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ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

THE ringing chamber of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, contains two records of peals. One, a massive stone tablet placed high on the wall, and possibly filling up a former doorway, records a peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on April 27th, 1861. This peal was at that time the longest length ever rung on 12 bells, and curiously enough it was 'the first peal in that method performed on the bells,' although a peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques had been rung in the tower as far back as 1731. It remained the longest peal of Stedman Cinques until it was beaten at Birmingham in 1881, and was the subject of a song of considerable length which was composed by James Dwight, who rang the tenor to the peal, and which, according to tradition, he used to sing at College Youths' dinners.

The other peal board records a peal of 5,002 Stedman Cinques, rung by the College Youths on February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours and 51 minutes, composed by Frederick Dench. This peal was rung silent and non-conducted and was the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung on tower bells. (The information given in 'Belfry Gossip' of March 8th is not quite correct. The handbell peal rung on February 21st, 1903, was the first *silent* peal of Stedman Cinques, not the first on handbells.) The ringers in this peal were Henry Springall treble, Challis F. Winney 2, Harry R. Pasmore 3, Herbert Langdon 4, Henry R. Newton 5, Thomas Faulkner 6, John N. Oxborrow 7, Frederick Dench 8, Alfred B. Peck 9, John W. Golding 10, William T. Cockerill 11 and William H. Pasmore tenor. In accordance with a long-standing tradition, there were two umpires: Henry Dains, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and George W. Wild, of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

There were formerly two other peal boards at Cornhill, but these were badly damaged by fire during the war and have since been removed.

When the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, were restored recently, it was felt that these two noteworthy performances—one 100 and one 50 years ago—should be remembered on the appropriate anniversaries. So it came about that the first peal on the restored bells—5,100 Stedman Cinques—was rung on April 29th, 1961, to mark the centenary of the 1861 peal.

There was no great difficulty about that, but then came the more challenging question—would it be possible to commemorate the silent peal of 1913 by ringing another silent peal? Gradually the idea caught on; the Saturday nearest the original date was fixed for the attempt, and the band—nearly all of whom are regular Sunday ringers at Cornhill—was briefed.

By way of practice, a silent quarter peal of Stedman Cinques was rung for Evensong at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, January 27th. The successful accomplishment of this gave confidence to the band, so that it was with fairly high hopes that it assembled outside Cornhill on the afternoon of February 23rd. The bitterly cold weather was, of course, something that could have been dispensed with, and it is to be hoped that the band of 1913 did not have to cope with such Arctic conditions; but there was nothing much the ringers could do about it, except that fewer sweaters were taken off than usual. The umpires were made as comfortable as possible: a small electric fire was provided for them and they were well muffled up, so perhaps they did not suffer too much.

The preparations having all been made, it only remained to ring the peal. The 12 bells were set going, Mr. Barnett called 'Go' and, after 3 hours and 34 minutes and 5,007 changes, he called 'Stand.' So that was it. It had been as simple as that; not quite so simple, however, for Dennis Randall on the ninth, who was feeling far from well that day, while some of the other 'back-enders' had their share of blisters by the end and were curiously reluctant to ring the following morning!

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GUILDFORD GUILD AND CATHEDRAL BELLS

WHEN the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers held its annual meeting at St. Saviour's Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) told the large gathering how the Guild proposed to take up the Bishop's challenge to meet the cost of the Cathedral bells.

The Cathedral, he explained, was to have ten bells. The Pulling memorial bell had been provided and the total cost of the remaining nine bells and the cost of hoisting and hanging the Pulling bell was £7,250.

Each of their four Districts had agreed to provide one bell at an average cost of £400. The cost had been worked out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the Pulling memorial bell, but as they had not a firm order they rather objected to their figures being published and getting to their competitors.

Although the Bishop challenged the Guild to meet the whole of the cost, the Guild Executive decided last autumn that they could not meet it as they would have difficulty in finding the £1,600 required for their four bells. He met the secretary of the Cathedral Council and it was assumed that the Guild would accept responsibility for raising the money in some way, primarily by an appeal.

It was decided at the next meeting of the Executive that the Guild should issue an appeal. One bell had since been given by anonymous donors in memory of a relative. An appeal letter had been drafted and this had been approved by the Dean and Cathedral Council. It was to all lovers of bells and bell music, and they hoped that some corporate bodies or companies would accept responsibility for a bell.

After discussion, the steps taken by the Executive were approved and it was decided to issue the appeal.

RAISED THE STANDARD

The annual report mentioned that three of the District Ringing Masters had retired—Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), Mr. R. Collins (Chobham) and Mr. H. A. May (Guildford). In his eight years as Ringing Master, Mr. Collins had raised the standard of ringing at the towers under his care to a level which would not have been thought possible a few years back.

A good indication of the progress of the Guild was the quarter peals rung. During 1962, 135 quarters were rung in 40 towers, 17 people ringing their first quarter, 20 their first 'inside,' 71 a new method and 13 a quarter on a different number of bells.

The bells of Thames Ditton had been recast and rehung, and Mr. G. S. Joyce said there was a possibility that Farnborough bells would be augmented from six to eight.

The meeting stood while the deaths of the following were reported: Messrs. Bill Goldstone (Send), Bill Robinson (Epsom), Clifford Hilton (Dorking), Bill Newbury (Ashtead), Harold Harris (Crondall) and George Cook (Ashtead). The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. L. Hunter, seconded by Mr. P. Smart.

Major Bragg, presenting the peal recorder's report, stated that 35 peals had been rung for the Guild—eight fewer than last year. They were rung by 126 ringers in 19 different methods or numbers of methods with 20 different conductors. The long Stedman silence was broken four times—at Aldershot six were ringing their first of Stedman and one his first as conductor. Mr. John Wells conducted most peals (nine) and Mr. Stan Ponting rang in most peals (13).

The badge secretary (Mr. G. S. Joyce) said during 15 years badges to the value of £201 had been sold.

BISHOP COMING AGAIN

Presenting a report on the dinner, which had a record attendance of 217, including the Bishop of Guildford, the Master said it was decided this year to restrict numbers to 180. It would be held at Newlands Corner Hotel on October 12th and the Bishop had promised to attend.

The Guild has few changes in its officers. To the list of vice-presidents the name of Major E. Bragg has been added. The officers

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are: Master, Mr. D. A. R. May (East Clandon); honorary secretary, Mr. S. Russell (Ash); honorary treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin (Fleet); honorary auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash); librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford); peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnborough); liaison officers with Surrey Association, Messrs. F. E. Collins and J. F. M. Mayhrey; Central Council representatives, the Master, Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

During the meeting the following new members were elected from Merrow: Marilyn Adams, Susan Woodthorpe, Hazel Giddens and Dilys Hewitt; juniors, Denise Salter, Stuart Cobb, Frank Duncan and Bryn Davies. Also Mr. H. Holman, Farnborough, honorary member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Master and officers for their services; to the Rev. Michael Hocking for conducting the Guild service at Holy Trinity Church; and to Mr. S. G. Ponting, the organist; to the Rev. W. L. White and the ladies of St. Saviour's for providing the tea. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at three Guildford churches and at Shalford.

A TUNBRIDGE WELLS WEDDING



Left to right: Margaret A. Ladd, Brian E. Jeffrey, Patricia Tompkins, the bridegroom, the bride, Rev. P. N. Bond (best man), Ernest J. Ladd, Elisabeth Tester.
(Photo: M. A. Ladd.

Two well known Kent ringers, Miss Ann George and Mr. Stanley Jenner, were married on March 2nd at Emmanuel Church, Tunbridge Wells. The bride, given away by her father, wore a dress of figured brocade and carried a prayer book and white freesias. She was attended by one bridesmaid, her cousin, Miss Patricia Tompkins, who wore a dress of blue brocade, and carried a spray of mixed freesias. The best man was the Rev. Peter N. Bond. The couple were rung out of church by handbells, there being no tower bells, by Margaret A. Ladd, Elisabeth Tester, Brian E. Jeffrey and Ernest J. Ladd.

Later a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Edenbridge, where Stanley was captain, after failure to ring a peal, by D. Cox, P. Smith, E. Tester, R. Sherlock, J. Warner, C. Hancock, B. Jeffrey and E. J. Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner will reside at 2, Sheffield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

According to the March 'News of the Diocese,' for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, boys from the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook, Suffolk, ring the bells at Stutton during term time. Stutton Church is close to the school and has six bells (tenor 12 cwt.). Nearby is Holbrook Parish Church, with six bells (tenor 8 cwt.).

In the clock tower of the school there are five bells cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1932, with a tenor about 25 cwt. They are not hung for ringing, but for the Norwich chimes in the clock tower.

Handbells are also rung at the school and are incorporated in the school's annual carol service.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Great Yarmouth Meeting

RINGING TOURS

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Beccles (10), Redenhall (8), Diss (8) and Pulham Market (8). Arrive back at headquarters at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Cost per person 12s. 6d., which includes tea at an hotel.

WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 9.15 a.m., through Broadland country to ringing at Aylsham (10) and Marsham (8). Hot lunch, followed by ringing at Wroxham (6), the gateway of the Broads. Then a 2½ hour cruiser trip through some of the loveliest Broads, with light tea served on board, landing at Ranworth (6), the Church of the Broads. The party will be met here by the coach, calling at Acle (6) on the return to Great Yarmouth.

Cost per person, including lunch and tea, 21s.

Please send names and remittances for either or both of these tours to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Loddon, Norwich, NOR 21W, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that options on transport, etc., can be confirmed.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to have peal attempts arranged for them are asked to notify Mr. Barrett, at the above address, as soon as possible. Peals of Minor and upwards will be arranged if required.

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DERBYSHIRE DINNER

FOR the 11th annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association held on March 2nd at the Midland Drapery Restaurant, Derby, over 200 applications were received for the 160 tickets available! It was mainly due to the great demand for tickets that the venue was changed last year from the Corporation Hotel, but it seems that an even larger venue than the Midland Drapery is necessary!

The large contingent from the Derby and Ilkeston Districts was supplemented by coach parties from the Peak and Chesterfield Districts, led by Alex Richardson and Malcolm Phipps respectively. Ringing prior to the dinner took place at Heanor, Ashover, Ashbourne, Horsley and St. Peter's, Derby, when methods rung ranged from rounds and call changes to Spliced Surprise Major.

After an excellent meal Mr. J. F. Smallwood apologised on behalf of Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, who should have been the guest speaker, but, due to the indisposition of his wife, was unable to be present.

He was, however, pleased to announce that the president of the Association, the Provost of Derby, had kindly stepped into the breach at short notice. Although the Provost was a staunch supporter of the Association, he was assured by Mr. Smallwood that if he exceeded his allotted time of ten minutes he would be shot down in flames regardless.

The Provost, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, congratulated the Association on its record membership of 367, of which over 340 members were fully paid up! The present satisfactory position from the financial as well as ringing viewpoints was largely due to the untiring efforts of a few faithful stalwarts, who were well known to all present. However, he urged members not to become complacent, but to continue to go forward in leaps and bounds and increase the membership even more!

He assured the company that the Belfry Repair Fund would continue to flourish from the subscriptions of over 50 Parochial Church Councils, which, speaking from experience, would still be subscribing to the fund long after the Association had ceased to exist!

BURLEY P. MORRIS HONOURED

This concluded the formalities, and was followed by the evening's highlight, namely the awarding of the noble order of capita magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman in the Derbyshire Association. The Association's general secretary, Mr. Burley Morris, of Ashbourne, was presented with this year's award, the citation being read by Mr. David Marshall:

'It is no surprise that you, Burley P. Morris, have been chosen as your outstanding attributes are prominently displayed for all to see! The secret of your success lies in your popularity amongst your fellow ringers, which you are very careful to maintain by organising ringing to the very last detail.

'This was illustrated last year by a peal attempt at Tideswell, when you decided not to offend anyone by leaving them out of the band and as a result ended up with 16 ringers for eight bells! If anyone knows a way of ringing two peals on one set of bells simultaneously will they please let Burley know! In addition to which your way of arranging of peals is well known. After first writing a letter of invitation to each ringer, you ring them up and tell them what was in the letter, presumably as being postmaster of Ashbourne you know how letters can go astray! Furthermore, you ask each ringer to confirm the arrangements with the other members of the band and then to make absolutely sure you visit each ringer personally.

'Although you have now been in Derbyshire for five or six years we are well aware that you still have strong ties with the Peterborough Guild, as some of the best propaganda for that Guild has been written by you in our Annual Report!'

The Derbyshire Association choir then sang the capita magnissimus anthem before a satire on the recently reformed Ilkeston District was performed to the tune of the 'Ballad of Bethnal Green.' Dancing brought a tremendously successful dinner to a close all too soon. Sincere thanks and congratulations are extended to Gordon Halls, Dennis Carlisle and David Marshall, the only regret being the long wait for next year's dinner! M. P. P.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 21st, 1913.—

Mr. George N. Price, of Watford, has just completed a unique performance by calling a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, from each pair of bells. Mr. Price is the first to accomplish this feat, and in addition he has conducted Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples from each pair. The composition of Stedman Triples called from 1—2 and 3—6 had not been previously rung on handbells. All the peals of Caters and Cinques had the turning courses at the end, thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance, and had it not been for two of the peals of Caters (those called from 1—2 and 9—10) having the same coming round, all would have had different going-off and homing courses both in Caters and Cinques.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The East Grinstead and District Guild held its annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield on March 9th. Although a wet day, members were welcomed consistently throughout the afternoon. The service was conducted by the president, Rev. J. R. Missen, and the Rev. J. R. Collins (Hever), a newly-elected vice-president, read the lesson. The singing was accompanied by G. Fitzhugh at the organ. Members afterwards made their way to the Church House, where a sumptuous tea had been arranged by Mr. J. Ryman, ringers' captain with the help of his family.

With the president in the chair, 48 members attended the annual meeting. Three new vice-presidents were elected, viz. Rev. J. R. Collins, Messrs. Charles A. Bassett and Ernest J. Ladd. Messrs. Albert Relfe and Edward J. Jenner did not stand for re-election to the committee. They were thanked by Mr. Jeffrey for all their support and work. Their places are taken by Mrs. Ann Jenner (it was suggested this would give some feminine support) and Mr. George Fry, remaining officers elected en bloc.

