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IN PRAISE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

JUST occasionally, as I pick up 'The Ringing World' from the mat on Thursday mornings, a disturbing thought passes through my mind. Could it be that the Editorial Committee, under the mistaken impression that the Exercise really hankers after change, not changes, is even at this moment engaged in promoting a sinister plan to give the paper a complete face-lift? There have been signs that the Committee is quite capable of springing a coup. The moving of the peal columns to the centre pages was as nice a piece of strategy as I've come across. Apart from the odd salvo of protest, the Exercise, presented with a *fait accompli*, accepted it—warmly even in some quarters. Someone, it seems, must strike a blow for conservatism before it is too late.

Before I strike it, honesty forces me to confess that not all my reading moments of this paper have been pure unadulterated joy. There have been times when repeat performances of Plain Bob have rendered the peal columns somewhat farcical, when certain counties have seemed over-blessed with churches and every other ringing week to have been held in Devon. But what are such transitory shortcomings compared with our permanent blessings? Where else can a front page be found to compare with this? 'A veritable piece of history,' declared a friend who took more than a passing interest in typography, and went on to describe how the 'Cage Birds Journal' had never had quite the same appeal for him since it adopted a modern format.

Then those peal columns, so often maligned. True, there can't be many amongst us like the wife who declared that she read 'The Ringing World' in order to discover where her husband had been the previous week; but what information is revealed to the knowing eye when young Miss A is ringing frequently with young Mr. B, and X is no longer ringing with Y. What blatancy is a gossip column compared with such subtle hints! Apart from putting the matter beyond all doubt and fixing the location more precisely, both the engagement and the change of address columns are for the most part superfluous for the peal ringer. 'He must be well over 70. He was ringing peals with — in —.' Should there be households where this handy method of reckoning is not already in use, may I commend it as of proven accuracy?

But now, as far as I am concerned, to come to the heart of the matter. Bombarded as we are on all sides by detergents which wash whiter than white, cakes that cook lighter than air and disinfectants which kill all known germs, what unparalleled bliss it is to open a paper which contains the Rolls-Royce class adverts of the leading bellfounders and nothing more insistent than that which brings to our notice the prowess of Charles Potts & Co., Clock Makers. Any change, I feel, is bound to be for the worse.

Your correspondent who wrote not so long ago of her delightful, absorbing and, I am sure, relaxing Friday coffee break would find that she was no longer left in peace. Neither would I be on a Thursday. That other woman would be there for sure, the one who stalks the television screens, providing perfect meals, spotless homes, two children—one of each sort—with never a hair or a temper out of place. She would be there telling us how to remain in one piece throughout Thurstan's Four Part and matt during a Bank Holiday peal. And think not that she would be late at back-stroke or miss a dodge! She's just as capable of perfect peals as perfect meals.

May 'The Ringing World' ever remain a bastion against her so that we may read, or read between the lines, in peace.

MADELINE CROFT.

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200th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PEAL AT DERBY

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Derby Cathedral on February 9th marked the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells; appropriately, it was also the 50th peal. In the belfry there is a peal board recording the 1763 peal, but the board is a very recent copy of a much earlier original which was probably painted straight on to the rough stone walls.

The board claims that the band consisted of Derby Youths, aged between 19 and 23 years, who rang the peal after only six months' practice and without the aid of a tutor. Furthermore, it is claimed that this was the first peal to be performed within many miles of Derby.

By present day standards such an achievement would be very remarkable, but to have done it 200 years ago, when means of transport and communication were very difficult, makes the imagination boggle.

There are no details given regarding the composition used, but a fair guess is that it would be Holt's Ten-Part of Grandsire Triples; so this was chosen for the 200th anniversary peal also.

Derby Cathedral has witnessed many changes since 1763. Before 1926 it was All Saints' Parish Church. The bells have been retuned and rehung at least once since that date, and both the bell chamber and the ringing room are now on different levels than hitherto. The bells, however, are all of pre-Reformation date and none have been recast, so it is almost certain that the present Cathedral bells are the very same ones used by the band in 1763.

The 1763 band was:—

WILLIAM BROWN	JOHN STONE
JOHN WRIGHT	JOHN CHATTERTON
THOMAS COPE	JOHN FARNSWORTH
THOMAS DUDLEY	ISAAC BRENTNALL

Who the conductor was we do not know!

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

Following the dramatic news in 'The Derby Evening Telegraph' that St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, is to be demolished to make way for the new inner Ring Road, the Derbyshire Association have had discussions with the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to the Consistory Court. The facts are as follows:—

(1) The Ministry of Transport have said that the inner Ring Road must be a certain width.

(2) In order that the Ring Road be this wide the land on which St. Alkmund's Church stands is needed. According to present plans, the Ring Road passes between St. Alkmund's and a Catholic church on the opposite side of an existing road.

(3) St. Alkmund's has formed a committee to discuss the position with the town clerk.

(4) The Ministry have powers of compulsory purchase.

The Derbyshire Association have received an assurance from the secretary of the D.A.C. that in the event of the church being demolished and rebuilt on a different site, the eight bells would be installed in a rebuilt tower.

At present St. Alkmund's bells are not rung for Sunday service, and an offer to ring the bells, made by the Cathedral band two years ago, was turned down by the Vicar.

The Derbyshire Association have expressed concern that the bells are not rung and, mindful of the possibility that the bells may be 'forgotten' on economic grounds in any rebuilding scheme, they have offered to man the bells for Sunday service at least once a month. To date this offer has not been accepted.

Coventry Cathedral Rally

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association I note with interest the notice re rally of all England ringers to Coventry Cathedral. It is most unfortunate that the date is that on which no less than four annual meetings of large Associations are to be held, and it is to be hoped that members of those Associations will put loyalty to their Association and officers before the chance of several new towers and service in the new cathedral. It is to be hoped that there will be another opportunity later when there is less on elsewhere to visit and join in worship at Coventry.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The first session of the 25th Council (66th annual meeting) will be held in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 4th, 1963.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1963.

Nominations for Office (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, hon. secretary and treasurer and hon. librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 4th, 1963.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 23rd, 1963.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mili Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

RUNG ON ICE!

Believe it or not, a church peal was rung on ice. Five members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang a peal in seven Doubles methods at St. Luke's Church, Hickling.

The church heating system had burst because of the severe frost, flooding the ground-floor ringing chamber with water, which had frozen into a solid sheet of ice.

Doormats were provided by the church authorities for the ringers to stand on. Interviewed by 'The Melton Mowbray Times,' Mr. F. W. Midwinter said: 'Even though we had doormats the atmosphere was like ringing in a refrigerator!'

The ringers all reported for duty on the following Sunday, ringing in their own towers, none the worse for their experience.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS TO GO TO FOUNDRY

The 12 bells of High Wycombe Parish Church are to be retuned and rehung on ball-bearings with completely new fittings by Taylor's, of Loughborough.

It is expected that work on dismantling the bells will start shortly after Easter, and that they will be returned in time for ringing at Christmas—the cost of the work is being borne by the Church.

The ringers, with the help of a local appeal signed by the Mayor and the Vicar, are hoping to raise the necessary money for the installation of a sharp second, which will give a ring of eight with a tenor of 9 cwt.

While the bells are away, a sound lantern is to be constructed on the tower roof.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT — MINOR 28 METHODS

Dear Sir,—I herewith give notice of an attempt to ring 20,160 changes of Minor at the Church of St. Mary, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, on Saturday, March 2nd, 1963, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The arrangement of the 28 methods will be as follows: (1) London S., (2) York S., (3) Bourne S., (4) Caithness S., (5) Cambridge S., (6) Willesden D., (7) College Bob IV D., (8) Old Oxford D., (9) Norbury T.B., (10) College Exercise T.B., (11) Duke of Norfolk T.B., (12) Disley D., (13) Shelford D., (14) Oxford T.B., (15) Kingston T.B., (16) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (17) Sandal T.B., (18) Kent T.B., (19) Oswald T.B., (20) Single Oxford B., (21) Double Oxford B., (22) Thelwall B., (23) Pinchurst B., (24) Double Bob, (25) St. Clement's B., (26) Childwall B., (27) Buxton C.B., (28) Plain Bob.

If successful, the peal will be credited to the University of London Society.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

London, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION New Master Elected

The annual business of the London County Association was conducted at a well-attended meeting at The George, Fleet Street, on February 9th. A good tea and a room very comfortably warm by contrast with outside conditions helped greatly with the success of the proceedings.

Officers elected for 1963-64 were: Mr. W. G. Wilson, Master; Mr. C. W. Otley, deputy Master; Miss M. E. Powell, general secretary; Miss V. E. Dupré and Mr. F. P. Mead, assistant secretaries; Mr. J. Lott, treasurer and librarian; Mr. C. M. Meyer, senior steward; Mr. R. Overington, junior steward; Messrs. H. W. Rogers and J. Hales, trustees; and (after a ballot) Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Messrs. Otley, Rogers and Wilson, Central Council representatives.

In thanking the members for his election, the new Master referred to the tributes paid to his predecessor (Mr. T. H. Taffender) on his election last year for the fiftieth time—he did not hope to emulate this. Mr. H. W. Rogers had indicated that he did not wish to be re-elected secretary and, at the request of Mr. F. Udall, the Master presented him with a Parker fountain pen as a token of the members' respect and appreciation for 18 years' work as their secretary.

Six new members were elected and welcomed by the Master. They were Mr. and Mrs. A. Hampton, and Messrs. P. D. Chapman, P. Erith, A. Johnson and M. Ferrier. The accounts, which were accepted, showed an excess of income over expenditure of about £7.

EVENING SERVICE RINGING

In his report for the past year, the Master thanked the officers for their support at meetings, but hoped to see more members attending in future. He expressed thanks to Mr. Meyer and those who supported him in ringing for evening services at various London towers, including Southwark Cathedral on each third Sunday; he welcomed requests to join in the regular second Sunday morning ringing at St. Clement Danes'; he announced that once again the Association had been invited to ring handbells at St. Clement's for the annual oranges and lemons service; he was glad to say that the summer joint meeting with the Middlesex Association had now become established, and expressed the view that such meetings helped to achieve the co-operation which was desirable among the London Societies.

