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ARE YOU AN 'HABITUAL'?

WHEN you read the heading above you probably answered to yourself at once: 'No, I am not an habitual,' because more likely than not you associated the word habitual with the cases you read daily of the habitual drunkard who is forever in court before a magistrate.

But the word 'habitual' has a far greater meaning. The dictionary definition is 'Something acquired by habit.'

It is surprising the number of things we do by habit in our daily lives. In fact, if you ask a man which leg he puts first into his trousers on a morning, or a lady which arm she puts first into her dress, I doubt if many could answer with any degree of certainty, although these are daily tasks.

There are, of course, good habits and bad habits, but bad habits are perhaps the easiest to acquire.

But my purpose in posing the question 'Are you an habitual?' was to relate it to ringing.

It is now some time since the C.C. handbook 'Ringing for Service' was published, but if you have a copy and refer to it you will find at the bottom of page 7 sentences to the effect that 'Few things display the spirit of a band more than its punctuality. Habitual unpunctuality in a band will rapidly destroy its morale and its function.'

There are at least two kinds of bands so far as ringing is concerned—the Sunday service band and the peal band. First the peal band.

Are you one of those ringers who agree to stand in a peal attempt arranged to start at, say, 3 p.m., but habitually arrive at 3.15 or later, so that the ringing perhaps finally starts at 3.30 p.m.? The rest of the band may have been at the tower since 2.45 p.m. ready for going off into changes at 3 p.m., which was the agreed time for starting; but due to the behaviour of one of the band the rest are rather annoyed, inwardly if not showing outwardly, with the result that when the ringing does finally start the quality of the ringing suffers.

Secondly, the Sunday service band; and although I have written firstly of peal ringing I feel that Sunday service ringing should take priority over peal ringing in the activities of ringers.

Taking the country as a whole, the state of Sunday ringing varies considerably. The amount of time spent in ringing for service varies from 15 minutes to one hour, the quality of ringing varies from poor to good, the methods range from 'Stoney' to Surprise, and the bells that are hung in the tower and regularly rung vary from being fully manned, i.e., 100 per cent., to considerably under-

manned. The main question to answer is why are the bells undermanned?

There are many reasons why towers become undermanned, amongst them being a conductor who cannot keep pace with a band that desires to advance. So because he cannot keep pace with the conducting of the things the band wishes to ring, and he is reluctant to give up his position to a more capable person, the band begins to disintegrate. There are also many towers that are short of ringers today because they failed to take the simple precaution of teaching new ringers whilst the band was in a healthy state.

I venture to suggest that those towers with the healthiest state of affairs are those that regularly ring for about one hour before service, as by devoting this amount of time it does give opportunity at, say, an 8-bell tower where ten ringers are present for all to have a fair allocation of ringing time, whereas if only half-an-hour or less is available then some or all may go away with a dissatisfied feeling. The final result is that first one and then another thinks 'I won't bother going this week; there will be plenty without me to ring for that short spell,' until ultimately the band becomes depleted.

Another aspect is the damage that the 'habituals' do. They habitually turn up for ringing five or ten minutes late. Presently other members of the band think they may as well turn up five or ten minutes late, so that the time for commencing to ring, which was originally 9.30 a.m., becomes 9.45 a.m., until the 'habitual' starts again with his or her five or ten minutes after 9.45; then the time for starting reaches 10 a.m. And so the vicious circle goes on until finally some members of the band decide it is not worth while pulling up the bells, and another silent tower is added to the list.

If one attempted to point out to the 'habitual' that it was due to his misbehaviour that the bells were silent, the 'habitual' would probably be quite indignant and say that he had turned up regularly whereas so-and-so had given up coming, entirely overlooking the fact that it was his discourteous behaviour that had driven so-and-so away.

I said at the beginning that you perhaps decided very quickly that you were not an 'habitual.' Now is the time to ask yourself the question, 'Am I an habitual?', and if you are then make a New Year's resolution to be habitually early, not late. And more important still, do not break this resolution and return to your late habits, thereby persisting in your bad manners to fellow ringers.

Quite naturally, most of the people who read this will say: 'Ah well, thank goodness that doesn't refer to me.' Maybe not, but of course not many of us can bear self-analysis.

F. AITCH.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX, HAS NEW BELL FRAME

The eight bells in St. Mary Magdalen Church, Bolney, Sussex, have, since Easter, been silent, pending the installation of a new metal bell frame, costing nearly £2,000.

As long ago as 1905 the church was advised to get rid of its old wooden bell frame, but it was 56 years later that the P.C.C. took practical action and inaugurated the Bolney Bell Fund. Income came from various sources—fetes and a history of the church which sold at 2s. 6d. a copy (a suggestion of Rev. E. Matthias, Vicar).

Last Easter the new bell frame was ordered and on December 16th Bolney bells broke their long silence, when the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Roger Wilson) dedicated the new bell frame. In his sermon, he congratulated the church in raising the money so fast and completing the work in so short a time: 'It must make you very satisfied,' he told the large congregation.

After the service, an informal Parish Breakfast was held in the local primary school. Visiting ringers took advantage of this break to 'have a go' on the bells themselves.

The Bolney team has its practice night every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., and any ringers in that vicinity at the time are welcome. On the first and third Sunday of every month the bells are rung in the morning, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays in the evening.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 20th, 1912.—

A writer in 'The Manchester Evening News'—

No particular skill is required to ring a peal of bells in regular order from treble to bass, but to 'ring the changes' on a large peal requires skill, muscle, and physical endurance. The greater the number of bells the greater the number of changes possible. A 'Round' of three bells only admits of six changes, a 'Double' or 'Grandsire' of five bells consists of 220 changes, a 'Bob Minor' of six bells (720 changes), a 'Bob Major' of eight bells (40,320 changes). There are altogether ten grades of peals culminating in a 'Bob Maximus' comprising no less than 479,001,600 changes. Of course no one is capable of this supreme effort. A 'Triple' of seven bells takes three and a half hours to ring, and a 'Bob Major' twenty-eight hours. A 'Bob Maximus' would take ninety-one years to ring at the rate of ten strokes a second. A clergyman recently died, who had many times rung all the different grades up to the 'Bob Major,' and had even achieved that Herculean task more than once.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The Southern District's annual meeting was held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on December 1st, and by the time service started there were 45 present, which was very satisfactory. An excellent tea was provided by the ringers of Sketty in the Stuart Hall. Mr. Warburton thanked all those responsible.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. G. James), who expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people present. The District secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. A. Hoare) and the District auditor (Mr. T. M. Roderick) were both re-elected.

Mr. Ernie Stitch had a special welcome on his return to the district. It was a queer fate, he said, that after so many years he should be once again back in South Wales.

New members elected were as follows: Five from Llanelly, two Burry Port, four Sketty and three St. Mary's, Swansea.

The votes of thanks included the Vicar and Mr. Trotman, the organist. March meeting: Aberavon. Guild festival, Brecon, June 15th. J. A. H.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—61



MR. JOHN SEGAR, Skegness.

Exactly 50 years ago, Mr. John Segar featured in our columns as a 'Personality.' That was when he was 20 years old. Today he enjoys the unique distinction of again appearing as a 'Personality.'

Mr. Segar was educated at Retford Grammar School, and at the age of 11 he became fascinated by the manipulation of figures, and by the age of 14, when he left school, was at the top of his form for mathematics, which included algebra and geometry. Long schooling was not the vogue in those days, and at 14 he was apprenticed to the clothing trade—at the princely wage of two shillings a week! His duties consisted of working in a shop which remained open until 10 p.m. on Saturdays. A customer invited him to join the Ordsall band, and he did so in 1909.

TAPPER No. 2

In 1911 there was an article in 'The Ringing World' about the achievements of the famous Elijah Roberts, which included peals of Treble Twelve (one a very long length) and Stedman Cinques, which he tapped on handbells. He was described as Tapper No. 1, as Roberts committed suicide in 1865. John Segar in 1912 decided to become Tapper No. 2. He made a modest start by tapping peals of Minor in three methods, quickly followed by five methods. In 1913 he tapped 7,200 Minor in ten plain methods, and 5,040 in seven Surprise methods. By this time he had become so proficient that he was able to tap an extent of each of 35 methods.

Service in the forces interrupted his activities, and when he returned to East Retford he found there was no band, so he contented himself by welcoming touring ringers, and used to delight them by tapping touches of Grandsire Caters, etc. He looks back with pleasure on his association with the late Clement Glenn—who also was able to tap out difficult touches of Stedman Triples on the piano. Segar and Glenn were at one time joint peal secretaries of the Southwell

Guild. John Segar retired from business at the age of 54 and spent 14 years touring England in a caravan. During this time he attended Central Council meetings—but in 1960 he settled down in Skegness.

Mr. Segar has excelled in the field of composition, and has produced three record lengths of Surprise Major—21,920 Bristol, 15,520 Yorkshire, 11,328 Superlative—and Spliced Surprise Major, 14 methods, all the bells, all the work. He has also composed a peal of Spliced Triples with 360 bobs in 360 leads.

Among his publications in the C.C. List are 'Fourway Table,' 'Spliced Triples,' and the 'Blue Line System of F.C.H.' (sold out). The Fourway Table is recommended in the preface to the new 'Minor Collection.'

Mr. Segar points out that in diagrams in the Superlative page there are seven blue lines, and on the next page Cambridge with seven blue lines. He asks: 'How many ringers would have the imagination to use these two sets of blue lines to find the falseness between the two methods?'



Mr. Segar stresses the importance of hanging bells properly for tapping, and the picture shows the arrangement of his handbells.

John Segar has not been a prolific peal ringer. His total of 21 peals includes five tapped on handbells, seven on tower bells for royal or national occasions, and nine on handbells retained 'in hand.' His principal contributions to the Exercise are his compositions and his articles described above, and the whole ringing fraternity will be pleased that his 15,520 of Yorkshire was successfully accomplished on December 8th, a fitting compliment for his 70th birthday. We wish him well, and hope he will be spared for many more years to help in the fields of composition and research.

JAFUS.