The annual outing was fixed for October 12th, and Mr. Stanley Jenner was asked to make the arrangements, as he had done last year. It was suggested we should go into Hertfordshire. The annual dinner was fixed for second Saturday in January, 1964. Some changes in the rules (printed in 1933) made by the committee were read by Mr. Jeffrey, and agreed to. Three hundred copies are to be printed for sale to members. Seven new members were elected. Thanks were accorded to the president and Mr. J. Ryman. Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch bells were available in the evening. M. A. L.

Handbells at a Music Festival

THE Twickenham and Richmond Music Festival held its 29th annual competition in music, dancing, speech and drama from March 2nd to 9th, and for the first time included handbell ringing in its programme. The festival chairman was Dr. D. J. Neal Smith and the secretary is Mrs. Neal Smith, and it was through them that handbells were included, and I was the adjudicator for these items.

In All Souls' Church Hall, Twickenham, on March 7th, five handbell bands met to ring not less than 250 changes in any standard method, rung two in hand, on eight bells or upwards (Triples and Caters accepted), for a challenge shield presented by the chairman and to be awarded at a prizewinners' concert next May.

As adjudicator, I explained briefly how change ringing differed from the other musical items of the programme and expressed regret that the absence of Mr. J. R. Mayne, through illness, meant that London Surprise Major could not be one of the methods to be heard. That band was, however, fortunate enough to have Mrs. C. Woolley able to stand in at short notice.

Such a very high standard was set by the first competing team that the judging had to be very strict—indeed I had to be extra critical to be able to differentiate between three of the bands and I hope the competitors realised this.

The first prize and an honours certificate went to Mr. T. J. Lock's band, who rang 252 Grandsire Triples—not fast, but so regular in beat that quite minor details like the striking of a bell slightly louder than the others had to be taken into account. 10 faults.

Two teams, Mr. R. G. Leale's and Mr. A. Tyers', each chose to ring 272 Plain Bob Major (not quite the same touch), and when the faults were added up they were found to have 12 each. Both bands started off to a very high standard, which they were not quite able to maintain, but they were excellent performances, either of which could well have won first prize on another occasion. Tie for second place—first class certificates.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow's team tried 287 Grandsire Caters and with this lovely handbell method and the fast and perfect rhythm to start with (my note after two leads was 'if possible to keep it up'), I thought they would do well. Once they got out of the plain course, however, what may have been lack of practice together showed up and they began to pile up the faults. Allowing for a bonus for ringing Caters, 27 faults and fourth place.

The last to compete and to fill fifth place was a new band from the National Physical Laboratory. Three courses of Plain Bob Major (336) was a very brave try and the experience they have gained, added to their enthusiasm, will be no doubt produce results when they have had more practice.

Not one of the bands 'fired out' and, apart from the occasional fast lead due to nerves, the standard was high and the interest shown was great enough to suggest the possibility that change ringing may prove a regular feature of the programme in future.

After this the Ealing handbell ringers (introduced by Mr. A. Fulwell, of St. Mary's, Ealing), the only team to enter this section of the competition, gave their rendering of the march from Handel's Occasional Overture and a Piece for Musical Clock, No. 21, by Haydn. This delightful bell music made a wonderful change from the usual popular tunes heard on handbells. Such perfect timing by a band of ten with some 50-60 bells denotes a mastery of their art only attained by much practice. First prize and a first class certificate. An additional item 'The Ash Grove' was given by the band and delighted the listeners.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Letters to the Editor

Another Grandparent—a Late Starter

Dear Sir,—May I, as a grandfather, add my quota to Lady Mallett's excellent article in your issue of March 8th? I also started ringing **after** my 56th birthday, and—horrible thought—will, in a few months, be eligible for the old age pension!

Unfortunately, unlike Lady Mallett, I cannot claim **not** to have gone up to the ceiling. It happened thiswise: we had been pulling the bells up, and, having completed the operation, stood to for Triples. I, being the dunderhead, was on the tenor (15 cwt.), and proceeded foolishly to take up a few coils. No one noticed my thoughtlessness. Treble's going—she's gone—and so did I! Fortunately I was able to wriggle free without any ill effect, but it taught me a lesson!

There is no doubt the youngsters pick it up much more quickly than we older ones. I have two sons ringing with much more competence than I, and four grandchildren in America, too young to ring yet, but, by jove, if they were in this country we would soon be able to make up a band for Grandsire Triples—the old fogey on the tenor, of course!

Joking apart, I would also like to add my thanks to those most willing tower masters and others, who have given up so much time and patience, and who put up so cheerfully with our peculiarities.

Ringing is a great joy, and a service to the Church of which one can be justly proud—my only regret is that I did not take it up much earlier in life.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD A. FRANKS.

Radlett, Herts.

Oak Stays

Dear Sir,—Are oak stays a Derbyshire tradition?—Yours faithfully,

PETER M. WILKINSON.

Reading.

Cupid V. and the Snogometer

Dear Sir,—This is to say that I deny all responsibility for the Snogometer. My methods are far more subtle.—Yours faithfully,

CUPID V.
U.B.S.C.R.

Ringers' Names

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. Bashforth's letter on ringers' names reminds me that about 30 years ago the late Ernest Morris sent me several sheets of foolscap listing the names of known change ringers, belonging to various ringing societies. Judging by the notes he sent me, he had spent hours in compiling the lists.

The idea was to group the names together in some sort of method, but the task was too much for my limited ability. As an illustration in the food group there were: Pye, Baker, Bun, Tart, etc. The biggest selection was Cocks—every sort from Weathercock to Stopcock. Just at this time I moved home and the lists were lost. After many spring cleans I have given up the idea that they will ever turn up.

Now, you researchers, have a go!—Yours, etc,.

A. FLAT.

Great Yarmouth, 1963

Dear Sir,—The correspondence which has appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the above and allied headings, together with communications received personally by us, indicates that our fears were correct, and that there is a large amount of support for the views expressed.

What puzzles us, in the light of the admissions by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, is that the Standing Committee was not consulted as to the wisdom of going to Great Yarmouth at all, particularly in view of the importance of the occasion, viz. the triennial elections. Canon Thurlow admitted that the accommodation position was known immediately after his return from Cardiff. His attitude is like this, 'You can come to us for the week-end, but we cannot put you up. You should write to the local tourist bureau, to see if they can help you!' The situation as revealed by both Canon Thurlow and Mr. Barnett surely justified consultation with the Standing Committee.

Some years ago, Oxford was turned down reluctantly, because of the reported accommodation difficulties. Further, it was requested that the visit to Ireland should not clash with the triennial elections, because it was feared that distance would prevent the usual numbers travelling. This year we have both hotel accommodation difficulties and triennial elections. Yet we **must** go to Great Yarmouth! Why?

Our letter may have implicated that we were castigating the Norwich Association. Perhaps it is our Irish way of putting things, but let it be said that we did not intend to offend Mr. Barrett and his committee, who are doing so much, perhaps against great odds, to make the visit as pleasant as it can be in the circumstances. We do appreciate their efforts and are pleased to note that the usual tours are being planned.

Our grumble is in regard to hotel accommodation. We would have liked to have had some guidance about suitable places outside Great Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea, where the same difficulties do not arise. To us Great Yarmouth is just a place on the map, about which the local tourist propaganda gives the same 'boost,' as do other resort tourist boards. Local guidance would have been helpful to those who know nothing of Great Yarmouth and would probably never have heard of it but for the fact that our vice-president is its Vicar.

We have to thank Mr. Wilson for his good and wholesome advice. When we can 'see the light' about our own travel arrangements, we shall certainly follow his example and write to a number of places in the hope of getting one suitable reply, so that we can as usual go along and enjoy ourselves.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.
JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Peals at Wick St. Lawrence

Dear Sir,—On page 164 a peal of Plain Bob Doubles, rung at Wick St. Lawrence, Somerset, is recorded and the caption reads. 'Believed to be the first peal on the bells.' This is not so.

I conducted a peal on these bells on April 13th, 1932, and that was the first **known** peal to be rung on them.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. BLACKER.

Malmesbury, Wilts.

P.S.—We thank other correspondents for replying.—Ed.

Design of Stays

Dear Sir,—It is over 70 years since I started to pull a bell in a three bell tower. Later, on a Sunday evening, I visited a six bell tower. I was asked to ring the tenor and I remember the peculiar way of one of the ringers, who let his bell go over and give the stay a good bump and bounce back.

Some years later this ring of six was overhauled and put in an iron frame. I then got to know the ringers better and went over on practice nights. I asked about the peculiar ringer, and was told he never came to a practice, but on a Sunday, and broke a stay every time he came. He always rang the treble.

Later two trebles were added and the original treble was now the third. I was given permission for a peal attempt and had to go into the bell chamber to splice the rope of the third, before we could start. I put my hand on the stay; it felt very cold and, behold, it was an iron stay!

Now there were two brothers who were blacksmiths in this tower, and they always took on the job of replacing the stays free of charge. They decided to put an end to this stay breaking and put an iron band from the top of the stay right down and under the headstock and up to the top of the stay again.

A few years back this ringer presented himself at our tower. I felt like asking him to leave, but instead asked him if he would like a pull. He said he would, and he was placed on the treble. After three or four pulls I shouted, 'Stand.' I went across the belfry to him and said, 'If you are going to ring that bell in that way you cannot ring here. You will throw the bell through the louvres. Stays are put there to rest the bell on not to be knocked off.' I never saw him again.

Where stay breaking is rather high do not leave young ringers on their own. Show them the bells and explain what the stay does. Do not leave them on their own too soon.

There are other things to help to keep the stays safe, such as seeing that the little catch on top of the stay works freely; also see to the slider, put a spot of oil on and keep it bright and clean. The rope just below the wheel gets very stiff in damp weather. If it does not run freely over the pulley rub the rope with a little soap. When replacing a stay make sure you have it straight and the right length, as it does not take much to make the bell drag. If you do get a stay a shade too long, take the ratchet off, get a red hot poker and make the bolt hole a little lower.

If you experience any trouble in getting the bolts out after a stay is broken, get a file and shave the edge of the bolt on two sides. Then when you want to take it out again drive your screwdriver in on one side of the bolt. As the nut gets very fast with rust, this prevents the bolt from turning.—Yours sincerely,

E. C. GOBEY.

(Other letters on page 189)

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By T. B. WORSLEY

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23564		2, 5ths	3	—
35264		— 4ths	In	2
427365		4ths		
524367		In	—	
34625	—		—	
42635	3		2	3
23456	2		2	

Rung at Skipton, Yorks, May 21st, 1932.

THERE MAY BE TIME TO SET THOSE
'POULARD' BELL ROPES
FOR EASTER. WHY NOT TRY?

FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THEM FROM
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AND TRY ONE WITHOUT OBLIGATION

Misunderstanding over Dove Controversy

Dear Sir.—I fear that Mr. Dove has misread my letter on page 141. I did not write anything about the Yorkshire Association being 'invited to the tower.' What I wrote was that the Yorkshire Association 'asked permission to hold a meeting at a tower,' so it is pointless to remind someone of something that never was.

I doubt if there are any Associations who never hold a meeting except where they are invited to go. Nor are many peals rung at churches where there has been an invitation extended to the peal ringers. It is well known these events are usually as a result of a request from the visiting ringers.

I wonder what would be the state of ringing throughout the country if Associations waited for invitations to hold meetings at towers, but all the towers were manned, fully or partially, by ringers who were not sympathetic towards Associations.

I regret I cannot agree with Mr. Dove that 'the local ringers do not as a rule attend Association meetings.' Had he said local meetings I would probably have agreed with him, but by virtue of the fact that I have seen the same locals at ringing meetings in the neighbouring counties of Derbyshire and Durham, the statement is a little misleading.

I also regret that I cannot agree with Mr. Dove on the matter of the rules of the Leeds and District Society. According to my copy of the rules, rule 3 states, 'That the Society shall meet for ringing on the last Saturday in each month, except December, at any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds, or at one having four or more members, i.e. an affiliated tower.' To me this does not prevent the Leeds and District Society from holding meetings at any tower in the Leeds area, whether there are members or not at that tower.

I appreciate that in paragraph three of Mr. Dove's letter the word **ringer** may be a printer's error for the word **right,** but I fail to see where I have given any impression that Associations hold meetings at any place as a right. In fact, I have the greatest difficulty in determining what is a right. I think it is right to kill a rat, but I also think that the rat doesn't think it right.—Yours faithfully.

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Dear Sir,—I would appear to have incurred the displeasure of the Leeds and District Society since both the secretary and the Ringing Master take up the cudgels.

In her reasoned reply, the secretary proves me to be wrong and I stand corrected—the Society did in fact have the stupid rule of which I complained, as I showed in my recent letter, but I must have been five years behind the times, as I was unaware that the rules had been revised.

Dragging the proverbial skeleton from the cupboard and then rattling its bones for all and sundry to hear, the Ringing Master strays from the point and raises matters which have no bearing.

For instance, what connection has an isolated instance of the Yorkshire Association not being able to come to Leeds Parish Church with my remark (mistaken as has been shown) that the Leeds and District Society excluded itself from holding a meeting at Meanwood?

Furthermore, his 'crack' at the Vicariate of Leeds is neither apt nor even funny.

I do not consider the columns of the 'R.W.' a suitable place in which to ventilate a dispute of a purely local nature and a trifling one at that, and it was for this reason that I did not refute the quite untrue report which appeared in your columns a couple of years ago, as to why the L. & D. could not hold its annual meeting at the Parish Church.

Since the Ringing Master again raises the issue I feel bound to correct him by saying that on no occasion has the Society been banned from the tower.

The behaviour of the Society the last time it came to Leeds left much to be desired and it is true that I was not at all enthusiastic when they asked to come again the following year, when there was no Vicar, but when the Precentor did in fact grant permission, but was obliged to withdraw it on account of a musical festival being held the same day, and the secretary was well aware of this fact.

As the Society has not applied to come again it is difficult to see how it can be said to have been 'banned,' although the Ringing Master's letter is scarcely calculated to improve the Society's prospects in the future.

—Yours truly, R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Handbells in School

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to other ringers to hear of the activity of the children of St. Lawrence's Primary School, Gnosall.

As part of their musical training, children of three age groups are learning to ring handbells, reaching varying stages of proficiency.

