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A CITY SET ON A HILL

WELL, not a city in the common sense of the word, but the City of God in one small piece of Devon, and it certainly cannot be hid, standing over 1,100 feet above sea-level on an upward thrust of the granite steep on three sides and sheer to the west—St. Michael de Rupe (St. Michael on the Crag), Brentor, must be one of the most dramatically-situated churches in the Kingdom.

Churches dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, the Prince who cast down the old Serpent, are believed often to bear that dedication in token of their having been built on the site of ancient pagan shrines, and the summit of Brentor is just the sort of place for a pagan to worship at. It probably began as a very tiny church, built simply to Christianise a heathen sanctuary, but the story of the present church's building is as dramatic as its situation.

In about the year 1140, a sea captain, Robert Gifford, was coming home up-channel with the hold of his ship full of valuable cargo, when a furious storm sprang up. Standing on the poop in a waste of raging Channel water, he vowed that if he brought his ship safe to port he would build a church on the first point of land he sighted. It seems incredible that he should first have sighted Brentor, 20 miles inland and close to much higher hills, but with the lower land obscured by storm-wrack and the cloud base as it often is at about 1,200 feet, it's by no means impossible, and I know one seaman who has had the very same experience. Anyway, the church stands on Brentor to testify to the fact that Robert Gifford did reach port in safety, and that Brentor was indeed the first land he sighted, for he fulfilled his vow and built the church there at his own cost.

It is a tiny building—of necessity, for the top of the Tor is not big enough for a tennis court. A simple rectangle with no aisles and a tiny porch on the north side, it can be reached only on foot; there is no chancel, and the interior is simple under a low timber roof. At the west end is a tiny tower, only 12 feet square outside and hardly more than 30 feet high, with a battlemented parapet; the bell chamber is only 7 feet square and the ground floor ringing chamber even less, yet here is a ring of five bells.

There were formerly three bells here, and until 1890 two of them were late-14th century bells, cast probably by John Langhorne, of London; they were certainly London bells, and one wonders however they were brought here. In 1890 they were rehung and the treble recast by Mears, and in 1910 a new ring, with a tenor of 5¾ cwt., was cast by Mears and Stainbank and hung by William Aggett, of Chagford. They are a pretty five, and the fourth bears the inscription from the ancient second: 'Gallus vocor ego; super omnia sono'—'I am called the Cock! I sound above all.'

The tenor hangs immediately above the ringing chamber by herself. Six feet above her, and very close under the roof, are the rest, packed into less than 50 square feet on plan and with their clappers barely clearing the roof beams. They are hung in a cast-iron frame and fitted at present with Aggett's 'Patent Ball-bearings,' shortly to be replaced, and not a moment too soon. The foundation girders were replaced two years ago, the original ones being rusted through at the ends; the new ones had to be brought in through holes cut in the outer walls.

The village of Brentor, over a mile away, has a modern church now, more accessible for the parishioners, but services are still held in St. Michael de Rupe throughout the summer, and the bells are rung regularly by the local band, who ring during the winter on the nearby five at Coryton. They have a long, stiff climb to get to their summer ringing, as does anyone who goes to the church; but at least they are rewarded with one of the most spectacular views in Devon. To the east Dartmoor rises, fold upon fold, tor and clitter and heather slope, to High Willhays and the lonely peat bogs round Cranmere Pool; to the west, across the Tamar, Dartmoor's Cornish cousin makes its rugged skyline; to the north the long ridges sweep across from North Tawton to the North Cornish coast; and southwards, beyond Tavistock and the hazy sprawl of Plymouth, lies the sea where, on a little battered vessel eight centuries ago, Robert Gifford prayed to his God, and found mercy.

J. G. M. S.

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LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT — GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, the University of Bristol Society are to attempt a peal of 24,119 Grandsire Caters at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing will commence at 6 a.m. The composition, by Albert M. Tyler, is appended. The conductor will be Tudor P. Edwards.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. BIRD.

Bristol.

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24,119 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By Albert M. Tyler

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32456987	1 3 4		34295678		
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42536	1 2 3		45236	'A'	
64235	1 2 3S		54236879	1 3 4	
23495678	3S 4		42536	'A'	
			52643	1S 4	
52394	1 2 3S		26543	'A'	
45293	1 2 3S		62543978	1 3 4	
34592	1 2 3S		25643	'A'	
53492	1 2 3		65324	1S 4	
25394	1 2 3S		53624	'A'	
			35624879	1 3 4	
42593	1 2 3S		56324	'A'	
54293	1 2 3		36452	1S 4	
25493	1 2 3		64352	'A'	
32594	1 2 3S		46352978	1 3 4	
			63452	'A'	
43295	1 2 3S		43265	1S 4	
24395	1 2 3		32465	'A'	
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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Following the success of the first annual dinner at Cardigan last year, the St. David's Diocesan Guild decided to hold a second dinner, this time at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, on February 9th.

In spite of the Arctic weather nearly 50 members and friends were able to attend, many of them from the remote corners of this large diocese.

The guest of honour was the Bishop of St. David's, who proposed the toast to the Guild, and gave an amusing glimpse into his early days as a ringer. The Master of the Guild, Major R. Pateman, responded.

Mr. Gwyn Thomas proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and this was replied to by another of our guests of honour, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who had travelled from Oxford through the snow to be present.

The evening concluded with the showing of the film 'Ringers Required.' R.C.W.

Burry Port

The first quarterly meeting for 1963 was held at St. Mary's, Burry Port, on March 9th. About 40 members attended, and the five bells were kept ringing through the afternoon.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Thomas, officiated at the service, and also presided at the business meeting. Among the topics discussed was a visit to Coventry for the Festival in April. In view of the great distances involved it was decided to take no action.

A splendid tea was provided and served by the local members, and Mr. P. G. T. Lewis, of Llandovery, thanked them for their effort.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing. R.C.W.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 6



FREDERICK SHALLCROSS,
Lancashire Association.

The Lancashire Association brings into the Exercise a young ringer full of action and enthusiasm. One who suggests that his activities would be more fitting to a title such as 'Unrelated Events.'

