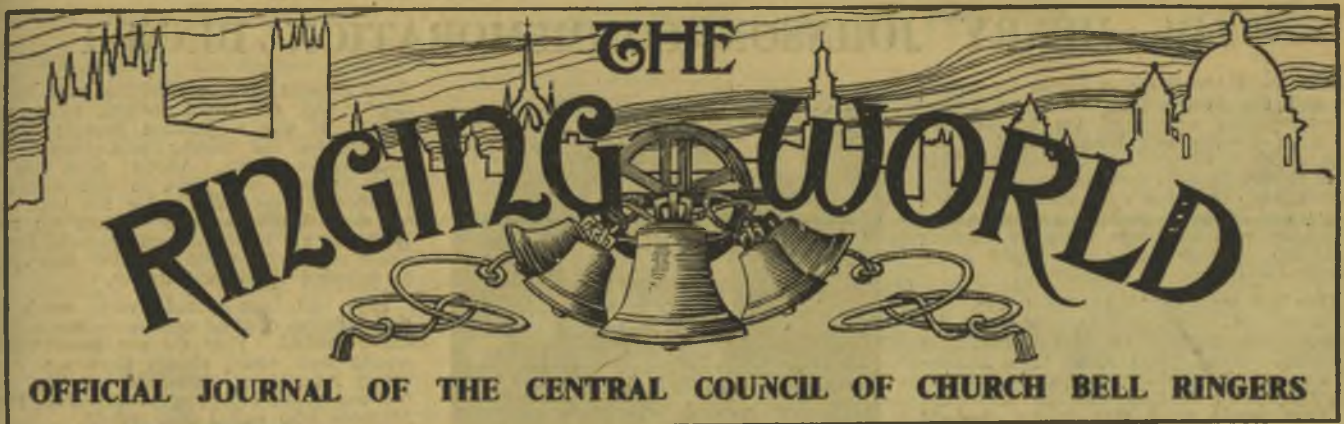




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PEALS AND THE PUBLIC

HOW does the public respond to bells? Moreover, what is the attitude of the man in the street to the bellringer? One feels obliged at the outset to inquire as to whether the present generation of non-ringers are as sympathetic towards bells and bellringers as their forefathers of 50 or 60 years ago. Obviously not!

Happily, the art of ringing bells has made rapid and energetic strides during the past 50 years. Unhappily, as the intricacies of change ringing increase and bellringers become more skilled, the uninitiated listener seemingly develops a coldness, a more distant attitude; even hostile reactions are directed against bells and their handlers.

Are we not overdoing it?

The age in which we live has given birth to a thousand-and-one discordant and harmful vibrations; industry, highways, offices, and even the very heavens contribute in ever-increasing measure to the raucous volume of everyday life.

Noise is a veritable curse inherited from, and aided and abetted by, spectacular advancement in all aspects of life. Frankly, people are glad to withdraw to the quietness of their homes—and that is not always possible—that they might escape for a little while the din of the outside world. Then, in the comfort of the home, bells are heard to ring... Turning an ivory knob will not end it.

Not so many years ago when skies were empty of foreign bodies, and highways emitted a horsey aroma, it was, I am told, a real pleasure to listen to the pealing of bells. Faces were bright, eyes shone and displayed genuine satisfaction after a hard but healthy day's work. No television, no record player... open the window and welcome the sound of the bells... bread and cheese for supper... and so to bed and early to rise. Silence became monotonous, and the sonorous changes of Kent Treble Bob provided soothing deviation to the mind.

How many peals have been rung in your tower during the past 12 months (if in a populated area)? Three? Six? Nine? Cast an eye over the next few lines...

Two/three peals, well spaced: Reasonable.

Four/five: Pushing it a bit.

Six/eight: (Unwilling listener) 'Those — bells.'

Eight/ten: (Unwilling listener) 'We must really see the Vicar about this.' Hostility towards the bellringers.

Eleven or more: Watch out!

Amusing? Maybe.

It helps, of course, if bells are muted and if arrangements exist by which belfry louvres can be closed, but how many churches are thus equipped?

Let it be admitted: the majority of non-ringers display considerable concern when they are subjected to a session of three hours' consistent ringing.

A few, usually elderly folk, speak fondly of bells; the mass—now let's be honest—tolerate bells. They climatise themselves with the habits of bellringers. They are aware that bells are usually rung between 10 and 11 a.m. and 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. each Sunday before service time. They also adjust themselves to a certain evening of the week when ringers congregate for practice.

Any other occasion when bells ring, for weddings, meetings and on outings, the cry is heard that the long-suffering public are being ill-treated. 'It is unfair,' they claim. But it is the lengthy peal which hurts most!

Ban peals! What would happen then? The Exercise would undoubtedly suffer an irreparable blow. One thing would emerge: a large percentage of ringers desirous of recording as many peals as possible for personal reasons would more than likely degenerate as far as Church and companionological interests are concerned. This would be the acid test—a means of distinguishment between those who are loyal to the Church and those who are loyal unto themselves.

Logically speaking, peals **must** be rung. But must they be legion and therefore damnable to our voluntary vocation? Is it necessary that dwellings in the precincts of a church be subjected to the 'meaningless' sound of bells engaged in peals seven or eight times a year?

Have you a guilty conscience?

A friend of the writer, waiting for the arrival of a team shortly before a peal attempt at a church near where a housing estate had been developed, said: 'In a way I'm looking forward to this peal, but hate to think that some people over there will despise us for our efforts.'

Bellringing cannot be likened to a game of bowls. Bells intrude... but they are meant to. In mediæval times they were an essential part of life to the laity; they exist to call, to remind, to exhort. At least one bell is inscribed, 'I praise the true God.' Alas, who really cares in these days?

It is only natural that the bellringer will uphold and defend the noble traditions and qualities embodied in his ancient art. He will argue the obvious necessity of ringing peals, but let him not forget that the man in the street has every right to insist that 'timeless' lengths are hideous, unreasonable and nerve-racking to say the least. To be subjected to that 'cacaphony of sound' once a month is assuredly most unfair.

The times in which we live can and will create enthusiasm, but this should be tempered by patience, consideration, and, where necessary, moderation.

A ringer must learn to give and take, lest in future years the frailty of human endurance, unnaturally excited by rigorous applications allied to modern progress and its ill-gotten, irrepressible accompaniment of noise, urges him to take much and give little.

T. A. B.

74th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

BIRMINGHAM is still a Mecca for ringers and the 74th annual 'Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on February 24th, drew visitors from as far afield as Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This year's chairman was Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, perhaps an appropriate choice, as with retirement from the teaching profession later this year, he might reside outside the Diocese of Birmingham.

After the toast of 'H.M. the Queen,' the chairman read the apologies, and these included a telegram from Mr. Stan Mason, from California, stating, 'Best wishes for a successful evening.' He said they would all remember Mr. Mason as a very fine bellringer and some of them would recall that famous peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter, in which he took part with Mr. Wilfrid Williams. Mr. Shepherd said he was sorry that their old friend, Mr. Frank Smallwood, was not too well and his doctor would not let him travel very far.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' Mr. Frank E. Haynes said in the toast he would prefer to look at the Church from the point of view of ringers. They all knew that they were servants of the Church and proud to be so. They were also in the unique position that in their service to the Church they indulged in their favourite hobby. Many of them, in addition to ringing on Sundays, rang a number of peals throughout the year. How often did they read in letters to 'The Ringing World' suggestions that peal ringers were not displaying Christian virtues.

PEAL RINGERS' VIRTUES

Mr. Haynes maintained that peal ringers displayed Christian virtues. They displayed patience in standing for three to three and a half hours at the end of a rope, waiting for the end to come. He felt also that peal ringing developed tolerance when XYZ had not struck one blow properly. Peal ringing also encouraged a spirit of forgiveness, when, after 34 hours of good ringing, they put on their coats, paid a shilling to the Bell Rope Fund and 'The Ringing World' and were then told that the peal was false.

'I do feel,' concluded Mr. Haynes, 'that the Church and State are trying to make things too simple. The State makes everything easy with State aid and welfare aid, and even the Church has come down to simplifying the services, altering long words and encouraging children to attend Holy Communion services that they may try to get people to understand more about it.'

The Provost of Birmingham (the Rt. Rev. George Sinker), who replied, thanked the St. Martin's Guild for the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung the previous Saturday at his installation. He said he knew nothing that was more fun, as he said in his sermon at his installation, than in being a Christian. When he was ringing the bell at his induction he hoped he tolled enough times for the rest of his life. In Australia, someone asked him where he was going to die. He replied, 'I hope to lay my bones in England eventually,' but he could now say, 'I hope to lay my bones in Birmingham.'

MEMORIES OF HENRY JOHNSON

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by Ald. A. Paddon Smith, who said there was very little one could say to add to what had been said to the memory of Henry Johnson. He himself had paid tribute in years gone by and so had many others. He never knew him—he was a bit too young—but he had had opportunities of talking to many who knew him and one was George Mitchison, who was 92 when he died. George Mitchison told him that when very young he took part in a peal that Henry Johnson was conducting. The striking was poor. Henry Johnson after a time set his bell and went over to him and said, 'What brings you here? You cannot ring your bell. Get some practice and then come and ring a peal.'



MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Johnson, said the Alderman, was a wonderful man: a wonderful conductor who never lost a peal through a conductor's fault. He was one of the first to introduce the turning course in Stedman Caters and Cinques at the middle and not the end. He composed many peals of Stedman Cinques and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques of 9,238 changes on his 72nd birthday in 1881.

In 1889, to celebrate his 80th birthday, invitations to a banquet were issued by Sir Arthur Heywood to all officials of ringing societies and prominent ringers throughout the country. This gathering was perhaps the most representative ever held and from it emanated the present Council of Church Bell-ringers.

Johnson died the following year, Jan. 7th, 1890, and was buried at Aston. Many of them had looked at the stone and they were grateful to Canon Warman, Vicar of Aston, for his care of it. The inscription on the stone reads:

'This stone is erected by the Ringers of England in grateful memory of
Henry Johnson,
to whose ability and enthusiasm the art of
change-ringing is widely indebted.
Born at Lichfield, February 28th, 1809.
Died at Aston, January 2nd, 1890.
"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do
it with all thy might."

FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE

Mr. Thomas J. Warner, of Solihull, proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' and recalled that it was more than 30 years ago that he attended his first Henry Johnson dinner. To a young ringer from a suburban church it was rather a frightening experience to ring at St. Martin's in those days. If he made a mistake and incurred the displeasure of those ringing at the heavy end, they would continue to ring with one hand and with the other belabour the unfortunate individual.

The toast 'Continued Prosperity' asked a question. For St. Martin's Guild only the best ringing was good enough and who was there in the ringing Exercise who always gave his best? They had lost one who was like Henry Johnson—a man who was always ready to help: nobody could be more helpful than Albert Walker.

There were three standards by which they could judge their prosperity. Was it by their Sunday service ringing, because he believed that bells were provided for calling people to church? Was it by training new recruits to become established ringers, because it was important that new recruits should be brought in? Was the Ringing Master satisfied that

those brought in were receiving good instruction? Was the Guild thriving as regarded peals? It was a pleasant thought that at Birmingham the regular peal ringers were good service ringers. Another point was how much support was given to that dinner by members of the Guild? He felt there were too many Guild members who did not come. It should not be the annual headache for the Guild secretary; it was a matter that should be attended to in local towers.

They all appreciated very much the thoroughness of their officers in the way the Guild worked. They did not know whether among their young ringers there was not a Henry Johnson of tomorrow, but they knew that among the older ringers there were Henry Johnsons who pulled their weight.

The reply to the toast came from the chairman, who said when they looked at the history of the Society, which went back nearly 200 years, they were astonished at the number of people connected with the Society and the vast variety of characteristics. There were such people as Samuel Roberts, Thurstans, Lates and Henry Cooper, a silversmith at the time the silver cup of the Guild was lost.

ALBERT WALKER

Since they last met they had lost George Mitchison, the last of the people who knew Henry Johnson, and the great friend of all of them—Albert Walker. Albert really was a very astonishing man. His grasp of Stedman was simply amazing as well as his indomitable courage—he was always prepared to say, 'We'll have another go.' He was one of those people who not only made the lot of the beginner tolerant but helped him to progress, particularly in the field of conducting. Albert knew what it was to be without a conductor. When he started at St. Martin's, there was no conductor; he struggled hard to make certain that there was always a conductor there. He was certainly the friend of all the ringing Exercise.

Mr. Warner, in his speech, had touched on three important things—Sunday service ringing, recruiting and peal ringing—upon which depended continued prosperity. About Sunday service ringing they had heard a great deal about church attendance. He would commend to them the article by Canon Carew Cox, in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of December 8th, in which he stated that no one had a right to take part in service ringing unless he believed it was part of the service, but they knew it was not always possible for ringers to attend every service.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCE

The second question was an interesting one. Recently he was reading the history of the old Holt Society at Aston, about 1880-81. The Holts only rang in their own tower, rang a number of peals and existed for 10 years.

In 1889 the Holt Society and the St. Martin's Youths met in Birmingham and the reason for amalgamation was that the St. Martin's Youths should give more help outside its own tower. It meant that the influence of the Society was becoming available to people in other parts of the diocese and they knew the impact at Solihull, where the new band there received considerable help from St. Martin's Guild. Out of this came the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Speaking of peal ringing, Mr. Shepherd said not very long ago he had the privilege of ringing in a peal of Cambridge Maximus and discovered at the finish that it was false. That was not the end, they went for another peal of Maximus and lost that after three hours. They had rung for 6½ hours without a peal. There was not the slightest grudge against anybody; they all accepted the situation.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' 'We have,' he said, 'many old friends and some new ones with them. To the new Provost they extended a sincere welcome and they were also pleased to see Canon and Mrs. Warman, who had been with them on many occasions. Their visitors included a strong

Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

contingent from Newcastle upon Tyne and Mr. Herbert C. Spencer, who was now spending his time in Devonshire.

A witty reply came from Mr. Geoffrey Fletcher, organist, and choirmaster at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The concluding toast, that of 'The Ringing World,' was proposed by Mr. Frederick Ross. The Editor, in his reply, paid tribute to the memory of Albert Walker, whom he regarded as the Henry Johnson of our day and generation. The jubilee year had been a good one for their journal. There was plenty of gold in the jubilee issue and it sold well. Financially, 1961 had been a satisfactory year for 'The Ringing World.'

A touch of Stedman Caters was rung by J. C. Millhouse 1—2, F. W. Perrens 3—4, R. C. Ingram 5—6, E. C. Shepherd 7—8, F. E. Haynes 9—10.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the chairman and Mrs. Edgar Shepherd, on the top table were the Provost of Birmingham (Bishop Sinker) and Mrs. Sinker. Canon and Mrs. Warman, Rev. P. S. Vaughan (St. Martin's), Ald A. Paddon Smith, Lt.-Col. D. and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, Messrs. P. Taylor, F. E. Haynes, F. J. Warner, F. Ross and T. W. White.

From Newcastle upon Tyne there were Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lea, the Misses E. Murskett and I. Thompson, Messrs. G. S. Deas, J. E. Anderson, E. N. Harris, N. Errington and A. R. Patterson.

The big contingent from the London area included the Misses G. Neil Smith and N. Essen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Messrs. R. B. Meadows, J. D. Rock, W. Williams, B. Downes, T. N. Bailey, W. A. Theobald, E. J. Munday, W. Deason, R. G. Leale, A. N. Stubbs, A. J. Bagworth.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley (Knebworth), Mr. J. L. Millhouse and Miss B. Millhouse (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer (Kingsteignton), Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg (Solihull), the Misses G. Schofield (Bradford), M. Reay, M. Turner, L. M. Hughes and J. Cotterell, Messrs. J. Pinfold, H. H. Fearn, D. Bennett (Oxford), W. Leeson and C. Dale (Solihull), J. A. Anderson, P. D. Warren, R. J. Tingley, F. W. Walker, H. J. Turner, R. C. Morris (Worcestershire), R. W. Pipe, D. J. Purnell, J. K. Foot, E. Mansell, A. Ager, J. McDonald, R. G. Edwards (Bristol), D. T. Darby (Oxford), D. Ingram and B. Downie.

Miscellaneous Performances

At Milton Abbey, Dorset, on February 22nd, 1962, in 2 hours and 1 minute, in the belfry of the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Sampson, a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minimus (210 extents): Robert E. Master-Curtis 1—2, Thomas R. Christie 3—4. Rung non-conducted on handbells as a compliment to Mr. W. T. Doar, M.A., Mus.B., and Miss A. S. Killick on their engagement.

A 'peal' of 5,088 Plain Bob Minimus was rung 'in hand' on February 25th in 1 hour 36 minutes, at 6, Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Staffs, by Michael Wilshaw (14) 1—2, David J. Danby (15) 3—4. This was their first in Minimus, and was rung as a birthday compliment to David Danby.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER

PREPARATIONS for our dinner seem to have been going on for so long now that it hardly seems possible that the long-awaited day has come and gone. We considered ourselves very optimistic at the outset in hoping that we might be able to persuade a few more people to join us than we did last year. Miraculously, however, the demand for tickets surpassed even our wildest dreams, and, all told, just over a hundred people were present in the Odeon Cinema Restaurant, Nottingham, on February 17th, after an excellent day's ringing in local churches. Unfortunately, our president, Mr. Paul Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor, and the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins, chaplain to the Society, were prevented from coming by illness.

The Master, Mr. David Friend, proposed the toast of 'The Queen'; and then, after a short pause, called upon Mr. Gordon Halls to propose the toast of 'The Society.' This, Mr. Halls proceeded to do in time-honoured fashion, his speech being largely irrelevant but highly amusing and altogether most enjoyable.

Mr. Roy Tiffin, who replied, dwelt briefly on the activities of the Society during the year. Before concluding, he said that it was felt that the Master of the Society, in common with those of some other University Societies, should have a chain of office; and that one had duly been acquired. On behalf of the Society, he presented Mr. Friend with a small red barrel, mounted on a chain.

The Master, in his reply, thanked Mr. Tiffin and the Society for the gift. In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' he welcomed our guests, particularly those from other universities, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Southampton.

A humorous reply came from Mr. Denis Carlisle, who said he felt hardly qualified to do so, as he was not only a past student of this university, but had also rung with members of the Society on numerous occasions. He also apologised for the Mr. Halls' speech, which he claimed to have written as well as his own. This may well have been true, since the company showed every sign of having enjoyed both equally.

The speeches over, a general movement was made towards the bar, where there was ample opportunity to meet friends old and new.

It was then announced that a team, suitably equipped with handbells and appropriately numbered cards, would give a demonstration of change ringing. The ringers stood in a line, each in the position in which he was to ring. Despite the conviviality of the evening, this proceeded fairly smoothly, and members of the company were invited to try their hands at this somewhat energetic pastime. Finally, a race was staged between two teams, the result being a dead heat for all concerned.

By this time the evening was drawing to a close, but not before a group from Derby, ably led by Messrs. Halls and Carlisle, had entertained with a song of their own composition. The singers appeared to enjoy this as well as their audience, so everyone was well pleased.

On this happy note the evening came to an end, leaving us with only two tasks—the first, and rather more immediate, being to drag ourselves home to a well deserved rest; and the second being to start thinking about our third annual dinner.



Wearing his recently-presented badge of office, the Master (Mr. David Friend) welcomes the guests. On his right is Mrs. D. R. Carlisle and on his left Mrs. G. A. Halls.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Loddon was again the venue for the Eastern Branch annual meeting on February 10th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. R. Niham, and the organist was Mr. Spurgeon.

At the business meeting, attended by the Association president (Mr. Nolan Golden) and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett), the following were elected to offices: Mr. E. R. Goate, chairman; Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, secretary; Mr. G. G. Walpole, Ringing Master; Miss D. Lidbetter and Mr. W. B. Duncan, as Branch representatives on the Association Standing Committee, and Messrs. C. Bailey, A. W. Bird, T. Brock, J. Forder and J. Gorrod, committee.