In accordance with notice, it was agreed to add to the rule relating to the annual election of officers the words 'The office of Master shall not normally be held for more than three consecutive years.' By coincidence a recent 'R.W.' article had appeared on this subject a few days before the matter was considered by the committee of officers, but it had been the intention for some time to introduce such a proposal when appropriate.

Notice of future meetings was given (see 'R.W.' for details in due course) and a vote of thanks accorded to the incumbents of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, and to Messrs. J. Philips and W. D. Grainger respectively for the use of the bells during the afternoon.

The meeting's thanks to Miss Powell and Mrs. Meyer for their work in connection with the tea were expressed by small presentations made by the Master on behalf of those present.

Following the business, a pleasant social evening was spent in talk and handbell ringing, and the Association cup was presented to the Chelsea band, who were the only ones able to enter a handbell team in compliance with the rules.

M. E. P.

Over the years complaints have been made against the chimes and booming tenor of Colchester Town Hall, disturbing the sleep of guests at the Red Lion. After spending a night in the hotel the Mayor (Mr. W. J. Porter) said the chimes were definitely an annoyance. As a concession the Council are to have the Westminster chimes on the clock silenced between midnight and 6 a.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

At the annual general meeting of the North Lindsey Branch held at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on February 2nd, there were favourable comments on the newly-augmented ten. The bells go and sound extremely well.

Mr. J. Bray took the chair at the business meeting, as unfortunately the president, Canon Thackray, has been unwell for some time and could not undertake the journey in such bitter weather.

The accounts were approved, although there had been a loss of £1 8s. 6d. on the year's working it was hoped that the increased subscription of 5s. per member would remedy this situation.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

Membership stands at 86, plus four honorary members.

It was proposed that the following meetings be held: Bigby, March 25th; Elsham, July 6th; Caistor, September 7th; Barton, October 12th.

C. A. H.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Members from as far as Rothwell and Batley made their way through snow to attend the Guild's meeting at Lindley on February 2nd. The meeting was well attended, considering the weather and enjoyable ringing was had by all.

The treasurer's statement was adopted at the business meeting, and it was unanimously agreed to raise the subscription to 1s. 6d. per year.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Brighouse, with an alternative of Bradshaw.

D. S.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the snow lay thick on many roads, a good number of ringers and friends attended the meeting at Killamarsh on February 2nd.

There were three towers open for ringing during the afternoon and evening—Eckington, Killamarsh and Harthill—and a wide variety of methods was rung, including Killamarsh Treble Bob and London.

About 30 people sat down to a splendid tea in the Vicarage at Killamarsh, and towers represented were: Dore, Handsworth, Sheffield Cathedral, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Rotherham, Mansfield, Derby, Hurslipierpoint (Sussex) and Epsom (Surrey).

The next meeting is the annual general and will be held at Ranmoor on March 2nd.

A. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Lewisham District quarterly meeting on January 26th, at St. John's, Erith, was also a joint meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild and attracted a gathering of some 70 members and friends.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of the new Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Faircloth, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. D. Absolon.

On November 6th, 1962, the 600th peal was rung on the bells and the occasion was marked twice during the afternoon. Before the service the Vicar unveiled a peal board, and when the company arrived in the hall for tea they found a magnificent cake had been made. The cake, which took the form of the three figures 600, had been made and beautifully decorated by Mr. J. T. Stevens, a local ringer.

An excellent tea was followed by the usual business meeting and a meeting of the members of the Ladies' Guild. Further ringing concluded the programme for the day.

M.R.A.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The winter general meeting of the Association was held at Ossett on January 19th, being well attended by representatives of each of the four Districts in spite of the inclement weather. The fine ring of ten bells was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, but at the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, it was regretted that the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison) was unable to take the chair because of other important engagements. In his unavoidable absence, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Barton who announced apologies for absence from Messrs. J. A. Brown, H. Chant, H. S. Morley, B. Sutton and A. Sheppard.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the service and the use of the church schools for the tea and meeting was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent tea and arrangements on the motion of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley. In reply, Mr. Fred Bennett said it was a pleasure to entertain the Association and he was gratified to report that the response for tea applications had proved to be most satisfactory.

In the absence of any specific invitation, it was unanimously agreed that the secretary make inquiries into the possibility of holding the annual general meeting at Howden Minster on May 4th.

Mr. H. Walker reported that the Snowdon dinner had been a success, being attended by 123 members and friends, a net profit of £2 10s. 2d. being made, which the York Minster Society had had pleasure in handing over to Association funds. A vote of thanks to the York Minster Society, for their most capable arrangements, was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. G. Benfield. It was unanimously agreed to endeavour to arrange the Snowdon dinner this year in Leeds on Oct. 19th.

A ballot to elect four Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley, G. Benfield and W. F. Moreton.

The secretary announced that the committee had unanimously recommended the re-election of Archdeacon Ellison as president. He felt sure that the Association was fully appreciative of the yeoman services that Archdeacon Ellison had so faithfully rendered, and on behalf of the committee he had great pleasure in formally moving his re-election. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley, and carried unanimously.

Under the new rule, the honorary peal secretary is now elected triennially, coinciding with the presidential election, and Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously nominated.

The secretary reported that the committee had considered an application received from Huntington, near York, for a grant from the bell repair fund, and had decided to recommend that the maximum grant allowed by rule (£10) be granted. This was agreed to. Janet Poppy, Gwen Cox, C. Milestone, R. Turner, E. Turner and John Brayshaw were elected members (all of St. Peter's, Bramley, Leeds), on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A warm welcome was given to the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Richardson) when it met at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on February 9th. Cups of tea and biscuits were provided free, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District

A slightly increased membership was reported at the District annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 2nd. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, and this was followed by tea and the business meeting, held in the Wesley Methodist Hall because the Parish Church Hall was being rebuilt.

The District Committee reported that members of the Guild had rung six peals in the District during the year. They included a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung by the local band at Capel, under the leadership of Mr. A. Harman. A total of 43 quarter peals had been rung at 12 of the 15 towers in the District: Christ Church, Epsom, where 12 were rung, was the leading tower. The District had made a very encouraging start with its effort to raise the money to provide a bell for the Cathedral. Amounts ranging from £1 15s. to £43 5s. had been raised by six towers towards the present total of £103 8s. 7d.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. F. Oakshott), secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday) and auditor (Mr. A. S. Besant) were re-elected. A ballot for two places on the Guild Executive Committee resulted in Mr. D. Herschell being elected for three years and Mr. A. P. Cannon for two years.

Messrs. D. A. R. May, H. N. Pitstow and A. P. Cannon were nominated as Central Council representatives.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Leatherhead, to Miss Arnold for playing in the organ, and to Mr. George Manniner for making the arrangements.

C. W. M.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the wintry conditions some 80 members and friends gathered at Benlinton for the Northern District's annual meeting on January 26th. The Association's form was used for the service, led by the Vicar. The tea and the business meeting followed in the Church Hall.

The committee's report and the financial statement of accounts were both accepted by the meeting, and 15 new members were elected.

The District Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), the honorary secretary (Mr. W. Parrott) and the assistant secretary (Mr. N. Steere) were re-elected unopposed. Miss M. Lewis, Messrs. N. Bagworth and B. Bull were elected committee members after a ballot, and Mr. R. F. Layton was re-elected auditor.

The committee's proposals regarding the striking competition were accepted. All the competing bands will ring the same touch, which will be selected by the committee. The touch for six-bell bands will be arranged so that approximately the same number of blows will be struck as in the eight-bell touch.

After the usual votes of thanks the ringers retired to the belfry.

N. G. T. S.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern Division Annual

The weather conditions on February 2nd were not such as to lead one to expect a good gathering at East Grinstead for the annual meeting of the Northern Division, but snow, icy roads and a strong east wind did not deter over 60 members attending the service (addressed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Copsey), and afterwards doing justice to an excellent tea, which was in the capable hands of Mrs. F. Hicks and helpers), and then settling down to the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair. Under 'any other business,' Mr. Frank Hicks expressed the hope that, with the help of the ringers in general, they would have a ring of ten at East Grinstead in the not too distant future.

F. I. H.

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Letters to the Editor

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that our two Irish friends are worried about accommodation difficulties at Yarmouth at Whitsun. I too got the same impression from the official announcements and, having got the official guide, wrote to six of the places given therein, hoping for perhaps one favourable reply. All of them were able to cope with four of us for the four nights concerned—I will gladly pass on the five unused replies.

To attempt to change at this late stage would be unfair to our hosts and to the civic and Church authorities, and would cause difficulties at any new venue because of the late arrangements and would land someone with a bill for lost deposits on booked accommodation. I hope that our friends will still attend and, as they always do, enjoy themselves and add to the benefit and enjoyment of the rest of us.—Yours, etc.,

Ruislip, Middx. WILFRID G. WILSON.

Leicester Supports Ireland

Dear Sir,—I would like to support the Irish Association delegates who plead for the 1963 meeting to be rearranged in London.

Many of those who voted at Cardiff to hold the meeting at Great Yarmouth did so although they had no idea that they would be members of the Council in 1963—in fact, probably some of them are not!

As this situation happens every three years, there seems much to be said in favour of having the first meeting of each session in a convenient centre like London, where there can be no argument. London is accessible by direct rail service from all parts of the country, whereas provincial places are not. London can be reached by rail without the expense of a night's lodging (although I realise that from a good many places it means travelling by night), but provincial towns are not in that happy position.

In my own case, Yarmouth cannot be reached by a direct rail at all (since the unfortunate closing of the old M. & G.N.), nor from anywhere else in the Midlands, so it means spending at least one night and possibly two in Yarmouth for all but those who travel from the London direction.

Now we find that the arrangements to which we have been used to are not being made this year, which makes things even more difficult.

I would ask the Standing Committee to meet and rearrange this important meeting at a more convenient centre, and that they do it now before it is too late.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Note.—The preliminary notice of the Council meeting appears in this issue.—Ed.