Frederick Shallcross, affectionately known to his friends as 'Ricky,' whose home is at Ashton-under-Lyne, was born on September 4th, 1945. His education started at the early age of four, when he was sent to the Parochial School, Ashton. After passing his eleven plus he entered the Co-ed Grammar School, Ashton, where he is at present studying mathematics, physics and chemistry at 'A' level, after having passed five subjects at 'O' level.

At the age of ten, Ricky joined the Parish Church choir, and soon after became interested in ringing. He became a pupil of Miss Joan Carter—now Mrs. William Harrison—who was and still is doing such a tremendous lot of hard work, teaching youngsters. For the first six months progress for Ricky was rather slow, but he had plenty of opportunity for ringing, as service ringing on Sundays was from 9 to 10.30 a.m. and 5 to 6.30 p.m. The weekly practice often lasted three hours. It is not surprising then that after jumping the first hurdles he soon began to make excellent progress.

On a certain Sunday, soon after he had learned to ring, Ricky turned up for service ringing at 9.30 a.m. In the absence of other ringers he decided to chime the tenor. All went well until a very agitated and angry verger burst in and informed him that he had started an hour too soon and was causing great annoyance to the Rector, who was half way through the Communion service.

On May 4th, 1958, at the age of 13, Ricky rang his first peal, together with four other first pealers. He rang the third of the middle six at Ashton Parish Church to Grandsire Doubles, which, incidentally, was Miss Carter's first peal as conductor. A very noteworthy record.

Two years later he rang his first peal as conductor. This was Yorkshire Surprise Major, and the same year he believes he created a record by having conducted a peal of London Surprise Major and turned the tenor in to a peal of Surprise Maximus at the age of 15.

After a rather slow start Ricky's peal list grew rapidly and the total to date stands at 167, of which he has conducted 23. Of this total his most interesting peals are Londinium, Lambeth and Brigstow Surprise Maximus, London and Redcliffe Surprise Royal, Spliced Surprise Royal in 2, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 12 methods, Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods, and is very proud to say that Mr. D. Mottershead and many other excellent ringers in the north took part in these peals. Ricky is to be congratulated on such a fine collection of peals rung in so short a time.

He has a great respect for Mrs. Harrison, his tower leader, who, in spite of great difficulties, has for the past six years maintained a very high standard of regular Sunday service ringing.

He is proud of his membership of the Rambling Ringers, which he considers contains some of the finest personalities in the whole of the Exercise.

Ricky's ringing ambitions are to call Mr. Pitman's odd bob Stedman Triples and Scientific Triples. His favourite composer is Mr. Stephen Ivin, who, he says, brings out all the best music in his compositions.

NORVING.

WILF'S TOUR, No. II

For the second year the weather was kind and in bright sunshine we assembled for our day's ringing in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. At the last moment it was learned that Harry De Combe had been taken ill, and it took 45 minutes and some fast driving to find a sixth ringer.

At last we were off, with Ken Tipper, Keith Sanson, Brian Kercher and Wilf Davison from Petersfield, David Hughes, of Liss, and Ken Waller, who fortunately stepped in at the last minute, from Warnford.

Some 70 miles and 90 minutes later we arrived at our first tower, Bourton, the most northerly church in Dorset, where we were met by Rev. R. N. Longridge, Ringing Master of the Guild, and Jim Ralph from Gillingham. David Hughes called a successful quarter of Bob Minor, in spite of a 'Bob-I-mean-single' call, and after a short touch of Bob Doubles we moved on to Maiden Bradley, across the border into Somerset, where, according to the stone fountain, the water runs 'Quite a mile uphill.' A second successful quarter, this time of Grandsire and conducted by Ken Tipper, put us in great spirits, which were sustained by the excellent lunch of turkey salad, washed down with ale at a nearby hostelry.

Stourhead was our first tower after lunch, and this famous beauty spot looked strange with the lake frozen and snow covering the lawns and trees. Keith Sanson called a quarter of Doubles in three methods (Stedman, Bob Doubles and Grandsire), and as we were now in Wiltshire we had rung quarters in three counties. The quarter at Stourhead was, incidentally, the first to be rung there since the bells were rehung in 1960.

Our fourth tower was Sutton Veny, with a pleasant little church tucked away in the Wiltshire Downs. But our attempt for a quarter failed after about 20 minutes, and after a short touch of Bob Minor we were entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. D. V. Evening, Rector of Sutton Veny, before travelling to Wylye.

So far, the ringing had been good and all the bells had been a pleasure to ring, but at Wylye things began to change. Maybe we were getting tired. The ringing chamber was on ground level and after moving, with some difficulty, the bier from the ringing chamber into the main aisle, we attempted to ring a touch of Grandsire, but the bells didn't go at all well and the striking was shocking. We were soon bringing the bier back into the ringing chamber, and shortly afterwards inspected the horse bells, ancient pistols and other trinkets in the pub close by.

On the way home we dropped in at a practice meeting at South Newton. We travelled in all 180 miles, but the long day was really worth while. W.D.

We welcome to our quarter peal columns Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, and wish her the same success and happiness in ringing as her parents have had.

ODD-STRUCK BELLS

THERE has always been some mystery about the causes of odd-struckness of bells. Recently, in the Derby area, we have made some effort to understand odd-struckness a little better and to improve some of our bells in this respect.

An odd-struck bell is one whose clapper strikes earlier on one stroke than on the other when pulled off from the balance with the same effort. Such bells can be a nuisance since they need extra concentration and physical effort to strike them accurately.

It rests on the experience of ringers to determine the degree of odd-struckness of a bell because to measure it would require fairly elaborate apparatus. There is usually some disagreement about this, but one could conclude that if several experienced ringers could not agree as to whether a bell was odd-struck or not, then the amount of odd-struckness would not be worth worrying about.

In this area, as with most, there are several bells which are notoriously odd-struck; for example, the third at Matlock and the third and fourth at Duffeld. In addition many towers have bells which are slightly odd-struck. The fourth at Sawley and the third at Sandiacre are typical. All the bells at these towers mentioned have been examined recently and clapper distances measured. The method employed was to let the bell hang down freely and the weight of the rope taken off the bell. The distances between the impact points of the clapper faces and the bell lip were measured accurately by cutting stiff copper wire to the right length on both sides. Quite a good correlation between the difference in these distances, with the observed odd-struckness, was obtained and we have formed the opinion that this eccentricity of the clapper is the primary reason for odd-struckness. As little as ¼-inch eccentricity of the clapper can account for noticeable odd-struckness.