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North Staffordshire Association's 80th Birthday

BISHOP GIVES HIS POLICY REGARDING BELLS

ONE of the first of the territorial ringing Associations—the North Staffordshire—celebrated its 80th birthday on December 15th in a very fitting manner, with a dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem. Recognition of the honoured place the Association holds in the life of the Church and community came by the presence and congratulatory speeches from the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. A. S. Reeve) and the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent. The Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent (the Ven. G. Youell), president of the Association, presided. It was a happy occasion, and an excellent meal of Christmas fare was followed by a programme of speeches and entertainment.

The Lord Mayor (Mr. T. W. B. Beddow), in proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' said he was particularly pleased to be present because he was a bellringer himself. Some 48 years ago his father taught him to ring at Checkley Church, and were it not that his work took him away from home in 1920 he would have been a ringer all these years.

Bell ringing to him was something he could not get out of his mind. The sound of bells just attracted him; he loved bells and, to him, they were real music. From their history books they knew the tremendous part bells had paid in the safety of the State over the years and how bells were rung when danger threatened.

THE BEST LINK

The State he regarded as themselves—and their fellow men. The Lord Mayor contended that the best link between Church and State was by looking after their people in the best possible manner, whether at the local government or national level, or whether in their everyday life. It was the looking after the young, the elderly and the infirm—done in a proper manner and in the Christian spirit—that was the best link between Church and State. He believed that the tying up of that link between Church and State was for the good of any community.

The Bishop of Lichfield in reply said the previous day in the House of Commons there was a debate initiated by a private member on the state of the Church of England. As he read the debate he thought to himself that although the fact that they were an established Church, it did bring certain difficulties to them, the advantages of establishment were great and they revealed England as a Christian country, and he, for one, would be very sorry to see it go. That was a controversial subject, but whether the Church was established or not there would always be cordial relations between Church and State.

These relations were fostered not only by what happened in the centre at London, but by what took place at the local level, and as he went round his diocese and met many of the heads of Councils he had been struck by the way they went out of their way to show that they wanted to support the Church. That support had been consistently given and it was something they should be very grateful for.

'As I was thinking about this dinner,' said the Bishop, 'my mind went back to sitting by an open window of the Vicarage, as a small boy, listening to a muffled peal being rung in my father's church at Croydon, on the occasion of the death of Field Marshal Lord Roberts. It so happened that that lovely ring had been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson and almost the first time those bells were rung was on that mournful occasion.'

RECORD IN PLACE OF INDUCTION BELL

'What is the policy of the Diocese of Lichfield in regard to bells? I will illustrate it from an event which occurred, not in this Archdeaconry but in another, at the time the present Bishop of Shrewsbury was Archdeacon of Stafford. I was taking the institution and the Archdeacon the induction. In that service the new incumbent has to ring the church bell. On this occasion the incumbent, instead of pulling the bell rope went and put on a gramophone record! I remember that Archdeacon Parker had to be helped out of the church.'

'I would like to make it plain that we try to discourage "canned" bells. I am thankful to feel that the Associations of ringers in all our Archdeaconries and in the North Staffordshire, in particular, are so much on the increase. Your chairman has told me that in North Staffordshire, in which we have a Roman Catholic tower, we have more members than ever before. Long may it go on. I would urge in all our towers that great efforts should be made to train new ringers. In the past that has not always been done; when we look back to the olden days I know of occasions when some ringers would not have anybody new in the tower. That has been altered and we find a real desire to train young men and ladies. This is a great advantage to the Church because if you give people a job to do it will keep them close to their church. Once you get caught by the art of change ringing it has got you for life: you know the enthusiasm it brings and the fellowship it creates, and in the world of ringing the visitor is welcomed as a brother.

'I believe that through our bells we do much for the Church. We live in days when there is a great deal of apathy about, and apathy in religion is something we have to contend with. But the Church goes on and one of the ways it bears its witness is by ringing bells, calling its people to worship. Our bells bear the witness of Church and State to God and the need to worship Him.'

THE FORMATION

In the absence of Mr. Paul L. Taylor through indisposition the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Rector and Rural Dean of Stoke, proposed the toast of 'The North Staffordshire Association.' He said that it was on December 16th, 1882, at the Church Room at Stoke that one of his predecessors (Mr. Preston) presided, when the Association was formed. The Association's objects were to promote the moral, social and spiritual growth of bellringing and to assist in the reform and organisation of bellfries throughout this Archdeaconry. A great deal had happened since then, when 18 towers became affiliated with 124 active ringing members.

What this part of the diocese promoted for ringers other archdeaconries sought to do. It was not long before the Stafford Archdeaconry said, 'We must be in on this,' and quickly formed an association.

In 1960 the first diocesan ringing festival was held in Lichfield, and the year following the Central Council visited Stoke. There were now 26 towers affiliated to their Association with over 170 active ringing members.

In proposing the health of the Association, the Rural Dean said he did so with the same mixture as before.

The mixture in 1882 was:

- (1) To recognise the true position of bellringers as church workers;
- (2) To cultivate the art of change ringing;
- (3) To promote order, good feeling and friendship among bellringers; and
- (4) To ensure the constant renewal of all the belfry represents in the life of the Church.

The reply was by Mr. G. W. Biddulph, chairman of the Association. He said that none of the ringers of 1882 were now with them, although longevity was prominent among ringers. The Association had always been very fortunate in having a splendid set of clergy who took a genuine interest in their activities and they could really rely on them for support.

The first chairman was Sir Lovelace Stainer, and he afterwards left to become the Bishop of Stafford. The Bishop of the Diocese had always been patron of the Society, and in their minute book there was a letter from Bishop McLaughlan, who afterwards became Archbishop of York, agreeing to accept office.

This letter was addressed to the Rev. W. W. Bolton, who was the actual instigator of the Association and its first secretary. Another well known officer was Dr. Crick, a previous Archdeacon of Stoke, who went on to become Bishop of Chester. Sir Arthur Heywood

was a vice-president in 1897, and in 1907 the Rev. E. V. Cox was curate at Longton. J. W. Washbrook for years rang at Tunstall, with his four sons, who were killed in the First World War.

REDUCED RAIL FARES

Theirs was not a big Association for peals and rarely made headlines, but the first ever seven Surprise Minor peal was rung by the Association at Bucknall in 1897. There were no motor cars in the early days and in 1887 a successful application was made to the Railway Company for ringers to have reduced fares to attend meetings.

When the Association started the annual subscription was 1s., and it remained at that figure until 1919, when it went up to 2s. It was now 2s. 6d. Life membership stood at 3s. 6d. from 1904 till it was increased to 5s. in 1960.

When the jubilee dinner was held in 1932 at the North Staffs Hotel the price was 3s. 6d. per head. Mr. Biddulph called for those who were present on that occasion to stand up. There were eight of those members in attendance.

The Association was affiliated to the Central Council in 1912, although the matter had been under discussion since 1900. The first representative was the Rev. J. B. Frith.

From the minute book the following was recorded: A meeting of the Association was held at Stoke on July 7th, 1934, when 33 members were present. During the afternoon a man came up to the belfry and objected to the ringing, and said it was a nuisance. He turned out to be a street singer, and complained that people could not hear him singing owing to the bells. A note: Objection overruled.

The concluding toast, that of 'The Visitors,' was proposed by Mr. W. H. Pickett, who mentioned by name the honoured guests. In a reference to the Rural Dean and Rector of Stoke, Mr. Pickett recalled his generous hospitality at meetings of the Association. The ladies present were also given a cordial welcome.

'R.W.' COSTS UP

Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World,' who replied, said that from January 1st there would be an increase of 7 per cent in the cost of labour producing 'The Ringing World.' The Editorial Committee, who were meeting that day, had decided not to increase the price of the journal or to change, for the time being, existing advertisement rates. This was an act of faith as their circulation had been static during the year—new subscribers being counterbalanced by losses through death, marriage (one subscription taking the place of two) and wastage. He asked the assembly to do their utmost to procure new subscribers and to arrange for a copy of the paper to be sent to every ringer ringing his first peal or quarter peal.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. J. G. Burton, the honorary secretary, who was thanked by the president for his efficient work, and Mr. A. D. Steele (honorary treasurer) acted as toastmaster.

The evening concluded with handbell ringing and musical items by Mr. Kenneth Cartledge, accompanied by Mr. Alan Baker.

THE COMPANY

The president (the Ven. G. Youell) presided, and supporting him were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. T. W. B. Beddow), the Bishop of Lichfield (patron of the Association) and Mrs. Reeve, the Rev. F. A. R. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Biddulph.

Others present were the Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Duder, the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Ollier, the Rev. A. and Mrs. Edwards, the Rev. P. Youell and Mrs. Youell, the Rev. B. A. Pecl.

Mr. A. D. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. E. and Mrs. Swettenham, Mr. G. and Mrs. Ridge, Mr. G. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. W. and Mrs. Birks, Mr. L. and Mrs. Swettenham, Mr. J. M. and Mrs. Pepper, Mr. C. S. and Mrs. Ryles, Mr.

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New Record Length of Yorkshire Major Rung

THE composition for the 15,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major was received in Newcastle in September, 1962, and immediately a date was chosen, and permission sought and obtained from Mr. Paul Taylor, for an attempt to be made on the bells in the Bell Foundry campanile, whilst Mr. A. J. Pitman was busy checking the figures.

As the chosen date, December 8th, drew nearer so the weather deteriorated, with snow, ice and then in the week previous thick fog enveloping much of the country. However, by Friday dinnertime most of the fog had cleared, except from the London area, and so five of the band, with Jack Anderson coming along as trainer and observer, set off (from the north-east down the A.1) at 5.30 p.m., on what turned out to be a most filthy drive. Both cars used a full bottle of water for the windscreen washers and both had to stop twice in 130 miles to clear headlights.

At 10 p.m. we reached Great Central Hotel, Loughborough, and were relieved to see that Pat Cannon and David Taylor had arrived safely by train from London and that Leslie Boumphrey had got there by devious means from Worthington, via Leeds.

To bed before midnight were the orders and up for 8 a.m. breakfast. All arrived at the Foundry before 9 a.m. and, after a very brief look round the workshop, we adjusted ropes, etc., and were off into changes by 9.20 a.m. A telegram sending us 'best wishes' from William J. Davidson, of Newcastle, was much appreciated. Some good ringing was had with each part taking about 1 hour 28 minutes—that is at 2.23 paces for a normal peal, although our speed increased to about 2.10 paces for an hour or so in the middle part.