Dates chosen for meetings in 1962 were June 2nd, September 22nd and December 1st, with February 16th, 1963, for the Branch annual meeting. The June meeting will be held at Lowestoft, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made.

The belfry election, prior to a peal at Great Yarmouth last Boxing Day, was ratified, and Wendy Hilton Barbara Hodder, Brenda Sampson, Stephen High and Michael Solomon were elected to ringing membership.

A discussion took place on the possibility of the Branch participating in a proposed Association striking competition and the outcome was that the Kessingland and Norton bands were prepared to enter such a contest.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the oldest member of the Branch, Mr. R. E. Browne, of Loddon, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, as it was unfortunately not possible for him to attend the meeting. The chairman welcomed several Suffolk ringers to the meeting and also said how pleased they were to have Miss Doris Lidbetter with them once again, she having recovered from her accident last summer.

The president suggested the Branch consider holding practice meetings as some other branches were doing. Mr. G. Walpole thanked Canon Niham for allowing Norton ringers to practise at Loddon whilst their own bells were unringable because of tower rebuilding work.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Niham, Mr. Spurgeon, Mr. Bailey (the verger) and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett, who with their other lady helpers provided the usual splendid tea.

P. G. W. N.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOSTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I should like to add a personal note to the account of Boston bells. During the restoration of the tower in 1931, I was called in by the Rev. H. Law James to advise about the bells. I spent a week-end at Surfleet in September of that year, and we went over to Boston on the Saturday. I appreciated at once why there had been so many attempts before the only peal was rung. The ringers stood in a ditch round the vault and could see little but the head and arms of the ringers on the opposite side of the tower. There was much movement of the tower and the noise was appalling, as there was no intermediate floor below the bells. The problem was to overcome these three difficulties.

First to reduce the movement of the tower I suggested that the metal of the eight bells be recast into ten, reducing the weight of the tenor from 28 cwt. to about 21 cwt., giving a 25 per cent reduction in the horizontal force exerted by the tenor. I was also sure that if the new frame was suitably designed, particularly with regard to the position of the ropes, a much greater reduction was possible in the combined horizontal force set up by the whole ring. Of this I felt so confident that I proposed raising the bell frame another 8 feet in spite of the fact that, other things being equal, this would add about 14 per cent to the movement of the tower at the level of the bell frame. Raising the bell frame by 8 feet would allow the floor to the 'ditch' to be raised by 4 feet and a sound insulating floor to be placed about 4 feet below the bell frame.

There remained one difficulty. Above the level of the old bell frame the tower walls are much thinner. So I proposed that, as concrete bands round the tower were being used to bind it together, a concrete structure should be built up from the thicker walls to support the bell frame. My suggestions were approved by the architect and were substantially carried out.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Achnamara.

'FACTS AND FIGURES'

Dear Sir,—As one of such a band as Mr. Williams refers to in the penultimate paragraph of his letter on page 124, I can support his proposition that 'Facts and Figures' may give quite a wrong impression of the situation.

I don't know what figures were returned from this parish: I was not consulted. The facts are the Rector at that time had little knowledge of ringing and less interest. The front three bells of our six were chimed by two men, one of whom could ring rounds. On the Rector's retirement a band was formed 13 months ago with boys and a master from a boarding school in the parish and, except during school holidays, all the bells have been rung for every service since March 26th. The rounds round at the induction of a new Rector a month ago were adjudged first class by several competent listeners. Only one boy has been lost to us, but not to ringing, for after leaving the school he has continued to ring in London.

Now, thanks to the headmaster's enthusiastic support, the help of Ripon Cathedral band and that of a ringer from St. Mary's, Ipswich, who has been posted to a nearby R.A.F. station, we are hopefully embarking on change ringing.

Those published statistics may be figures, but I submit they are not facts.—Yours faithfully,

A. BASHFORTH.

Kirby Wiske, Yorks.

SURPRISE MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the request of Mr. D. S. Herschell in your issue of February 9th, I can supply the new names of five of the methods mentioned.

Clyde S. Minor has been renamed Caithness S. Minor.

Humber S. Minor has been renamed Flamstead S. Minor.

Shannon S. Minor has been renamed Blunsdon S. Minor.

Thames S. Minor has been renamed Hathern S. Minor.

Welland S. Minor has been renamed Redbourn S. Minor.

The seconds place variation of Hathern S. Minor has also been rung to a peal as Sedlescombe S. Minor.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. SMITH.
Sgt., R.A.M.C.

Dharan Cantonment, Purnea,
Bihar, India.

BOW BROADCAST NOT EXCLUSIVE TO RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In recent editions of 'The Ringing World' there have been complaints about the length of time Bow bells were audible in the B.B.C. broadcast on December 20th. Those complaining are forgetting that the broadcast was for the benefit of both the general public and us ringers.

The public were probably just as interested in hearing how the bells have been brought back to life after 22 years' silence (which was the actual object of the programme) as they were in hearing the bells ringing.

As far as the Stedman Cinques was concerned, we doubt if the public cared whether they heard Stedman or plain, ordinary rounds. We also think that the public were more than satisfied with 76½ seconds of ringing, regardless of how much was obscured by Mr. Dimbleby.—Yours truly,

M. J. UPHILL.
ALAN R. MILLIDGE.

Putney, S.W.

GRATITUDE FOR B.B.C. FADEOUT

Dear Sir,—It would appear from the letters published in the columns of 'The Ringing World' on February 2nd and 23rd, from Messrs. Birmingham and Harris, that some bad timing (probably with a punch-drunk alarm clock) or faulty second-hand reporting, has been inflicted upon us. In fact, Mr. Birmingham would have us believe that the College Youths are capable of ringing four or five changes of Stedman Cinques in 2 seconds (to the nearest ½ second).

Speaking for one who actually heard the broadcast and for those ringing friends of mine who heard my recording of it the next day, I think the Exercise should be very grateful to the B.B.C. (and Mr. Dimbleby) for fading the ringing out when they did.—Yours faithfully,

Pinner, Middlesex.

D. J. TAYLOR.

EVERCREECH AND THE B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—Whether as a result of your printing my letter or otherwise I know not, but today (February 25th) Double Norwich was allowed to run to a proper finish. Let us hope this ushers in a more informed use of ringing by the B.B.C.—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

THE PEWSEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Bird, who wrote they would like to clear up, once and for all, any misunderstanding about the above peal, may I point out that as far as I am concerned my first letter was quite clear and to the point; what has been written since he has brought upon his own head.

Application was made to the Rector (who holds the dignified office of Archdeacon of Wilts, a vice-president of the S.D.G.R. and is a practical ringer), who granted the request; the co-operation of the local ringers was also obtained. It does not seem apparent that the leader of the peal band informed the Rector that the peal would be recorded for the U.B. Society. I have a letter from the Rector before me, dated 29/1/62, in which he writes: '... I am sorry to hear that the peal rung by the Bristol University ringers was not recorded for the Guild. I expect these young ringers had no knowledge of this procedure, and I ask you to accept my apology on their behalf.'

Mr. Bird's reference to donations with 'strings' made by my Guild is most insulting to a Guild which is celebrating its 80th anniversary, 80 years of steady progress, on September 14th, 1962.

One other point—the first report received was that one ringer was a member of the Salisbury Guild. I could not find any record of such. Later it was stated no ringer was a member; this inconsistency does not promote confidence in what you read later.

In conclusion, may I say this foreign (to use Mr. Bird's own word) invasion would not be popular in any Guild or Association, least of all is it welcome in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild area.—Yours sincerely,

W. C. WEST.
Hon. Sec. & Treas., S.D.G.

ORIGINAL SINGLES

Dear Sir,—I was rather amazed when I picked up my 'Ringing World' (February 23rd) and found an item on page 122, entitled 'Miscellaneous Performance.' As far as I am concerned if three ringers wish to make themselves a laughing stock then it is up to them, although I rather pity the people in the neighbourhood of Botley Church, Hampshire, in having to tolerate three bells ringing for 2 hours 17 minutes.

However, if three people wish to act as these three did, I wish that they would not associate themselves with a learned body and Guild like the Southampton University Guild and thus bring the latter into disrepute. I think I can voice the opinion of the majority of the members of this Guild, in disassociating themselves with this ridiculous exhibition, and I hope that the three concerned no longer consider themselves as ambassadors for the S.U.G.C.R. until they decide to 'grow up' and act in an adult manner.—Yours faithfully,

M. V. WHITE.
S.U.G.C.R.

Enfield, Middlesex.

REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Because of a stupid mistake on my part the composition of the peal of Redcliffe Surprise Royal published in your issue of February 16th is false.

The laugh is certainly on me! I discovered, on being invited to make up the band, that the method was not, as had been thought, clean proof, but had two F.C.H. I very carefully removed the internal falseness from the composition, but in so doing introduced repetition of one lead.

The moral is one which has often been stated: that it is a dangerous practice to adjust an existing composition to fit a different falseness.

I hope the band will accept the sincere apologies of, and forgive, one whose face is very red.—Yours sincerely,

Timperley, Ches. C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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Letters to the Editor—continued

ROSS PARISH CHURCH SPIRE AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—I was very amused when I read Mr. Stock's article in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' page 109, regarding Ross-on-Wye spire and bells. It would have been much better if Mr. Stock had got his facts right before he started to write something about which he knew very little.

Ross spire (now one of the finest in this country) was severely damaged in a gale about the end of the 17th century. The top portion had to be taken down. It was heightened when it was restored through the generosity of John Kyrle, the *Man of Ross*, who lived in the town of Ross, opposite the old Market House. His house is now a chemist shop and 'The Ross Gazette' book shop. This benevolent gentleman also gave the tenor bell, which bears the inscription, 'John Kyrle, of Ross, gave this bell, 1695. Recast 1771.'

It was said by old Ross ringers that John Kyrle went to Rudhall's foundry at Gloucester to see his bell cast, taking with him a silver goblet which he threw into the melting pot. This grand old gentleman died in 1724, aged 88 years.

