in the first peal of Yorkshire Maximus ever rung 'in hand' at Leicester on February 13th.

Mr. Harold Gorton, of Bolton, who has been ringing for 58 years, is anxious to find out who put in the old frame at Deane Church, Bolton. He has a cutting, dated August 2nd, 1873, from 'The Bolton Chronicle' recording that when the bells were hung by Messrs. J. Taylor, the frame, dated 1688, was taken out.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham has been dogged with misfortune in their peal attempts to honour the installation of the new Provost (Bishop G. Sinker) on February 17th. On the day of his installation a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung. One of the ringers, Mr. Rodney Pipe, had spotted that the composition was false, and a check with the conductor revealed that it would have been true to Yorkshire, but not to Cambridge. A second attempt, the following Thursday, was 'sunk' after three hours' ringing.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*BRIAN CHAPMAN .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
†ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 2	†BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 8
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 9
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	†JOHN E. COOK .. 10
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	DAVID W. PARKIN .. 8
MICHAEL R. BLORE .. 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 9
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 5	JOHN F. MURFIN .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 7, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

DOREEN COX .. Treble	DONALD C. EXCELL .. 6
JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 2	ANTHONY R. KENCH .. 7
*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 8
†S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 9
FRANK HANSFORD .. 5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by DONALD C. EXCELL.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First on ten bells, and in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

JOSEPH STANIER .. Treble	JOHN J. STANIER .. 6
ALAN ELSMORE .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
CHARLES EYRE .. 3	ROY MOWFORTH .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. 4	ALAN M. JONES .. 9
ALFRED BAYLEY .. 5	RONALD WINWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

In memoriam Harry Edge, Bridgnorth District secretary, who died on January 6th.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 34½ cwt.
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. 8
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Anne Schofield; also a mark of esteem for Mr. Fred Watkinson, a ringer at Handsworth, who died (aged 83) on February 5th, 1962.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

JANE K. A. COOK .. Treble	LEONARD J. FOX .. 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 2	†DENNIS A. HEWITT .. 7
*PETER D. CHAPMAN .. 3	†MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 8
FRANK V. GANT .. 4	LIONEL S. WOODS .. 9
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK .. 5	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	CHARLES W. AYRE .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	PETER J. BARKER .. 8
FRANK BROTHERTON .. 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
†HOWARD HOWELL .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* 100th peal of Stedman Caters. † 250th peal together. Wm. Davies

* completes the circle' to peals.

A 68th birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Wembley and Eastcote; with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*ROBERT BOLT .. Treble	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ERNEST G. JONES .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 6
*DAWN V. ELSON .. 3	*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK .. Treble	PERCY W. CAVE .. 5
FRANCES E. LOW .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH .. 6
PATRICIA BUSS .. 3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
CYRIL LOW .. 4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* 100th peal together.

Rung in memoriam Percy H. Derbyshire, of Worsley.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

BITTNER PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 5
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	DON C. EXELL .. 6
*RAYMOND HAINES .. 3	*DAVID E. HOUSE .. 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich, and on the bells.

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

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. 4	JAMES BUTTERFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey Tembey.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 15 methods, being 576 London, 384 each Rutland, Ealing, Watford, Wembley, Knebworth, Lindum and Bristol, 288 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Painswick and Lincolnshire, 192 each Rochester and Hertfordshire; 155 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	STANLEY JENNER 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 6
RALPH BIRD 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal of 15-Spliced Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*CHRISTINE GLASTONBURY Treble	ROBERT E. COLES 5
†DAVID S. BISHOP (14) 2	BRYNLEY TAYLOR 6
*RUTH HAVARD (15) 3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON (15) 7
*GARETH JONES (16) 4	§PETER J. SHIPTON Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First tower bell peal, and first on eight bells. § First peal. § 50th peal. First of Major as conductor, and the youngest to call Major for the Association.