EVE OF COMPOSER'S BIRTHDAY

The usual variety of trips were made and fortunately corrected, and the bells came round with some excellently struck finishing courses at 4.40 p.m. as a fitting tribute to the composer, John Segar, on the even of his 70th birthday. Paul Taylor and Jack Anderson entered the (torture) chamber and after stretching our legs and eating up our stocks of chocolates, etc., we left Pat and David to catch their London train whilst the north-east contingent dined at a Chinese restaurant in Nottingham and then sped home for 10.30 p.m., dropping Leslie somewhere in the middle of Yorkshire to find his way across country to Morecambe.

The previous longest length of Yorkshire Major was Stephen Ivin's 14,560 rung for the Bedfordshire Association on the same bells on September 21st, 1957, in 7 hours exactly and conducted by the composer.

THE BAND

Some brief details of the ringers' history may be of interest to those who study what makes up a rather strange breed of men: i.e. those who attempt long lengths.

NORTH STAFFS DINNER—Continued.

J. A. and Mrs. Jacks, Mr. E. H. and Mrs. Edge, Mr. J. G. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. C. and Mrs. Bowcock.

The Misses B. Johnson, A. Gratton, H. Sampson, M. Ridgway, V. Gould, M. Vass, J. Davies.

Messrs. W. Pickett, A. Pointon, T. H. Pointon, S. Bellfield, D. Dobson, M. Jack, A. W. Hall, W. Cumberland, R. Cumberland, O. Williams, W. Hollis, N. Sherratt, W. Sherratt, C. Windsor, D. Latham, G. Potts, C. A. S. Webb, G. Davies, M. Wilshaw, E. J. Miles, D. Williams, R. Heath, Staton, M. K. Swingewood, K. P. Jones, G. Perry, A. Steele and T. W. White.



Mr. ALAN AINSWORTH

Treble.—Alan Patterson, from Cramlington, Northumberland, aged 18, who rang this tricky, light bell very capably.

Second.—David Taylor, from Pinner, Middlesex, aged 24.

Third.—Kenneth Lawson, from West Hartlepool, aged 34.

All these three have rung approximately 80 peals each.

Fourth.—George Deas, Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral, aged 29. Has rung about 190 peals.

Fifth.—Eric Harrison, of Fenham, Newcastle, aged 26. Rang his 250th peal whilst on Wilf Williams' Irish peal tour in August.

Sixth.—Leslie Boumphrey, now of Worthington, late of Cheshire and Glasgow. This was his 300th peal. A schoolmaster, aged 34.

Seventh.—Pat Cannon, Dorking, another schoolmaster, aged 49, with over 900 peals to his credit.

Tenor and conductor.—Alan Ainsworth, from Fenham, Newcastle, aged 27. Over 300 peals, including 100 odd as conductor.

Whilst dining in Nottingham, talk was heard of what long length should be attempted next; perhaps Paul Taylor will once again be kind enough to permit another long length attempt next year. Has any composer an unpublished composition he would like rung?
J. A. A.

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LETTERS

NOT WITHIN AMBIT OF 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Others among the constant readers of 'The Ringing World' will, I sincerely trust, resent as much as I do the sneering remarks in the letter of Mr. Gardiner. He goes on, 'A remark such as this is in thoroughly bad taste, quite uncalled for and could well have been omitted.' I submit that this is an apt description of the second paragraph of his own letter. The place for debating the theological question of the validity of sacraments is not 'The Ringing World,' and one may perhaps remind Mr. Talbot that not all Christian bodies are agreed as to the truth and freedom from error of the Church to which he belongs.

So far as facts are concerned, not all the old churches in Scotland are in the hands of the Presbyterian schism, whatever the meaning of that term may be, nor was St. Giles' in Edinburgh ever a cathedral church in pre-Reformation times. Then it was in the Lothian Deanery of the Archdiocese of St. Andrew's; now with the Episcopal Church in Scotland and the reconstitution of the Roman Catholic hierarchy has Edinburgh been blessed with the erection of cathedrals and the achievement of city status.—Yours faithfully,
Edinburgh. R. S. WILSON,

GOOD RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence regarding the B.B.C. and the bells of Evercreech, I feel that the B.B.C. could do no better than purchase some of the present E.M.I. recordings of church bells. Not only would it save the Corporation time and expense of making new records but the striking of those made at East Hagbourne and Bucklebury are extremely good, and I believe were made by the Sunday service bands.—Yours faithfully, C. J. CASTELL.
Newbury, Berks.

Mr. Leslie Boumphrey's 300 Peals

Mr. Leslie Boumphrey, of Seaton, Worthington, rang his 300th peal with the record length of 15,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Loughborough. His varied list of peals is appended.

TOWER BELLS

Minor: Plain Bob 2, seven methods 2, Beverley 1, Cambridge 1.

Triples: Grandsire 5, Stedman 2.

Major: Plain Bob 15, Kent 4, Oxford 1, Double Norwich 6, Aldenham 1, Bedfordshire 1, Belgrave 3, Berkshire 1, Bristol 22, Cambridge 22, Cornwall 1, Glasgow 2, Hanbury 1, Lincolnshire 2, London 17, Londonderry 1, New Cambridge 3, Oxfordshire 1, Rotterham 1, Rutland 4, Somerset 1, Staffordshire 1, Stockport 1, Superlative 2, Warwickshire 2, Watford 2, Yorkshire 20 (including 15,520). Spliced Surprise, three methods 1, four methods 5, six methods 1, seven methods 2, eight methods 1, nine methods 4, ten methods (9,568) 1, twelve methods 10, sixteen methods 3, eighteen methods 1, twenty-two methods 1, twenty-five methods 1, thirty methods 1.

Caters: Grandsire 2, Stedman 5.
Royal: Plain Bob 2, Oxford 1, Macclesfield C.B. 1, Belgrave 4, Bristol 2, Cambridge 14, Lincolnshire 1, London 24, Rutland 1, Yorkshire 8.

Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 3.
Maximus: Kent 1, Oxford 1, Belgrave 2, Cambridge 12, Lincolnshire 1, Londinium 1, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 11.

HANDBELLS

Minor: Plain Bob 1, seven methods 1.
Major: Plain Bob 3, Kent 1, Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich 1, Hereward C.B. 1, Spliced Plain seven methods 1.
Caters: Grandsire 1.
Royal: Plain Bob 2, Kent 1.

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OBITUARY

MR. JAMES JOHN BALES

Mr. John Bales, who for many years was a ringer at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, passed peacefully away at his home on December 10th, aged 82 years. He was greatly respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and was a staunch church worker.

John Bales was born in Maidenhead. He joined All Saints' choir as a boy. On leaving the choir he learnt to ring with George Martin, who was his lifelong friend. He was not interested in peal ringing, and was little known outside his own locality, but he was a most reliable and devoted Sunday service ringer. John was tower secretary for many years, and in that capacity arranged many excellent outings. He had not rung for several years owing to his inability to climb the steps to the belfry, but he still retained his interest in ringing and the progress of the younger ringers. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Bales was district relieving officer, and was at one time vice-president of the National Relieving Officers' Association. He served in the Royal Artillery in the First World War in West Africa, France and Belgium.

All his life he was an enthusiastic musician; he sang in All Saints' choir and was a member of Maidenhead Choral Society. He was a very keen chess and bowls player.

The funeral service, which took place at All Saints', on Dec. 14th, was a simple one, but the bells were rung half muffled before and after the service.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half muffled by Miss S. Hopper (first quarter) 1, Dr. S. Gibson (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Gibson (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Seal 4, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 5, J. Blackwood 6, L. Pearson 7, G. Gibbs 8.

Among the many floral tributes was one from the ringers at All Saints'.

MR. FRED BOWERS

Mr. Fred Bowers, of Sudbury, Suffolk, died suddenly at his home on December 6th, aged 70 years.

A native of Bures, Suffolk, he was for many years a member of that company, but for the last 30 years he had been living at Sudbury. Never very expert in his ringing, what he lacked in that respect he made up for in keenness. When he felt like it, he would excel in tenor covering. For night on 30 years he had been a widower. He was a good friend and a pleasant companion.

A. A. F.

MR. J. VERNON HEPWORTH

Goxhill, Lincs. has lost a promising young ringer by the tragic death, due to a motor accident, of John Vernon Hepworth, at the early age of 19 years, while returning home on the evening of November 30th. He will be missed by a wide circle of friends, as he served the church as a ringer, Sunday school teacher, altar server and chorister. His cheerful nature endeared him to all.

The church was filled for the funeral service, after which the bells were rung half-muffled and a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in the evening.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his parents and sister in their sad loss. S. N.

MR. W. A. WILLS

A great shock and sorrow to members in the Exeter district was the news of the sudden passing of Mr. William A. Wills, of St. Thomas', on December 7th, aged 51.

Mr. Wills learnt to ring at St. Thomas', just after the bells were restored and augmented in 1923, and contributed much to the outstanding success of that band, under the leadership of Mr. E. W. Biffin. He was not a prolific peal ringer and could just manage the 'four standards,' but he was the perfect 'Sunday service' man, keen churchman, church councillor, sidesman and sincere Christian.

The strong St. Thomas' band broke up some 5 years ago, owing to members leaving the district and the death of E. W. Biffin. Bill Wills tried and tried to restart the band with three or four sets of recruits, without success; so now St. Thomas' is without even the nucleus of the means of resuscitation. He was also a member of the Exeter Cathedral band for 25 years.

Representatives of the Devon Guild attended the funeral service, which preceded cremation at Torquay, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by N. Mallet 1, G. Skinner 2, C. P. Yates 3, A. T. Truman 4, S. Skinner 5, R. Ingham 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, C. J. Hosgood 8, on the bells of St. Thomas'. Mr. Wills leaves behind a widow and two daughters, all of whom have learnt to ring. Sincere sympathy is extended to them. F. W.

MR. WILLIAM ROSE

AN APPRECIATION

On behalf of the St. Margaret's Society, King's Lynn, I pay tribute to William Rose, who recently passed peacefully to his rest at his home, at the age of 65.