Two sets of eight children, in the lower classes, aged 7 to 8, can ring simple tunes within the range of one octave from Tonic Sol-fa.

The second group of 12 ringers, aged 8 to 9, ring well known national tunes and hymns in two three and four part harmony, also from Tonic Sol-fa, accompanied by a Glockenspiel and a Victorian bell toy, also played by children.

Twelve children from a third group, aged 9-10, ring well known and national airs, from Staff Notation as well as Tonic Sol-fa. They also ring call changes, and a course of Original on eight bells.

We hope to go on in the future to more advanced work both in tune- and change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

E. MARION KEY.

Gnosall.

Southgate Surprise Major

Dear Sir.—Further to the recent correspondence on composition of peals of Southgate, I enclose a peal produced by the late John L. Morris, about six or seven years ago.

—Yours sincerely, IAN H. ORAM.

Orpington, Kent.

5,088 by J. L. MORRIS

23456	W	5/4	M	H
35426		X	—	—
24536		X	—	
43526		X	—	—
25346		X	—	
53246	—	X	—	
32546	—	X	—	
45236		X	—	
62534	—	X		
35264		X	—	
52364	—	X	—	
23564	—	X	—	

Repeat twice, but in other parts call H for bracketed courses.

Practical Help—and Long Eaton Bells Ring Again

THE tower of St. Lawrence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, is rather small and the light ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 10¾ cwt., is of necessity set in two tiers of four. Since the tower is set several yards to the south of the centre of the nave, the ground floor ringing chamber opens on to the south aisle. Rope guides and squeaking pulleys provide the usual rattling accompaniment to the bell sounds, which are difficult to hear from the ringing chamber.

Both treble bells, when rung separately, sound rather like buckets, but the eight, when rung briskly as they can be when properly maintained, are quite pleasing.

FAMOUS BAND

In pre-war years, Long Eaton church boasted a strong band of ringers capable of ringing Surprise Major at a time when this was quite rare. The Midland Counties Association report of 1908, for example, lists 18 ringers, all members of the Association, at Long Eaton. Of these, at least two, Joe Bailey and Dick Drake, are well remembered names in the area, even today. The first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples, was rung on October 16th, 1883, and subsequently an average of one peal per year was achieved.

Since the last war, as at many churches, the picture is quite different and there has not been a good band to maintain the tradition. For the last two years the bells have been silent until quite recently.

Quite often at churches when the enthusiasm for bell ringing has waned and proper maintenance has not been carried out for a number of years, the bells are reported to be unsafe to ring; so was the case at Long Eaton. Because of this, the two local consultants of the Derbyshire Association Bell Repair Fund, Gordon Halls and David Marshall, communicated with the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Blyth Martin. It ensued that Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, had inspected the bells and found the fittings in a poor state. The bearings were badly worn, several bolts were missing and the headstock of the fourth bell was infested by woodworm. He could not therefore guarantee that the bells would continue to be safe for ringing.

FIVE VOLUNTEERS

Our two consultants offered the help of the Association towards getting the bells into a ringable state and to train ringers to man them. The Vicar gladly accepted these offers. So on February 26th, a working party comprising Messrs. Halls, Marshall, Carlisle, Geary and a useful recruit from Long Eaton (Claud Beswick) assembled in the tower. They found that the doubtful headstock had woodworm, but careful probing revealed no serious cavitation; so this and all the other headstocks were treated with cuprinol and then painted liberally with creosote. Several missing bolts were replaced and all the nuts on the fittings and frames were tightened and locked where necessary. Several pulleys and clapper bushes were badly worn and needed replacing. All the clappers, pulleys and main bearings were then well lubricated.

This first attack occupied the five volunteers three hours of solid hard work, but the next time the bells were rung for Evensong their efforts were well rewarded by the improvement in 'go.' The bells are now rung at regular intervals for Evensong by spare ringers from Sawley and Sandiacre without sacrificing ringing on their own bells.

RECRUITS WITH CHARLIE

A full report on the condition of the bells and the work done was sent to the Vicar, who replied expressing his gratitude, together with a cheque for two guineas, to the Bell Repair Fund. In addition, the Vicar has found two recruits, rounded up two earlier recruits, who can already ring, and reinstated old Charlie Geary as Ringing Master. This latter action was very just because Charlie is one of the most likeable and lively characters as well as being one of the most faithful ringers in the district. He regularly attends practice at Sawley, Sandiacre and Breaston, rings twice at Sawley and once at Long Eaton on Sundays as well as ringing often on a Saturday. His difficulty is now where to fit in a Long Eaton practice. Up to the last two years Charlie had very little experience of Surprise ringing, but now he has added Cambridge Major, London, York, Carlisle and Surfleet Surprise Minor to his repertoire, which is fair going at 76 years of age.

So the present position at Long Eaton is that the bells are safe to ring, although there is quite a lot yet to be done to them. The nucleus of a band is already in existence and the Sawley ringers are helping to train them. Let us hope that in a few years' time there will be eighteen competent ringers, all members of the Association, as there were 55 years ago.

D. R. CARLISLE.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

MINUTES of the Third Session of the Twenty-fourth Council (65th annual meeting), held in the City Hall, Cardiff, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 12th, 1962.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman Dr. C. E. Bence), the Lord Bishop of Llandaff (Dr. Glyn Simon) and the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association (Mr. T Stephens). As a memento of the Council's first visit to Wales, the Bishop of Llandaff, on behalf of the Association, presented the Council with a visitors' book. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the president.

PRESENT

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. S. Foskett and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. R. Elkins and J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and A. Mould.

Devon Association: Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. T. G. Myers and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, H N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. T. Wingate and G. T. Cousins.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association: Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and E. Nobles.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. Newton and H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford and F. E. Hawthorne.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley and L. W. G. Morris.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens and E. H. Lewis.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The honorary secretary reported that 59 Societies were affiliated with 162 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were eight life members, making a total membership of 194. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. A. Acres, H. O. Baker, E. C. Birkett, P. N. Bond, J. E. Chilcott, J. D. Clarke, J. W. Clarke, W. E. Critchley, P. Crook, F. J. Cullum, C. W. Denyer, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, E. H. Edge, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, E. J. Ladd, G. J. Lewis, N. Mallett, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, J. R. Mayne, H. Miles, D. H. B. Millward, G. S. Morris, R. Overy, R. W. R. Percy, G. W. Pipe, Mrs. A Richardson, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Miss R. J. Seabrook, D. J. Smith, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, B. A. Sollis, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, L. Stilwell, T. H. Taffender, J. J. Webb, Miss N. G. Williams and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. E. Billings (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), G. T. Cousins (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) and R. Warburton (St. David's Diocesan Guild).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. S. Burton was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick (in the absence of Mr. P. J. Staniforth), and formally seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett in place of Mr. Warwick, but did not secure the necessary two-thirds majority.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Douglas Hughes in place of the late Mr. A. Walker. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. L. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Mr. F. E. Haynes was also appointed on the proposition of Mr. P. I. Chapman, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members, the assembly standing in silence: Mr. H. Baxter (Peterborough Guild), Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Guild), Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Rev. R. P. Farrow (Midland Counties Association), Messrs. G. W. Jeffs (Peterborough Guild), A. King (Bedfordshire Association), Rev. J. Kingdon (Chester Guild), Messrs. E. Morris (Leicester Guild), S. F. Palmer (Yorkshire Association), A. Walker (life member) and C. Willshire (Winchester Guild).

Mention was also made of the death of Mr. H. J. Eldred, who, for a number of years after it was acquired by the Council, kept the books of 'The Ringing World.'

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 23rd, 1962, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. The president thanked Mr. E. H. Lewis for a further gift of books, including 'Tintinnalogia,' printed in 1668, which it was agreed should not be sent out on loan. Mr. B. G. Warwick mentioned that the late Mr. E. Morris had bequeathed a number of books to the library.

Arising from the report, it was agreed on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, to reappoint the committee responsible for the preparation for the Beginners' Handbook, with power to co-opt.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 22nd, 1962, page 406)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that as from January 1st, 1962, no charge would be made against the Publications Account for the advertisement in 'The Ringing World.'

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 22nd, 1962, page 404)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. The Council's thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes for his work in maintaining and demonstrating the machine.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that the Standing Committee at its meeting the previous night had considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations which would be placed before the Council. He moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and carried.

Mr. C. G. J. Watts was elected trustee of the Rolls of Honour on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. B. D. Threlfall, in place of Mr. H. N. Pitstow, who felt it would be more appropriate for Mr. Watts, who turned a page of the Rolls each week, to be the official trustee.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 405)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. A discussion took place on the finances of the paper, during which it was suggested by Mr. V. Bottomley, that future investments might more profitably be made in Building Societies than in Defence Bonds. Dr. D. N. Layton questioned the desirability of continued reliance on donations. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION
(June 22nd, 1962, page 406)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. Mr. D. A. Bayles was added to the committee in place of Mr. N. Chaddock.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 407)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 409)

Section I (Film on Ringing). The committee's recommendation that the Council should not undertake the production of a film on ringing was accepted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Section II (Residential Courses) was adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Section III (Theological Colleges) was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. B. Lufkin, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Approval was given for bound volumes of four Council publications to be presented to college libraries.

Section IV (Miscellaneous). Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Mr. D. A. Bayles proposed, and Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded, that the interest in the Clement Glenn Fund should be used by the committee. An amendment proposed by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee for examination, was carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, subject to the omission of a peal of Treble Bob Minimus, of which there is no true plain course, and to the inclusion of any handbell peals of Minimus rung between January 1st and May 23rd, 1961, which conformed to the Council's decisions at that time.

The honorary secretary stated that the Standing Committee deprecated the ringing of peals of Spliced Surprise Minor which do not contain at least one plain lead of every method.

RECORDS COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 410)

Adopted, subject to the inclusion of 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods, rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild, on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE
No report was received.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 22nd, 1962, page 411)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. E. Feirn, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Thanks were accorded to the committee for their work on the Collection of Stedman Compositions, and to Mr. W. Barton for his help to the committee in proving peals.

METHODS COMMITTEE
(June 29th, 1962, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. T. Blagrove, with four votes against.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 29th, 1962, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. B. Austin. Mr. H. J. Sanger was added to the committee.

AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS

On behalf of the Standing Committee, Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright seconded, that the third item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' in Section D(1) of the Council Decisions be amended by substituting the following for the existing wording:

'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'

This was carried.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Dr. D. N. Layton, seconded by Mr. A. V. Davis, and carried:—

'That this Council acknowledges the successful efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to ensure a higher standard of ringing broadcasts by the B.B.C., but regrets the fact that the programme entitled "Christmas Bells" broadcast on Christmas morning has been a recording on the last two occasions, and asks the Broadcasting Committee to try to persuade the B.B.C. to revert to a "live" broadcast of actual ringing to mark the Christmas Festival.'

(b) Proposed on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mrs. A. D. Barker:

'That this Council asks all affiliated territorial societies to consider

(i) whether non-resident life members' subscriptions should be uniform throughout the Exercise, or

(ii) whether without further payment membership of one affiliated territorial society should entitle a ringer to non-resident membership of all other such societies.'

The motion was lost.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

No specific invitation had been received and the Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting should take place in London. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow stated, however, that the Norwich Diocesan Association would welcome the Council when they wished to come.

It was decided by a majority to hold the meeting at Great Yarmouth.

OTHER BUSINESS

Canon Thurlow mentioned that the president would be visiting the United States after the 1963 meeting by invitation of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The Council expressed its pleasure at this gesture.

The honorary secretary announced the reconstitution of the New South Wales Association as the Australia and New Zealand Association. The members welcomed this important step.

On the instructions of the Standing Committee the secretary drew attention to the recommendation of the Nomination Committee in 1956, that normally the president and vice-president should hold office for six years. He stated that nominations for these offices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by him not less than two calendar months previous to the next meeting.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said that this was the first meeting that Mrs. G. W. Fletcher had missed since her election to the Council in 1915. It was agreed that the good wishes of the Council should be conveyed to her.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff and the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association for their welcome; to the Vicar of Cardiff, Canon W. E. Thomas, for the use of his church for Holy Communion, and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to Messrs. F. J. Hannington, D. J. King, T. M. Roderick and Miss M. E. Ridyard of the Diocesan Association for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

The Association were also thanked for their kindness in providing tickets for a concert at Ferndale on Whit Sunday.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the City Council at tea.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	29	63	–
Partly represented	24	54	37
Not represented	6	–	8
	59	117	45
Life members		4	4
Honorary members		13	6
		134	55

NORTH WEALD

North Weald, Essex, at an annual meeting on March 12th reported that many young people came forward to learn to ring and could ring call changes, but as soon as they were required to think out methods they faded away. Despite this some of the learners were doing well. Seven new members were elected, and Mr. Sidney King captain and Mr. Harry King honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. Sam Blatch thanked Mr. Harry King for his good work. A ringing tour is planned for June and a seaside outing on September 7th.

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QUARTER PEALS

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Bell 1, G. Avent (first of Stedman) 2, R. G. Bell 3, R. G. Smith 4, G. W. Seaman 5, D. Laud 6, W. G. Paul (cond.) 7, S. Laud 8. For Evening Prayer.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. Paul 1, R. Bell 2, D. Bell 3, Jennifer Bunyan 4, R. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, Kathleen Baldwin 7, G. Seaman 8, R. Baldwin (cond.) 9, S. Laud 10.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wylde 1, D. G. Miller 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, C. T. Clarke 4, M. J. Stone 5, G. R. Marchant (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Reed 1, Mrs. H. Morrish 2, Mrs. A. E. Jenkins 3, W. Stevens 4, L. Morrell 5, P.C. David Head 6. Conducted by C. J. Stevens. First quarter 1 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

First Peal on Warnford's Recast Bells was for Dead Rector

Warnford, a tiny Hampshire village in the Meon Valley, had its bells recast and rehung three years ago and the church and tower restored through the enthusiasm of the Rev. Charles A. Millen, who was Rector of the parish for 17 years. It is pathetic that the first peal on these bells on February 16th, the third anniversary of the bells being rung, was an in memoriam tribute to the Rector, who died on January 31st.

Conducting the peal was Mr. R. T. Jones, now of the Salisbury Guild, who for two years was captain of Warnford belfry. He started a band from scratch; there had been no band in the village for 55 years.