Rung half-muffled immediately following the funeral of Harold Gibbs, a late Cowbridge ringer.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	JAMES E. LOOKER 5
VICTOR SAVAGE 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER 6
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	H. E. GEORGE JEANES 7
G. GAYLARD 4	HARRY J. GAYLARD Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR 5
ANNE C. GARNETT 2	J. KEITH WARD 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH 4	RONALD A. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal in the method by all.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*SALLY PARROTT (13) Treble	*PETER A. FORD 5
*PETER J. MUNDAY (13) 2	DAVID A. CARPENTER 6
RALPH C. SPITTLE 3	JOHN E. BEAMS 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH 4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal attempt.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

KENNETH ARTHUR Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 5
ROLAND PARK 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
DENIS A. BAYLES 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
*ALAN R. PATTERSON 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKELDA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. J. PARKER'S Twelve-Part (second observation)	
GORDON RICHINS Treble	THOMAS F. METCALFE 5
JAMES E. BURLS 2	GEORGE BRAITHWAITE 6
JOHN BAGNALL 3	DENNIS ELLISDON 7
JAMES BLACKBURN 4	*DAVID S. PARRY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Fell, sometime warden of this church and a lifelong friend of the ringers, interred this day.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL S. JARRETT Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	†ALEX W. FRY 6
*MONTY W. GILBERT 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal. † First in the method.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

PATRICIA HEATHER Treble	PETER M. WILKINSON 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	JOHN MANLEY 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES 3	RONALD F. DISERENS 7
T. FELICITY WEBBER 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Pittstow's	
TOM W. CROSSLEY Treble	GEOFFREY TOWNEND 5
IRIS LEMARE 2	J. NEVILLE PARKIN 6
FRANCES FAIRBANK 3	JOHN F. BRYANT 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

HOLBORN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 each of London and Rutland, 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 256 of Bristol; with 147 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	JACK S. DEAR 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN HARRIS Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
CAROL FERNLEY 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 6
HAROLD LONYON 3	BASIL JONES 7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th 99 lead at home.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 93 lb.

Carter's Twelve-Part	
BERYL W. ABBOTT Treble	ROGER E. TALLIS 5
MARY C. POYNER 2	JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
HARRY POYNER 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
RICHARD E. MORRIS 4	*GEORGE B. HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal, first attempt, aged 59. First of Grandsire as conductor.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

Carter's Twelve-Part	
RICHARD HOLT Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY 5
THOMAS W. SMITH 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
STANLEY ANDERTON 3	J. MICHAEL LOMAX 7
PETER R. LOMAX 4	RAYMOND SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Hinton (curate) upon appointment as Vicar of a parish near Oldham, and his wife.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. HAROLD SCHOFIELD	Treble	HAROLD SCHOFIELD	 5
MRS. NORMAN CHADDOCK	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	 6
*MRS. WILFRID MORETON	3	WILFRID MORETON	 7
MRS. VERNON BOTTOMLEY	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	 Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PINEHURST BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

ALAN R. MILLIDGE	 Treble	WILFRED G. WILSON	 4
CHERRY WHITE	 2	ANTHONY S. BISHOP	 5
CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	 Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire; rung on the front six.

*P. J. HENRY	 Treble	†W. F. GREEN	 4
C. BLACKBURN	 2	E. ROUGHLEY	 5
G. ROTHERY	 3	P. MURGATROYD	 Tenor

Conducted by E. ROUGHLEY.

* First peal. † First in two methods. First in two methods as conductor.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) London Bob, (2) College, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

ROGER TARBATT	 Treble	R. GORDON CORBY	 4
*TOM CROSSLEY	 2	TREVOR TARBATT	 5
GEOFFREY TOWNEND	 3	WILFRID F. MORETON	 Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in nine methods.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE. THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.

On Wed., Feb. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Overton, Trowell, London Scholars' Pleasure, Islington, Sandal, Grandsire and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

ROBERT E. DAY	 Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN	 4
CHRISTOPHER MORRIS	 2	ROGER BALDWIN	 5
KENNETH W. PRICE	 3	DAVID W. FRIEND	 Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Plain and Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD J. MINNS	 Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON	 2	GEORGE SAYER	 5
ERNEST WHITING	 3	NOLAN GOLDEN	 Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE. THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*D. CANTRILL	 Treble	W. STEELE	 4
P. EASTLAND	 2	*J. SMITH	 5
A. SMITHSON	 3	A. E. WHEELER	 Tenor