For the past 40 years, Bill, as he was affectionately known, had been a faithful member of the St. Margaret's Society, holding office as vice-captain for nine of them. In spite of the fact that he lived a long way away from St. Margaret's, he rode his bicycle, fair weather or foul, and was never late. Although he continued to work almost to the time of his death, his failing health slowed up his ringing activities. Bill also rang at his home tower, Tilney All Saints', and he will be greatly missed at both churches. He was a very good striker and an excellent back-ender.

Among the eleven peals he took part in at St. Margaret's the last was perhaps the one he was most proud of. It was Plain Bob Major on July 1st, 1957. The late Tom Greenacre also took part in this peal which was rung in his and Bill's honour, on the occasion of their having completed 35 years' membership of the Society.

In conclusion I bid farewell to a grand ringer and Christian gentleman.

N. V. HARDING,

Captain,

St. Margaret's Society.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Storey 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Gillian Grancy 3, R. Hodges 4, W. G. Thomas 5, P. K. Elise 6, P. F. T. Smith (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, G. Harris 8. For Evensong.

COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the 'Table of Plain, Alliance and Special Alliance Method Splicing in Three Leads with Two Bells fixed,' on page 101 of the last edition of the C.C.'s 'Collection of Minor Methods' is incomplete. The following should be added:

Grp. Fixed	Plain	Alliance	Special	Alliance
Qu	3-4		7-18	
Md	2-6			2-4
Jd	2-6			3-5
He	2-5			57-59

This renders the statement on '3-lead Splicers' on page 92 slightly inaccurate; it should begin: 'In most of these methods...'

To demonstrate the 'spliceability' of these methods, herewith is a 720 which incorporates some of them, together with other types of splices.

The second 720 was arranged to satisfy the demands of a ringing friend of mine who complained that Kent T.B. would not splice with anything according to the new edition. It has much in common with the first 720.

—Yours sincerely, H. CHANT,
Ryehill, Wakefield.

No. 1	[S.A.2 in II and III]
23456	Crayford L.C., L.1 (Algarkirk All.,
56342	Normanton All., S.A. 1
S35624	Bastow L.C., L.5 (Gosberton All.,
63452	Bastow L.C. [S.A.40 in II]
46235	Lavington All., A.18 (Bastow in II
24563	Bastow L.C. [and III]
—52463	Bastow
—45263	Bastow
24356	Bastow
32645	Lavington All. (Clyst All., A.7 in
63524	Bastow L.C. [II and III]
56432	Bastow L.C.
S45623	Kent L.C., L.6 (Normanton in II
64352	Little Bob, L.2 [and III]
23564	Sutton All., S.A.9
52436	Wickham Skeith All., S.A.4
36245	Normanton All.
—23645	Normanton All.
62534	Croft A., S.A.3 (Hanley Castle All.,
45362	Denton All., S.A.11 [S.A.5 in II]
34256	Twice repeated.

No. 2	
23456	Killamarsh T.B., T.B.14 (Snowdon
56342	Kent, T.B.13 [T.B.28 in Part I]
—35642	Kent [T.B.27 in Part III]
63254	Trinity Sunday, T.B.15 (Quantock
42563	Pontefract, 3D.12—Donottar 3D.2 is
54326	Killamarsh T.B. [interchangeable,
26435	Kent T.B.
—42635	Kent T.B.
64523	Trinity Sunday T.B. (Quantock T.B.
35264	Pontefract Delight [in Part II]
—42356	Twice repeated.

To add Snowdon and Quantock, substitute as shown in brackets (3-lead splice).

MR. LEWIS GRIFFITHS

AN APPRECIATION

I should like to add my appreciation of Mr. Lewis Griffiths, of Llandudno. The summer before last I spent a most enjoyable fortnight in North Wales. I had previously contacted Mr. Griffiths, and when I arrived at my lodgings I was delighted to find awaiting me written details of all ringing in the area and times of practices, and how to reach the towers, by rail, road or coach. I am sure he will be greatly missed.

Sudbury, Suffolk. ARCHIE A. FITCH.

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Liverpool University Society Summer Tour

AT 7.15 p.m. on July 12th several members of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers, after climbing 'The Steep,' the aptly named hill in Lincoln, arrived at the Cathedral to find that their Ringing Master had already established his left luggage office outside the south-west tower. At 7.30, Mr. Walden welcomed the party who then began the long ascent to the ringing chamber. Members joined in the ringing which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques. We were all very grateful for being allowed to ring on this fine Taylor twelve. During the evening our president arrived with the minibus, which was to do us such good service on the following five days of the tour.

On the way back to our hotel at Grantham we called at a telephone kiosk to collect a copy of 'The Ringing World,' inadvertently left there by one of our number a few hours previously, and at the railway station to collect the last member of the party. At the hotel we all signed the book, and the Ringing Master-elect being the last one up the stairs, found that he had a broken bed, but was relieved as a further single room was available.

The following day we enjoyed ringing at several six-bell towers. Commencing at Barkston, we then proceeded to Caythorpe, where the decorated spire was a fine example of so many similar ones which we were to see in this part of the country. We then went to the picturesque church at Fulbeck, where we were privileged to ring a touch of Fulbeck Bob with Mr. George Scott. At lunchtime we enjoyed a very varied assortment of sandwiches in the 'local' before ringing at Leadenham church. Next came the heavy ring (23½ cwt.) at Brant Broughton, where much amusement was caused by one member running frantically up and down the spiral staircase trying to decide which door led to the ringing chamber. Unfortunately we did poor justice to these bells by attempting to ring too quickly. The day was concluded by ringing at Bassingham and Norton Disney, and after a meal in Newark we returned to Grantham, tired but satisfied that we had not disgraced ourselves with our ringing, which have been mainly in the four standard methods.

On Saturday the weather turned bad, but did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed ringing on the pleasant eight at Billingborough, at Folkingham and Horbling, where we were joined by Mr. Bradley, who rang with us at several towers. After lunch, in the usual surroundings, where a pint of a liquid somewhat akin to treacle was presented to the president-elect in settlement of a wager, we proceeded to Heckington Church, a magnificent example of the Decorated style of architecture, where we also rang some very large handbells. At Sleaford we had some difficulty in handling the 49 cwt. ring of eight, which were rung from the ground floor with a long draught of rope. We appreciated help from the local band who came to welcome us despite the torrential rain, which later followed us to Silk Willoughby, where London Surprise and Double Court were amongst the methods rung.

THREE WISE MONKEYS

It was still raining when we reached Heydour, where the ring of eight is of mixed origin, dating back as far as the late 16th century. Mr. Bradley introduced us to the Vicar at Newton. We are very grateful to the Vicar's wife, who provided us with very welcome refreshments, and the ladies of the party were much amused by three ringers sitting on the sofa in postures reminiscent of the three wise monkeys, who 'hear no evil,' 'see no evil' and 'speak no evil.' After tea we were invited to ring on the five at Newton, this unscheduled tower being the first five of our tour. Back at Grantham we had a good meal at a fish and chip parlour, and after satisfying a thirst created by a tightly-packed schedule, which had included over six hours' ringing time, we retired to the hotel, where the social gathering did not break up until the early hours of the morning.

On Sunday we joined the local band in ringing for service on the 32 cwt. ten at Grantham. After Matins the secretary left to visit friends, and we had lunch before

proceeding to Algarkirk, where the incumbent kindly allowed us to ring at short notice. The bells here are hung anticlockwise, the ropes falling by the chancel step, from a control tower. We had tea at Boston before climbing the 497 steps to the ringing chamber in this famous tower, where we rang with the local band for Evensong. A conducted tour of the church followed Evensong, and then a sign saying 'Bus Station' proved irresistible to the transport enthusiasts of the party. On the way back to the hotel we picked up our secretary and refreshed ourselves at the 'Five Bells.'

The next day we set out early for Navenby, where Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor were rung. Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples were rung at Harmston, and a variety of methods at Waddington. The church here is of recent origin and pleasing design, replacing the previous church destroyed in the war. Five of the bells are old, with a tone very different from that of the new treble. We rang on the six at Branston before concluding the day's ringing at Lincoln. We rang on the sixes at St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowts, where, in addition to the four standard methods, St. Clement's, London and Erin were rung. We regaled ourselves at a Chinese restaurant before going to the practice at St. Giles, and we are grateful to the local ringers for allowing us to join in. Most of the party joined in the singing of hymns and popular songs on the journey back to Grantham.

By Tuesday morning we were reduced to six, so when we arrived at Barrowby, the last scheduled tower of the tour, we decided that it would be a fitting end to the first Liverpool University Society tour to ring a quarter peal. The attempt of Grandsire Doubles, was successfully conducted by Peter S. Bennett, our retiring Ringing Master, who was one of the founder-members of the Society and has run the practices very successfully for three years.

We are all grateful to Geoffrey Pullin, our driver, and to Miss Hazel Arrowsmith and Christopher Cooper, our secretary, for the hard work they did arranging such an enjoyable tour, and we are sorry that Miss Arrowsmith was not able to be with us in Lincolnshire.

P. A. F. & M. P.

FELTHAM, MIDD.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Salter 1, D. Pickett 2, S. Gamble 3, D. Leach 4, L. Way 5, D. Boniface (cond.) 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Kingston Seymour (6) on December 1st. Ringing preceded the Association service, which was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, Preb. P. W. R. Rowlands. About 45 members and friends were present at the tea, which was served in the Village Hall, by ladies and helpers from the local band.

Following the minutes and statement of accounts the serving officers were elected for a further year, viz.: Chairman and Ringing Master, H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary, D. G. Yeo; reporter, J. Brain.

Sixteen new members were elected, including a completely new band from Ubley. Yatton was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, with practice meetings at Ubley (January) and Clutton (March), where ringing is now strongly established once again.

Details and rules of the striking competition, to be held on February 23rd at Chew Stoke, were approved, for which Mr. H. Sanger, of Evercreech, has consented to act as judge.

The meeting agreed that for a trial period the Branch Corporate Communion should be held once a year in May or June, as at present there was insufficient support for two services.