The church stands in the centre of a private park and is approached through massive iron gates. The Norman tower was thought to have contained three bells at the time of the Edwardian Inventory (1552), but this cannot be verified, as the Hampshire records of the inventory are now lost. Dates of a later ring suggest that they may have been recast in 1598.

FOUR BELLS OF JOHN WALLIS

In the 17th century the tower contained six bells. The tenor (12½ cwt.) was cast in 1603, with the inscription, 'Prayse the Lord.' The fifth (8¼ cwt.) was cast in 1600, similarly inscribed. The fourth (6¼ cwt.) was cast in 1598, inscribed. 'Prayse God.' The third (5¼ cwt.) was cast in 1599, bearing the inscription, 'Tho. Culle Qui Obit 4 Maii.' These four bells all carried the founders mark I.W., and were cast by John Wallis, of the Salisbury Foundry. A complete ring of four bells by John Wallis is very rare, and this instance may even be unique. The two other bells—the second (4½ cwt., inscription 'Feare God') and the treble (3½ cwt., inscription 'Love God')—were cast in 1635 by Wallis' successor at Salisbury, John Danton. They bore the founder's mark I.D., and the Neale Arms, and were probably given by Thomas Neale, the author (who had inherited the Warnford Manor at the age of eight), to mark his coming of age.

These six bells were removed from the tower in 1950 and laid on the floor of the church, where until 1958 they were objects of much interest to visitors.

Meanwhile the work of restoring the tower was put in hand. Behind the 18th century brick parapet the top was strengthened and locked together by steel and concrete reinforcement, upon which was rested a new oak roof, covered with the old lead recast. A similar girdle of reinforcement was made halfway down, and massive new floor timbers were locked into it. When the ruinous belfry was cleared away, original beams from two earlier belfries were disclosed, and being only slightly affected by beetle and decay, have been treated and preserved in position. For this reason provision was made to site the new bell frame just above them, and the steel joists on which it was to rest were also designed as part of the scheme to brace and strengthen the tower. While all this was in progress the interior masonry of the tower was thoroughly repaired.

By 1957 the work (which had been done in stages as the money came in) was advanced enough for consideration in detail of what could be done about the bells. Two of them (the tenor and fourth) were known to be cracked. It was estimated that to recast these, to tune the others and to replace them all in modern fittings would cost £1,200. Two generous benefactors paid this sum into the Restoration Fund earmarked for this purpose. So in 1958 the bells were removed to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where on closer examination the third was found to be cracked also.



WARNFORD CHURCH

INFERIOR TONAL QUALITY

Moreover, it was discovered that the three sound ones, particularly those of 1635, were of such inferior tonal quality, due to their having been cast on such a thin scale, that retuning could only be very limited. It was clear that if the three cracked bells were recast down to the same scale of thinness, and the three sound ones retuned as far as possible, the result would be poor indeed and musically unsatisfactory. The foundry therefore advised recasting all six. The fifth bell was retained as a service bell, replacing it with a new one, and recasting the other five. This decision increased the cost somewhat.

Five of the original bells were recast with all marks and inscriptions copied facsimile, with the addition of the Whitechapel mark and the words, 'Recast, 1959.' The new fifth was made, bearing only the Whitechapel mark and the date, 1959. The cast-in staple from the original fifth was cut out and a centre hole drilled through the crown, by means of which it is fastened to a timber deadstock, supported on the main bell frame on the south side. This bell thus fixed is now rung on the clapper, and is a great convenience for use as a sanctus bell and for weekday services.

The new bells were blessed by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth before being hoisted into position, and the work of erecting the new belfry was completed in the tower in just over a fortnight. The final cost of restoring the bells was £1,760. In all, and excluding the bells, some £4,000 has been judiciously spent on this tower in the last ten years. The population of Warnford is 250.

C. E. B.

5,040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

By C. K. LEWIS

23456	M	In/5ths	W	H
42356	—	X	—	—
63254	—			—
26354	—	X	—	—
35264			—	—
23564	—	X	—	—

Twice repeated.

Contains 20 56's, 64's, 45's and 11 65's, 46's, 54's.

First rung at Macclesfield, December 29th, 1962.

5,280 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

By GEOFFREY DAVIES

5/4 H 23456

5	—	42356
4	—	25634
2	—	25346

Contains ten combination course-ends.

Rung at Broughton, Staffordshire, on Saturday, January 5th, 1963.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. E. Roberts (first attempt quarter) 1, F. J. Roberts 2, J. Leppard 3, B. W. Parke (first of Doubles) 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, T. D. Kershaw 6.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Mooring 1, G. Wiggins 2, P. Bird 3, D. Sykes 4, A. Luxford 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Confirmation service.

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The Story of a Remarkable Suffolk Ringing Family

THE BAILEYS, OF LEISTON

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

THE Baileys of Leiston. They are but a name to the present generation of ringers, but the older ones will remember the performances of this extraordinary family. There were eleven brothers. There have been eleven brothers in a family before, there may be again perhaps, but the remarkable thing about this one is that nine of them became ringers, and good ringers too.

They were natives of Leiston, a small town of about 4,000 inhabitants, some two miles from the Suffolk coast. It was in those days—50 or so years ago—a place with just one industry, the engineering works of R. Garrett & Sons, who employed most of the male population of the place, including most of the Baileys. The older ones were ringing peals around the turn of the century, and as the younger ones came to maturity so they came to ringing. Doubtless it was always an ambition to ring a peal with eight brothers and this was realised on October 21st, 1911, when 5,024 Plain Bob Major was rung by the following, the first ever by a band of brothers:

Allen F. Bailey, 1896	Treble
Frederick W. Bailey, 1894 ..	2
Leonard P. Bailey, 1892 ..	3
James M. Bailey, 1890	4
Norman R. Bailey, 1887 ..	5
Ernest S. Bailey, 1882	6
Charles F. Bailey, 1879 ..	7
Edgar H. Bailey, 1877	Tenor

It will be noted that they stood in order of seniority. Another was rung before the start of the 1914 War, which put an end to all things.

With the return of peace and the brothers' gradual release from war service, they were soon back to ringing, and on February 14th, 1920, rang a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Norman dropping out of the Bob Major band and Wilfred W. ringing the treble. This was followed by Superlative Surprise later in the same year, Stedman Triples in 1921 and Cambridge Surprise in 1922, all by the same band.

MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS

Handbell ringing also came into the picture, and before the war Plain and Kent T.B. Major and Royal had been rung; the Maximus of each followed in 1920, Oxford T.B. Major and Royal the same year, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in 1921, and Double Norwich C.B. Major in 1923. I give the band which rang the Maximus and Cinques:

Allen F. Bailey	1—2
Ernest S. Bailey	3—4
Charles F. Bailey	5—6
James M. Bailey	7—8
Frederick W. Bailey ..	9—10
Edgar H. Bailey	11—12

It is rather surprising that they should have rung Cinques and Maximus, as they had no opportunity of practice on 12, nor do I think at that time they had rung a peal on 12 tower bells. The total of peals rung by the brothers is: On tower bells, Plain Bob Major 3, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Superlative S. 1, Cambridge S. 1; on handbells, Plain Bob Major 5, Royal 10, Maximus 1, Kent T.B. Major 15, Royal 7, Maximus 3, Oxford T.B. Major 4, Royal 3, Double Norwich C.B. Major 3, Stedman Triples 7, Caters 14, Cinques 2; all conducted by Charles. He was always the leader and conductor, and had the distinction of conducting 100 consecutive peals on Leiston bells, in one short period calling eight different Surprise methods, from eight different bells. He also rang the tenor and conducted 11,040 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Leiston, 1909.



EDGAR. CHARLES. ERNEST. NORMAN. JAMES.
ALLEN. FREDERICK. LEONARD.

Ringing was not their only love, for all the brothers took part in some form of athletic activity, football and the like. Charles was a good bowler and played for his county, as did Wilfred at football.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS

With their colleagues—George Wilson, James Rumsey, Frederick Smith and others—of the Leiston band, they gave an impetus to the ringing of new Surprise methods, then coming into fashion, and so much in evidence today. Eighteen were rung, including the first of Camdon, Dublin, Edinburgh, Essex, Rochester, Suffolk and Waveney. It is worth noting that these were all composed by Gabriel Lindoff, himself a Leiston man.

Now all are scattered and gone, excepting for Ernest and Leonard, who alone remain at Leiston, but they had their day, and put up records which in all probability will stand for all time: of them surely it can be said: 'Take it for all in all we shall not look upon their like again.'

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The new Vicar (the Rev. T. Dearing) presided at the Barnsley District Society's meeting at Silkstone on March 9th, at which 13 towers were represented. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Daniel Smith, who had been secretary of the Society for over 20 years. One new member, Miss Jeannette Maclean, of Royston, was elected. It was decided to visit North Yorkshire for the annual outing on May 18th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Burgess, of Friezland, and the Vicar, in reply, said he did not know ladies did ringing.

Next meeting: Cawthorne, April 13th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Ashchurch on March 2nd. The six bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m., but very soon after commencing a rope broke. This naturally curtailed the ringing period. The Rector (Rev. C. P. Willis) conducted the service, and afterwards joined the members at an excellent tea, provided in the Village Hall.

During the business meeting two junior members were elected to the Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Hope, of Hasfield, were elected associate members. M. A. B.

Invited to give a talk to the pupils of Northampton Town and County Grammar School, on bells and their history, and the art of ringing, Mr. P. Amos willingly accepted. Result: many inquiries to know more, and a desire to see around a bell foundry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

At the quarterly meeting at Shaftesbury on March 9th, some 30 members were present. Methods up to Cambridge Minor, including rounds for beginners, were rung under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute. The Rector, the Rev. G. K. Horlock Jones, conducted the Guild office, at which a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells by C. Longridge 1—2, R. Longridge 3—4, C. Dunster 5—6.

After tea, provided by the Shaftesbury Mothers' Union, the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore. J. Batten, of Bourton, was elected a junior ringing member. A suggestion for a branch outing to some Somerset towers was discussed. Double Court Minor was suggested as the special method for the next meeting.

Ringing continued up to the customary hour, both at Shaftesbury and at Motcombe.
R. N. L.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The West Lindsey Branch held a meeting at Lea on February 23rd, when, despite difficult road conditions, there was a good representative gathering.

Full use was made of the bells of St. Helen's and many Doubles and Minor methods were heard. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Knight, while the Rev. Mansfield-Williams, himself a ringer, gave the address.

Tea followed, and the business meeting was short, but opportunity was taken to pay silent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Stott, Vicar of Haxey, a friend of the Guild, whose sudden death was a tragedy.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mrs. G. L. A. Lunn for providing an excellent tea concluded the business, and ringing was resumed.

Next meeting: May 18th, Corringham with Sandall; Double Court special methods.
H. C. R.

THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 94)

THE MANSTONE MEETING

Old George decided to go by himself.

After all, he had rung his first peal at Manstone, nearly 50 years ago, and he always enjoyed ringing on these fine bells. The Smith family were away (due back later the same day), and nobody else from Hexworth appeared to be going to the Manstone meeting.

He got off the bus, almost opposite the church, and crossed over the road to enter through the lich-gate. He made his way to the belfry door, which was outside on the north side of the tower.

A young man in his early twenties was pushing a cycle past the west door, examining the church and tower with interest. He wore corderoy shorts and an open-necked shirt, and had the bronzed appearance of a person accustomed to outdoor life. Espying the belfry door he propped his cycle against the tower plinth and made his way towards the opening, reaching it at the same moment as Old George, whom he had not previously noticed.

He stood back to allow the older man to enter first. He was a stranger to George.

'Nay lad, up tha goes. Th'art younger than me and will be at t'top afore I've risen half a dozen steps.'

The young man thanked him and disappeared through the doorway.

George enjoyed several touches before tea, twice ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples (for as you must know there are eight bells at Manstone). He saw the Ringing Master, John Chappell, talking to the young man, whose Christian name George discovered was Edward, but who preferred to be called 'Ted.' He rang several times during the afternoon and once, after being pressed, called a touch of Stedman.

Now, Old George, who even by his own estimation is 'no angel,' has one besetting sin—he is a pun addict! In the Hexworth tower he is given no encouragement, although even there he is subject to occasional outbursts. Unfortunately, David Walker, of Whetherton, was at the Manstone meeting and he was, I am afraid, fond of aiding and abetting George.

The spasm started innocently enough. Someone asked: 'What's the next tune?'

And David answered, indicating Old George, 'Ask "Grandsire" there!'

To which George replied, pointing at John Chappell, 'Nay, don't ask me; he's "Stedman" here!'

All would have been well if the company had ignored them. Some thoughtless person, however, gave a childish giggle, a mistake that provided the two with the necessary impetus.

After the next touch had finished someone asked George Whitford, the local head ringer, what key the bells were in.

'A flat,' he replied.

Whereupon the following exchanges ensued:

Old George: 'Ah, not a "natural" peal.'

David Walker: 'You are "sharp" to notice that.'

O.G.: 'Shouldn't we "bar" musical jokes?'

D.W.: 'They certainly "seemphunny" to me.'

O.G.: 'What a "bass" suggestion.'

D.W.: 'I suppose you think now that "alto" the line.'

O.G.: 'Unless you have got "violin tensions"!'

And so they went on, chuckling at their own feeble jokes in the manner of puerile punsters, whilst the remainder stood aghast at this debasement of their native tongue.

Fortunately David Walker left during the next touch.

There was a short service, before tea, which Old George attended, not, it is feared, with any degree of enthusiasm. Afterwards at the tea table, being a safe distance from the parson, he expressed his opinions on the subject of services on meeting days.

'"Taint right,' he said, 'when I've travelled a long way to a meeting an' have to travel a long way back, to snip half an hour from the middle o' the arternoon in order that some parson can get a dig at me for not staying to the service, when I've finished ringing. Tea an' business meeting take up enough time as it is without wastin' any more.'

'I suppose,' said 'Ted,' who was sitting next to him, 'it is the only chance that the parsons have to encourage some of us to stay to church.'

'Parsons is parsons,' said Edgar Pettigrew, of Redbank. 'They have a job to do like you and me, and, like you and me, most of 'em try to do it properly. I'm a painter and like to see a nicely finished job; Jimmy there is a mechanic and makes sure that all his nuts are tight and his valves properly ground in; this young fellow, turning to "Ted") is a .....'