One rather amusing result was obtained at Sandiacre. Everyone knew that the third was odd-struck because it had to be pulled in at backstroke more than its neighbours, but the measurements showed that the third was the only one correct and that all the other bells, particularly the fourth, were odd-struck. I might add that all these clappers had been removed and refitted by our own ringers some time ago, when we were less informed.

This introduces another point. Since we ring with open handstroke and closed backstroke leads, it would be a distinct advantage to have all the bells, particularly the heavy bells, slightly odd-struck, so that they naturally strike quicker at backstroke. An example of this sort of thing happened at Sawley. These bells have always been rather slow, and a time of 3 hours for a peal of Major was quite common when one would expect a 10 cwt. tenor to be turned in much quicker than this. The local experts have always said that this is because the tenor is fitted with a large wheel, but the wheel, of course, is quite normal and if it was large surely this would make it easier to ring rather more quickly. On examining the bells it was found that the tenor was odd-struck the wrong way: that is, it was rather slow to strike at backstroke.

It was not found possible to rectify this by moving the clapper over so the clapper was turned round. For some reason this made the bell noticeably odd-struck the other way, and this has had the quite marked result of enabling the bells to be rung much more quickly. Peals of Major can now be rung easily in less than 2 hours 45 minutes.

It is unusual for bells to be odd-struck when they are first installed by the bell founders, so that it is likely that odd-struckness develops by poor maintenance or accidental bending of the clapper bolt. Tightening the clapper bolt and lubricating the bush is an important maintenance requirement.

Most cases of odd-struckness can be rectified if there is plenty of clearance in the headstock bolt hole by pushing the clapper over using metal shims.

I would be interested to know the views of others on the causes of odd-struckness and how to cure it. D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derbys.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

A very happy meeting was held at St. Giles', Balderton, on March 16th, the first since the bells were augmented to eight, last October.

Unfortunately, two weddings curtailed the afternoon ringing, though this meant that two smiling brides had the bells rung for them. Almost 60 ringers were present in the tower at some time, and the fact that the ringing room was still crowded well into the evening was proof of the pleasure everyone found. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

The Vicar, Rev. G. Springett, conducted a short service, before joining everyone for a very enjoyable tea in the Church Hall. He was afterwards made a vice-president at the business meeting. Three ringing members were also elected, Mr. and Mrs. T. Webster (Balderton) and Miss Susan Moxon (Sutton).

It is intended to hold the District competition for the Crawford Cup in the evening of the next meeting, and it was proposed that Mr. W. L. Exton be asked to act as judge.

B. N. R.

SUSSEX TOWER HAS NEW RINGING CHAMBER

On March 10th, prior to Evensong, the Vicar, Rev. D. Manners, dedicated the new ringing chamber at St. Mary's Church, Felpham, Sussex.

As many visiting ringers will know, the bells were rung from a sloping ground floor and, coupled with the extremely long draught, even experienced ringers found the bells very difficult to manage.

The new ringing chamber, which is situated at the west end of the church, is very well lit and has an attractive oak balcony, over which the ringers can look down into the church. With the existing beautiful stained glass window in the west wall, the whole effect seen from the church is very pleasing. The ropes are now shorter by 12 feet and, coupled with the well-constructed level floor, has made ringing considerably easier. The local craftsmen who carried out the work are to be congratulated on a job well done.

The work was made possible by the late Mr. Horace Davis Alford, who made a very generous bequest to the church. Prior to the dedication service the local ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, and as the Vicar made his way back to the chancel, after the dedication service, the bells were rung down in peal.

The Western Division of the Sussex County Association are holding a practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, April 20th, when it is hoped that visitors will take the opportunity to see for themselves what a wonderful difference the new ringing chamber has made.

R. W.

Oxford University Society Dinner

The annual dinner of the Oxford University Society was held on February 2nd. Once again, to the delight of any visitor, the following large number of towers—all within easy walking distance of each other—was open some time during the afternoon: Carfax (6), St. Mary Magdalen (6), St. Cross (6), Merton College (8), the Cathedral Church of Christ (12), St. Thomas the Martyr (6), New College (10), Magdalen College (10), St. Martin and All Saints' (8), St. Mary the Virgin (6) and St. Ebbe's (8). Most of the familiar methods were rung, and, while not of the highest quality, the ringing seemed to be enjoyed by most of the company present.

The service was held at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The Vicar (the Rev. P. Martin) and the Rev. D. Rydings officiated, while the president, Canon C. E. Will, and the secretary, Mr. J. E. Camp, read the lessons. Over the past few years the dinner has been held in New College, but unfortunately this year our usual location was no longer available and the dinner was held in the 'Wheatsheaf Inn,' High Street. We were served with quite a pleasant meal, although perhaps it kicked a little of the decorum and atmosphere of previous dinners in New College.

After the loyal toast Mr. J. E. Camp proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He welcomed Dr. A. T. Hart, the Rector of Appleton, and then went on to speak of the problems of ringing in the University and of the part it could play in bringing others to the Christian Church.

Dr. A. T. Hart replied for the Church, with some ideas on how the Church could make great strides forward in adapting itself to the present state of the world, as it had found necessary to do in the past. He left us with the quotation:

'Ring out wild bells across the snow.
Ring out the old, ring in the new.'

The president, Canon C. E. Wigg, then called upon Mr. D. Roaf to speak on behalf of the visitors. In welcoming the senior member, Dr. Sutton, he said that he was probably the least active of the members of any Society. He went on to outline the purposes and values of a University Society such as ours, particularly with regard to teaching learners and providing experience for future tower captains. Mr. D. Roaf also welcomed Mr. P. Walker, secretary of the Oxford Society, Mr. R. Hough, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and other visitors from Bristol and Reading. Mr. P. Walker replied for the visitors. He remarked on the fact that the Oxford Society had had meetings under that very same roof in the 1930's, although subsequently they had been held elsewhere. The University ringers were always welcome, he said, but at the same time he reminded the gathering of a remark made to him some time ago, on the very same topic, namely: 'Keep an eye on them, for they will get in and we shall not be able to get them out!'