Proposals for both changes in the title of the Association and for the date of its A.G.M. were feelingly opposed by those present, and the secretary was asked to convey this to the General Committee. The present arrangements were regarded as adequate and satisfactory. A collection of £3 was made towards the Ernest Morris Memorial Window.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing was resumed at the tower until shortly after 8 o'clock.

J. B.

PERSONALITIES

By MARG.

There now appears upon the scene
A most peculiar sight,
With beard below a trilby hat
And yearning for a light.
His nature cures are famous now,
But still he seems to manage
The heavy end to heave around
And do himself no damage.
He dances in with smile aglow
And pipe a bit askew.
You know, of course, the one I mean,
He's known as Phil Mehew.

AUTUMN TERM AT SHEBBEAR

This term has seen a change from the usual custom of holding practices at Shebbear on Fridays. We have changed over to Hatherleigh, 10 miles away, and we are indebted to Mr. Queen and Mr. Gay for transport. There are eight bells at Hatherleigh and this has enabled us to widen our scope to eight bell methods. This proved invaluable when several members rang in a quarter peal of Bob Major on the London trip.

On November 10th the Society was host to other members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, when they came to Shebbear for their quarterly meeting. Methods rung included Bob Minor, Cambridge, Kent and Stedman. The Guild representatives took a leading part in these. After a short service everyone enjoyed tea in the hall.

The Sunday following was Remembrance Sunday and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, by J. Coad, C. Head, P. Plant, D. Etchells, P. Daniel and Mr. Queen, 'turning the tenor in.' As conductor, Daniel became the first Shebbear boy to conduct a quarter of Minor.

The highlight of the term's activities was the trip to London. We left college in a minibus (kindly lent by Mr. Wallington) after Friday afternoon school on November 23rd and reached our destination soon after 10 p.m. Two were dropped at Haslemere and the rest taken on to Dorking, where Mrs. Holder, an aunt, put six up—certainly no easy proposition! After a very welcome hot dinner, and fatigued after the journey, sleep on a soft

bed came as a relief. At 9 a.m. the next day we departed for London. Arriving at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, we were met by a reporter from 'The Times,' who accompanied us around the foundry, lunched with us and later saw us ring. Mr. Hughes first outlined the history of the foundry and then conducted us round the different sections. In the afternoon we rang at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Vedast's, Foster Lane. Some later went to ring at Putney, with the Universities Association. In the evening, after a brief look round St. Paul's, we returned to Dorking. There we rang on the fine eight bells (25 cwt.).

On Sunday morning we visited the new Cathedral at Guildford. We then rang at Haslemere Parish Church for Matins, on the light ten, and attended the service there. We lunched at Mr. Queen's home—a last attempt at hearty eating before our return. After lunch Mr. Queen, his brother, Messrs. Gay, Head, Etchells, Daniel and the local tower captain and his wife rang a quarter peal of Bob Major. Shortly afterwards we sadly departed with vivid memories of a successful week-end. For a delightful conclusion we had dinner at the Royal Clarence in Exeter.

The team is hoping both to increase its repertoire and get the less advanced people on to the elementary methods. We look forward to our Society visiting many more towers and gaining valuable experience of ringing on as many unfamiliar bells as possible.

R. J. BARTLETT (aged 15).

THE STORY OF AN ORDINARY TOWER

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE

Most ringers would agree that there is no such thing as an ordinary tower. Each has its own character, as have the bells themselves. One climbs a spiral staircase, or a straight, or the bells are rung from floor level, or in a few cases the ringer is called upon to descend steps. Or he may spend several minutes passing along triforium or rooftop. The circle is large, or it's small, or it is anti-clockwise. The size and colour of the ropes vary. The peal boards reflect the talent of long-dead local signwriters.

On the other hand, the tower of Christ Church, Eastbourne, has a history which could be echoed by hundreds of town parishes throughout the country. The church was built in 1859, a product of the rapid expansion of the little village of Bourne, and money was from the start hard to come by, much being donated by the gentry who inhabited the more prosperous part of bygone Eastbourne. The tower was added in 1870, three bells in 1879, and three more in 1883. A band of ringers was formed, and a board in the ringing chamber records that Mr. F. Harding conducted the first peal on the bells, Minor in seven methods.

Warner's completed the octave in 1888, and a few days later a peal of Oxford Bob Triples was conducted by Mr. Harding. By the turn of the century the Christ Church team was one of the best in the county, ringing many peals, mostly of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and gaining the Sussex County Challenge Bell in 1909 and 1913. The captain at that time, George H. Howse, was a prominent Central Council member from 1909 until 1917. Of a total of 111 peals rung on the bells to date, 78 were between 1888-1914.

One remembers in more recent years old 'Bill' who rang tenor to cover rather indifferently, yet was first outside the belfry door on all ringing occasions. He kept the

tower clean during the war years when enemy plane and flying-bomb threatened the church and its depleted congregation. One recalls the excitement when an old ringing book presented to the Guild by a friend was discovered to be Stedman's 'Campanologia', printed in 1677; the well-meaning vicar who ruined a peal in his honour by entering the tower using a spare key, standing in the middle of the circle to address the ringers—this in the last five minutes! In the days when the ringers were all choir members, the demure procession at the start of the service was preceded by a far-from-demure rush from belfry to vestry, via the churchyard. It was during this period that a learner was told that if his bell was out of place in rounds, the conductor would call a change, 'then it wouldn't matter.'

Other events flock to the memory. The arrival of H. S. Hobden, to teach scientific ringing, and the subsequent attainments: the town's first lady ringer; the band which attracted the attention of the national press by its average age of 14 years; the verbal tussles which took place when the 'tenor king' was a regular visitor.

By such fragments a tower assumes its own character in the minds of ringers. But Christ Church has lately been spoken of in ringing circles for a more ominous reason. The tower, like so much of lower Eastbourne, is built on shingle, and two large cracks which have been under observation for some years, have become the subject of an architect's report. This is to the effect that the tower must be underpinned to replace foundations which are inefficient—or it must be demolished.

Courageously, the P.C.C. has chosen the former alternative, and is now faced with an expenditure of £5,000. No doubt Christ Church will overcome its difficulties, as it has steadily overcome them since the days when it was referred to by the bishop as 'the

largest—and the poorest—parish in the Diocese of Chichester,' a description which would probably fit today. The church has no claim on grounds of antiquity, but countless ringers have spotted its friendly flint tower from Eastbourne's famous sea front, and have availed themselves of its hospitality. If any of these would care to send a donation, however small, to help save an ordinary tower, it will be most gratefully acknowledged. The Vicar's address—The Rev. S. J. N. Henderson, Christ Church Vicarage, Addingham Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. H. R.

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This is a two-part, with the 3rd course of 2nd part inserted to make up number. It can be put in same place in 1st part when the C.E. would be 64352.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Pauline Oxtell (first quarter) 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, G. B. Collins 3, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 4, E. R. Venn 5, W. F. Judge 6, N. I. Alnatt 7, S. D. Edwards 8. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. William Judge (73rd) and to Mr. G. B. Collins (50th).

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In the long peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Quex Park, four members of the band rang their first peal of Rutland and the conductor called his first peal of Rutland. In addition two members were ladies, and their performances were both highly commendable. This certainly is a setback to 'A.B.'s' argument! Finally, can any other University Society go one better? London University Society sets a challenge to the 'provincial' universities.

The Warborough and Dorchester Abbey (Oxon) ringers offer their sincere congratulations to Andrew Howes and Helen Butler on their recent engagement.

The Devon Branch of the Ladies' Guild, at their meeting at Exeter, sent a 'Get well quick' message to Mr. E. M. Atkins, general secretary of the Devon Guild. They want him at their next meeting on April 20th at Plymouth.

For some months, ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for a Thursday lunchtime service has been maintained regularly by members of the University of London Society and others working nearby, who can arrange their lunch break to ring between 12.30 and 1.5 p.m. Anyone who can attend this service ringing, whether regularly or when visiting London, will be welcomed. The church is at Holborn Circus, and the nearest underground station is Chancery Lane (Central Line).

Another young hand came into being at Westleigh, Devon, by ringing for Evensong on December 9th, which was the first service ringing in this tower since the war. Three of the young band in training participated, and so pleased was a member of the congregation that a donation of £3 was sent to the Vicar (the Rev. Shephard Walwyn) for the bell restoration fund, which now needs less than £20 to pay for the rehanging of the bells last June. The first quarter on the bells was rung on December 8th for a Confirmation service, at which three young ringers were confirmed. Regular Sunday service ringing, without the help of visiting instructors, is expected to start at Christmas.

BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, ringers were honoured by a visit from the Bishop of Kensington on December 10th, when he was the guest preacher at the conclusion of a week of special mission services. After listening from the Vicarage to a well struck quarter of Bob Triples, he joined the ringers to thank them and, being a keen ringer, then rang the fifth bell. He then spent some time discussing the merits of various rings of bells throughout the country before descending to the church, where the waiting congregation was learning from the Vicar just what their missing Bishop had been doing.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Glasbury-on-Wye, Breconshire (see page 793), was rung on November 10th and not as submitted for publication.

Service ringing takes place at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn Circus, London, every Thursday, from 12.30-1.5 p.m. All ringers are welcome.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has not a 12-bell tower. Messrs. Geoff and Gerald Hemming kindly placed Evesham bell tower at their disposal on December 1st, and the Guild scored its first of Maximus.