'A cobbler,' volunteered the young man.

'A cobbler,' continued Edgar, 'and likes to see a worn pair of shoes turned out like new ones. If a workman's worth his salt he likes to see a good job well done.'

'The Vicar at our church,' said David Thomas, of Ross-on-Ooze, 'is one of the understanding type and never pesters us. On the other hand he has nothing to complain about as most of us try to stay to service at least once every Sunday, which is at least equal to most of the churchwardens!'

'I think that most parsons are fairly reasonable,' remarked Ted, 'if you give them reasonable treatment. There are very few that lay down hard and fast rules to the ringer about church attendance—and it must be pretty galling to see sometimes, as I have seen, more people slipping out at the back than are staying to the service!'

'Mebbe so, mebbe so,' growled Old George, 'but some o' these young 'uns come from school or college, or whatever it is, wi' big ideas on little stalks, an' try an tell me what I ought to do. All parsons ought to be made to learn how to ring before they're fully qualified; they might appreciate the amount o' work that we ringers do that nobody ever hears about. We're due for a new curate at Hexworth; I'd like to see him telling me what to do!'

And he glared round the room as though he expected to see the curate walk through the door.

They all laughed. The idea of anyone dictating to Old George was too funny for words.

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The Hexworth band were in full force the following (Sunday) morning as the Smiths had returned from their holidays. During a pause in the ringing the door opened and the Vicar entered, followed by a young man in clerical garb.

'Good morning,' said the Vicar brightly, 'the bells sound nice this morning. May I introduce the new curate, Mr. –er– Hepplewhite. He informs me that he has been initiated into the mysteries of campanology, so perhaps you will allow him to join you sometime.'

He led the young man across to Joe.

'This is Mr. Smith, our head ringer.'

As they shook hands he left them and went down the steps saying: 'I leave him, I know, in good hands.'

Old George recognised his stranger of yesterday, in spite of the difference that his cloth made to his appearance. He came across to George and shook hands.

'I think,' he said, 'we have met before.'

Old George eyed him carefully.

'A cobbler?' he demanded.

The curate smiled.

'An apprentice cobbler at any rate,' he said. 'I hope in time to become, by God's grace, a proficient mender of broken "souls"!'

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Jim Mitchell rang his first quarter at Kettering after a gap of 30 years. His son is a keen recruit, and this has brought Dad back—he used to ring at Isham.

Oxford University Society officers for Trinity Term, 1963: Master, J. E. Camp (Jesus); secretaries, Miss C. C. Macnair (L.M.H.) and M. D. Atfield (Christ Church); treasurer, R. Ashmore (Oriel).

Mr. A. V. Bennett has resigned the secretaryship of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association after 13 years in the office. His successor is Mr. D. John Hunt, of the Cathedral band.

We are asked to state that Mr. T. Briggs, who rang in a quarter peal at Asfordby, lives at Somerby and not Asfordby, as submitted in the copy. He was included in the quarter because Mr. H Cook was incapacitated through 'flu.

St. Perpetua, whose name is given to a new Doubles method, has her festival on March 7th. She was a young African who lived in the third century—because she and her companions refused to give up Christianity they were thrown to the lions in the amphitheatre at Carthage, at the public games celebrated under orders from Emperor Septimius Severus for his birthday (A.D. 203).

HOW TRUMPINGTON WAS SAVED BY HER BELLS

The snow falls thick, the snow falls fast,
It covers field and lane.
On the fair town of Trumpington
The snow it falls again.

The roads were blocked, the wires weer cut,
The drifts were deep and wide.
'O, what shall we do for food and drink?'
So loud the good folk cried.

'No bread have we, no milk or tea,
No hay for horse or cow.
A message really must be sent
To Cambridge town. But how?'

Then up and spake good Thomas Brown,
The tower captain was he.
'I have a plan, I have a plan,
So listen carefully!'

'We'll ring a peal upon the bells
That Cambridge town may hear,
And they will come with their snow ploughs
And make our roadways clear.'

'But that will never do,' said one,
'Poor Henry Bull is ill.'
He is the lad that rings the third,
And lives beyond the mill.'

'Bartholomew,' another said,
'As broken of 'is arm.
'E slid upon an icy patch
That's 'ow 'e came to 'arm.'

O, many a man was lying ill;
O, how poor Tom did grieve
For all the lads who rang the bells
On Sunday morn and eve.

Then up and spake old Albert Hayes,
Full eighty years had he.
'When I was young I used to ring;
I'll ring that peal, you'll see!'

'That's good, that's good!' cried Thomas Brown.
'We each two bells can ply!'
And a fine peal of Bob Minimus
Reached Cambridge through the sky.

The bells were heard! The ploughs were sent,
The bread and milk were found,
And the fame of good old Albert Hayes
Was heard for miles around.

A CAMBRIDGE 12 YEAR OLD.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST STITCH
1884-1963

The sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch, briefly reported in our last issue, took place on Sunday, March 10th. On the previous Thursday he had a blackout; was ordered to rest by his doctor. He had another collapse on March 10th, while preparing for the doctor's visit and died just after the doctor arrived. So passes another of the old ringing stalwarts of South Wales. A man of humility, full of loyalty and faithfulness, he was much loved by all who knew him, and they must be very many.

The funeral service was at the Parish Church, of Newton Nottage, on March 14th, and was conducted by a fellow ringer, the Rev. Derek Ford. The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was represented by Mr. F. J. Hannington and Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, and the Swansea and Brecon Guild by Mr. Arthur J. Hoare and Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis. They were supported by a goodly representation of the ringers of South Wales. Cremation afterwards took place, and the ashes will eventually be interred in the churchyard. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

Mr. Stitch commenced his ringing with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aberavon Church on July 5th, 1919, composed and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman. He rang his 500th peal on the same bell, to the same composition and conductor, on May 10th, 1957, it being their 149th peal together. Mr. Stitch had been secretary of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild for 27 years, from its formation until 1950. He was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in 1938 and represented this Association on the Central Council, 1939-1950.

On his retirement from work in 1950 he moved to Wolverhampton, where he continued his ringing until the end of last year, when he returned to Wales to settle at Porthcawl.

He rang 564 peals in all; 259 for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, 200 for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, 56 for the West Wales and Swansea and Brecon Guild, with a further 49 shared amongst eight other Societies. His last peal he called in the church where his funeral service was held, when the priest who conducted the service rang the tenor. This was three weeks before his death. As a conductor, Mr. Stitch will be remembered chiefly for his ability in calling Holt's Original of Grandsire Triples, which he had done on many occasions, from each bell except the tenor. He noted in his records that no less than 87 different people rang in this composition with him. He had circled the tower in most of the churches in Glamorgan, in some many times. Bridgend, for example, eight times in 84 peals on the bells.

T. M. R.

AN APPRECIATION

The announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch came as a great shock to his many friends in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ernest was a welcome visitor to many of the belfries in the district, and especially to St. Giles', Willenhall, where he rarely missed a practice often arriving before starting time, in all kinds of weather. When a learner was introduced, Ernest was in his element and would soon have him handling a rope and would not hesitate to replace a broken stay or mend a rope.

When we knew that he was arranging to return to Wales, our Vicar, Rev. A. G. Bond, in making a presentation of a table lamp, thanked him for his patience and perseverance in all that he had done for St. Giles'. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

C. W.

HIS PEALS

Grandsire.—Doubles 15 (conducted 13), Triples 130 (49), Caters 31 (3), Cinques 5. Total 181 (65).

Stedman.—Doubles 2, Triples 46, Caters 72, Cinques 24. Total 144.

Plain Bob.—Minor 27, Triples 1, Major 62 (5), Royal 16, Maximus 1. Total 107 (5).

Treble Bob.—Kent: Minor 16, Major 35, Royal 11, Maximus 2; Oxford: Minor 2, Major 7, Royal 1; Combined: Minor 4, Major 3. Total 80.

Doubles.—2 to 4 methods 4, 12 methods 1. Total 5.

Minor.—2 to 6 methods 18, Cambridge Surprise 3, London 1, York 1, Seven Surprise 1. Total 24.

Triples.—Oxford Bob 5, London Bob 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Grandsire 1, New Grandsire and Grandsire 1, St. Ippolyts and Oxford Bob 1. Total 10.

Erin.—Triples 2, Caters 1. Total 3.

Spliced Triples and Major.—Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1. Total 2.

Major.—Little Bob 1, Forward 1, Double Norwich 4, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 1. Total 8.

Grand total 564 (70).

MR. FRANK OAKSHOTT

With deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Frank Oakshott, captain of the ringers at Christ Church, Epsom, and Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, on March 15th, after an operation at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Hammersmith.

The funeral service was at Christ Church, Epsom on March 21st at noon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Canon K. W. H. Felstead writes apologies to Mrs. Hall for omitting her name from the Loughborough Bell Foundry peal list (31 as Miss Forster, 39 as Mrs. Halls. Pleading that he had not realised that they were the same person, the Canon adds, 'Not being a real conductor, I am not immediately aware when anyone changes course in a peal!'

From distant Stratton, Cornwall, was rung a quarter in honour of the wedding of Stanley Jenner and Ann George, in Kent, in appreciation of their help to the locals on the occasion of their many visits.

On March 9th, Charlie Sangwin took his band to Appledore and rang a quarter of Grandsire. They were not so successful with Stedman at Bideford owing to the limited time before service. In consequence the ringing had to be pushed and there was a 'blow-up.'

Babbacombe, Torquay, bells are now at the Loughborough Foundry and are expected to return about September. Practices are being held regularly in the District, and holiday visitors can keep in touch through notices on the belfry door.

With reference to the silent peal at Cornhill, we should point out that the handbell peal rung at Leicester in 1903 was the first silent peal of Stedman Cinques and not the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, as stated.

Higham-on-the-Hill Sunday service band have blossomed into the limelight by ringing a quarter peal, the first for about 20 years, and it was done without the presence of the Ringing Master! They have now hopes for a peal, which would be the first for about 30 years.

For the first time handbell ringing, and to changes too, was included in the Twickenham and Richmond Music Festival, of which Dr. D J. Neal Smith is chairman. So successful was the venture that the chairman is determined not only to include handbells but also tower bells in the next contest, which will be in the first fortnight of March, 1964.

It was a great joy to Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, that one of his sons and also a grandson, who is secretary of the Bristol Rural Branch, are members of the Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. It is believed that this is the first time that three generations of one family have held office in the Association. The youngest Branch secretary—A Crawley, aged 14½ years, of Gloucester—is also there.

The band who rang the peal of Rutland Surprise at Bradley, Staffs, on March 2nd offer their good wishes to John Grinsell and June Maclachlan, of the local company, who are to be married on March 23rd.

Calling his first peal at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on March 9th was Derek Ashton, who is only 14 years old. The average age of the band was 16 years 9 months. Good luck, Derek.

A £26,000 restoration appeal has been launched for St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds. This church has eight bells with a tenor of 28½ cwt. in D and is close to the Cathedral (10, 30 cwt. in C sharp), where a very large extension scheme is going on.

The quarter peal in six Minimus methods rung on March 9th at Bishopthorpe, Yorks, was accomplished on what as, as far as known, the heaviest ringable ring of four bells in Yorkshire. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. Has a quarter of Minimus been achieved on a heavier four?

For several years a band of Kent ringers have met on the third Saturday of each month for a peal attempt. When Stanley Jenner, a member of this company, was married on March 2nd, the 'survivors,' plus Andrew Corby, rang a peal at Withyham in honour of the occasion. The ringers were grateful to Mr. F. I. Hairs and the Rector of Withyham, for kindly allowing the attempt, and, in view of the occasion, agreeing that the peal should be credited to the Kent County Association.

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A WEEK IN MELBOURNE

ALL RUNG FOR THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE.

On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Harold McDonald	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
*Monica E. Collins	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	*William D. Watson	7
*Graeme W. Heyes	4	*John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major outside Britain.
Rung in honour of the Royal visit to Melbourne.

On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Kenneth J. Minchinton	*Treble*	*Cecil H. Pearson	6
Monica F. Collins	2	‡Thomas W. Goodyer	7
†Diana M. Pipe	3	*Graeme W. Heyes	8
‡William D. Watson	4	*John J. F. Roper	9
*Brian R. Cox	5	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Royal on tower bells. First tower bell peal of Royal in Australia by a resident band.

On Sun., March 3, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

William D. Watson	1—2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5—6
*Margaret Goodyer	3—4	George W. Pipe	7—8

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First 8-bell peal. First 'in hand' as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Town Hall,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Ronald J. Johnston	*Treble*	*John C. Baldwin	7
*Cynthia M. Warrilow	2	*John H. Soanes	8
*Robert J. Warrilow	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant	9
*Brian A. Tomlinson	4	*David W. James	10
*Margaret James	5	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	11
Basil Jones	6	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Surprise Maximus rung for the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the A.G.M. and dinner.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*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 J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	*R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
A. S. Hudson (Clare)	2	†J. W. McClenahan (Christ's)	7
*P. J. Bryan (St. John's)	3	*I. M. Smith (Peterhouse)	8
C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	4	J. R. Hough (Jesus)	9
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	5	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by J. Richard Hough.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Edmund Shuttleworth	*Treble*	Richard A. Shekelton	6
Denis Frith	2	*Ian G. Smith	7
David J. Orledge	3	J. Keith Ward	8
W. David Ward	4	David W. Friend	9
Richard C. L. Brown	5	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*Janet Warwick	*Treble*	John C. Baldwin	6
*Edna M. Poulter	2	†‡David W. James	7
†Margaret James	3	*John H. Soanes	8
†Brian A. Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	9
Derek Ogden	5	*§Edward F. P. Bryant	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. ‡ 25th peal for the Guild. § 50th peal. This is the 50th peal rung for the Guild, and the first of Surprise Royal rung for the Guild.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Reginald Woodyatt	*Treble*	†Cathleen S. Heaney	6
R. George Morris	2	†John E. Whittall	7
Martin D. Fellows	3	Denis R. Morris	8
Clifford Skidmore	4	Allen Morgan	9
*Michael J. Fellows	5	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE ROYAL.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Raymond Benfield	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Brian G. Warwick	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 Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Denis R. Carlisle	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	6
Peter Marriott	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Derek G. Astridge	3	David J. Marshall	8
Edmund Shuttleworth	4	Denis A. Frith	9
John F. Murfin	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First peal of London Royal by all except the ringer of the fourth. First of London Royal for the Association, and on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5088 QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Denis Woods	*Treble*	Albert W. A. Leggett	5
John E. Allen	2	Raymond Daw	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method.
With congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Holmes, of Chester, on the birth of a son (Paul).

QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 1458 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 38 x 36 x 38. L.E. B. F.C.E. B.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHRIS. L. BELL .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. WARD 5
*DONALD F. MURFET 2	PETER M. FLECKNEY 6
COLIN JOHNSON 3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 7
ALAN M. BARBER 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* 100th peal for the Association.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD RAPHAEL .. .. *Treble*	W. DAVID WARD 5
DAVID J. ORLEDGE 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 7
RAYMOND BENFIELD 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

CHRISTINE J. HART .. .. *Treble*	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 5
*MALCOLM E. WADE 2	DAVID F. MOORE 6
†DAVID G. FARRAR 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
RUPERT A. CLARKE 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal. † First in the method.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. *Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
MURIEL REAY 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FREDERICK H. COLLINS .. *Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by JOHN A. ANDERSON.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 FOLKESTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DENIS WOODS .. .. .. *Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
RAYMOND H. DAW 4	RONALD C. NOON .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all (Corrigan, 130).
With congratulations to Veronica and David Stainsby on the birth of a son (Jonathan Martin).

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM .. .. *Treble*	DON C. EXELL 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
ROGER S. ALGATE 3	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 7
KENNETH J. RIDER 4	PETER BRIDLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HOBBS.
First peal as conductor.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE GUILD CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN CIRCUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative; with 130 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. *Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
*E. JANE SIBSON 2	†JOHN C. EISEL 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	*DEREK E. SIBSON 7
†PAUL CATTERMOLE 4	ALAN J. FROST .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of 6-Spliced for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to Roger Keeley and Patricia Sharpe, who were married on February 16th.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 STEYNING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*	†EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
E. JANE SIBSON 2	†RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
*WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. † 50th peal together. First in the method (Corrigan, No. 298).

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. *Treble*	*IAN C. MAYCOCK 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
*PETER S. BENNETT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
E. JANE SIBSON 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias; also as a compliment to John E. Young and Pamela Chilmaid, who were married at Lower Beeding on February 23rd.

BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ALAN A. ELSMORE .. .. *Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5
EDMUND MALIN 2	*JOHN H. ALLEN 6
*BARNABAS G. KEY 3	RODERICK J. LEES 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE 4	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).
Conducted by RODERICK J. LEES.
* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*JILL RILEY .. .. .. *Treble*	ANN E. FELLOWS 5
†PAMELA M. TURNER 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES 7
LINDA M. HUGHES 4	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Linda M. Hughes and Martin C. Faulkes.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DAVID F. MOORE .. .. *Treble*	JOHN K. SMITH 5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Bart.
Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

STEYNING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 x 56 x 36.14 x 14.58 x 16 x 58. L.E. 12. 4ths place bob.
F.C.H. 24365.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN K. SMITH	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*C. RICHARD DAFT	*Treble*	DAVID W. FRIEND	5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	2	W. DAVID WARD	6
†DAVID J. ORLEDGE	3	J. KEITH WARD	7
†RAYMOND BENFIELD	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 110 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 25th peal, and first of Spliced 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the marriage earlier this day at Emmanuel Church, Tunbridge Wells, of Stanley Jenner and Ann George.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	ROGER KING	5
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON	2	ROGER G. HAVARD	6
RUTH HAVARD	3	BRYN A. TAYLOR	7
JOHN OWEN	4	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.
* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method on the bells, and by all except the treble ringer.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

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

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.
Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
A 21st birthday compliment to David J. Baker.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DENNIS PEPPER	*Treble*	HILARY MUIRHEAD	5
DONALD F. MURFET	2	IAN M. SMITH	6
*COLIN JOHNSON	3	GEOFFREY PEARSON	7
*JOHN W. McCLENAHAN	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the third

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*RONALD J. JOHNSTON	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
BASIL JONES	2	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	*BARRIE HENDRY	7
*JOHN ROBINSON	4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JUDITH M. WHITE	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
MARIA E. KIRBY	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	6
KENNETH J. RIDER	3	ANTONY R. KENCH	7
†C. MARTIN FOSTER	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal on eight. † First of Plain Bob.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	5
H. GEORGE HART	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
PATRICIA HOLMES	3	ROBIN HODGSON	7
VERNON GREEN	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS, BULWELL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN G. HALLETT	*Treble*	DAVID J. ORLEDGE	5
ROY R. TIFFIN	2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN	6
ROBERT E. DAY	3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	7
MICHAEL ARROWSMITH	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	IAN G. SMITH	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	FRANK CHAMBERS	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Lane, of Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
THOMAS SONE	2	†JOHN W. COLEMAN	6
*TREVOR A. CROSS	3	MARTIN L. HOWE	7
MONTY W. GILBERT	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* 350th peal. † First of Major in the method.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
CELIA F. HUGHES D'AETH	2	RUTH M. FOREMAN	6
JOHN HILL	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
*IAN F. GARVIE	2	PETER BORDER	6
†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	7
†DAVID J. ALLEN	4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
ROBERT E. HARDY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
*MICHAEL T. STIMSON	3	ROLAND H. COOK	7
*ARTHUR J. STIMSON	4	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
* First peal on eight bells.
An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Somerby, Leicestershire.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*PETER A. KIRKBY	*Treble*	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*ROGER J. LUMLEY	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*DAVID G. ROWLANDS	*Treble*	RICHARD E. DEAN	5
*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
*D. KENVYN WALTERS	3	GEOFFREY RIGLAR	7
GEORGE COUSSINS	4	*ARTHUR D. BOARDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.
* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

PATRICIA E. HIBBERT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	2	MICHAEL BISHOP	6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	3	JOHN H. NAPPER	7
DOUGLAS JORDAN	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. NAPPER.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Hibbert.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MARGARET E. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	6
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	†LESLIE G. BRETT	7
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* 25th peal. † 500th peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

KENNETH J. RIDER	*Treble*	PETER BRIDLE	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	DON C. EXELL	6
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	D. JOHN HUNT	7
ANTONY R. KENCH	4	BRIAN J. WYLDE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. MORRIS. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Major in the method. First of Major in the method on the bells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Wendy Riddington and Trevor Cracknell.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

CHRIS. L. BELL	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	2	RAY H. DAW	6
ALAN M. BARBER	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
DONALD F. MURFET	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Canon A. Morris, who recently completed 25 years as Vicar at this church.

LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	RAYMOND E. FINCH	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
OLIVE D. TESTER	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	7
ROBIN J. LEE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER COXALL	*Treble*	†MICHAEL CRICKET	5
VICTOR DRAPER	2	ERIC COOK	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	*HORACE GROUNDS	7
*FRANK BENTHAM	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung in memoriam Canon W. S. Mellor, Rector of Standish 1938 to 1956, and Mr. C. Wallwork, late churchwarden.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 10, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JENNIFER E. MEE	*Treble*	SPENCER G. KEAR	5
DAVID L. TAYLOR	2	DAVID J. HUGHES	6
GEORGE H. KNIGHT	3	DAVID J. KING	7
FRANCIS A. HOBBS	4	LIONEL JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Rendle L. Davies.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON .. .. .. *Treble*	ALAN M. BARBER 4
JOHN E. GOODWIN 2	CHRIS. L. BELL 5
PATRICK J. BRYAN 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise (70 Major, 30 Minor).

HICKLING, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*†RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON 3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 2	†MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
†SYDNEY ADAMS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 25th peal. † First in seven methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung under Arctic conditions, the ringing chamber floor being a sheet of ice, following the bursting of the church heating system caused by the severe frost of this period.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*BRIAN C. LAW .. .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL W. BROWN 4
RUPERT A. CLARKE 2	DAVID F. MOORE 5
*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* 25th peal together.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and April Day, and 40 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

CHARLES J. WATKINSON .. *Treble*	JOHN WEAVER 4
C. BARRIE DOVE 2	ANTHONY E. STAMP 5
STUART J. CORSON 3	*PETER LOUTH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal at first attempt.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newark Parish Church Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. *Treble*	HAROLD STEVENSON 4
MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 3	*DENNIS SIMPSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* 25th peal.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. *Treble*	DAVID SWIFT 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	RON CARTER 5
CELIA HARRIS 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's and six 240's. Tenor 17 cwt.

E. MARION KEY .. .. .. *Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
PAMELA E. KEY 2	IAN FRIEND 5
ANTHONY TALBOT 3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Harry Lowe, Vicar of Gnosall, who was laid to rest earlier this day.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five plain methods: an extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

J. ALAN BALL (14) .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
JOHN K. SMITH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SEDLESCOMBE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. *Treble*	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 4
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
DAVID STAPLES 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

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

Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. David.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ANTHONY D. H. BLYTH .. *Treble*	†KEITH ROBINSON 3
†STEWART H. J. EDWARDS 2	BRIAN C. LAW 4
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First 'inside.' First of Plain Bob Doubles by the band except the ringer of the fourth, who has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for St. David's Day.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 45 methods and variations: (1) Southrepps, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) St. Columb, (4) Clifford's Pleasure, (5) Costessy, (6) Little Aston, (7) St. Giles, (8) St. Nicholas, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Andrew, (11) Norwich, (12) Shareshill, (13) St. Miles, (14) Winchendon Place, (15) St. Luke, (16) St. John, (17) Walsingham, (18) Ryton, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Kennington, (21) Old Bob, (22) April Day, (23) Besthorpe, (24) Seighford, (25) St. Simon, (26) St. Albans, (27) Cassington, (28) Eynsham, (29) Shropham, (30) Elford, (31) St. Martin, (32) St. Paul, (33) St. Peter, (34) St. Leonard, (35) Milcham, (36) Austrey, (37) All Saints and Rushall, (38) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (39) Grandsire and Newborough, (40) Marchington, (41) Fortune, (42) New Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD J. WALTERS .. *Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
JOHN HOPE 2	COLIN SMITH 5
ROBERT HATCHER 3	E. CHARLES BIGGS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.

First peal in 45 methods and variations by all the band, and for the Guild.

Rung for St. David's Day; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin A. Lewis.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD
(Stourbridge Grammar School Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

CHRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE .. *Treble*	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 4
PETER J. BROWN 2	*PETER L. BILL 5
J. ROGER NIBLETT 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* 25th peal.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. David.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. *Treble*	ALAN R. MILLIDGE 4
ALISON M. MANN 2	BRIAN J. BULL 5
MARGARET E. FORT 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob.

*GILBERT F. COWLIN	*Treble*	*BERNARD J. BRANSTON	4
†HERBERT GOAKES	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL	3	*RAYMOND H. DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal in six methods. † 100th peal.

A compliment to the ringer of the treble and Miss Primrose Ridley, both ringers at this church, on their engagement. Tenor 8 cwt.

SCALDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. DAVID'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (three variations). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

GRAHAM C. PAUL	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
RICHARD J. DANBY	2	ROGER W. SMITH	4
ALAN A. PAUL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

First peal in the method by the Guild, and thought to be the first ever on tower bells.

All except the ringer of the third are between 14 and 20 years of age.

Rung following St. David's Day (March 1st).

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER BAILEY	*Treble*	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
ALFRED HONEYWOOD	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung to welcome Sally Jean Millatt, born on February 5th, 1963.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Bourne and Netherseale (12 changes of method); (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet (14 changes of method); (4) York; (5) Cambridge and Primrose (12 changes of method); (6) London; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY E. REES	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
†GERALD PENNEY	2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in ten methods.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings).

STUART J. CORSON	*Treble*	JOHN WEAVER	3
*DAVID BARKER	2	ANTHONY E. STAMP	4
C. BARRIE DOVE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung after meeting short; also as a compliment to Miss D. Schofield and Mr. J. Stephenson, who were married at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on February 26th. Tenor 8 cwt. 22 lb. in G sharp.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT D. MARSH	*Treble*	RUTH BLACKSHAW	4
JOHN SHONFELD	2	C. RICHARD DAFT	5
RAYMOND BENFIELD	3	MAURICE HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. RICHARD DAFT.

* First peal (aged 14). First villager to ring a peal on these bells. First as conductor.

Rung for George Wheatley—50 years as church chorister.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung to celebrate the birth of sons to the ringers of the third and fourth on February 23rd, 1963.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Wells and York, and two each of Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

PETER WOOLLVEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. DYER	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for 17 years; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods, viz.: (1) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Cambridge and Ipswich; (3) London and Wells; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Cambridge and Ipswich; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 84 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN WATKINS	4
LAWRENCE WATKINS	2	BRIAN BURROWS	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

BRIAN D. HOLT	*Treble*	JOHN F. BARLOW	4
*C. JOHN CLEGG	2	JEFFREY BRANNAN	5
*MARGARET WRIGHT	3	DEREK ASHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK ASHTON.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM HARRIS	*Treble*	DAVID SWIFT	4
CELIA HARRIS	2	*ARTHUR FLETCHER	5
VALERIE LACEY	3	RON CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Judy Exon and John Tickle on their engagement; also to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fletcher on the birth of a daughter.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

FELICITY POCOCK	*Treble*	*MICHAEL BANGHAM	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	†DAVID C. BROOKES	5
ALISON MANN	3	†DAVID W. STRUCKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor.