In 1951, the weathercock on the spire was seen to vibrate more than usual when the bells were ringing. Steeplejacks were called in to examine the spire. They revealed cracks in the apex. These were caused by the corrosion and expansion of the iron rod supporting the weathercock. The following year the top 25 feet of stonework was taken down and rebuilt with new stone; the iron rod being replaced by a copper one.

Slight rot did occur in the crown of the headstock of the tenor, but it is very doubtful if this was caused by the dripping bombardment from the apex, as Mr. Stock seems to imagine, as this bell is not dead centre in the tower: she is 2 feet (approx.) nearer the south and east walls.

It is very likely that it was caused by the rain driving in through a lancet hole in the top of the spire. There are four lancet holes in the top of the spire which are open to the weather, one of these being on the south side.

In the early thirties all the wheels and headstocks were painted with a grey lead paint, the rot in the tenor headstock was removed and the hole filled with putty. This work was done by the tower foreman, who was a blacksmith in this town. The rot was not neglected and left for the bell hangers to find when they arrived twenty years later.

The two tenors were *not* rehung. Both were quarter turned and fitted with new clappers. It was then found necessary to splice a piece of elm 14" x 6 1/2" x 3" into the crown of the headstock on the tenor (not a large quantity, Mr. Stock). It is hardly noticeable in this massive headstock.

None of the bells has been rehung since 1881. In that year the whole peal was rehung in a new oak frame by George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN J. WEBB.

23, Alton Street,
Ross-on-Wye.

A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—As I hoped, my article, 'A Review of Minimus,' has drawn some comments, although one or two replies should still be outstanding.

To Mr. Edward R. Venn ('R.W.' January 26th), thank you for pointing out my omission of the peal at North Aston on January 21st, 1961. It was published in the middle of a large number rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild that week. This now makes seven tower-bell peals on four in 1961—all rung before the C.C. meeting.

To Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew ('R.W.' February 2nd), thank you for so graciously allowing me a carte blanche in the naming of Minimus methods. I had hoped that a member of the C.C. Methods Committee would have written to confirm or correct the naming of the methods. I agree that there shall be only one name for each method, but it should be the correct one, based on the Doubles or Minor extension. In the absence of 'official' objections, I claim the naming given in the 'R.W.' for December 29th, 1961, and January 5th, 1962, as correct. Summarised by place notation, those so far rung in peals are:—

PLAIN METHODS—SINGLE HUNT

1. Plain Bob .2—14—1.
2. Reverse Bob .4—14—3.
3. Double Bob .2—14—3.
4. Reverse St. Nicholas' Bob .2—14, 12, 3.
5. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob .2, 34, 14—1.
6. Canterbury Pleasure Bob .4—14, 12, 3.
7. Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob .2, 34, 14, 12, 3.
8. St. Nicholas' Bob .2, 34, 14—3.
9. Single Court .4—34, 14—1.
10. Reverse Court .4—14, 12, 1.
11. Double Court .4, 34, 14, 12, 1.

N.B.—No. 4 is renamed from 'St. Martin's.'

No other method has been rung to a peal (apart from 'Kent Treble Bob'). I am still curious to know what 'Spetchley Bob' was.

Lastly, in commenting on last year's C.C. Decision on peals, I mentioned a fault in its wording and that 'the loophole of "3, or 2 tower bells" will no doubt be firmly closed if anyone is fool enough to try it!' I see that the Exercise now has three such fools at Southampton University. They are M. Malcolm Powell, Jeffrey R. Goodenough and Hugh N. Evans—and they apparently did not even try reverse hunting! Four bell peals were accepted to encourage four-bell ringers. This lot encourages no one!—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

17, Queen Street, St. Albans.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT

Dear Sir.—Whilst thanking my friend, Derek P. Jones, for ringing a peal of Warwick Delight Minor as a birthday compliment to me at the Bell Foundry on February 3rd, I would like to point out that he was 45 days early in arranging the compliment!—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leicester.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY DINNER

THE Oxford University Society held its 1 annual dinner on February 3rd in the Founder's Library, New College. The afternoon had been occupied by ringing in eleven towers and a service, held at St. Mary the Virgin, the University church.

Ringing commenced at Carfax about noon where numbers so greatly increased that many had to wait several minutes before even reaching the staircase. The congestion was, perhaps, a little relieved when ringing started at St. Mary Magdalene, half-an-hour later.

Performances during the afternoon varied from tower to tower, though nowhere was very good ringing achieved. Merton College and St. Mary the Virgin (27 cwt. six) were the greatest challenges and a fast course of Plain Bob at the latter was doomed to early failure. However, an enjoyable course of London was rung there as a service touch.

A very enjoyable dinner was provided by the staff of New College for the large number of ringers, guests and friends. The first speech was made by Mr. Raymond Crawford, steeplekeeper of the Society, who, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' found rhyme but little reason in the activities of the O.U.S. The O.U.S. was pleased to see so many clergy-men present, especially the president, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, and the new Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, who conducted the service and replied to the toast. Bells, he felt, were pleasant enough from a distance, but he admitted that he envied those who were able to ring them without fear of bodily harm.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Mr. Andrew Thompson, who welcomed especially Dr. John Spice, so well known in the O.U.S. and one of their vice-presidents. Unfortunately the 'Mother Superior' of the Cambridge University Guild was unable to attend, but she was well represented. In fact her deputy, Mr. Hough, secretary of C.U.G., replied, congratulating the O.U.S. on its performances.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Dr. John Spice, an ex-Master, who felt that the O.U.S. might turn its attention to four matters. He would like to see an increase in the amount of handbell ringing done by the Society. A centre such as Cambridge had might be found in the rooms of a bachelor, or if necessary a married don, where a written history of the O.U.S. could be kept. Lastly, was it not possible to start ringing again at St. Peter's in the East? He remembered that pigeon droppings could be sold for a handsome profit.

In reply, the Master, Mr. John Purey, pointed out that St. Peter's tower was unfit for ringing now, but that Dr. Spice's other proposals would be carefully considered. For his speech he had drawn heavily on the Master's reports, which were a mine of information. The O.U.S. had not been too successful in peal ringing recently, but had at least rung several quarters, one designed to show that Stedman need not be musical. Perhaps the Society was the only one to have 'rung' Plain Bob standing in line, changing position by stepping sideways!

We were pleased to see a number of visitors ringing with us on the following Sunday, and hope that they enjoyed the whole week-end as well as the dinner itself.

F. J. N.

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OBITUARY

MR. PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE

An outstanding personality in Lancashire ringing was Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, of Beesley Green, Worsley, whose death occurred at the age of 83.

Introduced to ringing by his father, when his voice broke, Percy rang regularly at St. Mark's, Worsley, for over 60 years, being captain for 50 years. Along with his brothers, the Ridyard family and the Potters, of St. Paul's, Walkden, these two bands were the backbone of higher method ringing in Lancashire. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1896, and his faithfulness over long years was recognised by his election as a vice-president and to life membership. In all he rang 141 peals. In later years he rang the 9th bell.

Many ringers owe a great deal to Percy for getting permission to ring peals at St. Mark's. The 15,000 Cambridge and recently the 16,000 Yorkshire were rung there; there was no person as enthusiastic as Percy for those performances. A great pleasure to him in latter years was a 'conference' with the Rector at the Rectory, 9.30 a.m., every Saturday. A chat, followed by a cup of tea.

He and most of the ringers were employed on the Earl of Ellesmere's estate. Some years ago the workmen on the estate did not commence work promptly at 1 p.m. after lunch and when remonstrated with about it their excuse was they hadn't heard the Hall clock strike '1', so the Earl had the clock altered to strike '13'.

When the Hall was closed Percy retrieved the clock and had it installed in the tower of St. Mark's. It has a beautiful dial and still strikes '13.' His wife predeceased him only by a few weeks. Early February would have seen their diamond wedding anniversary.

He was laid to rest in 'his' churchyard on February 3rd. A very large number of ringers attended from Lancashire and Cheshire, including the president, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Several peals were rung to his memory. P.C.

MR. R. J. WHITFORD

Mr. Reginald John Whitford, of 96, Ash Road, Aldershot, died peacefully in his sleep on February 23rd, aged 57 years. Although he had been attending the doctor recently his death was unexpected and a severe shock to his family and many friends. He leaves a widow, a son, William John, and a son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. W. Abbott, in bereavement.

Reg learned to ring at South Perrott, near Beaminster, Dorset, under the late Mr. Hervey Beams, and moved to Aldershot in the late 20's. He joined the Aldershot tower, where his progress was quick, and he rang his first peal in 1930. In 1936 he married Miss Nancie Denver, younger daughter of Mr. W. Denyer, the Aldershot tower captain at that time, and so became a member of a well known ringing family.

At the funeral of Mr. Whitford on February 26th, the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and at the graveside in Aldershot Cemetery a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the open grave.

MR. WILLIAM G. GIGG

With deep regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. William G. Gigg, who collapsed and died in the belfry while preparing to ring for morning service on Sunday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Taunton.

Mr. Gigg had been a member of the Bath and Wells Association for over 40 years. Ringing Master of the Taunton Branch for 15 years and had been a ringer at St. James', Taunton, for 36 years, being in charge of the tower since the last war. His peal list was not a long one; he rang in about 160, but the total contains many that were progressive landmarks in his time. His interest in church affairs was not confined to bellringing, as since 1935 he had been a member of St. James' Parochial Church Council, and also a sidesman.

The funeral service was held at Chedzoy on February 22nd, and was attended by many ringers. It was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Basil Bazell, assisted by the Rev. R. O. Fry, of Yeovil. The deepest sympathy of all ringers will be extended to his widow and family in their loss. A.H.R.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD

AN APPRECIATION

I was very shocked and grieved to read the announcement of the passing of Mr. E. G. L. Coward, of Dorking, and formerly of Mere, Wilts. In paying tribute to his memory I would like to assure his wife and family that they are not alone in feeling such a great loss.