Those at last year's dinner may remember that Mr. R. Hough spoke on behalf of the Cambridge University Guild, in his capacity as secretary, the then Master being unable to come. We were happy to have him speak to us again this year, only this time as Master.

The Master of the O.U. Society, Mr. F. J. Nelson, concluded the proceedings by saying, among other things, how pleased he was to see again the familiar faces of old members and guests. He was indeed as true as his word—short, brief and to the point.

Informal talking and drinking then continued for the rest of the evening.

D. G. N.

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Letters to the Editor

Valueless Compositions

Dear Sir,—Once more one of these Surprise Major compositions 'with no 82's or 83's' has been duplicated ('R.W.' page 138). Several times in the past few months this has happened; on one occasion, the composition was in the C.C.C.!

I do not pretend to have an advanced knowledge of composition; surely, however, anyone with but a little knowledge of change ringing can see how relatively little scope the Yorkshire/Superlative group has for original compositions of peal length. The restrictions placed by the F.C.E. 24365 (to take the above mentioned group) are bad enough, but to keep the second and third out of sixths place must make things far, far worse. This has not stopped these ghastly things being sent in, with unfortunate duplication.

Although the scope of these arrangements (even that word is not satisfactory) is even less than that for Plain Bob, I am sure the Editorial Committee would not publish a corresponding composition of Plain Bob, as there would be grave doubts as to its originality. Can it be, perhaps, that the earlier arrangements referred to bear the magic name 'Surprise'?

For Surprise Royal 'compositions,' especially those rung at the Bell Foundry, no words are possible. Anybody who knows anything about figures at all can see, on looking at these compositions, how simple they are. Of course, as I said earlier, this fact is overlooked because of the words 'Surprise Royal.'

No one can deny, especially myself, that, as compositions for peals, they have their use. But as for publishing them in the 'R.W.'—what **possible** good are they to the Exercise at large? For one thing, 99 per cent of these new Surprise Royal methods will never be rung again, and become a name in the C.C. records, another peal for so-and-so to put in his book, and send in at the end of the year as a 'leading peal ringer of 1963.' The value of the peal to the ringing fraternity will cease at that point.

Even disregarding this, very few conductors will ever look at the compoistions again. The fact is that, instead of seeking new material for Surprise Major and Royal compositions (almost impossible anyway), we would do better to make do with the conventional stuff handed down to us, and using these as starting points for respectable, worth while compositions, with, say, the tenors parted.

For goodness sake, let us have no more of these unearthly 'no 82's or 83's' abortions, having instead something like C. J. Sedgley's peals of Cambridge Major, with the tenors parted. Then we might have something original, and worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

Llanfair P.G.

Dear Sir,—So another peal of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major has been rung! I should think it could now be referred to as simply 'Llanfair P.G.,' especially as its complete spelling seems to cause so much difficulty—both times it appeared in this week's 'R.W.' an 'r' was omitted, changing 'chwyrn' (fierce) to 'chwyn' (weeds)!

The meaning of the whole unwieldy name, by the way, is: 'St. Mary's Church (Llanfair) of the pool of the white hazel (pwll gwyn-gyll) near the fierce whirlpool (goger y chwyrn drobwll)—St. Tysilio's Church (Llantysilio) of the red cave (gogogoth).—Yours faithfully.

Aberystwyth. PETER SMITH.

Note.—Let it be Llanfair P.G. in the future. —Ed.

A Precedent for the Recognition of Durham

Dear Sir.—May I suggest that the controversy over the extension of Durham Surprise Minor be resolved by the addition of the following sentence to the Report:

'If it can be established that a method on a high number of bells contracts to a certain lowest stage, then the higher stages shall be regarded as extensions of the lowest stage, even though they may contain one type of subsection which is missing from the lowest stage.'

This would recognise that the contraction process is the identical reverse of extension, which is surely self-evident, and would give approval to the extensions of Durham Surprise Minor, which have been rung, to quote one case in particular. It would also confirm the exactness of the extensions of Bristol Surprise which were rung by the Leicester Guild some years ago. These extensions of Bristol were recognised by the Council, so there is a clearly established precedent; the extensions of Bristol also contain a type of sub-section which is absent from the lowest stage.

It is quite easy to establish that one stage of a method is a contraction of higher stages. All that is necessary is a bit of arithmetic on the various blue lines, to discover whether the features of the method become less frequent in an arithmetical progression as the decreasing number of bells gradually limits the scope of the method. (In the case of Bristol not only does this happen but the pivot bells alter in an arithmetical progression as well.)

A study of the contraction of Durham Surprise Maximus through the Royal and Major down to the Minor shows that the Minor **does** belong to the family. Even though the Minor fails to contain a complete subsection of backward hunting in 1-2-3-4, backward hunting is not entirely absent, for it appears in the first part of the sub-section with the treble in 5-6.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY POYNER.

Ordsall, Retford, Notts.

East Harling

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' convey my thanks to Dr. Paul Jonason for giving us the history of SS. Peter and Paul's, East Harling (pages 174-5). I well remember the day the first peal was rung, as I was the spare man. It was a cold and miserable day and much to my disappointment I had to listen.

I knew all the band personally—T. Fitzjohn and C. Carter from Thetford: S. Annison and F. Burrows (Kenninghall); W. Duncan and A Newson (West Harling). T. Fitzjohn, captain of St. Peter's, Thetford, taught me to handle a bell in early 1910.

This history has recalled the names of men and places, who and where I used to ring. They were happy days, even if the only transport was a bicycle. The alternative was to walk.—Yours, etc., F. A. SALTER.

Nottingham.

Bell Identity Wanted

Dear Sir.—Can any reader tell me who was the founder and anything relevant about the casting of a small bell (approx. ¼ cwt.), with the inscription J. B., 1871, and the head and tail of two coins, about the size of a sixpence, let into the surface. The bell was last used as a calling bell, high on the roof of a mansion near Reading, about 10 years ago. —Yours faithfully, STANLEY G. STOTT.