Correction To Simple Callings To Handbell Peals

Dear Sir.—I see that I have given one of the compositions on page 93 incorrectly. The 5,040 in six methods should read:—

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 3 5 2	S	S
2 4 3 6 5	S	S
3 5 4 6 2	S	—
4 3 5 6 2	6 A	—
5 3 2 6 4	—	—
2 3 4 5 6	S	— 6

Yours sincerely,

Cambridge.

ANDREW S. HUDSON.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

Dear Sir,—Once again I take this opportunity of thanking, through 'The Ringing World' the following Guilds and Associations who have donated to the above appeal. These efforts are greatly appreciated, and the Fund is now well on the way to target figure. Work will commence on the bells as soon as possible after the royal visit, and the completely-restored 12 will be installed in good time for 'Great Adventure II' in 1964.

Would Guild treasurers please accept this as an official acknowledgment of their donations:

	£	s	d
Truro Diocesan Guild	2	2	0
Leicester Diocesan Guild	4	2	0
Salisbury G. (N. Dorset Branch)	4	2	6
Mr. Charles Sharples	5	0	0
Ely Diocesan Association	4	14	6
Sheffield and District Society ..	1	1	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild	10	0	0
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	5	5	0
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	5	0	0
Durham & Newcastle Assn.	2	12	6
Oxford Diocesan Guild	5	0	0

Mr. Sharples, of course, took part in the tour of 1934, and we were very pleased to receive his letter in the belfry. He is remembered here with great affection.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Melbourne, Victoria.

Baldheaded Rabbits?

Dear Sir,—The observations of Messrs. Brerton and Pearce on the hazards of the late entry interest me very much, for I have often thought of proposing an Over-50 Association. The qualification for membership would be passing the 50th birthday before attempting to handle a bell.

Perhaps the Association could be affiliated to the Rabbits' Guild as the Baldheaded Rabbits' Section? Certainly it would need to be a Mutual Admiration Society, for no one who has not attempted it can conceive the difficulty of learning to ring when the second half-century has dawned, the ponderous fumbings of the aged mind matching the clumsy creakings of the arthritic joints.—Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A Peal Ringer's Query

Dear Sir,—I expect that a number of your readers who organise peals have, at some time or another, been told in reply to a request for the necessary permission that the tower or the fittings are not solid enough to withstand three hours' ringing, but that they are welcome to come and ring for an hour if they wish.

This idea has always puzzled me, as I cannot see how three hours' ringing on a single occasion can do more damage than six separate half-hours on successive Sundays. Surely the theory is not that the parts of the structure displaced from their positions during one Sunday's ringing will have had an opportunity to work their way back again by the next!

I should be very interested to know the views of any of your readers having engineering or architectural knowledge on this point.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

Method Extension

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Stanforth's letter of February 1st, he should know that the Methods Committee has not yet been asked to pronounce on the methods known as Durham Surprise Royal and Maximus, and that no one has dictated that they are not extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.

In my letter to the 'R.W.' January 11th, I pointed out that the methods were not in accordance with the Central Council Decisions of Method Extension. My letter was meant to be helpful, in the hope that the Leicester Diocesan Guild (or perhaps some of its members) would not get us into another mess by using incorrect names. I deeply resent Mr. Stanforth trying to lead the Exercise into thinking that I was trying to dictate to anyone about anything. There have now been three letters in the 'R.W.' explaining why these Royal and Maximus methods are not extensions of Durham Surprise Minor.

Mr. Stanforth asks how I arrived at the same incorrect figures as they did. It is a necessity of school teaching to be able to anticipate a child arriving at an incorrect answer due to incorrect reasoning, even though to the child his reasoning might appear to be logical. Seeing the peal report, without figures, of a claim to have rung an extension of Durham S. Minor to Royal, I considered the following facts:—

Some members of the L.D.G. are known for their approximate extensions; it has been stated that they ring handbells by two blue lines and not by places, and that they had recently rung York S. Royal. Making the assumption that they still regarded Surprise methods as being composed, and as variations one of another, I made a guess that their Durham S. Royal had been arrived at as a variation of York S. Royal. But Surprise methods are not composed, are finite in number, can all be churned out mechanically, and have individual characteristics. One characteristic is that some will extend whilst others will not. Any system of interrelationship between methods is entirely arbitrary, and Durham is not a variation of York.

Mr. Jelley's letter has been answered by Mr. Mayne, and the figures given for Bourne and Norwich are correct. But if he will refer to the 'R.W.' of August 26th, 1960, he will find the same figures of Norwich and also two other extensions.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stays

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. J. McClenahan on such an excellent analysis on the design of bell stays, and say how interested I was to read it. Although I do not pretend to understand the formula, the criterion that the stay should absorb as much energy as possible consistent without damaging the bell or its fittings seems to me to be quite logical.

The two main conclusions from Mr. McClenahan's article are: (a) There is an unnecessary over-elaboration regarding stays, and (b) They could be made a good deal stronger without fear of damaging the bell.

If these are correct, why should we have to put up with monstrosities like the Hastings stay? Why cannot we use willow instead of ash or oak? Why are the stay sockets not made larger in the first place in order to allow a stay of much larger dimensions to be used?

In this modern day and age it is surprising that no one has found a method of replacing the old-fashioned stay by some spring-loaded snap release safety device which would only require resetting and not repairing in the event of heavy-handedness.—Yours, etc.,

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OBITUARY

MR. WILFRED J. NEWMAN

By the death of Mr. Wilfred J. Newman, Ringing Master at St. Andrew's, Hampton, the Worcestershire Association has lost one who gave most of his time in teaching others, and one whose first allegiance was to his own parish church. He was ringing as usual over the Christmas Festival, but collapsed at his work the following Friday and died in hospital on February 1st, at the age of 52.

He learnt to ring at Hampton and also joined the choir at an early age, and continued regularly in his place. He was the Southern Branch secretary and treasurer of the Worcestershire Association for 11 years, and a member of the central committee at the time of his death.

A safe ringer in the standard methods, he had rung 105 peals for the Worcestershire Association and conducted two, being content to leave the conducting to others. But it was in teaching others to ring that he excelled. Always appearing to be relaxed, he yet had an immaculate style of handling a bell himself, and this he had the gift of imparting to others, coupled with an inexhaustible patience. He was particularly successful with juveniles, and it was a regular sight in Hampton belfry to see boys and girls of diminutive stature standing on boxes or hassocks in order to reach the sallies. Losses in the band caused him no dismay—he simply started teaching afresh, and many of his colleagues in the belfry were also colleagues in the choir.

He was a member of the Parochial Church Council and also served in the Special Constabulary. He leaves a widow and one daughter (Frances)—also a ringer.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's on February 5th, the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. N. Harris) officiating. The robed choir and organist were present, and the church filled with representatives of the Church Council, many ringers of the Southern Branch, the regular and special Police and other local organisations with which Mr. Newman was connected. Speaking from the text 'He that endureth shall inherit all things,' the Vicar paid stirring tribute. 'Wilfred Newman,' he said, 'was a staunch member of the Church, but we think chiefly of his ringing. He worked well and hard to keep a band of young ringers, and not only trained them but helped them to retain an interest in the Church at a time of life when so many fell away from it. Ringing, to him, was not just a hobby but part and parcel of his worship of God.'

Immediately after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Mrs. V. Barnes 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, Wm. J. Newman 7-8. The church bells, which had already been half-muffled for the Sunday Evensong, were rung by members of the Southern Branch and again in the evening by the local band. A muffled peal arranged for Saturday had to be postponed at the last minute, owing to illness near the church.

Among the many wreaths were those from the Church Council, St. Andrew's choir and ringers, the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association and the Hinton band. J. D. J.

MR. BERTIE ALDRIDGE

A well-known ringer died at St. Mary Cray on February 7th in the person of Mr. Bertie Aldridge, aged 76.

For the last eight years he had been a member of the band of St. Mary Cray, but before that he was captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for over 30 years. He attended service and practice ringing regularly, and was ever ready to help learners, and thought a practice worth while even if no method ringing was rung.

He had been in and out of hospital for the last four months, but his death came as a great shock to all his friends. P. G. B.

MR. H. C. WARNER

Great Dalby, Leicestershire, has lost another of its stalwarts by the death of Mr. Harry Cecil Warner, aged 85.

He belonged to the old band of ringers in the days of the Rev. R. C. Dashwood, the famous hunting parson. He had been tower captain for upwards of 20 years, and had served as churchwarden, school manager and a parish and church councillor. He was a member of the Gosport Society of Ringers.

In the evening, after the funeral, a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

MR. G. A. COOK

For many years both captain and tower keeper at Ashted, Surrey, Mr. George Albert Cook, of Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, died on February 9th. He would have been 70 next week.

Mr. Cook was a life-long resident of Ashted, as were his father and grandfather before him. For most of his life he had been a bellringer, having been taught the art by his father when he was about ten years old. For over 50 years he was a member of the Surrey Association and, it is believed, was a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation.

There is no complete record of Mr. Cook's peals available at present, but it is believed that he rang some 76 peals, ranging upwards to Surprise Royal. Two of the peals of which he was most proud were the first at Ashted of Ashted Surprise Major and, at Leatherhead, the only peal ever rung of Cobham Surprise Royal. A severe illness forced him to give up ringing some 12 years ago.

Mr. Cook was always keen on training new ringers, and it was owing to him that the nucleus of ringers now at the parish church began their training, and he was a proud man some five years ago when the 300th peal on the bells was rung by the local band containing a number of his pupils.

His long illness was borne with great fortitude and cheerfulness. The funeral was on February 13th, when his ashes were interred near the church and bells he loved so well. To his wife and one son (now resident in British Columbia) the deepest sympathies of many friends are extended.

A quarter peal in his memory will be rung, and the bells will be open and not muffled, as this would have been his wish. J. T. S.

MR. FRED HYDE

The Worcestershire Association has lost another officer, with the death of the Western Branch secretary, Mr. Fred Hyde, on February 11th. He was aged 58 years. He had already made arrangements for the Branch meeting at Kempsey on March 2nd, and this meeting will therefore take place as planned. D. B.

MR. A. E. EDWARDS

Mr. Albert E. Edwards, of 19, Langham Road, Robertsbridge, Sussex, who died on January 27th, aged 88, was, in his day, a noted member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which he joined on February 24th, 1894.