Ted Coward and I first became acquainted during the last war in 1940, when we were both serving in the R.A.F. near London. At this time, the ban on tower-bell ringing was in force, but during off-duty periods we travelled together to many of the handbell gatherings in the vicinity and enjoyed the hospitality of some of the local ringing enthusiasts, including the late G. M. Kilby (of Eastcote), the late Jack Thomas (Enfield), the late Eric B. Hartley (Wembley) and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botham (now in S. Africa).

George Kilby's home, 'Bell Haven,' was certainly a haven of rest for us and we enjoyed many happy hours there, practising our handbell ringing and listening to George's many stories of London ringers and ringing. It was here that we achieved our first and only peal together when, in 1942, we rang Holt's Original with the late Ernie Turner conducting—G. M. Kilby 1—2, K. Arthur 3—4, E. C. S. Turner 5—6, E. G. L. Coward 7—8. Sad to say, three of these ringers have now passed on.

When, in 1942, I was posted overseas, I thought my association with Ted was at an end, but fate had it otherwise and one day in 1944 I was confronted by Ted's broad grin when I turned the corner of a street in the small town of San Severo in S. Italy, where my Wing was based. The joy of our unexpected meeting was mutual and we were not slow in getting round to the subject of bells. During our stay here we raised a few Italian eyebrows when we made excursions to survey the bells in some of the local church towers and joined in the regular 'clanging.'

Ted Coward was a most genial companion and I am only sorry I was never able to meet him again after the war, although we did keep in touch by means of the 'grapevine.' As another has said, he was a dedicated man both to ringing and his employment, and we can only be thankful to God for his fine example and service.

K. ARTHUR.

232 YEARS AGO

The first peal of 5,000 changes known to have been rung in Leicester is recorded thus in 'The Norwich Gazette' of the date February 23rd, 1730.—

This morning upon the celebrated peal of St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung by the Leicester Scholars the whole peal of 5,040 Triples in 3 hours 6 minutes and 27 seconds to the great satisfaction of all the hearers; and (save one bell) the same was performed upon the best peal of 8 in England; and considering the length of pull, the weight of the bells (the tenor being 32 hundred) and short space of time in which the same was rung, its one of the greatest performances that has been heard in this age; except by the College Youths and London Scholars, the only performers in England, to whom all preference in this art must be given, and who have rung much longer peals on greater number of bells.

The first peal on the new bells of St. Margaret's after restoration in 1922 was also 5,040 Grandsire Triples and was rung on February 23rd of that year, conducted by Ernest Morris.

To mark this double anniversary—on February 23rd of this year a further 5,040 Grandsire Triples was rung, also conducted by Ernest Morris.

THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING

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LEAD END VARIATIONS

In previous diagrams leads have been shown ending with the treble at lead for two rows. This is very commonly done, but is not strictly correct as the second of these two rows is rarely the next lead head. The practice arises because we normally go off into changes at handstroke and return to rounds at backstroke. The treble leads are hand and back so that the theoretically correct presentation, which ends with a handstroke row, is less convenient for learning a method.

If we define a method by the changes from the lead head to the lead end we must look more closely at the change connecting the lead end and lead head. If the treble is to be undisturbed there are, on six bells, three places in which bells can be left alone at this change, 2nds, 4ths and 6ths. There is another principle that the place made in this change shall be either that next to the treble (2nds) or that furthest from it, 6ths in this case. Thus a method may have two lead end variations. Let us apply these two possibilities to the method in diagram (VIII).

1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5	2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 3 5 6	2 4 1 3 5 6
4 2 3 1 6 5	4 2 3 1 6 5
4 3 2 6 1 5	4 3 2 6 1 5
3 4 6 2 5 1	3 4 6 2 5 1
3 6 4 5 2 1	3 6 4 5 2 1
6 3 5 4 1 2	6 3 5 4 1 2
6 5 3 1 4 2	6 5 3 1 4 2
5 6 1 3 2 4	5 6 1 3 2 4
5 1 6 3 4 2	5 1 6 3 4 2
1 5 6 2 4	1 5 6 2 4
1 3 5 2 6 4	1 5 6 3 4 2

(a)

(IX)

Both these variations will give a plain course of five leads in the same way as Bob Minor (VI). Both contain exactly the same rows, but occurring in a different order in the course. They are Single Court Minor (a) and Oxford Bob Minor (b). If the complete course is written out and the 'blue lines' compared they will be found to be identical, except when the treble is at lead; in Oxford Bob the bells in 3-4 and 5-6 dodge whilst in Single Court they plain hunt. There are many such pairs of methods, College Single and St. Clement's, Double Court and Hereward Bob for instance. A knowledge of this relationship can be of great practical value: if one is familiar with the blue line of Double Court it is only a question of knowing where one is at the lead end and lead head to be able to ring Hereward. In some methods one of these variations brings up rounds at the end of the first lead. Bob Minor for example. Such a variation is of limited practical value. In the case of Bob Minor it is known as Original Minor.

HALFLEAD VARIATIONS

Methods can have one other sort of variation. What about the change connecting the two halves of the lead? Clearly this belongs to neither half, but stands by itself in an analogous manner to the change joining the lead end to the lead head.

In the examples of Minor methods described up to now, Bob Minor and Single Court/Oxford Bob, the bells left undisturbed at this change have been that in 6ths (the treble) and that at lead. We have, of course, to leave the treble undisturbed in 6ths place, but we are not restricted to leaving the bell at lead alone as well, that in 3rds or 5ths place would serve the purpose. The selection of the bell to be left alone is governed by another principle, that is that the lead ends and (hence the lead heads) should be those of the plain course of Bob Minor though they need not appear in the same order.

In the case of some methods the halflead end row is one from which it is possible to change to the halflead head in two ways: there is a choice of places even allowing for the restriction due to the natural lead end principle.

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Theory Of Change Ringing—Cont.

123456		123456	
214365	1—4	214365	1—4
241356		241356	
423165	3—6	423165	3—6
243615		243615	
426351		426351	
462531	1	243651	5
645213	3—6	426315	3—6
465123		246135	
641532	1—4	421653	1—4
614523		412635	
165432		146253	
(a)		(b)	

(X)

Diagram (X) shows two such halflead variations. The places made are given alongside showing that the relation between them is analogous to that between two lead end variations. Some combinations of places are such that the basic method can have four variations, two halflead variations each with its own lead end variation. The combination above is one of these: (a) with 6ths place at the lead end is Double Court and 2nds Hereward Bob, whilst (b) similarly is London Bob or Double Oxford Bob.

This particular combination of places shows one more feature of note, the halflead itself is symmetrical.

123456
214365
241356
42'O'65
423165
243615
426351

(XI)

The second quarter is produced by rotating the first through half a revolution (180 degrees), the point marked 'O' in diagram (XI) being considered the centre of the circle. Firsts and 4ths places (counted from the front) appear as 1sts and 4ths from the back which is the

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

A pleasant day and a good ring of ten attracted a good number of District members and friends to a meeting at Hatfield on February 17th. During the afternoon Cambridge Royal, Yorkshire Major, standard methods on the ten bells and rounds for the many beginners were rung. However, the course of Little Bob Royal (it was probably very good!) for the service was 'drowned' by an unexpected voluntary by the organ!

After the service, conducted by the Rev. J. Stow, the company had tea in the old Palace (belonging to previous Bishops of Hatfield when Hatfield was head of the Diocese), which lent a very pleasant atmosphere to the proceedings. At the business meeting it was decided that the April meeting was to be held jointly with the Eastern District on the 14th at Bengoe if possible, the March meeting being replaced by a visit to Carter's Ringing Machine. A résumé of the general committee meeting proceedings was given by Mr. Geoffrey Dodds. Mr. Gerald Penney thanked the local ringers for an excellent tea and the Rector for his kind hospitality and efficient chairmanship at the meeting.

Some ringers stayed at the Palace to admire this old building, while the rest enjoyed further ringing consisting of standard methods and rounds.

C. M. R.

same as 3rds and 6ths counted, as usual, from the front. The point 'O' is sometimes described as a Centre of Symmetry. If the places made at the changes immediately before and after the halflead are also symmetrical in this particular way then the method is a 'Double' method. In Double Oxford 2nds place is made at the lead end and 5ths at the half lead. The work, as shown by the blue line, is the same 'from the back' as it is 'from the front.'

[To be continued]

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

A very successful meeting was held jointly with the Sherwood Youths at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 27th. The ladies held their meeting before tea in the Institute, 25 ladies attending.

The vice-president, in her report, said that meetings could be better supported than they had been. The secretary, in her report, said five meetings had been held during the year and at each one the numbers of ladies attending had gradually increased. Twelve new members had been elected during the year. The election of eight new members was then made.

Mrs. Staniforth was elected vice-president and in her remarks thanked Mrs. Thompson for all the work and support she had put in since the formation of the District, in 1946. The secretary was re-elected. The District Committee consists of Mrs. R. Hill (Oakham), Miss S. Chesterton (Aylestone), Mrs. Bennett (Radcliffe-on-Trent) and Mrs. Hartley (Leicester).

Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, was nominated for president of the Ladies' Guild, and the other general officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected. Miss Thompson and Miss Rhodes were elected to serve on the General Committee.

The meeting asked that the secretary express sympathy with Mrs. Deal in her recent sad loss.

The next meeting had previously been fixed for March 17th at Birstall. These bells were now out of commission, awaiting the attention of the bell hangers, so the meeting would be held at Sileby, Leics. Other diary dates are May 19th, Oakham, and September 15th, Mansfield.

A company of 50 sat down to an excellent tea provided by the ladies of the Sherwood Youths and the Ladies' Guild. W. W.

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

'Peals on four handbells or less shall not be recognised,' reads a decision accepted at the last Central Council meeting. We repeat this because we have had submitted to us a handbell peal of Minimus rung by Robert E. Master-Curtis 1—2 and Thomas R. Christie 3—4, of Milton Abbey School, Blandford, Dorset. The attempt was made in the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Sampson. Last year was the centenary of the back five bells in the Abbey, but no celebration was possible because the bells are unringable. Master-Curtis and Christie are now teaching a new band from scratch at Hilton.