Conducted by A. E. WHEELER.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar; also a compliment to the mother of the conductor on her 84th birthday.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) York and Durham, (2) Carlisle, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) Wells, (7) London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	.. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS	 4
*ALAN PATTERSON	 2	W. NORMAN PARK	 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	 3	ROLAND PARK	 Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* Greatest number of methods to a peal.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DOUGLAS BOTT	 Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	 4
†ROBERT DOWDESWELL	 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE	 5
‡IVOR GOULTER	 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	 Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise Minor 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: one each of Primrose, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS	.. Treble	JAMES LINNELL	 4
*DAVID BURBIDGE	 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	 5
CHARLES E. TRUMAN	 3	WILLIAM A. YATES	 Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in seven methods.

STOCKLAND-BRISTOL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 11 cwt.

*F. A. KEITH PRIME	.. Treble	GWILYM SALMON	 4
PETER C. WRIGHT	 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	 5
†JOHN S. WALTON	 3	*FRANCIS J. WHITE	 Tenor

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THELMA STAPLES	.. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS	 4
†FRANK COOKE	 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	 Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

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

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THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Treble	PHILIP KEENE .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. 5
RICHARD N. E. RAVEN .. 3	DESMOND FERGUSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung on the Feast of St. Valentine. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, and a 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 60 methods: (1) Northumberland, Whitley, Wooler, Carlisle, Cuncastre, Lindley; (2) Luton, Ripley, Rhyl, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Bamborough, Linden, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (3) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Brampton, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn; (4) Bangor, Sleaford, Grantham, Ingatstone, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden, Netherwood, Sandiacre; (5) Beighton, Redcar, Appleby, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Beverley, Surfleet, Eastwood, Caithness; (6) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale, Annable's London; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 177 changes of method.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

The most Surprise methods yet rung to a peal.

The following methods are rung for the first time:—

Purleigh. 36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5.
Quendon. 36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5.
Broomfield. x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5.
Fyfield. x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5.
Pattiswick. x 36 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5.
Terling. x 36 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5.
Ingatstone (previously known as Chester-le-Street, now renamed).
34 x 36, 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 34, 5.
Orsett. 34 x 36, 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5.
Upshire. 34 x 36, 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5.
All methods have seconds place lead-ends.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANIA AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4
ANTHONY LOCKE .. 2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
GRAHAM D. CARTER .. 3	MICHAEL J. TRENOWETH .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung after meeting short for Triples.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	JOHN A. BOOTH .. 4
*REGINALD CHATTERTON .. 2	COLIN H. DEWSNAP .. 5
*DEREK F. WOOD .. 3	GILES B. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

CHARLES W. SAMS .. Treble	BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 4
ALFRED A. LIVINGSTON .. 2	JOHN MCPHAIL .. 5
WALTER P. SAMS .. 3	WILLIAM H. ALEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. ALEY.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. A. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay for their golden wedding (February 14th).

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*MRS. MARGARET GODWIN .. Treble	CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN .. 4
*WILFRED C. GODWIN .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. 5
*PETER J. HERITAGE .. 3	EDWARD R. VENN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal of Minor.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire.
Tenor 21 cwt. 67 lb. in E flat.

J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. Treble	ALAN F. LEE .. 4
*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 5
DAVID J. BARNETT .. 3	RONALD M. FRENCH .. Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE J. MILSOM.

* First peal in four methods. First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Edward Elkins (Ted), who was a loyal member of the local band.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

*WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	*TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' First in the method on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

RICHARD HOLT .. Treble	STANLEY ATKINSON .. 4
DAVID VINCENT .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 5
DAVID YOUNG .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

To the honoured memory of Percy H. Derbyshire.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

*MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	†ROBERT HATCHER .. 4
†BRYAN A. ELLSMORE .. 2	†GEORGE T. COUSINS .. 5
†JOHN HOPE .. 3	†FRANK REED .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being six extents of Grandsire and April Day, and five each of Old Bob, Northrepps, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*ALAN HOLLING .. Treble	N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 3
*AMY WARNES .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4

MICHAEL W. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal in eight methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2	*ALFRED BALLARD .. 7—8
*MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 3—4	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 9—10
*PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5—6	†ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11—12

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Maximus in the method on handbells. † First in the method on handbells. This is the first peal of Maximus in the method ever to be rung on handbells. The ringers of 5—6 and 7—8 have now rung Major to Maximus both 'in hand' and on tower bells.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(The Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

*JEREMY A. TANDY .. 1—2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3—4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5—6	

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal 'in hand.' First 'in hand' as conductor.