For 25 years he served in the West Sussex Constabulary, and he had been for eight years parish constable at Salehurst when he retired in 1924.

Much of his peal ringing was done with the 'Cumberlands,' and he rang with such famous conductors as Keith Hart, Thomas Card, W. H. Card and George A. Card. Of his 225 peals, Mr. Edwards conducted 150, and his peals were rung in 82 different towers. For a time he was instructor at Salehurst, and here he rang many peals in various methods, up to Double Norwich C.B. Major.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's, Salehurst, on January 31st, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Stedman. Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. Final tributes were paid by the band on February 2nd, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by G. H. Muggridge 1, F. J. Lambert 2, A. Hoad 3, A. Smith 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Fellows 6. G. H. M.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

In spite of Arctic weather conditions, the attendance at the District meeting held at Clowne on February 9th was most rewarding, with almost every tower in the District represented! Ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor was supervised by the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Goodall, in the afternoon, before an excellent tea was enjoyed in the warmth and comfort of the Rectory Barn.

The Rector, the Rev. W. S. Wilcox, presided at the business meeting, at which a large number of new members were elected, viz.: Diane Turner and Jacqueline Stewart (Bolsover), Mr. A. Ashby (Barlborough), Mrs. D. Smith (Staveley) and Derek Peers, Mary Hunt, Linda Yates and David Braddow, of the local company.

The District chairman, Mr. F. Adams, expressed sincere thanks to the Rector for taking the chair, to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements and to the ladies for providing such a magnificent tea, to which the Rector replied on behalf of the local company.

Next meeting: Creswell, March 9th.

Will David P. Hilling, Christine Houkon and J. Keith Ward please send their addresses to Mr. Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos., as these were not supplied at the time of their election as life members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

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METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to the letter from Mr. Jelley in 'The Ringing World' of January 25th (page 61). Let me make it clear at the outset, for the benefit of other readers, that there is no question that a perfectly satisfactory peal has been rung. The name of the method is the point at dispute.

I shall not deal with Mr. Jelley's points in order, but shall begin at the end. The last paragraph of his letter requests that the Methods Committee produce 'a report on extensions that would be intelligible to mere mortals such as I.' This is a clear enough admission that Mr. Jelley does not understand the report, even if it were not obvious from the rest of his letter. It puts him on rather shaky ground when he comes to criticise that report, and when he comes to propound his own ideas of what constitutes extension. What is also clear is that Mr. Jelley (and others) are not prepared to make the least effort to comprehend the report, which, far from being complex, is in fact quite simple. These concepts, however, cannot be explained without the use of some technical words. What Mr. Jelley wants is a kind of mountain railway, which will transport him without effort to a summit of knowledge. He is like the learner who refuses to learn ringing because he has to understand terms such as Whole-turn, Treble Bob, handstroke and backstroke. But knowledge cannot be acquired without some effort.

Now I will try to explain in the simplest possible terms on what grounds the Durham extensions are rejected, but some attempt will have to be made to understand what I am saying. And perhaps your readers will study this carefully; perhaps they will read it more than once, so that I am not accused of saying what I have not said.

I shall begin with some statements which I hope are beyond dispute:

(1) That some form of systematic extension is needed.

(2) That as there is such a diversity of methods, and of ways of extensions, some decision is necessary as to what may constitute an extension. Such a decision will necessarily exclude certain relationships, whatever it is.

(3) Whatever system is agreed, it has to cope with any method; that is, it has to give a 'yes' or 'no' in every case.

This third requirement, for a universal formula, implies that any such formula cannot possibly be based on one method alone or even a very limited number of methods. All this implies that some relationships will have to be rejected as extensions, even though they possess certain claims, and no matter what system is adopted this is bound to be the case. Otherwise, the formula which is so weak that it rejects nothing is equivalent to no formula at all.

If we are to understand the present case we shall have to be specific. Let us restrict ourselves to methods where the treble does a treble bob hunt. This kind of method can be divided into groups of four changes, in which the treble is confined to one dodging place. These are called 'sections.' Part of the section is below the treble and is called the 'front sub-section,' while part is above and called the 'back sub-section.' For the purposes of method extension, the front and back sub-sections are defined by the places occurring therein and not by the changes themselves. If there are no places the sub-section can still be treated as a unit defined by the absence of any places. If there are places, it is defined by the position of these places.

When the treble moves from one dodging place to the next, places must be made both below and above the treble. These are called cross-section places. The pivot place is made when the treble lies behind. The construction of the half-lead completely defines the method (except for the lead-end place, of course) and to extend it a new half-lead must be constructed bearing an agreed relationship to the parent half-lead.

At this point certain decisions have to be taken. These are set out quite clearly in the report, but I shall have to restate some of them here. The first is the decision to construct the extension by relating the position of the places to those of the parent. Other systems could have been adopted, but this is the most fundamental, and it is also the most powerful. The second decision is that apart from Double methods, which must remain Double after extension, the parts of the method above and below the treble may be extended quite independently. Thirdly, and in the present context the most important point, the sub-sections on the one hand and the cross-section places on the other are the units to be used in performing the extension. This requires amplification.

Suppose we consider York Surprise, and further we will consider extending the part below the treble only. The notation of York Surprise Minor is as follows:

—36—14—12—36.14—14.3.

While the treble is in 1-2 there is no front sub-section, and at the 2-3 cross-section, lead is made and must be made on all higher numbers; therefore these can be forgotten. The rest of the method below the treble consists of two front sub-sections, a cross-section place, and the pivot place, these being as follows:

—12— Front sub-section
3 Cross-section place
14—14 Front sub-section
3 Pivot place.

Now these four items entirely construct the method below the treble, and provided the extensions contain these alone, no work, and no construction of places will appear in the extension which does not already occur in the parent. But they are also to be used as units and not divided or amalgamated in any way, so that, for example, the sub-section 14.12.14 formed by combining both the above sub-sections could not be employed in the extension. Expansion of places is, however, allowed, so that 16—16 could be used as a direct derivation of 14—14.

The Methods Committee's report defines specifically the allowable arrangements which may be employed on higher numbers, and there are quite a number of ways given which fall basically into two different systems, illustrated by the following two examples:

Minor:	—12—3.14—14.3	Static
Major:	—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3	
Royal:	—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—14.3	
Maximus:	—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—14.3	Expanding
Minor:	—12—3.14—14.3	
Major:	—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5	
Royal:	—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5.18—18.7.	
Maximus:	—12—3.14—14.3.16—16.5.18—18.7.10—10.9.	

The accepted extensions of York are the actual ones given to illustrate the static type of extension. The extension of Durham, which is rejected, is also of this type. When all the possibilities allowed by the formula have been worked out in a particular case, many and sometimes all will be found to give other than Plain Bob lead ends, and the rest of the report gives qualifying rules designed to ensure that the remaining contenders will have blue lines bearing a proper relation to the parent, and the lead-ends fall in the correct sequence.

We now come to the crux of the matter. Applying the same system to Durham, the following static extension corresponds to the one given for York:

Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.1
Maximus:
—12—3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.3.14—34.1,
which gives three consecutive blows in thirds a few times!
A possible alternative would be:
Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3—12—3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3—12—3—12—3.14—34.1
Maximus:
—12—3—12—3—12—3—12—3.14—34.1
but this fails because of the lead-end order.
The extensions rung by the Leicester band, which Mr. Jelley attempts to justify, are these:
Minor:
—12—3.14—34.1
Major:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—34.1
Royal:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—34.1
Maximus:
—12—3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—14.3.14—34.1.

Here a new sub-section has been introduced, borrowed in fact from York: namely the sub-section 14—14. This does not occur in Durham Surprise Minor, and therefore the report excludes this series as a possible extension. 'Even a babe in arms,' as Mr. Jelley puts it, should be able to see that a sub-section foreign to the Minor has been introduced.

I am perfectly able to see the argument given by Mr. Jelley, and perfectly able to see that it preserves a constant relation between York and Durham on all numbers. But the extension of any one method must stand or fall on its own merits. No system of extension could possibly preserve all desirable relationships between the extensions of different methods; the report seeks only to preserve proper relationships between the various stages of extension of the same method. In the long run it would only create new anomalies if the report were modified simply to suit the present case, and I repeat what I said earlier, that no sound theory could possibly be based on a few individual cases.

Has Mr. Jelley applied the formula to the best part of Corigan's Collection representing some 300 methods? And has he satisfied himself that an alteration to the report could be made which would at the same time allow these extensions of Durham, and cause no extra difficulties? Of course he has not. His suggestion that the report is illogical and out of contact with reality, and that the committee is blinded by its own science, is simply not true. These decisions are perfectly logical and self-consistent within the framework of the axioms decided upon. If Mr. Jelley would like to develop a system, where the units were whole-pulls instead of sub-sections, he might manage to cater for these extensions of Durham. But he will have to show that his formula works better than the present one, in hundreds of other cases; and it won't.

Turning to the other methods he mentions, the Feering is rejected as an extension of Beverley for the same reason that the Durham is: namely, the introduction of a sub-section which does not occur in the Minor.

The same is true in going from Beverley Surprise Minor to Lyme Surprise Major, only this time the foreign sub-section is one containing no places.

Beverley: —12—3.14—34.5
Lyme: —0—0—12—3.14—34.5.
Once this blank front sub-section is present, it can be used to perform further extensions: thus Lyme Royal is:

—0—0—0—12—3.14—34.5.

But this blank sub-section which does not occur in Beverley Minor cannot be produced out of the blue. If this were allowed, any work completely different from the parent method could be introduced, defeating the whole object of having a formula.

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Method Extension—Cont.

I next turn to the suggestion Mr. Jelley makes for an alternative extension of Cambridge. Here Yorkshire Major, Albanian Royal and Southwark Maximus are given as succeeding stages from Cambridge Minor. They are in fact unrelated to the Minor for the same reason as just given, but they could be allowed as static extensions starting from Yorkshire Major. There is nothing inconsistent in this; since two different processes of extension have been allowed by the formula (static or expanding) it is not in the least surprising that certain methods will extend in both ways. Historically the expanding extensions of Yorkshire have been preferred. Mr. Jelley then goes on to say: 'As will be obvious, things are in danger of becoming somewhat confused. If one attempts to remove the confusion by resorting to the Methods Committee's Report on Extensions then the position becomes completely hopeless.' It is Mr. Jelley who is confused. He has apparently tried to apply the formula in this case, and the hopeless position arises from not understanding the report. He has admitted it is not intelligible to him.