The Grantley Hall course which the Yorkshire Association are holding is full and there is quite a long reserve list.

The Parochial Church Council of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, have decided to place an order with John Taylor and Co. for a sharp second bell.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal at Worsley on February 19th (see page 148) should read Stanley Anderton and not Atkinson.

Our congratulations to the Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand, on ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Peals are rare in New Zealand and make good reading.

A long silence as regards quarter peals was broken at Easthampstead, Berks, on February 25th, when 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the local band. It is many years since the locals have reached this competence.

Shortly leaving for Tasmania, where she has taken an appointment as a nursing sister is Miss B. Fox, of Dunholme, Lincs. She rang in a half peal staged as a farewell 'to a loyal ringer of the church.'

Officers for 1962 at St. Leonard's Church, Heston, are: Captain, Mr. P. Ruch; vice-captain, Mr. S. Porter; secretaries, the Misses G. Bareset and F. Pocock. The band have 15 ordinary and eight honorary members. Practices take place on Tuesdays from 7.45-9 p.m., and Sunday ringing is at 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. B. J. Lawes, who rings at Perth Cathedral, W.A., informs us that Mr. Albert Lancelfield has accepted a maintenance engineering post in Perth and proposes to stay there until after the Commonwealth Games in November. Due to Mr. Lancelfield's presence, Original on four bells was practised during the Sunday afternoon and rung for evening service, thus making a commencement of change ringing in Perth. Mr. Lawes hopes that the band will be ringing Minor before Mr. Lancelfield leaves for New Zealand, as the keenness of the ringers makes this seem likely. He sends his regards to old ringing friends at St. Thomas' Church, Salisbury.

The peal rung at West Wickham, Kent, reported on page 131 was of 5,040 Grandsire Minor and not Doubles. The error is regretted.

Most tragedies are reflected in our columns. At Rotherham a quarter peal was rung to the memory of Mrs. Shirley Hill, wife of the Rev. Colin Hill. She was buried under rubble when the roof of Wincobank Vicarage, Sheffield, collapsed during the storm. Until recently Mr. Hill was senior curate at Rotherham and Mrs. Hill was greatly respected by her many friends there.

After a lengthy lay-off since October 30th, 1961, due to the tower of the Loughborough Bell Foundry being repaired and a subsequent revision of the band, the 'Mondayites' make a reappearance with another new Royal method—Noseley Surprise Royal. This peal enabled the new tenor man (A. James Poyner) to join the rather select few who have completed the alphabet to Surprise Royal peals.

Members of the Eastbourne Parish Church Society chimed for half an hour the three ancient bells (c. 1640) in the Norman Church of SS. Simon and Jude, East Dean, Sussex, when the Bishop of Lewes attended on February 25th to dedicate an extension of the nave. The bells are hung for ringing, but the ropes proved too short—hence the chiming. They refute any suggestion that this was a preliminary towards getting the Central Council to recognise peals of Singles.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1962, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
NEIL BENNETT 2	*JOHN ROBINSON 8
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	†GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 9
*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	*JOHN H. FIELDEN 10
*ROGER G. HAVARD 5	DEREK OGDEN 11
*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First 12-bell peal. † First of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

TOM CROSSLEY Treble	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 6
FRANCES FAIRBANK 2	TREVOR TARBATT 7
IRIS LEMARE 3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 8
DONALD NIBLETT 4	RICHARD E. PRICE 9
J. NEVILLE PARKIN 5	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

Rung to welcome Canon Philip Pare as Provost of Wakefield Cathedral Church.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

PETER DALE Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	NEIL BENNETT 7
IVOR JENKINS 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 8
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	DEREK OGDEN 9
JOHN ROBINSON 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by DEREK OGDEN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

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

Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy H. Derbyshire, for 60 years a ringer and for 50 years tower captain at this church.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 25 cwt. 77 lb. in D.
*ROGER G. HAVARD .. Treble	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	JOHN E. COOK 8
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	NEIL BENNETT 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Alan J. Frost and Diana M. Lawless, both members of the Society of Rambling Ringers.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, consisting of 1,280 London No. 3, 1,280 Selby, 1,240 Cambridge and 1,200 Yorkshire; with 80 changes of method.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

RITA JOWETT Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
*JEANNE BOTTOMLEY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
*TS. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 9
DONALD NIBLETT 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by DONALD NIBLETT.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. † First of Spliced Surprise Royal 'inside.' 25th peal on the bells.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED BALLARD .. Treble	*GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN. .. 6
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	†EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 7
ALFRED A. RACKHAM .. 3	†GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN. .. 8
*DAVID C. OATES 4	*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ First of Royal. First peal on the augmented bells.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. George.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 NOSELEY SURPRISE ROYAL

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

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

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BASIL JONES Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 8
HAROLD C. LONYON 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.
DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER 7
IAN H. ORAM 3	*TREVOR A. CROSS 8
STANLEY JENNER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First in the method on the bells.

A birthday peal for Mrs. P. A. Corby (February 24th) and Judith M. Corby (February 25th).

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

HAROLD V. FROST .. Treble	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFF 2	GEOFFREY DODDS 7
JOYCE DODDS 3	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. 8
*PAMELA C. ROONEY .. 4	GERALD PENNEY 9
STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.

* First peal on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM Treble	WALTER W. MILLER 5
MURIEL R. PAGE 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 6
*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
JOHN W. BLYTHE 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 5). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First touch of Yorkshire. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman, of Spalding.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1962, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 54 lb. in E flat.

Being 6th place bobs.	Tenor 21 cwt. 54 lb. in E flat.
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
IVOR JENKINS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT. Conducted by FREDK. SHALLCROSS.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 5
AVRIL IVIN 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 6
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 7
DAVID J. MARSHALL 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of Glasgow by all except the ringers of 7 and tenor.
Rung with a sixth's place bob.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 12, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,152 Superlative, 960 Pudsey, 864 Yorkshire, 1,056 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire; 128 changes of method; all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

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

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

DEREK J. MARSHALL Treble	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2	*ROGER G. HAVARD 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
MARTIN C. FAULKES 4	DEREK TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

CYNTHIA E. BIBBY Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW 5
S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
*KENNETH W. PRICE 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE 7
ROGER BALDWIN 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Society.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Sheila Ash to Mr. David Stamsby at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

JOHN E. CAMP Treble	†BRUCE WAKEFIELD 5
*†CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR 2	*†JOHN G. PUSEY 6
*†DAVID A. H. BENNETT 3	DERMOT J. ROAF 7
*†ANDREW J. THOMSON 4	ROBIN J. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First of Triples. First on eight as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MICHAEL J. UPHILL Treble	*BRIAN J. BULL 5
ROYDEN DAVIES 2	*LEONARD W. ALLEN 6
WILLIAM PARROTT 3	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW 7
†DAVID J. HERSHELL 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

In memoriam Edward G. L. Coward.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

IRIS THOMPSON Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER 5
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 6
NORMAN ERRINGTON 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*PETER A. KIRKBY Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 6
RITA M. JOWETT 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Heywood's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
MURIEL R. PAGE Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
RAYMOND PEAK 3	WALTER W. MILLER 7
JACK PILGRIM 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Bennett, of Grundisburgh. The band wish him a speedy recovery from his indisposition.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. Treble	JACK BRAY 5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY 6
*RONALD CHAFER 3	*GEORGE DOBBS 7
JOHN HALL 4	*PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 XANADU SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris J. Morris' transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.	
ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*J. E. ADAMS 5
*TREVOR G. STILL 2	*R. E. HARDY 6
*GARRY WM. MASON 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON 7
G. HARRY BRAY 4	*WILLIAM G. HURST Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung on the 'Margaret' eight to commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the first known peal on the old bells by the Society of Leicester Scholars, and the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the new bells. All three were Grandsire Triples and all were on Friday, February 23rd, the same day and date.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.	
*JOHN H. SELBY Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 5
JAMES THORLEY 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 6
MELVILLE A. ROSE 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN 7
†DELIA SMITH 4	†ERIC S. GOLLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G sharp.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

XANADU SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—36—14—38. 14—14, 38

8th's place lead-end, 4th's place bob.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.*

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

ANDREW J. CORBY Treble	JOHN S. BARNES 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
*MARIA E. KIRBY 3	RALPH BIRD 7
ANDREW M. MACVE 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.*

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	BRIAN DOWNES 6
JOHN McDONALD 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
JOHN D. ROCK 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.*

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

STANLEY JENNER Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*ANN GEORGE 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY 6
†EDWARD J. JENNER 3	DORIS E. COLGATE 7
*ROBERT P. SHERLOCK .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † 25th peal on the bells. ‡ First of Kent.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH.*

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING 2	*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Superlative, and on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Edward G. L. Coward.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. BUTTON Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	*EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
JAMES L. TOWLER 4	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Circled the tower seven times. First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.*

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 108 changes of method, and 'all the work.'

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN 5
SHEILA M. MOULDS 2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 6
PATRICIA REEVE 3	JOHN F. BRYANT 7
M. VIVIEN COPPING 4	ROBERT E. MOULDS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

Rung by the Sunday service band of All Souls', Halifax.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.*

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

IRIS THOMPSON Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
ALAN R. PATTERSON 2	NORMAN ERRINGTON 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
DAVID J. PURNELL 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
NIGEL BEARNE Treble	†DAVID BREAKSPEAR 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	‡TIMOTHY D. WICKINS .. 6
*EVELYN M. T. CUMBERWORTH 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT 7
ALBERT J. DUNK 4	†KEITH YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First of Triples.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal. Also for the engagement of Diana Southam to Timothy Wraight, R.N., ringers at the above church; also a wedding compliment to Miss Joan A. Guthrie and George J. Hartley, married this day.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

PATRICIA HEATHER .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
*RONALD K. RUSS 3	JOHN N. DISERENS 7
JOHN MANLEY 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and a 240 (Morris'). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*JULIET FINN Treble	PHILIP GAISFORD 4
†MICHAEL WILLMOT 2	ROBERT J. PURNELL 5
*RODERICK GUNSTONE .. 3	*GEOFFREY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

* First peal, † First 'inside.' First on the bells by an entirely local band.