Although Benington, Herts, was a famous ringing centre in the time of Squire Proctor, it is over 30 years since a quarter peal was rung there by a Sunday service band. Now Benington and Knebworth ringers combine for practices and service ringing, and were able to ring a quarter peal after the induction of the new Rector, with four Benington ringers scoring their first quarter.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, who rang the fifth to the peal at Long Stanton on December 12th, rang the same bell to the first peal on the bells exactly fifty years before. He is the sole survivor of that band. The first peal was one of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and to which the Rev. H. B. Woolley, then Vicar, rang the tenor. The present band wish to thank the Rector and Mrs. Youngman for their kind hospitality.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	† Geoffrey E. Watson .. 7
* Diana M. Lawless .. 2	* Brian Austin .. 8
* Shelagh R. Collins .. 3	† Peter M. Fleckney .. 9
* Arthur Gibbs .. 4	† Murray R. Coleman .. 10
† William J. Whitmore .. 5	* Alan J. Frost .. 11
Gerald C. Hemming .. 6	* Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in the method. † First of Maximus. ‡ First on 12 bells.
First of Maximus for the Guild.**TEN BELL PEALS**

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

Audrey M. Hales .. Treble	Peter M. Fleckney .. 6
* Michael J. Staley .. 2	Geoffrey E. Watson .. 7
Shelagh R. Collins .. 3	R. George Care .. 8
William J. Whitmore .. 4	Arthur Gibbs .. 9
Harry Richardson .. 5	Murray R. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First of L.B. Royal for the Guild, and for all the band.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	John Camp .. 6
* Christine C. Macnair .. 2	F. John Nelson .. 7
Sidney Hough, Jun. .. 3	John H. Fielden .. 8
Frederick Shallcross .. 4	Derek Ogden .. 9
John Robinson .. 5	Dennis Mottershead .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. EWEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble	Anthony R. Kench .. 6
Jacqueline A. Reason .. 2	Don C. Exell .. 7
* Brynley A. Shackleton .. 3	Reginald G. Hooper .. 8
† Michael J. Hobbs .. 4	James R. Taylor .. 9
Peter Bridle .. 5	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH T. DYKE. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 100th tower bell peal. † 50th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth M. Chapman .. Treble	Maurice J. Butler .. 6
Robert C. Kippin .. 2	Tom Page .. 7
* Carolyn Vibert .. 3	R. Roger Savory .. 8
David J. Forder .. 4	David E. House .. 9
† Michael J. Thomas .. 5	Tom Chapman .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Caters. † 75th peal.

Rung to mark the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Roy Chamberlain as Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KILBURN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's Guild.)

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* Christine Bradburn .. Treble	David T. Darby .. 5
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 2	Ruth M. K. How .. 6
Jeremy A. M. Salter .. 3	Douglas C. Birkinshaw .. 7
David A. H. Bennett .. 4	Rodney B. Meadows .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

* First peal.

Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Douglas and Florence Birkinshaw.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Leslie L. Willis .. Treble	† Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Michael W. Coleman .. 2	Geoffrey Pratt .. 6
* John A. Underwood .. 3	Gordon H. Lane .. 7
† Barry J. Davies .. 4	John M. Jelley .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 25th different Surprise Major peal. † 25th peal together. First in the method for all except the ringer of the fifth. Fastest peal on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 7, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Martin L. Howe .. Treble	* Monty W. Gilbert .. 5
* Cyril S. Jarrett .. 2	Trevor A. Cross .. 6
* John W. Coleman .. 3	* Andrew M. Macve .. 7
Thomas Cullingworth .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss May Foster and Mr. Robert B. Smith.

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Judith A. M. Cox .. Treble	Richard A. Shekelton .. 5
Beryl E. Cawser .. 2	J. Edward Cawser .. 6
Alfred Ballard .. 3	W. Ernest Rawson .. 7
Russell S. Morris .. 4	Michael E. Brown .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert B. Smith and Miss May Foster on their engagement.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

William J. Dixon .. Treble	Peter Beedie .. 5
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Brian W. Hall .. 6
Michael C. F. Collett .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. 7
Peter Pearce .. 4	Thomas W. Timms .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary this day of the Rev. Fairfax Scott-Tucker as Vicar of this parish.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

* Frank Boxall .. Treble	Victor Chamberlain .. 5
Donald Mureft .. 2	* Raymond Daw .. 6
Alan Barker .. 3	John H. Bluff .. 7
Brian Harris .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday greeting to Alan Barker.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 3 Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

* Graham Barlow .. Treble	† Harold Dowler .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. 2	† Paul J. Atkins .. 6
Raymond J. Ballard .. 3	Walter Sherratt .. 7
Michael Wilshaw .. 4	† Dennis Latham .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENNIS LATHAM.

* First peal. † First of Major. First peal since being rehung.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

John Ryder .. Treble	Roy Foster .. 5
* Adrian Hough .. 2	Harold Worrall .. 6
* Frank Brazenale .. 3	Reginald W. Worrall .. 7
† Pamela McInerny .. 4	Christopher Jones .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Ryder, mother of the treble ringer and grandmother of the ringer of the third.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	CYRIL RUSBY 5
*ANGELA M. TRUELOVE 2	DAVID H. HOLLAND 6
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 3	IAN M. HOLLAND 7
†JOHN E. CHAPMAN 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First attempt.

Rung in memory of Fred Watkinson, first Ringing Master, and William H. Taylor, both original members of this company who have died this year.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 7 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 15520 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 69 lb. in B.

ALAN R. PATTERSON Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
DAVID J. TAYLOR 2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
KENNETH LAWSON 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN SEGAR. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 300th peal. The longest length rung for the Association, and of Yorkshire Major.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on the eve of his 70th birthday

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

JAMES H. EDWARDS Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT 5
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT 2	GERALD PENNEY 6
JOYCE DODDS 3	GEOFFREY DODDS 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*ALAN R. MILDRED Treble	§KEITH H. MILDRED 5
†NICHOLAS R. MAY 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
†CAROL I. V. CORTON 3	BRIAN M. SMITH 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' § 25th peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID WALDRUM Treble	COLIN LORD 5
*KEITH F. GARDNER 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 6
†GEORGE P. HAMMOND 3	*DAVID J. ALLEN 7
ALGENON LORD 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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

To mark the completion by Canon F. G. Hogarth of 25 years as Vicar of this parish.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1962, in 6 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 10944 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 qr. in F.

MARCUS P. BARTON Treble	ALAN J. FROST 5
(Imperial)	(Inst. of Arch.)
MARY S. TAYLOR 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 6
(Queen Elizabeth)	(London Hospital)
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	JOHN C. EISEL 7
(Westfield)	(King's)
ANTHONY G. OSBORNE 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor
(University)	(King's)

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES (University College)

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The longest peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. Treble	*LEONARD STILWELL 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	GEORGE FRANCIS 7
ROBERT WAKE 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. First in the method by all, and for the Association. Tenor 13½ cwt.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 11, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
*C. GAY WILLIAMS 2	COLIN JOHNSON 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
HILARY MUIRHEAD 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to welcome Patricia, daughter of Geoffrey and Margaret Lucas.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*JANET WARWICK Treble	BASIL JONES 5
*†MARGARET JAMES 2	*JOHN H. SOANES 6
DEREK OGDEN 3	*DAVID W. JAMES 7
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 4	*JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First of Bristol for the Guild. Birthday compliments to Margaret James and Edna Poulter.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

A variation of Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
DONALD F. MURFET 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD 3	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* 350th peal.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, December 12th, 1912.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
ANN E. FELLOWS 2	FREDERICK ROSS 6
*SUSAN FUNNELL 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of London.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method, which appears in Corrigan's Collection as Ashton (No. 12). It is now renamed to avoid confusion with Ashton-under-Lyne.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	*ALAN R. BRIDGES 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman, and of Triples.

CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

34—58.4—58—38.14—14.5.36—16.5. 2nds place L.E.

4ths place bobs.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CRINGLEFORD IMPERIAL BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	Treble	PETER ADCOCK	5
MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
DAVID CUBITT	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOIAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method: 5.1.5.1.347.125.7. L.E. 12.P.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ARTHUR SAYERS	Treble	ERIC SUITON	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	WALTER HUNT	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells, reputed to be the oldest ring of eight in the country.

Rung as a compliment to Eunice M. Hiley and Frank W. Lewis, who were married at Hersham, Surrey, on this day.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Grove's variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

PHILIP S. GAISFORD	Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT	5
TERENCE J. MILSON	2	FREDERICK W. BOX	6
ROBERT J. PURNELL	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	MICHAEL G. WILMOT	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Guild; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Robert Purnell.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	Treble	JOHN W. WARD	5
ALAN M. BARBER	2	DONALD F. MURFET	6
COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
IAN SMITH	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

JOAN BERESFORD	Treble	RONALD J. SHARP	5
F. JANE SIBSON	2	GERALD PENNEY	6
RUTH M. FOREMAN	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

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

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. 100th peal as conductor.

The band congratulate the ringer of the sixth on his engagement to Miss Audrey E. C. Hellis, of Hothfield, Kent.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	Treble	*MICHAEL ARROWSMITH	5
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
DENNIS ELLISON	3	*THOMAS F. METCALFE	7
*BERNARD MOSS	4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT	4
TERRY R. HATCHETT	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
*MARGARET M. RODEN	3	JACK S. DEAR	Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

* First peal.

BROADWAS-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)
On Mon., Oct. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 23 extents of Grandsire, 14 of Plain Bob and 5 of April Day.			
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	Treble	*CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	3
F. JOHN VALLENDER	2	PETER L. BILL	4

† JEREMY A. TANDY Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First on five bells. The treble ringer is the first to 'circle the tower' to peals.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Bill, mother of the ringer of the fourth. Tenor 4½ cwt. in D flat minor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.			
*ROGER D. SPENCE	Treble	† RICHARD A. COBLEY	4
*ALAN R. MILDRED	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
FREDERICK WATSON	3	HERBERT NEEDHAM	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles.