Finally, a word about the Bourne and Norwich. Perhaps, the committee is asked, we would like to comment on them before they are rung. We would. Had we been given the opportunity we would have done so on previous occasions too, but unfortunately Durham and some other methods were rung without consulting us. Mr. Jelley will be pleased to know that the extensions he gives of Bourne and Norwich are quite acceptable.

I trust Mr. Staniforth will not unwisely ignore the Methods Committee's report. As conductor of the peals in question, he should provide forthwith a new name, which will apply to the Major, Royal and Maximus. I do not propose to enter into a long correspondence over this matter; I consider what I have written should be sufficient.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

'Trying to Put the Clock Back'

Dear Sir,—It was clear to many ringers, when Mr. Staniforth and his very talented band rang the first peal of Durham Surprise Royal 'in hand,' that there was more to this than an outstanding performance. Subsequently an article and a letter in 'The Ringing World' have confirmed this.

It is Mr. Staniforth and others, and one at least of these ought to know better, who are trying to 'pull the wool over our eyes' by dragging up once more the whole question of method extension. Mr. Staniforth is correct when he says that the ordinary ringer just does not understand what is involved, and here is a clear case where the view of the experts should be accepted, as indeed it has been.

I feel the Leicester men are trying to put the clock back. Maybe, because they still have not got over the shock of having the first peal of London Royal No. 3 in Leicestershire rung by an out-county band.—Yours faithfully,
Peterborough. BRIAN HARRIS.

Tonne Family Bell Founders

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article on the Tonne family, bell founders of Bury St. Edmunds.

In the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, there is a bell from these founders. I believe it is the only bell cast by them specifically as a clock bell, and it is still performing its task today.

The bell has the following inscription: 'Nomen Si Queris Cujus Vocor Ipsa Richardus' (If you ask the name by which I am called I am Richard); also a medallion of a man's head believed to be Henry VIII. I hope this may be of some interest to your readers.

I hope at some future date to submit an article on the rest of the bells in this tower.
—Yours faithfully,
Braintree, Essex. R. SUCKLING.

Peal Writing

Dear Sir.—Re letter on peal writing fees in the issue of January 18th. Many members of Associations have no idea of how beautiful are the peal books, and of the number of hours of work put in to make them so. I have at Churchdown one of our peal books, the work of Alfred Reeves, and it is open for inspection by anyone interested who may be passing, either of the G. and B. Association or other Associations. One of our peal books is always available for members to look at at our A.G.M.s. If anyone is coming from a distance to see the book, a postcard, giving time, would enable arrangements to be made for someone to be at home.—Yours sincerely,

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Fifty years ago—on Feb-
ruary 19th, 1913—the first
peal was rung on the bells of
St. Bartholomew's Church, Ingham, Suffolk.
It was Grandsire Doubles (nine different
callings) and the ringers were W. Palfrey
(cond.) 1, A. Cutler 2, E. Footer 3, P. Watson
4, W. Bartle 5.

Under review is the augmentation of St.
Swithin's, East Grinstead, from eight to ten
bells.

Mr. P. A. Sadler has completed 25 years as
a ringer at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. The occa-
sion was marked by a quarter peal of Grand-
sire Caters.

Manchester University Guild have been very
successful in peal ringing lately. This issue
contains four of their peals—two Surprise,
Stedman Triples and Oxford Bob Triples.

Mr. L. E. Last, with a team of handbell
ringers, is to lecture on 'Church Bells and
Change Ringing' to the Suffolk Institute of
Archæology at Ipswich on March 14th.

All Saints', Isleworth, plan for 1963 to
attempt quarter peals for Evensong on the
first and second Sundays in each month, and
have general ringing on the other Sundays.

The peal of Royal at St. Stephen's, Bristol,
set the conductor rather a headache, as in
addition to two firsts, it was also Michael
J. Hobbs' 25th peal with Bryn Shackleton and
Reg G. Hooper; and Bryn Shackleton's and
Don Exell's 25th together!

A notable peal of 12 Spliced Surprise
Maximus was rung at Walsall on February 2nd.
The method named Walsall is Prittlewell's 12th
place variation, states the conductor, Mr.
Wilfred Williams.

During Mr. Wilfred Williams' Irish tour
last year a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung
at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the light ten.
At the time it was claimed as the first of
Royal on the light ten. A member of St.
Patrick's Cathedral band has pointed out that
the first on the light ten was Plain Bob Royal
on June 17th, 1927, conducted by Gabriel
Lindoff.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On the day of the birth of
a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. T.
Stimson, of Somerby, a peal
on his milk round and persuaded to stay.
Harold Bonshor came in white overalls and
carpet slippers. An absentee was Cyril Tyler,
captain of the Somerby band, who had such a
heavy cold that he couldn't even 'wet the
baby's head'!

The Valentine Gosling award has been sent
to Mr. J. A. Acres' handbell team—the first
to ring the composition.

Messrs. John Taylor had added a sixth bell
to the ring of five, all more than 300 years old,
at Hartest, near Bury St. Edmunds. An
anonymous gift of £100 has been received
towards the cost of about £250.

The difficult five bells at Cossington, Leices-
tershire, rather defy peal ringers. The only
two peals on the bells in the last two years
despite many attempts were when Maurice Kirk
and Michael W. Brown rang the same bells
and this was on the same night two years ago.

Congratulations to Mr. W. G. Wilson on his
election as Master of the London County
Association in succession to Mr. T. H.
Taffender, who has held the office for 50
years. A new rule, limiting the office not
normally to more than three consecutive
years, was passed.

The band at St. Thomas', South Wigston,
Leicester, who are well known for their num-
ber of quarter peals during 1962, have now
added another success to their list of achieve-
ments. For the 70th anniversary of the ded-
ication of the church a peal of Stedman Triples
was rung on February 2nd. In the morning
(for Holy Communion) a quarter peal of
Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles was rung;
on the next day a quarter of Plain Bob
Triples was rung for Parish Eucharist, and
another of Kent Treble Bob Major for
Evensong. All taking part have been taught
to ring at St. Thomas' by the conductor and
his wife during the last three years, with the
assistance of the late Ernest Morris.

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 12 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Primrose, Harleston, Woodstock, and 288 each of Londinium, Lyddington, Pudsey, Prittlewell, Cheltenham and Walsall; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 26½ cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	JOHN D. ROCK 8
RONALD F. DISERENS 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 10
PETER BORDER 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
ALAN J. FROST 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. FEARN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Maximus in these 12 methods.**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	†MICHAEL J. HOBBS 6
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 8
ANTONY R. KENCH 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER 9
DON C. EXELL 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.'

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	*EDWARD R. VENN 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 2	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 3	J. KEITH WARD 8
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 4	EDGAR J. SMITH 9
D. KAY ADKINS 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	MARY C. POYNER 6
*JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	HARRY POYNER 7
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL 8
DELIA E. SMITH 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 9
*CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 5	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

A birthday compliment to Clarence F. Briggs; also a welcome to his grandson, Ian James Briggs, born the previous day.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. Treble	†JOHN OWEN 6
TREVOR T. LEWIS 2	WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW 7
JACQUELINE S. KING 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 8
THOMAS YEOMANS 4	BRYN A. TAYLOR 9
*MARY PRYOR 5	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Michael Bennett, who has moved to Cardiganshire after a long association with the Cathedral belfry, dating from before the bells were rehung.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN WORTH Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
PETER LAFLIN 2	BASIL JONES 7
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	*JOHN TAYLOR 8
EDWARD F. POTTS 4	JOHN ROBINSON 9
ALAN A. POTTS 5	FRANK OSBALDISTON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD 2	W. DAVID WARD 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	*RICHARD C. L. BROWN 8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 5	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 6).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Holt's Ten-Part.		
WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	HARRY B. FULLER 5	
JAMES W. PAWL 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6	
HENRY TOOKE 3	PETER M. ADCOCK 7	
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 4	NORMAN WATSON Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON 5
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS 6
DAVID E. HOUSE 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
CAROLYN VIBERT 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 5
*MARGARET JAMES 2	DAVID W. JAMES 6
*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT 3	JOHN C. BALDWIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal in the method.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALAN M. BARBER .. Treble	CHRIS. L. BELL 5
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN 2	IAN M. SMITH 6
J. M. HADLEY HUNTER 3	ALAN W. PAYNE 7
*PETER WOOLVEN 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* First peal of Major.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*RICHARD FOX .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 5
*JOHN DARK 2	MICHAEL BLORE 6
*ANTHONY NICHOLSON 3	JOHN F. MOREN 7
*JACK DARK 4	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WM. ARNOLD MORLEY.