HALF PEAL

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 27th, 3,840 Doubles (1,200 Reverse Canterbury and 2,640 Plain Bob): E. D. Gibson 1, A. F. Hall 2, R. I. Gosling 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, K. Whittaker 6. First half peal by all the band. Longest length for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Brian Manning.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Munroe 1, J. Bagnall 2, H. Wood 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. Ellisdon 5, G. Richins 6, F. H. Crawley 7, A. Metters 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Ellisdon, father of ringer of 5.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Pryke 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Winney 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Martins, on the occasion of the visit of the Archdeacon of Southend.

HLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden (first in method 'inside') 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, P. Corderoy 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, E. J. Grace 8. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 8.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3): P. Kirkby (first quarter) 1, Frances Fairbank 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, Rita M. Jowett 5, S. B. Schofield 6, H. B. Schofield 7, A. Smith 8, V. Bottomley 9, F. A. Munday (cond.) 10. First in the method for 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Jan. 28th, 1,311 Stedman Cinquses: R. G. Hooper 1, F. C. Mogford 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, F. Hansford 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, A. E. Cox 8, P. J. Bird 9, T. P. Edwards 10, D. Heighon 11, E. F. Hancock 12. Rung following Evensong, as a compliment to David and Bridget Heighon, prior to their leaving Bristol for Lowestoft.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Judith M. Atkinson 1, Dorothy M. Stafford 2, J. M. Stallard 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, C. Tyndale Biscoe 5, S. M. J. Young 6, A. R. Kench 7, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Scarrott 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, Jennifer M. Gambling 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, C. M. Foster 6, C. Tyndale Biscoe 7, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 8, A. R. Kench 9, E. G. Mould 10. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Busch 1, Jane Tuffin 2, Jennifer M. Gambling 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, C. M. Foster 5, J. M. Stallard 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, D. M. Sawyer 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Collett 1, Mary Busch 2, T. Samuelson 3, W. J. Scarrott 4, E. G. Mould (first as cond.) 5. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four variations): Diana Chapman 1, Janet Phillips 2, W. J. Scarrott 3, I. C. Maycock 4, D. M. Sawyer (cond.) 5, S. M. J. Young 6.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, Rev. R. Rotter 2, Mary Russell 3, Rev. B. Prior 4, Rev. W. P. Dowling 5, Rev. D. P. Angold 6, Rev. A. de Guingand 7, W. G. Lawers 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury (first away from treble) 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in memoriam Ted Coward, of Dorking.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Turner 1, N. M. Newby jun. 2, W. T. Turner 3, D. K. Bell 4, W. Wall 5, D. Vokes 6, A. H. Wood 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication of the new Scout Colours.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, Olive Boulden 2, Ethel Clear 3, C. Lloyd 4, G. F. Pratt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, C. A. Read 8. Rung half muffled in fond remembrance of Edward G. L. Coward, late captain of the above band, who was interred this day.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, P. Birkett 3, Miss A. Flather (first quarter) 4, A. Rogers 5, F. Linfoot 6, D. Smith 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. W. Bishop 1, Mrs. J. Davis (first 'inside') 2, H. C. R. Vine 3, G. Gorringe 4, J. Davis (first as cond.) 5, K. Knight 6. For Evensong, and an 80th birthday compliment to Canon C. Carew Cox. Also a 12th wedding anniversary to ringers of 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GUSSAGE ST. MICHAEL, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. A. Bull 1, Judith A. Harding 2, W. J. Foot 3, R. C. W. Robertson 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. F. Albages 6. First in three methods by all the band.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, J. Pares 2, P. Myers 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, G. Weston 5, I. Hyde (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for all except the conductor, Rung after Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Ellenor (first quarter) 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Walton 4, A. Betsworth 5, B. Kercher 6. A birthday compliment to Rosemary Walton, member of the local band.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Bagworth 1, A. Bagworth 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, Ruth Forman 4, M. P. Barton 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, R. Abbot 8. For Evensong.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Baker (first Surprise Minor) 1, Miss E. Overend 2, N. Knce (first Cambridge Minor) 3, F. Stratford 4, G. Massey (cond.) 5, E. Hinchins 6. Rung on back six, after meeting short for a peal of Double Norwich.

NAIASEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (including Pitman's and Morris' 240's): T. P. Phillips 1, P. Blake 2, Mrs. M. Powell 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Jennifer Brake 6. The conductor has now completed 25 years as a ringer in the tower.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Martins.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nancy Kempell 1, W. Dunn 2, K. Game 3, V. Griggs 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. G. L. ('Ted') Coward.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. Chandler 1, F. Reed (cond.) 2, J. Hope 3, R. Hatcher 4, G. Cousins 5, B. Ellsmore 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. T. Hughes, Yatt Farm, Old Radnor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss M. A. Shepherd (first quarter of Stedman) 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, H. F. Myers 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Streeter 1, A. T. Shelton 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Game 4, C. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. Streeter 7, Joan Hanning 8. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Freda M. Streeter 1, K. Game 2, R. J. Talbot 3, E. G. Talbot 4, A. J. Bull 5, G. Oliver 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8, G. Fennings 9, Joan Hanning 10. Rung in affectionate remembrance of E. G. L. Coward, who rang his last touch in this tower on February 6th—two days before his death.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, A. Chettle 2, B. Whitworth 3, S. Hodgkins 4, J. Clifton 5, A. Gibbs 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, G. Smith 8. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bailey 1, G. Ridd 2, S. C. Driver 3, Louise Gallini 4, G. Piper 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Ridd cover. First of Minor 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the second birthday of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 11th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, A. C. Clayton 4, H. H. Abraham 5, E. C. Read 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the Bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson.

SLOUGH, BUCKs.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda J. Kew 1, D. K. Walters 2, J. F. Bowler (first in the method 'inside') 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, A. D. Rivers 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. In memoriam Herbert Worsfold, former Slough bellringer.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs (first quarter, aged 84) 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, M. T. Stimson 3, A. J. Stimson 4, C. Tyler 5, R. Hill (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wallace (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Eldridge (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. Faithfull 3, R. Faithfull 4, O. N. Curtis 5, D. F. House 6, J. R. Faithfull (first as cond.) 7, J. Pitfield 8. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Winchester (the Rt. Rev. S. F. Allison), who preached at Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George the Martyr, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Euston 1, Marilyn Barton (first of Stedman) 2, Rita Gasson (first of Stedman) 3, B. R. Cox 4, J. C. Eisel 5, D. Martin 6, P. Catermole (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, G. Pratt 8.