A birthday compliment to David Clegg.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

TERRY R. HATCHETT	Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON	4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
JACK S. DEAR	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Consisting of 85 methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Morland, Bodenham, Kippax, Eardisley, Kirkthorpe, Pencombe, Felkirk and Crofton Alliance, Waterford and Berwyn T.B., Barham, Oswald, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Berkeley and Kentish Delight, Bastow Little Court; (2) Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, College, St. Clement's, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Windermere and Double Bob, Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donoitir Delight; (3) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholar's, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donoitir, Wath, Pontefract, Alderbourne and Hicham Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; (6) Sursfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham and York Surprise; (7) St. Clement's, College, Double Oxford, London Bob, Buxton, Westlecott, Pinchurst and Rodbourne; with 192 changes of method. IVOR GOULTER Treble CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2 ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3 BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Tenor 10 cwt.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE A. READING	Treble	WALTER AYRE	4
† DIANA M. KENCH	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
† SUSAN E. WILLIAMS	3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'
† First of Minor. Rung for St. Andrew's-tide.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being 720 each of London, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Norbury, and combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
WILLIAM CLOVER Treble THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4
DAVID CUBITT 2 HENRY TOOKE 5
ROY DUESBURY 3 PETER ADCOCK Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.
*GWYNNE M. JAMES .. Treble CYRIL W. J. BEECHING .. 4
DAVID L. CAWLEY 2 †DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. 3 KEITH J. TRIPLOW Tenor
Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † 125th peal.
Rung to mark the consecration of the extensions to the church.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 62 lb. in A flat.
WILLIAM C. DARKE .. Treble STANLEY E. JAMES 4
*DAVID L. CAWLEY 2 KEITH J. TRIPLOW 5
*LILLIAN E. JAMES 3 JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor
Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.'
Rung by a local band on the occasion of the consecration and dedication of extensions to the church by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).
*CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX Treble †DARRYL GILLESPIE 4
†DAVID M. BARRACLOUGH .. 2 †JEFFREY BRANNAN 5
*J. MICHAEL LOMAX 3 DEREK OGDEN Tenor
Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Eccles.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 3, 1962, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. Treble IAN G. SMITH 4
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2 RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3 A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor
Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
E. MARION KEY .. Treble WILLIAM H. TALBOT .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY 2 *RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
*PETER MORRIS 3 †FRANK MORGAN Tenor
Conducted by PETER MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal.
First as conductor.
Arranged for Frank Morgan, who has been tower captain at this church for 20 years.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Dec. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet, (5, 6, 7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 58 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.
MRS. M. E. BROWN .. Treble JOHN WATKINS 4
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2 BRIAN L. BURROWS 5
JOHN VERNON 3 MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

First peal of Spliced by all the band. First of Surprise on the bells.

HALE (NEAR LIVERPOOL), LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble *V. DAVID JENNER 4
*JAMES DUNBAVIN 2 *TERENCE M. FITZGERALD .. 5
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 3 THOMAS W. HESKETH .. Tenor
Jointly Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS and THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal in the method.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being ten extents of April Day, 15 of Plain Bob, one 240 and 15 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
JAMES S. BAKER .. Treble FRANK R. MORTON 4
GEORGE A. PACKER 2 HERBERT SUTTON 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 3 THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor
Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

A birthday compliment to Thomas P. Barlow.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
PAUL EBSWORTH .. Treble KENNETH ARTHUR 4
*J. IAN BOOTH 2 CHARLES N. LEA 5
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 3 NORMAN ERRINGTON Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal of Minor.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being six extents of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*MAUREEN J. WHITE .. Treble †BRIAN R. WALTON 4
†RAMON A. STONE 2 CHARLES E. BASSETT .. 5
MARY E. WHITE 3 †THOMAS WHITE Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. † First peal attempt.
Rung as a remembrance to the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Read, who were ringers here for many years.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
*DAVID C. ISGROVE .. Treble HERMAN J. OLIVER 4
†RAYMOND G. JONES .. 2 COLIN M. TIFFIN 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3 HARRY TURNER Tenor
Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal. † First in five methods. 50th peal in this tower by the ringer of the fourth.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 19 cwt.
 *HARRY G. CRABB ... Treble | H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
 REV. O. L. WILLMOTT ... 2 | JESSE DAVIS ... 5
 JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... 3 | ARTHUR J. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.

* First peal away from tenor.

Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: One of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*ALBERT W. DYER ... Treble | SIDNEY W. WHITE ... 4
 RAYMOND P. SELWAY ... 2 | EDGAR T. SKIPSEY ... 5
 VICTOR G. ROBERTS ... 3 | WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal in three methods. First on the bells since the augmentation to six.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods or variations, being two extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Morelinton, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, New Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Doubles, Besthorpe, Seighford, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Costessy, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Newborough, Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DERRICK G. CLARKE ... Treble | CHARLES PHILLIPS ... 4
 LESLIE H. COLCOMBE ... 2 | MICHAEL V. POWELL ... 5
 REGINALD G. POWELL ... 3 | ALFRED J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Reverse Bob, (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (3) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (4) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

CHRISTOPHER OSENTON ... Treble | MARTIN L. HOWE ... 4
 TERENCE BARTON ... 2 | TREVOR A. CROSS ... 5
 CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 3 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

For the Patronal Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES ... Treble | EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4
 ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 2 | ARTHUR G. BUTTON ... 5
 ANN E. PRYKE ... 3 | RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung to mark the commencement of Charles Marven's 60th year as clerk at this church.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Four callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*J. DAVID UMPLEBY ... Treble | †BRIAN STREET ... 4
 †ALAN J. DUNN ... 2 | HAROLD WILSON ... 5
 HARRY BYROM ... 3 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside,' and of Minor. ‡ First peal. Rung after meeting short for Major. Mrs. L. Bumphrey kindly standing down. In memoriam Richard H. Byrom.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Wright 1, J. Barlow 2, Mrs. J. Harrison (cond.) 3, W. Harrison 4, P. Malloch 5, D. Marshall 6, J. Clegg 7, L. Hill 8, R. Edwards 9, F. Shallcross 10. For Evensong, by the local band.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, Christine Sanders 2, D. Farrar 3, S. Marie Davenport 4, J. Kinchin 5, T. Roper 6, D. Staples 7, J. Poynor (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Kinchin 1, D. Staples 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Sandra E. Chesterton 4, D. Farrar 5, J. Kinchin 6, J. Poynor (cond.) 7, T. Roper 8. Half-muffled for Evensong. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Farrar 1, Christine Sanders 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Sandra E. Chesterton 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 7. By Sunday service band for Confirmation.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, with 32 changes of method): R. J. Lee 1, Olive D. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, R. G. Talbot (first of Spliced) 4, R. W. Hinde 5, J. Schofield 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8. BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Carr (first of Grandsire) 1, A. H. Smith 2, Sheila Smith 3, A. S. Smith 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, P. G. Smith 6, B. F. Sims (cond.) 7, R. V. Beldom 8. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. F. Sims (cond.) 1, D. Carr 2, A. S. Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, P. G. Smith 6. For Confirmation service.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Dec. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wade 1, W. R. Marsh 2, F. Carford 3, R. Wilson 4, B. H. Dalton 5, A. E. Scott 6, H. E. Burrell 7, J. W. Haw (cond.) 8. Rung in connection with the mission to Lincolnshire. BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Leighton 1, S. Thompson (cond.) 2, T. Bullerwell 3, J. Crowther (first quarter) 4, M. Maughan 5. For Confirmation service.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—1,280 London Surprise Major: R. E. Lambert 1, R. T. Lambert 2, E. J. Ladd 3, T. E. Sone 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, T. A. Cross 6, M. L. Howe 7, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 8. First quarter London S. Major by 2, 3 and 5.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Limmer 1, Joan Bacon 2, C. Bundell 3, P. Dean 4, A. Boarder 5, J. L. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, N. Belsion 8. For the service of Thanksgiving and Hallowing, on the completion of 20 years of restoration.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, Christine Halling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, C. Halling 5, B. Spiers 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Vaughan (first quarter, aged 13) 1, N. V. Avis 2, J. A. Avis 3, W. G. Wilson 4, L. P. Wilson 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Humphrey (first quarter, 10 years) 1, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 2, J. A. Avis 3, N. V. Avis 4, F. G. Oliver 5, W. G. Wilson 6. For Advent Sunday Evensong. Both rung by resident band.

DERRY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Allsopp 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, K. Betesta 3, D. G. Astridge 4, A. H. Bridges 5, C. Roadley 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Roadley (first on tibble) 1, W. Allsopp 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, K. Betesta 4, A. H. Bridges 5, J. Kettle 6. For Evensong. Also on December 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7. 8 covering): C. Roadley 1, W. Allsopp 2, K. Betesta 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. H. Bridges 5, S. Fokett 6, B. Wayne (first quarter) 7, J. Kettle 8. For Evensong.

DURHAM, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Nicholas', on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Redgers 1, Gillian Webb 2, Janet Cleve 3, L. R. Pizzev 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5. Rung for 275th anniversary of the casting of the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6. 8 covering): A. G. Terry 1, B. E. Jemmett 2, Miss A. Bing 3, Miss A. Dudson 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, N. Turner 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Abbott, of Painters Forstal, 100 years old this day.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Elizabeth Beaumont (first quarter) 2, Anne E. Reynolds 3, J. F. Bryant 4, R. E. Moulds 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, J. N. Parkin 8. Rung for the engagement of Arlene Flather and David Smith. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Bryant (cond.) 1, Pauline Hardwick 2, A. Christina McBurney (first quarter) 3, Arlene Flather 4, J. F. Bryant 5, J. N. Parkin 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds 8. For Evensong.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, C. Haylings 2, Joan Gainey 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, C. Halling 6.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: C. Butler (14) 1, P. Watts (15) 2, D. G. Papworth 3, P. Myers (16) 4, G. D. Weston (16, cond.) 5, E. Cox (14) 6. First in method by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stripp 1, Christine Smith 2, Mrs. J. Sinfild 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. Cloughton 5, I. Knox 6, J. W. V. Sinfild 7, A. G. Stripp 8. Rung for Confirmation, and the admittance of a reader at the church this day.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Gray 4, G. A. Parsons 5, J. M. Steele 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. W. Gray 8. Rung for the institution of a new Vicar, the Rev. G. Trevor Scutgate.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): H. Mitson 1, L. Nice 2, M. Rose 3, T. Cracknell 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6. Rung for the induction of Rev. Mr. Swain.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Maughan (first quarter) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, S. Thompson (cond.) 3, M. Maughan 4, J. Crowther 5, T. Bullerwell 6. For Confirmation service, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Kent and Oxford): P. Humphrey 1, J. Shonfeld 2, S. Humphrey 3, R. Benfield 4, P. Hancock 5, M. Poppleston (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. Shonfeld.

HALF PEAL

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, L. A. Whewall 2, Rev. J. T. Randall 3, W. E. Burnell 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. G. Grant 6. First half peal for all.