* First peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*R. HARRY DAVIES .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER 5
†HAZEL ARROWSMITH 2	ROBERT PEERS 6
HENRY NORMAN 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN 7
F. LESLIE COVENTRY 4	JOHN D. HERON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Coventry (verger), a ringer at this church for 50 years.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*MARCIA M. NOTT Treble	DAVID J. BAKER 5
†JEAN A. ALLEN 2	DAVID W. JAMES 6
MARY BROWNE 3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 7
MARGARET JAMES 4	JOHN C. BALDWIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. † First of Triples. 25th as conductor. First in the method by all the band except the conductor, and for the Guild.
 Rung for the Feast of Candlemas.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN C. BALDWIN Treble	KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW .. 5
*MARY BROWNE 2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 6
MARGARET JAMES 3	JOHN H. SOANES 7
†DAVID J. BAKER 4	DAVID W. JAMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5120 FALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	ANTONY R. KENCH 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	†DON C. EXELL 6
*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
 * 25th peal. † 100th peal. First in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE COUSSINS Treble	RONALD K. RUSS 5
*JENNIFER SCENY 2	†GEOFFREY RIGLAR 6
GORDON W. LIMMER 3	RICHARD E. DEAN 7
*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM 4	HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Holt's Ten-Part.	HAROLD TAYLOR 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS Treble	ROY STEPHENSON 6
MICHAEL R. BLORE 2	JOHN F. MURFIN 7
GORDON A. HALLS 3	DOUGLAS DERBYSHIRE .. Tenor
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY 4	

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

50th peal on the bells.
 Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.
 February 15th, 1763, also Grandsire Triples.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Howard Howell Treble	CYRIL GRIFFITHS 5
*ANTHONY HOWELL 2	PETER J. BARKER 6
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 7
FRANK BROTHERTON 4	ARTHUR WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal in the method.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Wallater, veteran captain of St. Giles' tower, on his attaining 80 years of age, and also 60 years' membership of the above Society.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
REGINALD CHANCE 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 7
C. FREDERICK JUKES 4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Thurstans'.	PATRICIA E. HIBBERT .. Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5
	KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 6
	*MRS. C. J. HIBBERT 3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 7
	WILLIAM HIBBERT 4	JOHN CHILCOTT Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*JOHN H. SOANES Treble	DAVID W. JAMES 5
*EDNA M. POULTER 2	†JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
*MARGARET JAMES 3	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 7
*JANET WARWICK 4	*KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples. First in the method as conductor. First of Stedman for the Guild.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHRIS. L. BELL Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS 2	PETER M. FLECKNEY 6
ALAN M. BARBER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
DONALD F. MURFET 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	*DAVID A. BURT 5
JOHN R. C. TILEY 2	†DAVID J. BARNETT 6
ALAN F. LEE 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 7
TERENCE J. MILSON 4	HAROLD L. PARFREY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal. The ringer of the third 'completes the circle' of the tower.

LONDON, S.E.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. Treble	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 5
E. JANE SIBSON 2	PHILIP ERITH 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 4	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
 First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and 720 each of Oxford and Kent T.B. St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WENDY HOLLOWELL .. Treble	*RAY H. DAW 4
CHARLES BLACK 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in five methods.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

IAN M. SMITH	Treble	CHRIS. L. BELL	4
ALAN M. BARBER	2	DONALD F. MURFET	5
COLIN JOHNSON	3	*GEORGE E. THODAY	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 100th peal for the Association.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 22 methods: One extent each of Shipway's Place Bob and Morning Star, two each of St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Leonard's, Austrey, Winchendon Place, St. Miles', St. Luke's, St. John's, Ryton, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old Bob, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Colum and Little Aston. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID F. MOORE	Treble	RUPERT A. CLARKE	3
MICHAEL W. BROWN	2	BRIAN C. LAW	4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

W. DAVID WARD	Treble	MALCOLM D. BARSBY	4
R. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

JOHN A. WARNER	Treble	ROBERT J. LINDSELL	4
*JENNIFER M. DYE	2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	ALAN R. SYDER	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Andrew T. Beckwith, who is leaving the district.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*SUSAN M. WHITE	Treble	CLIVE W. SIMPSON	4
†LORNA E. SIMPSON	2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	5
*LEONARD J. NORTH	3	BRYAN C. T. BURROUGH	Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on six bells. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Joan M. Wilcockson and David Hopwood on their engagement.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of 11 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) London, (2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge, (4) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, York and Durham, (5) Primrose, (6) Beurne, (7) London. Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON W. LAND	Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE	4
SHIRLEY M. DREW	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	BRIAN BLADON	Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire and ten each of Plain Bob and Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON	Treble	†DEREK J. WITHERS	4
*DAVID G. MASSEY (13)	2	†RAYMOND J. BAKER	5
†FRANCES M. MASSEY	3	HUGH VENNELL	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. H. ROBERTSON.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES WEBB	Treble	J. HARRY COOK	4
HAROLD C. BONSHOR	2	MICHAEL T. STIMSON	5
ARTHUR J. STIMSON	3	ROLAND H. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung to welcome Anthony Martin Stimson, born this day, son of the ringer of the fifth and Sue, the Melton District secretary.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 50 six-scores, each rung differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD J. BALLAM	Treble	JOHN WALTON	4
DAVID H. WHITE	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	SIDNEY SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

Most changes rung to a peal by all the band.

Ten six-scores each were rung, with the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th as the plain hunt bell.

MERRIOT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

C. BOULTBEE	Treble	†R. SHORT	4
*S. A. TURNER	2	F. A. K. PRIME	5
MRS. A. SHORT	3	E. T. SKIPSEY	Tenor

Conducted by E. T. SKIPSEY.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal for the Association.

MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 19 methods, viz.: (1) Fundenhall, (2) Haddiscoe, (3) Harpley, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Boxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, (8 and 9) New Bob, (10 and 11) Huntspill, (12 and 13) St. Vedast, (14) Plain Bob, (15 and 16) Stedman, (17 and 18) Grandsire, (19) Plain Bob, (20 and 21) Antelope, (22 and 23) Plain Bob, (24 and 25) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (26 and 27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Plain Bob, (29 and 30) St. Simon's, (31 and 32) St. Martin's, (33 and 34) St. Nicholas, (35 and 36) Winchendon Place, (37) Plain Bob, (38 and 39) St. Osmund, (40 and 41) St. Remigius, (42) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	Treble	*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH	3
*ALISON M. MANN	2	*DAVID C. BROOKES	4

Conducted by ANTHONY S. BISHOP... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. The most methods to a peal for all the band, and for the Association.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sa., Feb. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London and six of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN M. BARBER	Treble	J. M. HADLEY HUNTER	4
COLIN JOHNSON	2	DONALD F. MURFET	5
CHRIS. L. BELL	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

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

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 240 (Morris').

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

DAVID A. BURT Treble ALAN F. LEE 4
 GEORGE J. HAWKINS 2 DAVID J. BARNETT 5
 HAROLD L. PARFREY 3 ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

The most methods in a peal by all the band.
 Rung as a 41st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT 1, ROSSDALE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*MARY S. TAYLOR 1-2 | †JOHN C. EISEL 5-6
 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 3-4 | †NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 7-8
 Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells. † First of Major on handbells.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Sun., Jan. 27, 1963, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Three each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Seighford, Besthorpe, Southrepps, R. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Little Aston, Costessy, Grandsire and Morning Star.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3-4

MICHAEL WHITE 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE WEYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
 *PETER J. STANFORTH 3-4 | JOHN M. JELLEY 7-8
 ROBERT B. SMITH 9-10

Composed by JOHN M. JELLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 50th peal of Surprise on handbells. The ringers of 1-2, 7-8 and 9-10 have now completed Major to Maximus on handbells in the method. The ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 have now completed Major to Maximus both 'in hand' and on tower bells in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT THE WEYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5152 DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
 JOHN M. JELLEY 3-4 | ROBERT B. SMITH 7-8
 Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of Major in the method. The conductor has now completed peals of Durham Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
 AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel) 1-2 | J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 3-4
 S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 5-6

Conducted by S. CLARKE WALTERS.

First peal as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 46 methods: (1) St. Blaise, (2) Morning Star, (3) Antelope, (4) Grandsire, (5) St. Simon and St. Osmund, (6) Winchendon Place and St. Remigius, (7) St. Simon and Braywood Bob, (8) St. Martin and Welford Bob, (9) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall Bob, (10) Winchendon Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (11) St. Albans, (12) Cassington, (13) Eynsham, (14) Elford, (15) Shropham, (16) St. Giles, (17) St. Thomas, (18) St. Andrew, (19) Austrey, (20) Norwich, (21) St. Paul, (22) St. Leonard, (23) St. Peter, (24) Shreshill, (25) Mileham, (26) St. Miles, (27) St. John, (28) St. Luke, (29) Ryton, (30) Walsingham, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Old, (35) Seighford, (36) Besthorpe, (37) Southrepps, (38) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40) St. Columb, (41) Little Aston, (42) Costessy.

Tenor size 15 in C.

RUPERT A. CLARKE 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3-4

DAN S. PONT 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

First peal in as many methods 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT ZERMATT, WHEATLEY WAY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

TOM CHAPMAN 1-2 | FRANK C. PRICE 5-6
 MARGARET E. L. CHAPMAN 3-4 | THOMAS J. LOCK 7-8
 Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

Witnessed by MRS. S. PRICE and WILLIAM H. COLES.

DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—38, 14—14, 38, 14—34, 18 L.H. 12 Gp. A.

720 IN 29 METHODS

Submitted by GEOFFREY R. DREW

23456 Chelford Alliance
 64523 Benington Al.
 56342 Freiston Al.
 35264 Langton Al.
 42635 London Bob.
 S 56432 Bastow L.C.
 45263 "
 24356 "
 32645 "
 — 63245 "
 26534 College
 45326 *Ellacombe Al.
 — 63452 Bastow L.C.
 S 46325 Cripplegate L.
 53246 Darrington Al.
 25634 Fakenham Al.
 62453 Candlesbury Al.
 34562 London Bob.
 — 25346 Westlecott Bob.
 63425 Butterwick Al.
 46532 Ryburgh Al.
 54263 Adwick Al.
 32654 Paynton Al.
 S 46352 Ellacombe Al.
 23546 College

— 65234 Bastow L.C.
 26453 "
 42365 "
 42365 Finchley Al.
 53642 Bastow L.C.
 — 65342 "
 S 36524 Tattershall Al.
 45236 Sutton Al.
 24653 Double Oxford.
 62345 Whitcombe Al.
 53462 Tattershall Al.
 — 24536 Thrybergh Al.
 65324 Denton Al.
 36452 Cornhill L.
 43265 Poynton Al.
 52643 †Tattershall Al.
 S 36542 Bastow L.C.
 53264 Wavertree Bob
 42653 Bastow L.C.
 — 64253 London Bob
 32564 "
 45632 "
 26345 Westlecott Bob.
 53426 Lytham Bob
 — 64532 Bastow L.C.
 S 56423 Lytham Bob
 34256 Frampton Al.
 23645 "
 62534 Alford Al.
 45362 Cornhill L.
 — 23456 "

* Minchinhampton Alliance
 x 16 x 1236 x 12 x 3. L.H. 6ths.