STAINES, MIDDx.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Skipsey 1, Miss L. Skipsey 2, R. Wiggins 3, B. Bartlett 4, M. Bartlett 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At 14, Poplar Road, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Nicholls (first quarter 'in hand' aged 71) 5—6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Chapple 1, Mary Marshall 2, Pat Woodward-Smith 3, A. Stacey 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. For Confirmation. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana St. Laurent (first quarter) 1, Mary Marshall 2, H. Chapple 3, A. Stacey 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. Price 1, G. K. Dodd 2, W. Hunt 3, Mary Marshall 4, R. Rex (cond.) 5, A. Stacey 6, A. Sayers 7, A. Christopher 8. To mark the baptism of Alison Jane Butler.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gore 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, R. Huddleston 4, F. R. Hussey 5, C. Abbott 6, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 7, W. Naylor 8. Rung by Bristol Rural Branch members from St. Ambrose's and Henbury.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, at the Church of St. Saviour, Tor Mohun, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pearl Mileham (first quarter) 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, A. I. Garbett 3, W. J. Harvey 4, P. A. Lock 5, F. White (first in the method) 6. Rung on practice evening as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Butler 1, R. Howes 2, G. McIlhorne 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, R. Dyke 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, Susan Howes 8. First of Grandsire Triples for all except the conductor. Rung for the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Howes. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Butler. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower'.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. D. Barnes 1, G. G. Cherrett 2, Judith A. Harding (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. A. Bull 5, C. M. Heawood 6. First quarter in two methods by all. A compliment to R. G. W. Robertson on attaining a diploma in Technology.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Jan. 6th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Sawyer 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, C. W. Otley 4, D. G. Hollis 5, F. A. Ranson 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. H. Lott 8. Rung for the Epiphany Festival of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Luxford 1, D. Sykes 2, J. Foster 3, A. Luxford 4, J. Martin 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to John and Mary Foster.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,296 Minor (Double Court, Cambridge): J. Linnell 1, C. Truman 3, D. Burbridge 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, C. E. Green (cond.) 2, C. E. Truman 3, D. Burbridge 4, T. E. Roberts 5, W. A. Yates 6, F. C. Case 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong, also to commemorate the completion of 50 years' active ringing by F. C. Case.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Jenkins 1, D. P. Hilling 2, A. Wenban 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glas 5, W. Birmingham 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Johnson, vergier at St. John's Church, and Herbert E. Worsfold, former ringer at Burnham and Slough.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 13th, at Sunny View, 1,260 Spliced Major (480 Plain Bob, 240 Little Bob and 540 Gainsborough Little Bob, 89 changes of method): J. R. Heath 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, R. J. Palmer 7—8. First quarter of Major in three methods by all.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The tenth annual dinner will be held at the Midland Drapery Restaurant, Derby, on Saturday, March 3rd, at 6.45 p.m. Ringing at Derby Cathedral 3.45 to 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Halls.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Cambridge and Double Norwich practice will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, March 3rd, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manson Road, Exeter. 9772

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Bradley on March 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston, Staffs.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 9715

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 3rd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9714

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

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening practice at Broseley, March 3rd. Ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m. 9773

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Bushey (8), March 3rd, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, 4.30. Meeting, 6 p.m., in Institute.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, All Saints', Leicester, March 3rd. Tea 4.45 p.m., St. Margaret's Rooms.—A. J. Poynor. 9790

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Blechley. 9704

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Rannmoor, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 9739

SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hothly (6), on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9711

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Prior, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Hanbury (8) also available 7-9 p.m. Practice method: Oxford Treble Bob Major. Names for tea to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9721

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 5th, 7 p.m. 9771

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided free.—J. W. Buxton. 9776

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Next monthly meeting, Sandy, March 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods for this six bell tower: St. Clement's and Hull.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9779

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. J. Parker, 188, Queensgate, Bridlington. 9751

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 10th. Ringing arrangements: St. Bene't's, 2-3 p.m.; St. Andrew the Great, 3-4; St. Mary the Great, 4-5; R.C. Church, 5-6; St. Andrew's, Chester-ton, 5-6 p.m. 9777

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, March 10th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield. 9789

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, March 10th, annual meeting at Colemans Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business, in the Parish Room. Names by 8th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Harfield, Sussex. Everyone please support.—C. A. Bassett. 9713

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Whitminster (6), Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. Fry, 86, Boverton Drive, Brockworth, Gloucester. 9754

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tisbury (6), Saturday, March 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 8th to Mr. H. Ball, New Inn, Tisbury, Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 9761

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Awre, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspar, Brook House, Blakeney. 9783

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, March 10th. Stratton St. Margaret (8). Names for tea by Wednesday to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9774

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place at Guildford on Saturday, March 10th. Ringing: 2.30-4 p.m. at St. Nicolas', Holy Trinity and Stoke: 6.45 approx.-8.15 p.m. at St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's, Woodbridge Road. Tea (buffet) and business 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, 6th, to S. T. Russell (Hon. Sec.), Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 9734

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 9794

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch) annual meeting at Linton, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meetings to follow.—M. W. G. and S. M. D. 9759

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Saturday, March 10th, annual District meeting, Burnham-on-Sea. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Church Hall; meeting to follow. Names for tea by March 8th to Mr. W. H. Mitchell, 23, Abingdon Street, Burnham-on-Sea.—B. Johnson. 9769