Easthampstead.

No Ringing Bells at Madras

Dear Sir.—As I always have a copy of 'Dove's' with me on my travels, it was with interest that I noticed a ring of bells at Madras, when looking through the pages upon learning of this ship's intended visit here.

As the dedication of this particular church is not given in 'Dove's' I set out in a taxi to visit the most likely looking churches in turn. The first stop was at St. Thomas' R.C. Cathedral, and upon ascending the fine looking tower in the presence of the verger, I found it possessed two bells (8 and 10 cwt.) and a ting-tang.

Instructing the taxi driver to take me to another English church we set off again, expecting a large robust-looking tower like the first, and it wasn't with the highest hopes that I entered St. George's Anglican Cathedral. But this proved to be the church I was seeking, by the eight ropes in an Ellacombe chiming frame in the bottom of the tower. Ascent of the tower is gained by, firstly, an internal wooden staircase and then by an outside ladder to the louvres, which swing open. There are no other fittings on the bells, other than headstocks and bearings. The bells hang in four pairs between beams—Nos. 1 and 4 hang above Nos. 5 and 8 in an east-west direction. All the bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, in 1871; the tenor measures 47 inches diameter and sounds to be in E flat. None of the bells possess clappers.

Later that day I was assured by an English Vicar, who lives in the Cathedral grounds, that this was the only church in Madras to possess eight bells; he was in charge of the only other Anglican church in the city and that only boasted of one bell.

So it looks as though Mr. Dove's list of overseas **'rings'** of bells is now one less.—Yours sincerely, H. FLEMING.

P. & O. M.V. 'Cannanore,'
at Madras, India.

Ringers' Exhibition at Brighton

Dear Sir,—Early this summer I hope to hold an exhibition of illustrated material connected with ringing. My collection is a small one and I should welcome gifts or loans of humorous or satirical cartoons, caricatures, advertising posters, or handbills: written jokes would also be acceptable.

Since it will take some time to prepare this display I do not think the material could be returned before the autumn, though, where especially valuable items are concerned, I would be prepared to photocopy them, and return originals as soon as possible.

There must be a great deal of humour expended both for and against the Exercise, and with your help I should like to present some of it to a wider public.—Yours, etc.,

V. SHEPPARD.

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Church Street, Brighton 1, Sussex.

Grandsire Doubles

Dear Sir,—In the past few weeks the Luppitt ringers have been ringing Grandsire Doubles using an alteration of hunts as given by Trollope in 'Grandsire,' page 19. While doing some paperwork, in preparation for the quarter peal on March 3rd, a curious fact came to light. With each bell taking the whole hunt there are two half-hunt (observation) bells. They are as follows:

Whole Hunt	Half-hunts
1	3 or 5
2	1 or 5
3	5 or 2
4	2 or 3
5	4 or 1

Could someone please explain why the 5th seems to be taking the place of the 4th in the second column?—Yours faithfully,

Luppitt. F. J. SAGE.

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STAY BREAKING—SOME NEW PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—I think others will agree that the most common immediate cause of a bell going over is some ham-handed youngster missing the sally. (Competent ringers sometimes miss it, too, but as experience brings economy of effort, the result is not so spectacular.) It would be a help to those of us who instruct if Mr. Page could use his wonderful formulæ to translate into comprehensible terms, such as the lifting of a weight, the effort needed to ring a bell exactly on balance—a bell on ball bearings that goes reasonably well, perhaps, for weights of 1, 5 and 25 cwt.

If the stay is of average strength and resilience whether or not it breaks would seem to depend mainly on the extra pull above that needed to bring the bell to balance. It would be interesting to know the ratio of pull to the overpull which just breaks the stay for various weights, as well as sample figures, since the same amount of overpull has more effect on light bells.

Children, who can manage only these light bells, are taught more frequently nowadays, for if one waits for strength to develop they are either working for exams or have found other interests. A grown man has a pulling-length of a good 4 feet, an 11-year-old, reaching up, might manage 3 feet, so to ring the same bell the junior has to pack more work into each inch of his pull. He cannot always pack enough if the wheel is small and the sally stroke short, and so tends to pull the back-stroke too hard in compensation.

That the strength of muscle increases as the square of the length probably comes in somewhere here, also that no one can pull a bell harder than the force necessary to lift his own weight off the ground. Some formula, including these factors and connecting the weight of the ringer with that of his bell, will show, I think, that a youngster is using a much higher proportion of his total strength (apart from wasted effort, due to lack of skill). Anyone who remembers cracking Christmas almonds and Barcelonas will know that greater effort brings less accuracy of control.

In theory these awkward youngsters should never be given the opportunity to break a stay. In practice how are they to know they will be clumsy and slow to learn till they try? Some make the grade eventually, and there may be good reasons why others should be encouraged to feel they belong to the church through the responsibilities of service ringing, though they may never get beyond covering. To say that bad teaching is the only reason for broken stays shows a limited appreciation of the problem.

If one has to pay a carpenter to make a new Hastings stay, following the card provided and the broken one for measurements, replacement costs about 15s. After this has happened several times the stay tends to shrink in width till it rattles, or grow till it won't fit in the box, or in length, so that the dingle runs over the stop, or binds on top of the slider. The dingle nut may even unwind and drop off, followed by the dingle, during ringing. One gets on quite well without the top bolt, since the hole is always in the wrong place if making it while fitting cannot be arranged, its only use seems to be to provide a weak place for the stay to break next time. On top of all that, if, on rehanging, one wants to avoid these troublesome and unsuitable objects (at least for a light ring, on which learners must be taught), one has to pay extra! If one could select and discard learners freely (and how many of us would have been discarded at the outset?) stays need never be bumped. As things stand a simple, economical and time-saving design is the one needed.—Yours faithfully,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome.

Stays in Two Portions

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested in a simple device for the replacement of stays subjected to misuse.