Rung after meeting short for Hereward Bob Major.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clements', (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	ROGER D. BAILEY	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	KEITH R. DAVEY	5
DEREK E. DAVIES	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PERPETUA DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (three variations).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	ROGER W. SMITH	4
ALAN A. PAUL	2	GRAHAM C. PAUL	5
PERCY AMOS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL (aged 17).
The conductor's 25th peal of Doubles. First in the method.
Rung for the Festival of St. Perpetua and her companions in martyrdom, March 7th.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden, Chester, Carlisle.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

REGINALD CHALLINOR	*Treble*	DENNIS LATHAM	4
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	WALTER SHERRATT	5
MICHAEL WILSHAW	3	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.
First peal of seven Surprise Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.
S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke) 1—2 | J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity) 3—4
V. NUTTON (Selwyn) 5—6
Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.
First peal of Surprise 'in hand' for all the band. First of Cambridge Surprise in Cambridge for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10
Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal on ten handbells, and of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*GORDON W. LAND 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Pauline Lansley.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT SYCAMORE COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 1—2 | DAVID HODGSON 3—4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5—6
Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
RUPERT A. CLARKE 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.
A token of respect to Mr. Pollard, a master at the school, who died suddenly the previous day.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE 7—8
Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 3, 1963, in 4 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 10440 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH 3—4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10
Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Witness: MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
This is the longest peal of Surprise to be rung on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 6, 1963, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Sandal Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Spliced Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
GORDON W. LAND 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being one extent of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Plain, one of St. Clement's, Childwall Bob and Plain, and five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
DAN S. PONT 1—2 | RUPERT A. CLARKE 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

DATE TOUCH

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,963 Grandsire Doubles: E. Metcalfe 1, A. Bashforth 2, A. G. Dalton 3, W. H. Johnson 4, E. Hudson (cond.) 5, J. Winram (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, on the first anniversary of his institution, and after meeting short for a peal attempt.

ALTON, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. White 4, K. Waller 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Halford 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On March 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. T. Newman 1, F. C. White 2, J. Drewitt 3, E. Drewitt 4, W. Coles 5, J. Camp 6, F. Sharpe 7, F. J. Nelson 8, B. R. White (cond.) 9, F. A. White 10. Rung for the 145th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On March 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Rippon 1, Beryl Astridge 2, Geraldine Piper 3, J. T. Symonds 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, Diana Prynn 6, J. L. Hayns 7, M. H. Harbott 8. First of Major 1 and 2. For Evensong. Rung 'open' in thanksgiving for the life of George A. Cook, late tower captain and steeplekeeper, who died on February 9th.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Poynor 1, Christine Sanders 2, Mary Kinchin 3, Marie Davenport 4, D. Farrar 5, Sandra Chesterton 6, T. Roper 7, J. Kinchin (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 1 and 7. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Christine Staples (first quarter) 1, Christine Sanders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. Farrar 1, Christine Sanders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 in front): Kathleen Barnes (first quarter) 1, C. M. Barnes (first quarter) 2, Judy Bowen (first of Grandsire) 3, H. Ballard 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. J. Barnes 6, I. V. J. Smith (25th quarter as cond.) 7, G. Prodger 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 4th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: F. E. Darby 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, J. Schofield 5, R. E. Finch 6, R. W. Hinde 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On March 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. T. Taylor 1, Jill Riley 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. G. Kemp (first on 10 bells) 4, Janet I. Porter 5, F. C. Hobson 6, R. H. Rogers (first on 10 bells as cond.) 7, A. G. Osborne 8, M. C. Faulkes 9, G. Braithwaite 10. First of Grandsire Caters 'inside' 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Jackson 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, A. A. Paton 4, L. Sheasby 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

BISHOPTHORPE, W. YORKS.—On March 9th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): R. Aldington (first quarter away from a 'cover' bell) 1, A. King 2, E. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, D. E. House 2, Kay Hollingsworth 3, H. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, J. R. Faithfull 5, B. J. Harvey 6. For the Dedication Festival.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Clark (first quarter) 1, L. G. Goodman 2, P. Chappell 3, H. J. Trigg (first quarter) 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. By Sunday service band for Evensong.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. B. Comer (cond.) 1, S. Body 2, J. Walton 3, I. J. Burrough 4, P. W. Hamm 5, C. York 6, H. Ball 7, J. Creber 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Lewis 1, P. J. Spice 2, Sheila Copping (cond.) 3, F. Gates (first in method) 4, Katharine Guy (first in method) 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. Foster 7, J. Smith 8. Rung for birth of a niece to the ringer of 1.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Doreen M. Murfin (first on ten) 1, W. J. Leach 2, C. Haynes 3, G. Roobottom (first 'inside') 4, D. J. Murfin (first on ten) 5, J. F. Muffin (cond.) 6, G. Harrison 7, J. K. Smith 8, B. Dawson 9, G. Lanfear 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church, on March 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Muncey 1, C. R. F. Muncey (first in method) 2, B. Clare Webster 3, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, H. Foster 6, A. J. Griffin 7, S. C. Walters 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss B. Clare Webster and Mr. Alan J. Griffin.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Baker (first of Triples) 1, Lynda Roberts (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Shelagh Guthrie (first of Triples) 3, G. Bradbury (cond.) 4, Margaret Guthrie 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker 7, E. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Fowell, aged 84, whose funeral took place earlier in the day. A ringer for over 70 years.

CARDIGAN.—On St. David's Day (March 1st), 1,260 Mixed Doubles (three methods): S. Evans 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, A. Walters 3, R. Pateman 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. Thomas 6.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Padley 1, Mrs. T. Lanaghan 2, Miss J. Padley 3, T. Lanaghan 4, R. Harris 5, H. Osborne 6, E. Busby 7, W. Sidwell (first as cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 3. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Mason 1, Hilary Martin (first of Surprise) 2, N. J. Martin 3, D. L. Parker 4, J. S. Barnes 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the new belfry floor by the Bishop of Rochester.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Yeates 1, C. Hall 2, H. Knight 3, H. Ball 4, C. York 5, S. Smith 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, D. Dando 8. For evening service, and a welcome to Paul Orchard, first grandchild for the local captain (Mr. C. Hall).

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. Sherratt 1, P. Atkins 2, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 3, W. Sherratt 4, D. Latham 5, B. Corbishley 6, H. Dowler 7, R. Worrall 8.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodyatt (cond.) 1, A. White (first quarter) 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, J. E. Whittall 4, H. Homans 5, A. Morgan 6. All are members of the Sunday service band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Pitt (first on eight) 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, N. Avis 3, J. Avis 4, E. P. Duffield 5, D. Whent 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. P. Duffield 1, N. Avis 2, A. R. Andrews 3, W. Arnold 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, G. Button 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. Rung after a peal failure, as a compliment to the conductor on the arrival of his third daughter.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Margery Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, D. Errington (cond.) 6. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Zvegintzov 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. Oliver (cover) 7.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Parfitt 1, Audrey M. Short 2, R. D. Short 3, H. Best 4, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Langdon 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. T. Mogg, captain of this tower for many years. The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 were bearers.

DERBY.—On March 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bailey 1, S. Fraser (first quarter) 2, Miss Foulk 3, A. Mould 4, M. A. Willis (first as cond.) 5, W. Allsopp 6, S. P. Walklate 7.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cooper (first quarter) 1, I. M. Holland 2, A. Wilson 3, D. Peers 4, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 5, D. Fidler (first quarter) 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On March 3rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: B. A. Shackleton 1, Miss P. E. Hibbert 2, J. W. T. Hibbert 3, J. W. Wilson 4, E. J. Hitchins 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on March 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Fentiman 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, W. J. Munton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Mann, for 33 years a ringer and a recent clock-winder at this church.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, Christine Bowen 2, D. Bowen 3, M. W. Coleman 4, T. Hawkins 5, D. Belcham 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Bailey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Reed (first on ten) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, J. L. Bell (first on ten) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.—On March 5th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): P. Jones 1, S. Thomas 2, R. Dobbins 3, G. Thomas 4, Reg. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. T. Wiliams (cond.) 7, R. Evans 8. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. John Trevor Evans.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smallman (13, first quarter) 1, Lucy A. Key (13) 2, Pamela E. Key 3, I. Friend 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, A. Talbot 6. Rung half-muffled at the memorial service to the Rev. H. Lowe, late Vicar.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On March 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Walker 1, Miss K. Guy 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, Miss B. Leigh 4, J. Ball 5, I. Dafters 6, M. Ferrier (cover) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Brown, verger and parish clerk, interred this day.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Pettitt 1, G. H. Austin (first of Major) 2, W. T. Holmes 3, R. A. Cochrane 5, P. L. Baycock 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle (cond.) 7, A. F. Cull 8. For Evensong, and a 75th birthday compliment to W. T. Holmes.

HATHERN, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Stanton (first quarter) 1, C. Harris 2, V. Lacey 3, D. Swift 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, P. Woollven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, C. L. Bell 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on March 3rd, 1,440 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, P. Woollven 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. F. Taylor 1, R. E. Kersey 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, A. R. Bridges 4, P. Bedford 5, N. F. Whittell 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band except 2, 7 and 8.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Baresel 1, G. Golding 2, Miss C. Andrews 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, Miss F. Pocock 5, D. Boniface 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Preb. F. W. Ferraro, previous Vicar.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On March 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Wright 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, Miss S. Staley (first of Cambridge Major) 3, W. Whitmore 4, I. Hall 5, P. Fleckney 6, A. Gibbs 7, M. Coleman 8. Rung after peal failure.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Green (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield (first 'inside') 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HUNITON, DEVON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Broom 1, C. Manley 2, W. Baker 3, R. Watts (first 'inside,' aged 14) 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, D. Salter 6. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. H. Worboys 5, A. Grainger 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Haynes 1, R. Newton 2, D. Cornwall 3, Miss J. Barton 4, E. Wilcox 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Hall 1, R. E. Churchill (cond.) 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, Elizabeth Cotchin 4, I. N. Pett 5, Christine Templeman 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. Bache, also Mr. and Mrs. R. Churchill.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. F. Wallet 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shedel on the birth of a daughter.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On March 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jeannette Felton 1, P. N. Felton (first of Major as cond.) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, June Creak 5, S. Croft 6, N. F. Felton 7, H. W. Rogers 8. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mitchell 1, W. Lawrence 2, R. Turner 3, Miss S. Collins 4, L. Toseland 5 I. Hall 6, A. Idle (cond.) 7, B. Spring 8. For Evensong.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Winram (first away from tenor) 1, E. Hudson 2, A. Bashforth 3, C. Bell 4, E. Metcalfe (first as cond.) 5, S. Bowler (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled and preceded by the whole pull and stand in memoriam Harold W. Greensit, churchwarden.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goodchild 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, R. Hazell 5, C. Hagger 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss K. T Nash, once a ringer at this church, who died January 23rd. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Meakes (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Hazell 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, J. Goodchild 6. For Confirmation.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Newman 1, H. Read (first of Minor) 2, Miss B. Jones 3, W. Woodyatt 4, Rev. J. Homfray 5, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, D. Marsden 2, L. Walmsley 3, G. Moll 4, R. Crowe 5, J. E. Sumner 6 For Evensong, and as a tribute to Mr. J. G. Nelson (conductor's father), on his retirement as Sunday school superintendent after 26 years.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. James 1, Mrs. A. Bruten 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, D. J. Hughes 4, D. Pike 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. James, on his election as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Lampard (first quarter) 1, R. Barks (first 'inside') 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Ballam 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Lampard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombs 3, June Legg 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Venn 6. First in five methods for 1, 3 and 6. Rung for Ash Wednesday service.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on March 1st, 1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: Margaret Fort (first of Surprise) 1, Alison Mann 2, M. J. Bangham 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. D. Leach 5, D. C. Brookes (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. For St. David's Day.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss P. Fennell 1, Mrs. D. E. Sibson 2, Miss E. Erik 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, M. J. Fellows 5, D. M. Sawyer 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8, M. D. Fellows 9, J. C. Eisel 10. First of Surprise Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9. For Evensong.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, with 4, 6, 8 covering): H. Heath 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, E. Player 4, L. K. Grey 5, P. Paginton 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, R. Woodward 8. Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Mr. W. T. Tucker, a Malmesbury ringer, and Mrs. N. M. Day, at Christ Church, Paignton, Devon.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): P. Langton 1, Molly Tilbury 2, R. Lee 3, A. Palmer 4, D. Feck 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Sherwin 1, E. Ford 2, R. J. Hicks 3, H. Trewin 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Julia Medland, secretary of the tower, and also for her engagement to Colin Prouse, a ringing member of the tower.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On March 9th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): F. Welch 1, K. E. Pinney 2, J. Cornelius 3, H. E. Turner 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, A. C. Best 6. First in two Minor methods by all except treble. A 71st birthday compliment to James Stenner.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Bellamy 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. Budd 3, A. Eveleigh 4, Elizabeth Smith 5, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Budd.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-Part): S Skinner (cond.) 1, G. Coles 2, F. Wills 3, E. G. Cork 4, Miss J. Barnett 5, G. Skinner 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, G. Luxton 8. A birthday compliment to G. Skinner.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. H. Langley 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, W. H. Tarr 3, J. E. Brewer 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Caseley 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Gale 8. In memoriam W. G. Giff (died February 18th, 1962).

QUARTER PEALS

NORTON, HERTS.—On March 4th, 1,264 St. Clement's Bob Major: Miss J. Sanderson 1, D. Sanderson 1, E. G. Buck 3, T. Hatchett 4, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 5, L. B. Scoot 6, P. Flack 7, J. S. Dear 8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Clayfield 1, I. Merry 2, P. Gilliver 3, Jennifer Broadgate 4, A. Blackmore (first as cond.) 5, W. Beebe 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Saw 1, Miss J. Woodman 2, Miss C. Withell 3, T. H. S. Smith 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Cherry Withell.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. D. Holdaway 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss V. Mathews 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Peel (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, Marilyn Bird 3, A. J. Adams 4, J. H. Gardner 5, N. I. Allnatt 6, D. F. Roaf (cond.) 7, H. J. Pratley 8. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: Mary S. Thurling (first of T.B. Major) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, I. C. Maycock 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. First of Rutland by all the band. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. F. Wheeler 1, J. W. Perkins 2, F. E. Day 3, H. W. Milford 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, A. W. Myers 6 T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Goodliffe 1, Jennifer Brake 2, V. James 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, G. Shelly 5, A. R. Saye 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, Alison M. Mann 2, C. F. Mew (first of Stedman as cond.) 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. J. Bull 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, M. S. Swatton 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Sheila Staley 1, H. Richardson 2, M. Coleman 3, I. Hall 4, W. Whitmore 5, J. Sherritt 6, P. Fleckney 7, G. Watson (cond.) 8. First by all except conductor.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Flanagan 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. A. Reading (first as cond.) 3, Miss G. Martin 4, J. Hobbs 5, M. J. Bew (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John the Evangelist Church, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Atfield (aged 12, first quarter) 1, A. Shelton 2, D. West 3, F. Streeter 4, K. Game 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Northrepps Bob Doubles: R. Hill 1, Joan Gainey 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, C. Haylings 4, B. Spiers 5, C. Halling 6. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, F. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Hadley 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Fred Hyde. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, Anne Broxton 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, Christine Hawkes 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Debra Greenlaw (first quarter) 1, Audrey Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, H. J. Page 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. Deverill 6. For Confirmation.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Mrs. M. Burns 2, D. Nichols 3, N. Donovan 4, I. N. D. Chaddock 5, G. S. Lee 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Armeson 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on March 10th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Ann Carden (first of Stedman) 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Shirley Slade 4, Kathleen Darvill 5, R. W. Darvill 6 S. P. Darvill 7, C. E. Slade 8, H. V. Frost (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. First of Stedman Caters for 4, 5 and 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. E. Sutherland, the verger's wife, who died the previous week.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,200 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Beard 1, E. Coode 2, J. Sims 3, T. Culver 4, P. Braund (cond.) 5, A. Trigg 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertie Aldridge, who died on February 7th.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: R. W. Turner 1, R. J. Vaughan 2, P. J. Daniel 3, C. G. J. Head (first as cond.) 4, D. J. Ley 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. First of Minimus for all.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Copley 1, B. Sissons 2, D. Sheppard 3, R. Warford 4, J. Potts 5, A. Grundy 6, A. Sheppard (cond.) 7, W. Stoker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. W. McLane, former Vicar, who died at Goathland the previous Monday.