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, Saturday, March 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to D. Thomas, 8, High Keppelway, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 9787

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', East Crompton, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, to Mr. G. Abbott, 16, Waveney Road, Rushcroft, Shaw, Oldham.—J. P. Partington. 9762

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, March 10th. A.6 road, buses 130, 140, 150, alight Roebuck. No tea arrangements, cafe nearby.—L. Walmsley. 9775

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoby on March 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting in 'Blue Bell' Hoby, at 4.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. J. Burnham, Church Lane, Hoby, by March 7th. All honorary and ringing members cordially invited.—M. Stimson, Hon. Sec. 9755

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 10th, 4.30 to 6 p.m. St. Mary's, Walthamstow; 7-8 p.m. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. No formal business. Tea, local cafes.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. 9791

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 10th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A., followed by business meeting at St. Giles', and evening ringing until 8 p.m. 9766

OXFORD DIO. GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marsh Gibbon (5), Saturday, March 10th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks. 9709

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), March 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Miss Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 9784

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marn-hull, Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Stalbridge available after meeting. All welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 7th.—Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 9753

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8) on March 10th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 21, Barnard Street, Wem, by the previous Wednesday. Ringing and Service at the usual times. 9741

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, March 10th. Bells 3 to 6.30 p.m. Please take on food, cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 9763

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8), Saturday, March 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9765

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Slinfold (6) on March 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9782

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Hambledon on March 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. C. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 9785

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 10th. Afternoon ringing from 3 p.m. at Bidford-on-Avon (8), followed by service at 4.30 p.m., tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Cleeve Prior (6) from 7 p.m. (approximately). Names for tea, please, by March 6th to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham. 9780

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Dinner at the Prenton Hotel, Birkenhead, on Friday, March 16th, 8 p.m. Tickets (14s. 6d.) from C. K. Cooper, 10, Westmoreland Road, New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire. 9760

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting and Hot Pot Supper at Wythenshawe Athletic Pavilion on Friday, March 16th, at 7.30 p.m. Names for supper before March 12th to B. S. Sheppard, 1, Victoria Road, Manchester 19. 9757

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 9748

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Annual supper and social in Danbury Village Hall on Saturday, March 17th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets available from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, at 5s. 6d. S.A.E. please. All welcome. 9699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Meopham on Saturday March 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to M. P. Sage, 37, Huntingfield Road, Meopham. 9778

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Brant Broughton (6), March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Single Court, Double Oxford. Names for tea to Mr. F. Derry, High Street, Brant Broughton, by Wednesday previous. No names no tea.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 9786

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17th. Names for tea to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairaeres Road, Oxford, by Wednesday, March 14th.—M. R. Cross. 9525

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glaston, March 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 9792

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill. 9744

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 17th, at Elston. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 9768

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Blechingley, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by March 15th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec., 40, Woodside Way, Redhill. 9758

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northowram, Saturday, March 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parochial Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 14th, to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marlton Road, Northowram, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9788

SURREY-GUILDFORD MERGER IS OFF

The proposed merger is off. At the end of the special general meeting of the Surrey Association at St. John's, Croydon, on February 24th, the votes of both Societies were counted and the result was:

	For	Against	Totals
Guildford Diocesan Guild	19	125	144
Surrey Association	38	39	77

This meeting was the climax of two years' work. Following moves in the Leatherhead District, the Guildford Guild had passed a resolution at their March, 1960, A.G.M., which initiated proceedings. Two committees had been set up, and by February 1961, had agreed on a common basis for the new Society. The proposals were publicised, and special general meetings of both Societies were arranged, to decide in principle by secret ballot whether a merger should take place. Identical resolutions were to be put, and the votes of both Societies counted at the same time at the second of the two meetings. Seventy-five per cent of members present and voting in favour in each Society were required for a change.

The Guildford Guild had held their meeting at Guildford on January 13th (reported on page 51 of 'The Ringing World'), and now the outcome was awaited with excitement.