Make the stay in two portions with a 15-inch bridle joint, the fork part starting about four inches above the headstock, and fastened together with a half-inch loose fitting bolt to act as a hinge. Three inches from the top bore through and drive in a $\frac{3}{8}$-inch diameter beech dowel rod.

On receiving a heavy blow the rod will shear, allowing the stay to collapse, then the rope can be rethreaded and a new dowel driven in, knocking out the broken parts. If the holes are bushed with steel tubes a cleaner break will result.

Some experiment may be necessary, according to the weight of the bell, but a satisfactory size of dowel will be found to be surprisingly small.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. ARMSTRONG.

Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rev. Murray MacLeod, Vicar of Christ Church, Southgate, extended a warm welcome to a large number of members and friends of the North and East District to his church on March 9th, and during the course of his address suggested bellringers could be likened to the television stars who advertised various products on the little screen at home, in that they were advertising agents of the Church in calling people to worship, Sunday by Sunday.

This beautiful church, which recently celebrated its centenary, has had a major overhaul of its ten bells carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry, and now has a ring of which it can be justly proud.

Following tea in the Walker Hall, Mr. H. G. Hart, who took the chair at the business meeting, extended a welcome to Mr. John Jelley, of Leicester. Two new ringing members were elected, Miss Helen Davey, of the local band, and Miss Valerie Ware, of Willesden, whilst the provisional elections of Mr. Jeremy Salter, of Brixton, and Mr. L. Fox, of Leyton, as non-resident life members, were confirmed. Miss Enid Town, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was transferred to non-resident life membership, as she is shortly leaving the district.

The chairman thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, the Rev. Arthur Wiggins, the organist, and Mr. S. G. Peck, who read the lesson. The ladies who were responsible for the catering arrangements were also thanked, together with Mr. Peck for attending to all local arrangements. E. H. K.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers from Beverley, Cottingham, Hull University, Holy Trinity, Hill, Kirk Ella, Sutton and Walkington spent a pleasant day on March 16th ringing on some of the finest bells in their area. John Pilkington, of Church Kirk, Lancs, and Terry Hargreaves, of Curdridge, Hants, also joined the party.

We arrived at Selby Abbey, at 10 a.m. and were joined by some of the local ringers for some good ringing on the fine bells. On descending the tower we enjoyed listening to the local band ringing for a wedding and would like to compliment, in particular, the many young ringers of the Abbey on their excellent striking.

Ringing across lunchtime took place at Holy Trinity, Hull, where we rang a variety of methods, including a course of Stedman Caters. A late lunch was then enjoyed in the nearby 16th century Olde White Harte Inn.

The highlight of the afternoon ringing on the fine octave at Hedon was a well struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Afternoon tea was then enjoyed in a cafe at Beverley, before the long ascent to the Minster ringing chamber. Ringing here ranged from well struck rounds to Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal.

At St. Mary's, Beverley, the last tower of the day, we did not really do justice to this majestic ring. However, good courses of Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters were rung. The ringing throughout the day on these heavy rings was on the whole very commendable, especially in view of the large proportion of youthful ringers present. We should particularly like to compliment the younger members of the Walkington team on the excellent way in which they handled the bells and on the rapid progress and enthusiasm of this band generally.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers for allowing us the use of their bells and to David Johnson for making the necessary arrangements. I. N. G.

An Evercreech Example

To mark the 14th anniversary of the dedication of the present ring of ten at Evercreech a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on March 17th, prior to morning service. This also marks the completion of 14 years' unbroken service ringing for both morning and evening services, and also for the great festivals of the church.

Although Evercreech is a country parish, and young ringers invariably leave when school days end, Mr. Harry Sanger informs us that the strength of the company has always been maintained at at least 15 regular attenders.

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THE SPLICING OF ALLIANCE MINOR METHODS

By H. CHANT

I hope to deal with certain aspects of splicing not touched upon in the recent C.C. Collection (which does not, after all, profess to be a handbook on this subject) and so place at the disposal of Minor ringers many interesting extents which should be within the scope of quite a few bands. It is impossible, without going to inordinate lengths, to cover all aspects of splicing these methods, nor is it possible to give complete 720's in all cases for the same reason. I hope, however, that the explanations given and information supplied will enable many ringers to compile their own extents.

1. ORDINARY ALLIANCE METHODS

Study the two leads given below.

Cromer. A2. Reverse Bob. P. 1a.

123456	
214365	
241635	123654
426153	216345
462513	261435
645231	624153
642513	**642513**
465231	**465231**
642531	**642531**
465213	**465213**
462531	456123
645213	541632
654123	514362
561432	153426
516342	
153624	135246
135264	

Here the four middle changes are removed bodily from Cromer leaving a lead of Reverse Bob. The rows removed are transplanted between two half-leads of Crayford Little Court which are taken from *different parts of the same course*. If the remainder of this course is altered so that the complete course is now Reverse Bob then four extra leads of Cromer will have to be turned into Reverse Bob. This will give us ten leads of Reverse Bob where we originally had five leads of Cromer and five of Crayford. The transposition required to achieve this metamorphosis is 23654 as can be seen from the figures.

Perhaps the following will make this clear.

Course of Crayford		Course of Reverse		Five leads of Cromer changed to five leads of Reverse
23654		23654	⟷	23456
45632		53426		53624
54362	Changed to	35246	⟷	35642
26345		45632		45236
62435		54362	⟷	54263
53426		64253		64352
35246		46523	⟷	46325
64253		26345		26543
46523		62435	⟷	62534
32564		32564		32465

In the early stages at least, it is wise to write out both lead-head and lead-end; I always do this when splicing. Note that the five leads of Cromer are taken from five different courses. Any of the leads of Reverse may be changed to Canterbury so long as its partner (at the opposite end of the double-ended arrow) is also changed to Canterbury. The second-place variations of the Alliance and Reverse methods are available with the same transposition.

It is worth noting that if *one complete course* of a 6th place method is substituted for another, as in Crayford and Reverse, the initial lead-heads and final lead-ends will be identical. This is true of 2nd place methods also, although these will be different from the 6th place method, e.g.:

	6th place methods	2nd place methods
Initial lead-head	23456	23456
Final lead-end	32546	24365

This applies to any method.