LONG LENGTH

BRENTFORD, MIDD.—On Dec. 12th, 2,880 Minor (Cambridge, Kent, Plain Bob): Miss L. Simpson 1, C. W. Simpson 2, Miss P. Laycock 3, B. Burrough 4, B. Matthews (cond.) 5, J. Rank 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 25th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Foot 1, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, Mrs. S. R. Foot 4, E. E. Dodds 5, A. J. Hampton 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, G. Barber 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Robert Pepper, founder of the band in 1927.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: D. C. Exell (cond.) 1, J. H. Gilbert 2, D. G. Yeo 3, E. Lee 4, P. Bridle 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. G. Edwards 8. First of Pudsey 3 and 5.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartolomew's and Plain Bob): E. Goater 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, Miss M. Viner 3, K. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. M. Eves 1, F. J. Robinson 2, B. M. Harris 3, B. L. Marks 4, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 5, A. E. Jones 6, C. A. Critchley 7, A. V. Robinson 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 8. Rung after the induction of Rev. R. J. Davies as Rector of Benington with Aston. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Critchley 1, R. Fleming 2, C. A. Critchley 3, E. Edmondson 4, A. Cutler 5, P. J. Coles 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, F. J. Robinson 8.

BOILEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Radmore 1, Anne Bidwell 2, B. Nulty 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Sheila Gasson 6, J. Nulty 7, A. W. Jones 8. First in the method for all except 4 and 5. Rung after the rededication of the bells by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Roger Wilson, as a thanksgiving for the retuning and rehanging in a new iron frame.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. J. Gunstone 1, D. L. Nibbs 2, G. A. Gunstone 3, R. H. Lucas 4, G. G. Parsons 5, M. G. Wilmot 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Webb (St. Hild's) 1, C. Hopkins (Bede) 2, Mary Marshall (St. Hild's) 3, Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) 4, J. Kenneth (University) 5, L. Pizzey (St. John's) 6, P. Newing (St. John's) 7, B. Pattison (cond., Bede) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Padley 1, W. Sidwell 2, Mrs. T. Lanaghan 3, T. Lanaghan 4, J. Taylor 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (first as cond.) 7, H. Osborne 8. For Evensong.

DENVER, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 9th, 720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob Minor: M. Reed 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, A. Rolfe 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Dugay, for 60 years ringer and vergier at Denver.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Smith 2, W. S. Smith 3, J. Burton 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, M. Black 6. For Matins.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Gosling (first of Minor) 1, M. Goss (first of Minor 'inside') 2, G. K. Dodd 3, P. Murdock 4, D. G. Papworth 5, P. Watts (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For family service, and a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Double Court, Kent T.B.): A. Rolfe 1, L. Wright 2, L. Nice 3, R. Rose (cond.) 4, R. Fordham 5. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Culpin.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrou 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. Grainer 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Clement, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. I. Lester 1, R. I. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, N. I. Whittell 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, R. W. Seward 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): Miss J. Felton (first on eight) 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, P. N. Felton 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, N. F. Felton 9. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss J. Felton (first on ten) 1, H. W. Rogers 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 4, P. N. Felton 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, S. Croft 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8, C. T. Richards 9, N. F. Felton 10.

KINGSLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Butler (14) 1, P. Myers (16) 2, P. Watts (16, first of Triples 'inside') 3, P. Murdock 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, G. D. Weston (16) 6, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 7, E. Cox (14) 8. For Evensong, and a 16th birthday compliment to Peter Watts.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: L. Houghton 1, Mrs. B. Wilgress 2, W. Cousins 3, F. Wigmore 4, E. Mastin 5, H. Follen 6, J. Fox 7, C. Cousins 8, M. Reed 9, B. Wilgress (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Rose, tower captain and churchwarden, Tilney All Saints', and vice-captain, Lynn St. Margaret's Society.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary, Humblestone, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. Cobley 1, G. W. Mason 2, M. W. Brown 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. K. Mason (cond.) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. Crampion 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Miss J. Cook 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, B. Downes 6, C. Willmington 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, L. Fox 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Miss J. Cook 4, J. McPhail 5, J. Crampion (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, R. Smith 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Grandsire): Margaret E. Foot 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Alison Mann 3, D. C. Brookes 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5. For the Festival of St. Andrew.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, P. Langton 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For Morning Prayer.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: G. Waterman 1, Miss G. Brown 2, A. E. Honeyman 3, J. W. Brown 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, U. W. Wildney 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Hammons 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, G. F. Roome 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, A. D. Hammons 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. H. R. Hammons, father of the ringers of treble, 5th and tenor, and lifelong member of this church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: M. Morris 1, E. D. Elderkin 2, M. M. Powell 3, A. S. Harrison 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, J. H. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Nicholas' Day, by members of S.U.G.C.R.

ORSET, ESSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. G. Hull (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Mason 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Miss V. I. Merchant and Mr. J. E. Meakins.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. J. Talbot 1, J. W. Euston (cond.) 2, Miss M. Jennings 3, G. Oliver 4, G. Parsons 5, A. Bull 6, A. T. Shelton 7, G. Jennings 8, K. Game 9, E. G. Talbot 10. First of Royal 3 and 9.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 540 Grandsire): J. Bennett 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Joan Gainey 3, C. Haylins 4, B. Spiers 5, W. Gainey 6. Rung as a compliment to John Bennett.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Deverill (first on treble) 1, Miss S. P. Edwards 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, M. D. G. Northway 5, D. Greenlaw 6, H. J. Page 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Advent.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss J. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, E. Nice 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, M. Rose 6. Rung as a compliment to Rev. Mr. Jarrold.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Kent and Oxford (Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob): 1. Musson 1, H. Goakes 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, R. Russell 4, R. Daw 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Margaret James 1, W. Janet Warwick 2, J. H. Soanes 3, K. H. Scrimshaw 4, D. J. Baker (first in method 'inside') 5, D. W. James 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Nancy Robins 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, Jean A. Allen 3, Beryl W. Baldwin 4, Shirley B. Aston 5, D. J. Baker 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, J. H. Seanes 8. First in method for 1 and 2. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marcia M. Nott (first of Minor) 1, Jean A. Allen 2, K. H. Scrimshaw 3, D. J. Baker 4, E. F. P. Bryant 5, Mary Browne (first as cond.) 6. All rung by the Manchester University Guild, for Evensong.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. R. H. Penn 1, G. Brown 2, S. E. Ludlow 3, E. E. Ludlow 4, L. Dare 5, W. H. Davies 6, M. C. Homans (cond.) 7, A. M. Ludlow 8. A farewell to Stuart E. Ludlow on joining H.M. Forces.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss A. G. Harrison 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5, G. Allcock (first quarter) 6. Rung for Advent, and an 88th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred (first of Major) 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. First of Little Bob 1, 2, 4. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Grassby (first away from tenor) 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, B. M. Smith 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Parish Eucharist. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, A. R. Mildred (first of Plain Bob Major 'inside') 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. N. J. Bailey 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, Miss P. Rowe 3, A. A. Spreadbury 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. J. Rowe 6, M. Cubitt 7, I. Green 8. To celebrate the engagement of Miss A. Aldridge and M. J. Rowe, members of the local band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (27 methods): Miss T. Johnson 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Lansley 6. First in 27 methods by all except 4 and 5. For Advent Sunday Family Communion.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: P. Cranham 1, P. Brand 2, M. Tyers 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, D. Brock 5, D. Struckett 6, D. Boniface (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Kensington to conclude a week of 'Face to Face' Mission services.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Margaret Pickering (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Mann 2, O. J. J. Rogers 3, K. Fleming 4, C. Mann 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6, D. C. Hall tenor. For Confirmation service.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. Teal 1, J. Gray (cond.) 2, G. Drew 3, E. Haynes 4, C. Hunt 5, N. Castle 6. First of this type of quarter by all the band. To commemorate the last payment for the new ring of bells.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Maple 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. Skinner 3, Miss S. Shackell 4, C. Longhurst 5, R. Verrall (cond.) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. E. Pratt 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, G. Aven 3, R. D. Bell 4, Jennifer Bunyan 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, W. G. Paul 8, R. Baldwin 9, S. Laud 10. For Morning Prayer.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. M. Boyle 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Pearce 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, F. Sangwin (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service. First quarter on the bells.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Judith Geiringer 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, R. Mayes 6, K. Newman (cond.) 7, G. Reynolds 8. First in the method for 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, G. Edmonds 2, F. Gibbard 3, J. Gregory 4, M. Jamieson 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. France 7, S. Marriott 8. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of Miss Ruth Hall, daughter of conductor, people's warden.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, January 2nd, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, Heanor (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 2nd, please.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 1602

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Saturday, January 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting, in St. Mary's Vestry, 5.45 p.m. No name no tea.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater. 1638

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Midsomer Norton (8), Saturday, January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Seward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Kempston, January 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. 1639

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Evening meeting only, Stratford-upon-Avon, Saturday, January 5th, 6 to 8.30 p.m. 1612

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 5th, at Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—A.G.M. at Galleywood, Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, January 2nd, to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Dan- bury. 1587

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiver- ton, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and busi- ness after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rosenath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1642

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—King- ton District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 5th, at Old Radnor. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. Reg Preece, Stones Farm, Old Radnor, Radnorshire. 1641

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin on January 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, by January 2nd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1632

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ton- bridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on January 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please book for tea with Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by previous Wednesday.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 1629

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Halling, Saturday, Jan- uary 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.) to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maid- stone. No name no tea. 1611

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, January 5th, at St. Miles'. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by the 2nd to Mrs. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57 N.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Newport Pagnell (8), Saturday, January 5th, 6 p.m.—R. W. Seur, Hon. Sec. 1615

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting on January 5th at 4.30 p.m. in St. Martin's Hall. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3-4 p.m. and after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Tel. SPR 1025. 1582

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, January 5th. St. John's, Devizes. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. St. Mary's and St. James' available. Names essential to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley. 1580

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 5th. St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager, Sec. 1644

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 5th. Lindfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications by January 2nd, to Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge. 1606

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Hesse, Satur- day, January 5th. Bells (6) available 2 till 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hesse Town Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Sharp, 4 Kirkham Close, Hesse, E. Yorkshire, by January 3rd. Business meeting in Church Hall after tea. Outstanding subscriptions for 1962 should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1603

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Maccles- field Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 1621

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Sawbridgeworth, January 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1633

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Hornchurch on Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 10th, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1613

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Mildenhall (10), Saturday, January 12th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Ser- vice 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 9th, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 1600

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