It is not often that issues of this kind have to be decided in the Exercise, and everyone at Saturday's meeting was conscious of a sense of history. The mood was set by the Vicar at service, taking as his theme the Apostles' choice of Matthias to replace Judas, from Acts i. 15. It was heightened at the meeting, when Mr. Collins and Mr. Denyer paid tributes to the late Ted Coward, whose tragic death is a loss indeed to the Guild and the Association. The merger was very much to his heart, and had he been present members would have been surely influenced by him.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, offered time for discussion, but, sensing the atmosphere, warned members that he would allow only two minutes per speaker. If anything, this only served to increase tension. But, remarkably, no one had anything to say, and laughter and good humour returned as Messrs. Collins and Parrott proposed that 'we get on with it.' So, in a few more minutes, the white ballot papers had been issued, and the votes cast and counted.

The ballot of each Society was announced by its own Master: Mr. Denyer first, Mr. Darby second. Now we knew what most had guessed.

Both emphasised, as a postscript, the good relations between the two Societies, and knew they would continue. It was right to press an issue such as this to its conclusion, so as to clear the air of argument and to help members realise more the value of their own Society. The Guild at least had achieved a record membership in 1961!

The deed done, members returned either homewards through the icy east wind, or to resume ringing on St. John's twelve bells in the usual congenial ringers' company—as if nothing extraordinary had happened.

F. E. R.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Reginald John Whitford, of 96, Ash Road, Aldershot, died peacefully in his sleep on February 23rd, aged 57. He was a member of the Aldershot tower and married Miss Nancie Denyer, daughter of the late Mr. William Denyer.

Lancashire ringing has had a big loss by the death of Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, who, for over 60 years, rang at St. Mark's, Worsley. He was vice-president of the Lancashire Association in 1958, and a life member.

'DISTINGUISHED VISITORS'

'Twas Sunday morn on a dull winter's day
As to the church I made my way.
Prospects for ringing were poor. I knew,
For our captain was off on a Firemen's do.
I arrived at the tower a little bit late,
Bad habit of mine, I'm sad to relate.
I really must try to mend my ways
As they'd already started bells to raise.

As I slipped into belfry, I had quite a start
For several strangers were taking part.
They appeared quite at home at handling ropes
'Perhaps they ring changes,' were our hopes.
'Doubles,' says leader, '4, 6, 8 behind.'
Their limitations attempting to find.
They join in gladly: Grandsire Triples, too,
And very soon Stedman, they are pulling us through.

'Twas obvious now, these chaps from the blue
Were no ordinary ringers like me and you;
Our man-in-charge then a wise step took.
'Will you put your names in Visitors' Book?'
As they started to write all necks were craned
And sure enough they were all ringers famed.
Pat Cannon, Wilf Williams and Edwards, R. G.
Illustrious names, to mention just three.

It certainly was a thrill to ring
Alongside the famous Tenor King—
From conducting peals of Maximus,
I wonder what Wilfred thought of us?
Our skipper, of course, felt he could scream
At having missed this ringing cream.
'Really,' he said, 'it's hardly fair
When my absence is so very rare.'

There's a moral in this little tale:
When you're tired and feeling stale,
The weather's bad, you've a cold in the head
And are tempted to sit by the fire instead.
Just brace yourself! to your duty repair
There may be a treat awaiting you there.
'The famous' may next be to your tower led
As they dropped from heaven on Portishead!
A. J. G.

Quarter Peals

BERROW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Marjorie Legg 1, Mary Powell 2, F. B. Comer 3, G. Prescott (cond.) 4, D. H. White 5, J. S. B. Powell 6. Rung as a compliment to Peter Horsey and Pauline Sturdy, both ringers at this church, on the occasion of their marriage this day.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. M. Jenkins 1, P. J. Spice 2, Miss S. Copping 3, Miss M. E. Kirby (cond.) 4, D. G. Brown 5, P. W. Cave 6.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Williams 1, Mrs. D. Parsons 2, J. Romain 3, W. G. Mortimer 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. Beavan 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, F. Osmond 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Grant, parents of ringers 1 and 7.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): F. D. Mack 1, S. Skinner (cond.) 2, J. Carter 3, P. Jupp 4, D. Wills 5, R. Street 6.

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