TABLE No. 1

A complete Course of Little combined with five separate Leads of Alliance.

	Alliance Method		Little Method		Method Left		New Plain		Transposition*
(1)	Cromer, Steventon, Chalfont, Tibenham	La	Crayford	M(a)	Reverse	L	Reverse	L	
					Canterbury	L	Canterbury	L	23654 (23654)
	Walsingham, Lammas, Fulmer, Olney	Hb	Little	J(b)	Double	H	Double	H	
					Fulbeck	H	Fulbeck	H	
(2)	Stratton, Stanhoe, Mitcham, Blaxhall	Na	Crayford		London Bob	N	Reverse	L	
					Lytham Bob	N	Canterbury	L	
	Sharnbrook, Hayes, Ringstead, Stonehouse	Kb	Little		Double Ox.	K	Double Bob	K	65234 (45632)
					Thelwall	K	Fulbeck	K	
(3)	Ellacombe, Finchley	Na	Crayford		College	N	College	N	
					Wavertree	N	Wavertree	N	43256
	Buxton, Iver	Kb	Little		St. Clement's	K	St. Clement's	K	(43256)
					Childwall	K	Childwall	K	
(4)	Snodland, Swancombe	Mc	St. Lawrence	H(c)	Loch Lomond	M	Windermere	G	
	Allesley, Wrentham	Jc	"	"	Roydon	J	Windermere	G	63254 (34652)
(5)	Stapleford, Merrow, Clandon, Rothwell	Gc	St. Lawrence		Frodsham	G	Frodsham	G	
					Windermere	G	Windermere	G	32456 (32456)
(6)	Tonbridge, Mendelsham	Nc, Kc	Belvedere	G(c)	Killarney, Horsmonden	N, K	Killarney	N	26453 (26453)
(7)	Tonbridge, Mendelsham	Nc, Kc	St. Lawrence	Hc	Kilarney, Horsmonden	N, N	St. James	J	26534 (25643)
(8)	Isham	Jc	Belvedere		St. James		Killarney		25643 (26534)
(9)	Isham	Jc	St. Lawrence		St. James		St. James		25436 (25436)

* In all the Tables the transposition is that used when working from the first column. The transposition in brackets is that used when working in the reverse direction.

It is owing to this factor that if it is required to have the full complement of 2nd and 6th place variations of both Alliance and Plain methods in the extent, it will have to be arranged in most cases to have the 2nd and 6th variations of the Alliance and Little methods before altering operations are begun.

For example, extent No. 335 (p. 129 in the C.C. Collection) is suitable for Groups (1), (2) and (3) in Table 1, although Groups (1) and (3) *could* be managed with only one type of Little.

Extent No. 325 (p. 128) is suitable for Group (4), and extent No. 321 (p. 127) for Groups (5) and (6). To be continued.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 29th, 1913.—

Peals of 6,000 and odd changes are not taken so much notice of in these days as once was the case, but it is noteworthy that we record this week the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung on handbells. This was a 6,063 rung by the Middlesex Association last Saturday.

Another peal of more than passing interest is the 7,325 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Monday. It is the longest length on the bells since 1858. Painswick has been the scene of many noteworthy performances, and it was there that the record length of Treble Twelve was rung, and which stood for many years until beaten in 1911 at Ashton-under-Lyne.

NEW QUARTER NEXT WEEK

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CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT

Although the monsoon season seemed to have started this did not deter members from attending the District meeting, held at Creswell on March 9th. On the contrary the attendance of over 45, representing some 15 towers, was the best for some years for a meeting arranged solely for the Chesterfield District!

In spite of an unfortunate incident, when over a dozen ringers were accidentally left out in the pouring rain, the standard of ringing during the day was well above average and even included Bristol and London.

At the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, Miss Verena Simpson, of Staveley, was elected a member, and the details of the proposed District outing to the A.G.M. at Derby on April 20th were approved. After discussion it was decided to organise a striking competition for the District and to include rounds and call change ringing bands in the teams.

These new ventures are designed to stimulate interest in the District, and it is hoped that they will be supported to the full. The details will be circulated to all the towers in the District as soon as they are available.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. S. Jephson, and to the local ringers and their wives for preparing such an excellent tea was proposed by Mr. D. Cooper, and further ringing concluded a very successful meeting.

Next meeting: Staveley on Easter Monday, joint with the Sheffield and District Society.

M. P. P.

Abingdon School has a very keen band of ringers, who ring for all the school services held in the town Church of St. Helen. For the 400th anniversary of the school's refoundation in 1563, by John Roysse, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung. The School Society hope that this is just the prelude to more meritorious performances.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT HOARE

With the recent passing of Mr. Herbert Hoare, at the age of 72, Woodstone, Hunts, lost a lifelong churchman, choirman and bell-ringer. Herbert had been verger at Woodstone for 26 years, following both his father and grandmother in this position. He had also been tower captain for 25 years.

Over the years, Herbert taught many learners how to handle a bell and the art of change ringing—including two now famous lady ringers, Mrs. Rupert Richardson and the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

In the evening, after the funeral, an 'in memoriam' quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled.

R. H. D. & H. G.

MR. E. STITCH
APPRECIATIONS

It was a great shock to me to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Ernest Stitch. We had been ringing friends for so many years, and while he was attached to Aberavon tower he was a great help to all the ringers. He was captain there for several years. We did quite a lot of ringing together, and he helped to fix up many of my peals in the days when I was available. We missed him very much when he left us to live at Wolverhampton.

I extend my sympathy to his wife and his relatives. A. J. P.

It was a shock to all ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, to learn of the passing of an old friend and colleague, Mr. Ernest Stitch.

Ernest was a great help, especially in the training of young recruits, and a fine example to all who knew him for his untiring devotion to Sunday service ringing and regular worship in our church.

When he left Penn to go to his old surroundings it was difficult for all to say goodbye, especially Ernest, who himself said he was going to miss the happy comradeship he had enjoyed.

Before the half-muffled quarter on Sunday, March 18th, our captain and conductor called us all to prayer, and concluded with the words, 'May God give his soul eternal rest.'