SHERE, SURREY.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Hunter 1, Pamela Gough 2 D. M. Hughes 3, Cherry White 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, K. Sansom (first as cover) 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SHIPTON MAYNE, GLOS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Paginton 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, L. K. Grey 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, R. Woodward 6. For Evensong, and a welcome to Nicholas Richard, infant son of the tenor ringer, and Andrew David, second grandson of the conductor.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. F. Olney (first quarter) 1, T. R. Harris (first 'inside') 2, P. J. Lawton 3, G. M. Pickwell 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, B. A. Martin 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs 1, R. H. Cook (cond.) 2, A. J. Stimson 3, Mrs. I. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. C. Tyler 6. A compliment to Mr. Briggs, on his 85th birthday. He afterwards entertained his young friends to refershments at the Three Crowns.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,344 St. Clement's College Bob Major: N. R. May 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. First in the method by all except conductor. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, K. H. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, B. M. Smith 5, June E. Wood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. R. May 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, B. M. Smith 8. For Evensong.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Brinkley 1, Janet Groves 2, Ann Edwards 3, P. Brown (first quarter) 4, I. R. Panton 5, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 6. A compliment to Pat Jackson and David Day, on their engagement.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Leonard (first quarter) 1, Jean Preston (first 'inside') 2, B. Bartlett 3, M. Loveday 4, M. Bartlett 5, R. Wiggins (first as cond.) 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Pearce 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge 8. Rung for the wedding of Stanley Jenner and Ann George.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Payne 1, F. Hodson 2, F. Ingle 3, P. Leggett 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): Kathleen Clarke 1, B. Pickering 2, G. Pickering (cond.) 3, P. Wright 4, I. Pickering 5.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, L. J. Cox 2, E. E. King 3, A. F. Lee 4, J. W. Isaacs 5, S. Davis 6. For Ash Wednesday service.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain and Little Bob Minor Spliced: Pat A. Teal 1, Eileen M. Haynes 2, G. E. Drew 3, Joan Gray 4, Shirley J. Wight 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First Spliced Minor for all except conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd. To commemorate the 4th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. R. H. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, R. G. W. Robertson 2, M. J. Young (first as cond. in two methods) 3, C. A. Bull 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. W. Young 6. In thanksgiving for the successful Christian Stewardship Campaign in the parish.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 10th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 25th quarter together 3 and 4.

WARWICK.—On Feb. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Randall 1, J. Susan Smith 2, G. P. Hammond 3, R. D. Hart 4, W. Male 5, A. R. Wright 6, D. J. Allen (cond.) 7, G. Pratt 8.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report and magazine for 1962 available (29 compositions, articles, etc.) at 3s. each, plus postage. Copies of earlier reports are available while stocks last at 1s. 6d. each, plus postage: 1961 (32), 1960 (48), 1959 (51), 1958 (50), 1957 (47), 1956 (53), 1955 (44), 1954 (22), 1951-53 (81).—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 2130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting brought forward to **Monday, April 1st,** at 7.45 p.m., at St. John-the-Divine, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2131

ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—Practice night has been changed from Monday to Thursday (6.15 to 8 p.m.).—A. Bridges (Sec.), 'East Wing,' St. Andrew's Churchyard, London Road, Derby. 2142

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—There will be no practice on March 27th, owing to the annual church meeting. 2153

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Ruishton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2103

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Waltham-on-the-Wolds, March 23rd. Owing to unforeseen circumstances ringing will now start at 6 till 8.30 p.m., as service, tea and business meeting have had to be cancelled. —M. Stimson, Hon. Sec. 2147

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please. Woodbine Treble Bob Minor and Double Court.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Practice at Caversfield (5) on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 2164

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Spring meeting at Pattingham (buses from Wolverhampton). Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Important: Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided.—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2004

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Waldron on March 23rd. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please help your new secretary by sending names for tea to Ian Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. Thank you. —F. H. Beeney. 2112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, March 27th, 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2158

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 30th, at Hathersage. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2154

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting Arksey (8), Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 2148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) in Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, 1s. per head. Names for tea to L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, Essex.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 2099

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of new treble bell, Saturday, March 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 27th, to L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds (5297). This is most important. Thank you. 2152

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting at Much Wenlock (8), Saturday, March 30th, 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2171

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice meeting at Woolhope (6), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 6 to 8.45 p.m. —R. G. Powell, Hon. Sec. 2138

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, the 27th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2172

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on March 30th. Regret no afternoon ringing is possible, but bells available 5-6 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex 2163

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting. Next meeting at Rothwell on March 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. M. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 2083

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Spring meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2165

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bradden on March 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2149

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 27th, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2120

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Berrington, March 30th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris. 2058

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Monthly evening practice meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 2070

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Battersea on March 30th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by March 27th. Putney bells after meeting. 2111

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Wolverton bells from 2.30 to 3.45. Service in Kingsclere Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 26th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 2166

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Key, 'The Vicarage,' Campsall, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, by Thursday, March 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2102

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting at Gressenhall on Wednesday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 2169

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 2094

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at West Ham, April 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 4th, to J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 2161

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—The dedication of new ring at Gosfield Church by the Bishop of Colchester will take place on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the ballroom at Gosfield Hall afterwards. Please send names immediately if you wish to attend. Accommodation in church limited; tickets being issued. S.A.E., please, for return of tickets.—Hilda G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex. Tel. No. Halstead 2442. 2155

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Holcombe Rogus, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, previous to G. W. Hollis, 'Roseneath,' The Avenue, Tiverton. 2143

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penshurst on April 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, by previous Wednesday.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 2174

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Kingston-on-Soar, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2172

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Crewkerne, Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Crewkerne Secondary Modern School. Names for lunch (5s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 2162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 15 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston,' Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Luncheon tickets 9s. each. Reduced prices for children of members. Please state age of children when applying.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Annual festival,** St. Mary's, Market Drayton, Shropshire, **Saturday, May 11th.** Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each if purchased before **May 6th,** obtainable from Mr. W. Kerr, 10, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, and Branch Secretaries. Towers available: Market Drayton (8), 2.30-4 p.m. and after meeting; Hodnett (8), 2-3.15; Cheswardine (8), 2-3.15; Broughton (8), 2-3.15 p.m. (Hodnet, Cheswardine and Broughton towers will be opened after meeting by arrangement.)—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2168

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

The annual dinner of the Manchester Guild was held on March 9th. After a very satisfying meal the company was entertained by a selection of speakers from points as far distant as London and Durham. Nick Davies, secretary of London University Society, proposed a toast to the Guild. In doing so, he congratulated the Guild on their 'great effort' that afternoon—a peal of Yorkshire Maximus at the Town Hall. He also hoped that the following year a football match could be arranged between Manchester City and Fulham. So that again he could travel at less than single fare! Replying, David Baker refuted allegations that the character 'Og' in this year's Rag magazine had any connection with the Guild's president. He drew attention to the numerous romances among members and was contemplating renaming the Guild the Marriages Guild.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by David James, a Past Master of the Guild, to which Brian Pattison (Master of Durham University Society) replied. During the more serious part of his speech he commended the hospitality of North-Easterners to those who might be contemplating a move there.

The A.G.M. followed. The Master, in his report for the year, recorded 16 peals, of which the highlight was one of 6-spliced to mark the retirement of Canon Hussey as Rector of Sacred Trinity, Salford, the Guild's tower. Derek Ogden and Edward Bryant were re-elected president and Master respectively and Jean Allen was elected secretary/treasurer for the following year. The meeting decided to hold the dinner on a fixed date every year in future, and the first Saturday in March was agreed upon.

Proceedings continued informally in the bar until 11 p.m. and afterwards in the lounge.
B. W. B., J. C. B.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH

The visit of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Christchurch, New Zealand, was marked by excellent ringing on the Cathedral bells. Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, writes:

On Saturday, February 16th, the Cathedral bells were rung to welcome the royal visitors to Christchurch at 1 p.m., and ringing continued until 1.30 p.m.; Grandsire Triples and rounds on the full ring of ten being rung. Later an attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 'heavy eight' was made, but failed, so for the remainder of the afternoon Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

Sunday, February 17th.—The royal visitors attended divine service at the Cathedral at 11 a.m. This was a State service and the sermon was preached by the Archbishop of New Zealand, the Most Rev. N. A. Lesser; the first lesson was read by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Holyoake; the second lesson by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

This was an historic day for the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers in that it was the first time that the bells had been rung for a State service, with a reigning sovereign attending. A picked band was chosen to ring touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds on the full ring of ten, and was conducted by the Master, Mr. R. H. Idle. The ringers rose to the occasion and excelled themselves; in all the years I have rung at the Cathedral, I have not heard better striking, it being almost perfect and was a treat to listen to. The Society was congratulated on the high standard of the ringing on the day and letters of appreciation were received from the Dean of Christchurch (the Very Rev. A. Pyatt) and the Cathedral Chapter.

RINGING RECTOR'S WEDDING

The Rev. Cyril Munt, Rector of Cherlton, Folkestone with Newington-next-Hythe, is to be married to Miss Dorothy Aldworth, at Biddenden, Kent, on Wednesday, April 17th, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Munt and his sister, Mary, are both ringers and have greatly helped a struggling band of mostly young ringers at St. Martin's. In addition, thanks to the Rector's enthusiasm and drive, considerable restoration work has been undertaken in the tower. The light ring of eight (7¼ cwt. tenor) has been underpinned by massive concrete girders, a new ringing chamber has been formed at first floor level and the vestry space doubled at ground level. The bells have been overhauled and new ropes fitted. Some work still has to be done to the tenor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, as this bell has a loose crown staple.

Naturally, the marriage of the young and popular Rector is quite an important event in the life of the parish. A party of parishioners, including the choir and some ringers, will be going to Biddenden on the great day.

Mr. Munt was formerly a curate at Ashford (Kent) Parish Church and later priest-in-charge at Ranmore, Dorking, Surrey. He is well known to local ringers at both places.

Miss Aldworth, who is a teacher at St. Martin's Primary School, is well known in Biddenden Church circles. She often deputises at the organ there during the school holidays. She is already a frequent visitor to St. Martin's belfry and it is hoped that she, too, will take up ringing.

5,024 STEYNING SURPRISE

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	W	B	M	H
26435	—		—	2
32654		1		2
63425	—		—	3
63254		1		—
42635	—		—	—
62534			—	
53624	—			—
53246	—	1		3
52436	—			2
35426	—			3
23456	—			3

First rung at Steyning on February 23rd, 1963.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (B.67)

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
25634		—		3
53246	X			
23645		—		
34256	X			
24653		—		
24536	X			—
32546			—	
54326			—	—
25346			—	
42356			—	
36524		—	—	2
62345	X			
63425			—	2
32654	X			
62453		—		
43526		—	—	2
52436			—	—
42635		—		
23456	X			

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	1-2-3	4325
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	1s	5432
	2-3-4	4235
	1-2-3	3425
	1s-2-3	42397568
	A	2439
	1s-2-4	42356978
	A	2435
	1-3-4	42356879
	A	2435
	1s-4	32486957
	A	2348
	1s-3s-4	32495768
A (omit last course)		3429
	1-3s-7-8-9	43265978
	A	3426
	1-3-4	43265879
	A	3426

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

B	M	W	H	
X			—	23564
		—	—	56234
—			3	26435
X				63254
		—	2	62534
2X				34256
	2	2		52436
		—	2	54326
—			—	63425
X				32654
		—	3	53624
—			2	34625
X				42356
		—	—	35426
		—		23456

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QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On March 10th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge and Ipswich, 552 Norwich), at St. Michael's: Jane B. Tuffin 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, C. M. Foster 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—On March 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary the Great, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. H. Pigg 1, Hilary Muirhead 2, H. Muncey 3, C. Muncey 4, S. C. Walters 5, H. Hunter 6, J. W. Ward 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, H. Foster 10, P. Bergdahl 11, H. F. Brown 12. First of Maximus 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Fison, on his appointment as Bishop of Salisbury.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, Elizabeth A. M. Tester 4, C. W. Hancock 5, J. E. Warner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. P. Smith 8. A compliment to Miss Ann George and Mr. Stanley Jenner, who were married at Tunbridge Wells earlier this year. Also a birthday compliment to C. W. Hancock.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. H. Worboys 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. McPhail 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in method for 1 and 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on handbells: A. R. Millidge (first of Grandsire as cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, B. J. Bull 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, M. J. Uphill 5 and 6. Umpires: Mary Ayton and J. H. Gaze. First on handbells for all the band.

WARWICK.—On March 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. D. Hart 1, G. P. Hammond 2, G. W. Randall 3, E. J. Gower 4, W. Male 5, A. R. Wright 6, D. J. Allen 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (Stedman, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place Bob): D. J. White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller (30th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris 1, G. Prescott 2, R. Ballam 3, Mrs. M. Thirkettle 4, Mrs. D. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, D. Ruddall 8. To welcome the Rector, Rev. Preb. B. J. W. Turnoak, on his return to clerical duties after a recent illness.

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