† Newington Alliance
 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5. L.H. 6ths.

Whitcombe S.A.
 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 3. L.H. 6ths.

Fakenham Al. (called Burmarsh by C. A. Wratten)

x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 5. L.H. 2nds.

Ryburgh Al. (called Saltwood by C. A. Wratten).

x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 5. L.H. 2nds.

Thrybergh Al.
 34 x 34.16 x 36 x 36. L.H. 6ths.

Darrington 2nds.

Adwick Al. 34 x 34.16 x 36.12.36. L.H. 6ths.

Cripplegate L.
 34 x 36.14 x 34. L.H. 6ths. Cornhill 2nds.

It will be seen that by leaving D. Court out of H. Chant's 25-method extent and putting in Westlecott, Lytham, Whitcombe, Fakenham, Ryburgh the total can be raised to 29, still keeping a plain lead of each method.

Minchinhampton and Newington can also be put in as Mr. Wratten described, making the total 31.

G. R. D.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, I. F. Garvie 2, L. M. Parker 3, H. G. Summers 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, P. Stone 7, L. M. Callow 8. First of Surprise 2 and 3.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. S. Pont 1—2, D. F. Moore 3—4, R. A. Clarke 5—6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7—8. First quarter of Major by all. Rung by the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society after the Founder's Day service.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter in six methods) 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Parish Communion.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice Brown 1, I. Robinson (first 'inside') 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5, B. Stephenson (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, A. Stone 3, P. Carter 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. A. Russell (cond.) 7, T. Milsted 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Jan. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sawtell 1, K. Jones (first 'inside') 2, D. Mills (cond.) 3, R. J. Purnell 4, G. Carter (first 'inside') 5, R. Gunstone (first on the tenor) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, E. A. Bailey 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5, P. E. Wells 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Matthew John Allen, for 37 years churchwarden, whose funeral took place this day.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Hawksworth 1, C. S. Dunsbell 2, R. Broughton 3, M. Bird 4, I. Rimmer 5, W. Alsopp 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, D. Hiddon 8. First quarter 1, 5, 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss A. Veal and Mr. T. Freshwater, whose funerals took place this day.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, Peter and Cedd, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Crawley 1, P. Came 2, I. R. Pantton 3, P. W. Saltmarsh 4, J. L. Towler 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, P. J. Eves 8. For the Friends of the Cathedral service.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Johnson 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, D. Murfet 3, S. J. Twitcheat 4, C. Pearson 5, J. G. Gipson 6, H. Brown 7, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 8.

EARL'S BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Knight 1, Shelagh Collins 2, Sheila Staley 3, R. J. Jones 4, G. E. Watson 5, I. W. Hall (cond.) 6, M. A. Coleman 7, M. J. Staley 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 3 and 4.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St Saviour's, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Jill Lenham 2, J. Barlow 3, I. White (first of Doubles) 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and for the 96th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, Christine Bowen 2, T. Hawkins 3, H. Howson 4, J. Towers 5, D. Langdon 6, D. Bowen (first as cond.) 7, W. Theobald 8. For Evensong.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Mrs. C. E. Cooper 4, C. E. Cooper 5. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Harry Cecil Warner, bell-ringer and church councillor, and Thomas Clowrie, Dalby's oldest inhabitant.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Leveit 1, C. E. Verdon (first in method 'inside') 2, Joan M. Downing 3, S. F. Buckland 4, A. Jackson (first in the method) 5, J. A. W. Downing 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, A. Parcell (first quarter) 8. By Manchester University Guild.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Chad, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. O. Sheard 1, Miss L. E. F. Jones (first quarter) 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, A. I. Johnson 4, J. M. Gow 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil Davies, a fellow member of the Guild.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: June Creak 1, Mrs. F. Low 2, Patricia Rogers (first in method) 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, C. Richards 6, C. Low 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jeannette Felton 1, Patricia Rogers 2, June Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, C. Richards 6, N. Felton (first 'inside') 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. White (first of Stedman) 1, R. Waters 2, Miss P. Laycock 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, L. North 5, C. Simpson 6, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 7, B. C. T. Burrough 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Cox 1, B. M. Barker 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): J. Bentley 1, H. Pickering 2, C. Fenwick 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stipetic (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 18th, 1,320 Minor (London, Cambridge): A. E. H. Clayton 1, A. Bagworth 2, P. Cattermole 3, D. C. Brookes (first of Surprise) 4, C. F. Mew 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. White 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, R. F. Stevens 4, Miss B. Sanger 5, M. J. Rowe 6, R. Abbott 7, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 8, P. Chapman 9. For Evensong.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter Smith 1, Jane Owen (first 'inside') 2, John R. Williams (cond.) 3, John C. Jones 4, John H. Jones (cond.) 5, Lyn Jones 6. For Choral Eucharist.

MOSLEY, LANCs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Roughton, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Holt 1, H. Nield 2, B. Thorp 3, M. Rigby 4, G. Nield (cond.) 5, J. Brannan 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Leigh 1, A. R. Pearce (first 'inside') 2, A. Tubbs 3, R. S. Algate (first as cond.) 4, M. J. Harris 5, D. C. Haslam 6. Rung by boys of Bristol Cathedral School Society to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parry.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. C. D. Mayes 1, J. R. Castledine 2, D. R. Sanderson 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, J. S. Dear 5, L. B. Scoot 6, P. Flack 7, E. G. Buck (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1 and 4.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter 3, R. Inglis (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. Stainsby 5, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter (cond.) 3, P. Wakefield 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stainsby 6, V. Jennison 7, N. F. Pailing 8. For Evensong, and to welcome a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. Stainsby.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Smith 3, N. D. Deam 4, Alice Gammon 5. For Evensong, and as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones and Miss Jane Bailey (21st).

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, E. J. Smith 2, C. C. Clarke 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, G. R. Collins 5, P. J. Heritage 6, C. Coles 7, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 8. For evening service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major (Ikstone Variation): H. Goakes 1, J. Bird 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, J. Roffe 4, G. S. Bush 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. First of Kent and Oxford by all. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Paul) to Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, of Chester.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. Dimmock 1, Mrs. M. Crosswaite 2, Maryl R. Crosswaite (first in method as cond.) 3, P. J. Crosswaite 4, M. Smith 5, C. Crosswaite 6, A. Gardner 7, F. Stead 8. First in the method for 4, 5 and 7. Rung prior to Evensong, for the visit of the Bishop of Blackburn.

PRITILEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Sadler 1, P. Sloman 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, G. Bacon 4, J. Belcham 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung for Blessing of Crib service. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, Miss J. Rowe 2, P. Sadler 3, A. House 4, P. Sloman 5, L. Beale 6, J. Belcham 7, G. Bacon 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, B. Sadler 10. Rung to mark 25 years as a ringier at this tower by P. Sadler.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, Alison M. Mann 4, B. J. Bull 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, M. J. Uphill 7, D. C. Brookes (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Candlemas. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Swatton 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, L. W. Allen 5, B. J. Bull 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, D. C. Brookes 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Ward 1, G. Bacon 2, A. House 3, G. Sandwell 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ward 1, Miss R. Carr (first 'inside') 2, F. May 3, M. Sinden 4, A. House 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Carr (first in method) 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, Miss V. Hester 8. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): L. Nice 1, L. Wright 2, H. E. Mitson 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the reopening of the Parish Church after extensive restorations and the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. A. H. Morris), who preached for morning service.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Cox 1, Ann Chettle 2, J. M. Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, A. Gibbs 5, L. Priestley 6, G. Smith 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Ann Newbury and Bob Whitworth.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marcia M. Nott 1, Nancy Robins 2, Mary Browne 3, Edna M. Poulter 4, Jean A. Allen 5, D. J. Baker 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, J. H. Soanes (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. F. P. Bryant 1, Mary Browne (first of Surprise) 2, Margaret James 3, Beryl W. Baldwin 4, D. J. Baker (first of Surprise 'inside') 5, J. C. Baldwin 6, J. H. Soanes 7, D. W. James (cond.) 8. Both rung by the Manchester University Guild for Evensong.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Osborne (first quarter) 1, S. Cottle 2, D. Powney 3, H. Gummer 4, D. Bailey (first as cond.) 5, J. Abbott 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol L. Corton 1, N. R. May 2, A. R. Mildred 3, B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. R. May (first in two methods 'inside') 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. G. Wood 1, A. R. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Carol L. Norman 6. For H.C. on the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M., and the 70th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Whitmore 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller (25th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, M. Smith 6. A birthday compliment to ringier of 4.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Clayfield (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry (first 'inside') 2, K. P. Gilliver (first as cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Broadgate 4, A. L. Blackmore 5, R. A. Brown 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

TOTTENHOE, REDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stripp 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfild 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. C. Laughton 5, I. Knox 6, J. W. V. Sinfild (cond.) 7, A. G. Stripp 8. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rt. Rev. John Trillo as Suffragan Bishop of Bedford.

WARRLETON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Beency 1, Rosemary Earl (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Pope (first of Minor) 3, Jill Lenham 4, J. Barlow 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the B.V. Mary.

WARRNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Turner 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, J. Nelson 5, G. Nightingale (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

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The new address of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gower is Flat No. 1, 'The Gables,' Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. 1974

PERSONAL

RINGERS from the Spalding area wish to express their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Jennings, of Oldham, in her recent unfortunate experience. 1980

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SCHOOL HANDBELL SOCIETY requires set of 16 handbells for tune ringing.—J. Wilson, King Alfred's School, Wantage, Berks. 1982

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL ENGLAND RALLY TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL.—Would ringers and non-ringers wishing to support a bus starting from Middlesbrough please notify me by March 2nd.—P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2009

BACK NUMBERS for most recent issues and some as far back as 1947 are available, price 8d. post free.—Apply 'Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 1995

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice for February 27th, March 6th and 13th, 7 to 8 p.m.—E. Buck. 1995

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 7s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford. 1976

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Branch is Mr. Raymond H. Daw, 5, Princess Street, Peterborough, Northants. 1978

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STEPNEY, ST. DUNSTAN'S.—No practices on Wednesdays during Lent owing to special services. Sunday mornings, 9 o'clock, as usual. 1975

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby and Ilkeston District) and THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, Ilkeston (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—M. R. Blore, Derby Dis. Sec., 67, Park Grove, Derby. 1988

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells: St. Nicholas' and Cathedral, 2.30 p.m.; All Saints', 6.30. Service, St. Peter's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Church House. Names for tea.—T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 1988

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—Feb. 23rd, St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Surfleet, Regret talk cancelled. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 185, Tippendale Lane, St. Albans, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 1948

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5, followed by tea and social evening. Ringing, Penn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.—Mrs. Bullock, E. T. Blagrove, Miss Hague. 1913

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester District Branch.—Practice at Piddington (5) on Saturday, February 23rd, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 1988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Salutation Hotel. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1946

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. L. Andrews, 9, Court Close, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset. 1940

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, South Benfleet (6), Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea.—P. Sloman, Hon. Sec. 1933

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting, Worlingworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—L. E. Last, Dis. Sec. 1968

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures. 1988

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate.—F. Beene, Sec. 1945

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Long Sutton (6). Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the previous Tuesday.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1976

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd (St. Chad's Day), at Holt (by Farndon). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, by Thursday, February 28th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Apple-yards Lane, Chester. 2012

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Lillington-in-Leamington Spa, Saturday, March 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Important meeting prior to A.G.M. and Cathedral Rally. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 1993

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Cyst St. George, Saturday, March 2nd, Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Wills, Restholm, Cyst St. George, near Exeter.—R. T. Perry, Sec. 1998

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswinford, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to me, please. A good attendance is desired as important matters will be discussed.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Wores. 1935

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Gosforth, All Saints', March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne 3. 2008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Sutton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2002

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Great Yeldham. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members, please note: District striking competition takes place in the afternoon. All entering teams should meet at 1.50 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finchingfield, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. 1892

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 2nd, 8 a.m. Corporate Communion, St. James'. 3 p.m. Emmanuel, Clifton (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 2013

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by February 26th to Mr. C. Underwood, 1, Cedar Road, Northway, near Tewkesbury. 1985

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bredenbury, 4 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd. Service 6.15 p.m. Supper 7 p.m., by reservation only. Names by Feb. 27th to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1963

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Ledbury, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Codrington, Ledbury. 1987

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, by previous Wednesday. 2003

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, March 2nd. Please note business meeting will be held, thus making this a quarterly meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday at the very latest to Mr. C. Chapman, Chicago House, Pond Hill, Cliffe, Rochester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (own food). Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 1984

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting and open day on the newly rehung eight at Standish (near Wigan) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1923

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Wigston Magna. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names not later than February 27th, please, to Miss J. Watkins, 46, Holmden Avenue, Wigston Magna. Methods: Yorkshire and St. Clement's.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 1931

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Prenton Hotel, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 2nd. Visitors welcome. Ringing in afternoon. Tickets (price 16s. 6d.) from C. K. Cooper, 10, Westmoreland Road, New Brighton, Wallasey, Cheshire. 2011

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, Kingsley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 1981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 2nd, Maids Moreton. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pigstile, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Haseley, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by February 27th to T. Bowles, Chilworth Farm Lodge, Milton Common, Oxford. 1991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussell on Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 1990

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, March 2nd, Seend. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1825

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, York, Saturday, March 2nd. Minster bells (12) 3-3.55 p.m. Institute of Advanced Architectural Study bells (6) 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2005

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1997

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, Attenborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Look up Double Norwich.—S. 7961

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual meeting, Ipswich, March 2nd. St. Clement's 2.45 p.m. St. Margaret's 4 to 5.10. Tea, opposite Manor House, 5.15. St. Mary-le-Tower 7 to 8.15 p.m. For tea please notify by February 28th Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Grundisburgh. 2007

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1952

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 2nd, at Ringwood. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Old Cottage Tea Rooms, West Street, followed by meeting. Names, please, to Secretary, L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hants. 1979

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kempsey (6), March 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Eastern Lodge, Old Road, Kempsey. Names for tea by February 26th to D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twynning, Tewkesbury, Glos. 1999

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8) on Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March, 7th to Mr. L. Barlow, please, at 'Lilac House', Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Telephone Creswell 370.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—District meeting, Great Bromley, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, at the Rectory. 1977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Fryerning, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ingatestone in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1966

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at Guildford. Service at Holy Trinity at 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall. Ringing arrangements: Holy Trinity 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.15; Stoke 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Further ringing elsewhere after meeting. As catering is in the hands of non-ringers would those requiring tea please send their names as soon as possible to D. A. R. May, Wimbledon Cottage, School, Lane, E. Clandon. 2006

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, March 5th (together with cash).—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Marlow on Saturday, March 9th.—M. R. Cross. 1959

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Bacup, Saturday, April 27th, 1963. 1989

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50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.', Feb. 21, 1913.

The following, which appeared in the Barking 'Parish Magazine,' summarises, about as aptly as anything which we have seen, the art to which we are all so much devoted:—

Wanted.—Half a dozen young Churchmen to take up a useful branch of Church work—namely, the science and art of campanology. Vacancies have occurred in the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers. Qualifications necessary: Earnestness, enthusiasm, and energy. Preference will be given to those who are prepared to take up ringing seriously, and to give the greater part of their (spare) time to a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more pleasurable than the 'pictures.' Remuneration: More kicks than ha'pence.

PEAL RINGING AROUND ASHFORD, KENT

The third annual Christmas peal week in the Ashford district, organised once again by the District secretary, Crawford Hillis, with a more peripatetic programme than usual, got off to a good start on Boxing Day when the first of five successful peals was brought round without serious mishap.

Since enough unappropriated ringers could not be found to ring a peal of Major at Benenden, the little church of Stowting, nestling away in an unpopulated spot under the South Downs, was chosen for the first peal, and we were most pleased that Gay Williams, for whom the original peal was arranged, managed to brave the treacherous roads from Benenden to help make up the band. A peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor was rung at a leisurely pace on the little ring of six, it being the first peal in the method by all the band, and the first peal for Peter Richardson, who rang like a veteran.

On the following day, everything got off to a very late start. The heavy drifting that had taken place around the district seemed to have concentrated its efforts upon Crawford Hillis' drive, since it took about an hour to dig his car out. Richard Hough, who had given up waiting to be picked up from Folkestone Station, was dragged, protesting, away from a warm fire. The peal of Double Oxford at Great Mongeham consequently started about an hour-and-a-half late, but eventually came round after a liberal number of 6-5's at backstroke. Marion Phillips had the satisfaction of ringing her first peal very creditably, and we were most grateful to her and her parents for a most welcome meal afterwards.

On day three, the writer found himself in the uncompromising position of having to ring a peal at Little Chart and attend a cocktail party simultaneously. Since the latter deemed precedence on the occasion another ringer had to be found. A telegram sent to John Baldwin requesting him to bring another ringer was suitably 'coded' by the G.P.O. (as has already been reported in the 'R.W.'), but arrived too late to be of any assistance in the situation. However, Peggy Skinner kindly stood in at the eleventh hour, but a peal of Cambridge Minor wound up after two extents.

Nevertheless, this failure was fully redeemed by two good peals when Ian Oram joined us on the following day. The heavy six at Wittersham went fairly well in the morning to a peal of Kent Minor, with the local captain, Mr. Kenneth Hamilton, ringing his first peal 'inside.' During this peal a bird flew into the ringing chamber and took a peculiar attraction to the ringer of the fourth, pecking at the floor around his feet. After the peal we were most hospitably entertained to biscuits, beer and coffee by Sir Victor and Lady Mallett, of Wittersham (both members of the K.C.A.), and photographs were taken in the snow-covered grounds of their beautiful house. During the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung in the cold belfry at Appledore, breaking the jinx that has dogged success here on two occasions.

Two peals were planned for the last day of the year, but only one materialised. This took place at Wittersham, where Peter Richardson, who had excelled himself earlier in the week, repeated his performance by ringing his first peal in three methods 'inside.' The peal was believed to be the quickest of Minor on the bells, and our consultant fourth bell ringer found his bell a considerably easier proposition than that at Wittersham. The other peal was planned as a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise at the District's Mother Church at Ashford for the passing of the old year, but the weather had further deteriorated, and although the Ashford and Canterbury contingents managed to get through the London contingent was delayed by the Arctic conditions. By the time the latter arrived the Canterbury contingent had decided to get back while the roads were passable, so Crawford Hillis and Margaret Jones kindly stood in and, time being limited, a good quarter peal of Bob Major was rung.

Thus ended another memorable peal week; the score card of played 7, won 5, lost 1, postponed 1, compared well with previous years.

N. J. D.

QUARTER PEALS

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Half-muffled tribute to Rev. C. A. Millen, Rector, whose funeral took place the same day.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Binsted (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock 2, Kathleen Fuller 3, T. Barlow 4, D. R. Fuller (first as cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. A. Yates 1, J. V. Clark (first in five methods) 2, L. Smith 3, C. D. Emery (first in five methods) 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris (first away from tenor) 1, J. S. B. Powell 2, B. Williams (first of Triples) 3, Mrs. D. Gay 4, S. Lewis (first of Triples) 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, D. Gay 7, D. Ruddall (first of Triples) 8. Rung to the memory of J. White, who was a ringer at Weston for about 20 years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, Little Bob Major: Caroline Carpenter 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, G. Reynolds 6, A. Bagworth 7, K. Newman (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At Winchester College, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Daws 1, C. M. Tuckett 2, N. R. Tumber 3, J. D. Gunner 4, J. E. Spice (cond.) 5, D. Humphrey 6. Rung in commemoration of Sir George Gater and Hugh Gait-skell, Old Wykehamists.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent. Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury): T. E. Trickett 1, H. G. Smith 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, H. Sutton 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. A. Packer 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): V. Roberts 1, A. Usher 2, P. Wright 3, E. Skipsey (cond.) 4, G. Salmon 5, E. Combes 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Collier (first of Major) 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Judith Geiringer 4, Susan Rawlings 5, R. Tickner (first of Major) 6, C. Slyfield 7, K. Newman (cond.) 8.

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