Rung on the back six as a birthday compliment to Miss Diane Allen.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores on the 'light six.' Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN N. DUNN Treble	COLIN H. WARD 4
RAYMOND H. IDLE 2	NORTHLEIGH F. REEVE .. 5
G. NELSON SLOAN 3	*HENRY J. MEE Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND H. IDLE.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Dean of Christchurch (the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan) and Mrs. Sullivan, who have left to take up the Crown living of the Rectory of St. Mary, Bryanston Square, St. Marylebone, London.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY BARNES Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
GEORGE SCOTT 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A compliment to Mr. George Scott, ringer of the second, who celebrated his 84th birthday on January 28th.

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ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HAMER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	HAROLD HAMER 4
JAMES TAYLOR 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* 50th peal for the Association.

A wedding compliment to Margaret A. Buckley and Ian W. Taylor, both ringers at the above church, married there earlier in the day.

DIPTFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GREGORY J. ROBERTS (14) Treble	D. ROY BOULD 4
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 2	†DONALD J. ROBERTS .. 5
†WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 3	†THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal. † 30th peal together. ‡ First of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B.

PETER J. HERITAGE Treble	EDWARD R. VENN 4
PETER A. SHARP 2	A. JAMES ADAMS 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

TOM HARRIS Treble	DAVID SWIFT 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	RON CARTER 5
CELIA COWLEY 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

Rung as a compliment to Valerie Lacey and Ron Carter on their engagement.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*ROBERT PEERS Treble	WILLIAM HALL 4
ERNEST T. CARVELL 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
J. MAXWELL PEMBERTON .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T. Bob and two each of Kent T. Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE Treble	*BRIAN JEMMETT 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILFRID S. PALIN 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Cross and Miss Audrey Jackson, married in this church this day.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD Treble	DAVID S. M. JONES 4
*MICHAEL J. WAKE 2	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 3	ROBERT WAKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT WAKE.

* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Philip R. Wake.

DURSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and ten extents and one 240 (Morris') Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in B.

JEAN PALMER Treble	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3
J. JAMES JEFFERIES 2	ALAN F. LEE 4

DAVID J. BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

First peal on the bells.

Rung in memoriam William G. Gigg, of Taunton.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich and Ipswich, and three of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 4
DONALD F. MURRETT 2	*CHRIS. L. BELL 5
LUCY ALLEN 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal in three Surprise methods 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for 16 years; also to Dorothy Robinson and Victor Chamberlain upon their recent marriage.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: (1 to 6) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (7 to 14) Southrepps, (15 to 18) Kennington, (19 to 24) Plain Bob, (25 to 30) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (31 to 36) April Day, (37 to 42) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE A. PACKER Treble	JOHN E. BROUGH 4
HERBERT SUTTON 2	FRANK R. MORTON 5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3	THOMAS P. BARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

Rung half-muffled in memory of R. D. Langford (Crewe) and F. W. Chapman (Marbury), both highly-respected members of the Crewe Branch.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE 1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5—6
JOHN FREEMAN 3—4	JACK BRAY 7—8

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 9—10

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
(The Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)

On Wed., Feb. 21, 1962, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
IN THE BELERY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: One extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Antelope, and 39 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

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

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal in four methods.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 14, ARTHUR ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

PAUL McEVILLY 1—2	JOHN INSLEY 3—4
JAMES INSLEY 5—6	

Conducted by JAMES INSLEY.

First peal for all the band. Average age of band 14 years 6 months.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(The Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)

On Fri., Feb. 23, 1962, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
AT 11, CHURCH ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods or variations, being one extent each of Clifford's Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four each of April Day and Plain Bob, two of Antelope and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor size 4 in F.

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

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

HALF PEALS

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Feb. 22nd, 2,520 Minor (Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob); Miss B. Fox 1, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 2, T. Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, R. Applewhite 5, C. V. Cade 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who, as a nursing sister, will shortly be bound for Tasmania.

PONTEFRAC, Yorks.—On Feb. 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: J. Weaver 1, F. Gledhill 2, G. W. Dyson 3, C. Holmes 4, J. A. Sykes (cond.) 5, R. T. Pincher 6. First half peal for all the band.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Smale 1, Susan Dunn (first 'inside') 2, G. J. Roberts 3, W. Simmonds (cond.) 4, D. J. Roberts (25th quarter) 5, P. A. Lock 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Fisher 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, V. J. C. Dale (first in four methods as cond.) 3, R. J. Brown 4, W. R. Chandler 5. Rung for Matins, and to celebrate the christening of Barbara, daughter of Jean and Francis Goddard (a former ringer at this church).

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Powell (first on eight) 1, D. Green (first quarter Grandsire) 2, P. Catermole 3, J. Eisel 4, B. Cox 5, M. Harbot 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, D. Martin 8. For Matins.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Sharplin 1, Anne Willard (first 'inside') 2, Evelyn Pryke 3, Sylvia Hayward 4, P. Bedford (first of Triples) 5, J. Sitch 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For Evensong.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. Overy (cond.) 3, F. Godsmark 4, B. Dixon 5, J. Jeffery 6, R. Johnson 7, E. Breit 8. Rung to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hannah Penniford, Cuckfield.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Sweetland 1, Janet Real 2, D. Salter 3, B. Coles 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Thompson (first quarter) 1, G. Bonsor 2, Hillary M. Johnson 3, P. I. Chapman 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Vikki Turner (first quarter) 1, G. Thompson 2, G. Bonsor 3, Hillary M. Johnson 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung for American space success.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Honour 1, W. H. Minnear 2, A. W. Ivinas 3, W. Ivings 4, E. E. Pearson 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Mr. W. Watson, a ringer at Banbury, who died February 18th.

EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Rich (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Humphris (first quarter) 2, R. A. F. Clark 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill (first quarter) 5, S. G. Scott (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for the band. Rung for Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Howells 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, D. Herschell 7, I. Waterman 8. In memoriam E. G. L. Coward.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. Cross 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, J. Y. Parker 3, A. G. Orbell 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew): T. Gregory 1, A. Hicks 2, C. Hale 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung on the anniversary of the first rehanging of the bells, 1895.

HAGLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. L. Bill 1, F. J. Valender (first 'inside') 2, J. R. Niblett 3, J. A. Tandy 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. By Stourbridge Grammar School Society, for the wedding of Mr. D. J. T. Miles (P.E. master).

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 2, Miss A. E. Reynolds (first quarter) 3, Miss A. Flathen 4, J. H. Fielden 5, J. F. Bryant 6, N. Parkin 7, G. F. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major (17 changes of method): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

HUTTON CRANSWICK, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jill Riley (first of Minor) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, F. C. Hobson 3, A. G. Osborne 4, R. H. Rogers (first of Minor as cond.) 5, I. G. Campbell 6.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Grey (first quarter) 1, L. Pizzev 2, C. J. Rees 3, C. J. Herbert 4, B. C. Piper 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung by Ordinands of St. John's College, Durham.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cull 1, Rev. G. Summergood 2, Miss V. Knight (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Baker 4, B. Steppney (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Reginald Charles Taylor, of this parish, October 9th, 1882-February 11th, 1962.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, C. Hughes 2, Miss B. McClelland (first in the method) 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, Miss J. Cook 5, J. Crampin (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

LYNG, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Phillips 1, Freda Prime 2, E. Langley 3, K. Prime (cond.) 4, D. Miller 5.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Dunkley 1, R. H. Jones 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, Noel D. Deam (cond.) 4, Alec Gammon 5. Rung for Prince Andrew's birthday (Feb. 19th), and also for the conductor's (Feb. 18th).

MELBOURNE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): C. Earp 1, S. K. A. Huson 2, R. I. Gosling 3, E. D. Thomas 4, B. R. Manning (first on eight as cond.) 5, D. W. Johnson (first quarter) 6, F. W. Turner 7, J. W. Turner (first quarter) 8. First on eight 2, 3, 4. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Lewis Hollingsworth, for many years a faithful ringer and chorister at Melbourne.

MOULTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (six methods): J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, R. D. Bailey 2, R. B. Sanders 3, K. R. Davey 4, D. A. Davis 5, F. Taylor 6. A birthday compliment to James Thorley, of Thorne, Yorkshire.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on February 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, M. R. Bennett 2, Miss P. F. Curtis 3, K. D. Perkins 4, K. S. Roberts 5, B. E. Frost 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, R. J. White (first quarter on eight) 8. Rung in honour of the golden jubilee of the 3rd Northampton (St. Edmund's) B.P. Scout Troop.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 26th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. F. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, J. W. Perkins 3, A. J. Collings 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, T. G. Myers 9, A. W. Myers 10. For Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Y. C. Porter.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew (cond.) 1, M. Uphill 2, Cherry White 3, D. Brookes 4, A. Millidge 5, B. Bull 6. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Lindsay 1, J. Bruce 2, A. Holroyd 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, N. Donovan 5, S. Armeson 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. Rung half-muffled to mourn the death of Mrs. Shirley Hill, wife of Rev. Colin Hill (until recently curate at Rotherham), who lost her life when Wincobank Vicarage collapsed during the gale at Sheffield.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on Feb. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nancy Robins (first Major) 1, Edna M. Poulter 2, Jean Allen (first Major) 3, Janet Warwick 4, D. J. Baker (first 'inside') 5, Mary Browne (first Major) 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Janet Warwick 1, Edna M. Poulter (first in the method) 2, Patricia Walker 3, B. S. Sheppard 4, R. J. Johnson 5, J. H. Soanes 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. W. James 8. Both rung by Manchester University Guild for Evensong.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Ridgway 1, D. C. Green 2, A. T. Hawkins 3, Miss J. Bunyan 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, B. B. Hullah 6.

SAWBRIIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. L. Brooks 1, D. H. Kingston 2, H. Bird 3, R. Hayden 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Alely 6, E. Rochester 7, W. H. Alely (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Nicholson, curate, upon appointment as precentor of Peterborough Cathedral.

SCALDWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. Paul 1, M. R. Harvey 2, R. J. Danby (cond.) 3, P. Amos 4, G. F. Roome 5. Rung for St. Matthias' Day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol Norman (first of Major) 1, Carol I. V. Corton (first of Major 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson (first of Major 'inside') 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First of Major by the re-formed local band. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol I. V. Corton 1, N. R. May 2, B. G. Warwick 3, K. H. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. M. Smith 6, M. G. Wood (first as cond.) 7, Carol Norman 8. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDx.—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Johnson 1, L. Skipsay 2, E. Skipsay 3, B. Bartlett 4, R. Wiggins 5, M. Bartlett (cond.) 6.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Rolph 1, G. Harrington 2, Miss M. Mills 3, W. Chapman 4, F. Harrington 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry C. Young, verger, ringer and chorister at Stebbing for many years, interred this day.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Arcsott 1, P. Watts 2, R. Somerfield (first 'inside') 3, A. Somerfield (first quarter) 4, T. Hawkins (first as cond.) 5, R. Penny 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Woodridge (first on eight) 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, G. Westwood 5, R. Smith 6, P. J. Brown 7, M. D. Fellows 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Goddard 1, D. Martin 2, J. Rea 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, K. Cherrill 5, M. Harbot 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. A welcome to the Lord Bishop of Southwark, who preached at Matins.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Beale 1, F. Chedgely 2, W. H. Tarr 3, R. Beale (cond.) 4, A. H. Reed 5, E. Langley 6, F. Morris 7, F. Matravers 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. G. Gigg, 36 years a ringer at this church.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Phillips 1, E. Langley 2, Freda Prime 3, D. Miller 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Freda Prime.

TODMORDEN, YORKS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Hilton (first quarter) 1, G. Noble (first 'inside') 2, D. Bateman (first of Doubles) 3, C. R. Milthorpe 4, P. Scholfield (cond.) 5.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. F. Gray 1, P. J. Atkins 2, R. J. Ballard 3, M. Wilshaw 4, K. Swingewood 5, D. J. Danby 6, E. H. Edge (cond.) 7, A. W. Cliffe 8. For morning service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Morgan (from Colehill, Warwicks) 1, T. J. Milsom 2, D. A. Burt (first of Triples) 3, Patricia A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, Carol A. Ritchens (first of Triples) 8. A compliment to the Rev. L. C. Littlewood on completing 50 years in the ministry.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Kendrick (first of Minor) 1, M. Barsby 2, R. Clarke 3, R. Perkins 4, D. F. Moore (first of Minor as cond.) 5, B. S. Payne 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Southcreps and Plain Bob): Miss B. Mainstone 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, J. Nelson 3, Miss D. Mullins 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. First in three methods for 2, 3, 4. For Evensong.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, C. J. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, W. Stevens 4, D. G. Miller (cond.) 5, C. T. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. G. Gigg, Ringing Master of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Feb. 22nd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. V. Clark (first on a hunting bell on tower bells) 1, R. A. Yeates (first of Doubles on tower bells 'inside') 2, C. D. Emery 3, C. Simpson (first as cond.) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, I. Hughes 6.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Dale 1, Miss P. Robinson 2, L. Walley 3, Miss E. Snell 4, P. S. Whalley 5, A. Thompson 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8. For evening service.

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PERSONAL

MALICIOUS GOSSIP: A WARNING—

It has come to my knowledge that certain persons have, for some time past, seen fit to traverse the countryside making statements concerning myself, amounting in law to slander. One such, passed to me recently in the presence of four other witnesses by a total stranger to myself, prompts me to issue warning—that if, after this date, such slanderous statements I have knowledge of, I shall not hesitate to institute legal proceedings against the offending person (or persons) concerned.

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MEETINGS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 10th. Ringing arrangements: St. Bene'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.—Ches-terfield 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 to John Ryman, Vicarage Cot-tage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Every-one please support.—C. A. Bassett. 9713

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cam-bridge District.—Meeting, Harston, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9807

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 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.—Maid-stone 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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Childwall, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, to Mr. M. Dodd, 55, Bowland Avenue, Child-wall, Liverpool. 16. 9799

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat-urday, March 10th, 4.30 to 6 p.m. St. Mary's, Walthamstow: 7-8 p.m. St. Saviour's, Waltham-stow. 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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8), Saturday, March 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Bullam, 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, please, to Mr. C. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 9785

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Satur-day, 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, to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham. 9780

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), Saturday, March 17th. Bells avail-able 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9631

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 5.30 p.m. Business afterwards. Names for tea essential by 15th to Mr. P. Pratt, Holly-deane, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Dun-stable, Beds. 9819

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, Mar. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. —Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Bir-kenhead. 9796

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Maccles-field 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. Lyonon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 9748

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9801

COVENTRY GUILD (Northern District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Davenport Dis-trict).—Joint meeting, St. Mark's, Bilton, Satur-day, March 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. IMPORTANT! Names for tea by Tuesday, 13th, to W. E. Burnell, 47, Wordsworth Road, Rugby (Tel. 6057). 9793

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Sat-urday, March 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9829

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock (6), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by March 15th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9820

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Satur-day, March 17th, Windrush, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by March 15th. Sher-borne bells, if available, 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 9808

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, Mar. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Meeting 5.30. Ringing 6 to 7 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel. Stow 350. 9806

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. Cooper, Ranger's House, Dursley. 9809

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Sibley (8), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sibley Leics. Gentlemen invited.—W. M. Warwick, Dis. Sec. 9767

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 17th. St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcs. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5, followed by business meeting. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, as nearest café is three miles away. All members please try to attend.—L. Hughes, Sec. 9800

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, near Blackpool, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 9804

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, Saturday, March 17th. 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 9826

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Copt Oak, Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Copt Oak Inn, 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 13th, to C. W. Hall, 88, Leicester Road, Shepshed. No name, no tea. 9802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 9827

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Practice, Saturday, March 17th. Ringing, Cranford, 3 p.m. Tea, Heston Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by ringing at Heston. Names for tea to Miss G. Baresel, 111, Thornbury Road, Osterley, Isleworth, Middx.—F. T. B. 9816

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, Fairacres 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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, March 17th. Names to T. A. Pulmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9814

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Wednesday, March 14th, to Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9797

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, March 17th. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 11.45 to 12.45; St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, 1.45 to 2.40; Bromley Parish, 3 to 4; Hayes, 4.15 to 5.15; Beckenham, 6 to 7.—D. J. R. M. 9812

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, North Stoneham, Saturday, March 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Red Cross Centre, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, 5.15 p.m. Names by March 13th, please, to Mr. D. Forder, 62, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. 9821

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, March 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish room. Barton Stacey bells also available in afternoon. Hurstbourne Priors and St. Mary Bourne after tea. 9829

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, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9788

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trull (6), Saturday, March 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9803

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Notice of meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Mar. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 9798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 21st, please, to Mr. W. Downs, St. Michael's Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 9830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Petham, Saturday, March 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, at 2s. per head. Those requiring tea please notify not later than March 21st, together with cash. Mr. C. Beeching, 2, Vicarage Hill, Petham, Canterbury.—T. C. P. 9811

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting at St. Anne's, Saturday, April 28th, 1962. 9805

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.—By invitation of the Rector, these bells will be open in afternoon and evening, Saturday, April 28th. Any complete 12-bell band will be allocated a particular time to ring, upon application to John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, before April 6th. Other ringing supervised by Master and officers, College Youths. Details later. 9823

QUARTER PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Rooke 1, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, G. Challans 5, M. Foster 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss I. Cooke (first quarter T.B.) 1, F. Cooke (first in the method) 2, D. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Oxford Bob): D. Peers (first quarter) 1, R. Peers (first quarter) 2, J. M. Pemberton 3, E. T. Carvell 4, A. J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Hall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. R. Spark, a ringer at Thurston and Woodchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD WEST DORSET BRANCH

About 35 ringers attended the Langford-Beams memorial meeting at Bradpole on February 24th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The Guild service was conducted, and the address given, by the Vicar. Tea was given and served by the very promising young band of Bradpole ringers.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, who presided at the business meeting, said a few words about the Rev. C. F. Langford and T. Hervey Beams, whose life work was remembered at this meeting. A letter was read from Thorncombe stating that they were unable to have a faculty granted for their new sixth bell, as the existing frame was touching the south wall. It was decided to run a coach from West Dorset to Salisbury on May 12th and to ring at two towers on the return journey.

The following new members were elected: Rev. J. H. A. Charles (Vicar of Lyme Regis) and the whole of the new Bradpole band, I. Andrews, A. Case, M. Bonney, D. Ellery, D. Gay, M. Hiller, D. Tizzard, and Misses A. Moore and J. Newing.

Mr. Paul Kelly, District Commissioner of Kilifi, Kenya, showed some excellent coloured slides giving a background history of the new church built at Kilifi, and mentioned his great hopes that a ring of five bells would be placed in the tower. He also thanked the branch for their donation.

CLEVELAND & N. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The fine ring of eight at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, was kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon of February 17th. Members of the Association were joined for their meeting by several ringers from neighbouring Associations, their presence being warmly welcomed.

After an excellent tea, to which the younger members present did ample justice, the party adjourned to sample the well known eight at St. John's Church. Among the methods rung during the day were Lincolnshire, London and Superlative Surprise Major (attempts at splicing, however, not coming up to expectations). Kent Treble Bob, Duffield and Stedman Triples. Plain Bob Minor and Major, together with rounds for beginners.

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Mr. George Scott, now 84, rang in a peal of Minor (seven methods) at Fulbeck, Lincs, on February 17th, in honour of his birthday. He never made a slip throughout the peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diane Carter (first quarter of Major) 1, B. Smith 2, G. Waterman 3, U. Wildney 4, B. Rouse 5, F. Lufkin 6, Gillian Brown (cond.) 7, W. Felgate 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Brown.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Walker 1, R. Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, W. Davison 5, B. Kercher 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. Hadfield, former vicar.

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