C. F. W. E.

MR. FRANK OAKSHOTT

There was a very representative gathering at the funeral of Frank Oakshott at Christ Church, Epsom, on March 21st. Ringers from all parts of the diocese and county came to pay their last respects to an old friend, whose happy smile, walking stick and limp will be greatly missed, not only in Surrey but all over the country, for he did not let his disability prevent his enjoying his ringing or any other of his many interests.

Before the service a mixed band from St. Martin's, Epsom, Ewell, and Christ Church, Epsom, the three towers from the borough in which he spent all his life, rang 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. W. Munday, of Ewell. The Guildford Guild, of which Leatherhead Branch he was District Master, was represented by the General Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, and Mr. C. W. Munday (District secretary). The Surrey Association was represented by the Northern District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, and the secretary, Mr. W. Parrott, and the local ringers by three of his pupils, Messrs. D. Herschell, R. Fentiman and J. Munton. Other organisations represented were the Masons, Epsom Bowling Club and the Post Office, of which he was superintendent postman until his retirement a few years ago.

Interment in the family grave in Epsom Cemetery followed the service.

Quarter peals in his memory at the three churches in the borough were planned for that evening, and a peal attempt at Christ Church for the following Saturday morning.

MR. W. C. RHODES

A few hours after practice with the Coleshill ringers, 'Bill' Rhodes passed away in the early morning of March 6th.

For many years he had been a member of the St. Martin's Guild, and well known in the Birmingham area. His interest led him to many towers in many districts, and he was as happy when ringing with a band of learners as when joining in with the more advanced.

During 20 years as one of a small nucleus of the Coleshill Ringers' Guild, he had seen many dozens join, learn and pass to other areas. As the need arose he acted as captain, secretary and steeple-keeper; and at the age of 62 was looking to a retirement from his employment which would enable him to participate even more fully in ringing activities. He will indeed be missed.

The following quarter peals were rung half-muffled at Coleshill, in memoriam: On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Ensor 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, E. H. Hill 3, L. L. Willis 4, D. L. M. Hooper 5, K. Lane 6, G. H. Lane (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Also on March 15, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Morgan 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, Miss A. C. Richards 3, G. H. Lane 4, M. Edwards 5, R. C. Ingram 6, K. Richards 7, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3 and 5. The latter was also in memoriam Mr. A. Willis, chorister and server. D. L. M. H.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Buck 1, C. Dear 2, J. I. Dear 3, P. Salisbury 4, M. Hopkins 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. S. Dear 8. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Harwood 1, D. Salisbury 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine 5, E. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, P. Flack 8. Both rung half-muffled in memory of Canon L. P. Smith, former Rector, who died on March 14th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

His many ringing associates will be delighted to learn of the continued good progress back to full health of Mr. Henry Stalham. He has for two months been confined to his room, but has now returned to his much-loved St. Nicholas' belfry. He was present before his birthday peal attempt, and, sitting in the church, heard the homing courses of the peal rung to honour his 91st birthday.

Comments Prof. Dodge on 'Metal Strips for Stays': 'Like the ones my granny used to wear.'

Miss Florence E. Wyman has a few vacancies for her Northern Ireland tour, starting on July 14th.

The Editor acknowledges the gift of £1 for Guildford Cathedral Bells Appeal from 'Just one of your friends.'

An all-ladies' peal had been planned for Moreton Corbet, Shropshire, on March 16th, but in the end Mr. Harry Poyner was called in and, needless to say, called it successfully.

The seventh bell at Littleham, South Devon, which cracked last year has been recast and rehung and was rededicated on March 14th. Local ringers are hoping for a revival of interest now the octave is complete.

Congratulations to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on ringing their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It was not achieved at the first attempt; in fact it had been one of the Association's ambitions during the past two or three years.

The Rev. Eric B. Wood, formerly curate at Leatherhead and a popular member of the Clerical Guild, has rung his first peal on the bells of his new parish, Mepledurham, Oxon. He rang the third to ten Minor methods on March 16th.

A correspondent, who has had a long association with Trysull, Staffs, where he rang four peals, questions the accuracy of the footnote of the peal rung there (see page 163). He writes: 'If Arthur Wharton died in 1949, I spent eight years ringing for Sunday services with a most amiable and substantial ghost.'

Mr. Alan Carveth, the genial president of the Truro Guild, some time ago completed all the ringable towers in Cornwall, and now guards the cherished hope that he may one day score a peal on all the rings. Helston, however, seems to be strangely difficult to overcome. On March 9th his fifth attempt failed there. With Parker's Twelve-Part chosen for safety it must have been rather mystifying to see from the tenor seven old hands let you down with only the last quarter to go. Attempt number six has been provisionally arranged for 'one evening in the summer.' May luck be with Alan!

We are asked to state that the handbell peal on page 164 was rung at Swithland, and not Rothley as printed.

A correspondent asks for a list of bell records or recordings. Could any reader oblige?

The peal at Hemingford Abbots on page 203 was Beverley Surprise Minor, and not Major as published. Regrets by all concerned.

Spalding (Lincs) ringers visiting Suffolk in search of peals on March 16th would like to thank Mr. J. E. Allen for being 'trapped' into two peals in a day, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brett for the arrangements and tea, and commiserate with Mr. R. C. Noon, who missed the jaunt through illness.

The Rev. H. Oxley, chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has left to go to Lerwick, Shetland Islands. His successor, elected on March 16th, is the Rev. Peter Wilkins, Vicar of Cassington.

Owing to his duties as churchwarden preventing him from fully participating in the service ringing at Farnham Parish Church (he misses the last quarter of an hour), Mr. C. W. Denyer has resigned the captaincy of Farnham (Surrey) tower. His successor is Mr. Richard North, with Mr. Dudley Elsmore as vice-captain. There is a new secretary in Miss Ann Sweeney, formerly of Southampton, who is a child welfare officer at Aldershot.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

*†ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Treble*	*‡GEORGE S. DEAS	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*W. NORMAN PARK	8
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	*KENNETH LAWSON	9
*CHARLES N. LEA	4	ROLAND PARK	10
*KENNETH ARTHUR	5	BRYAN PATTISON	11
*ROBIN G. TURNER	6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 100th peal. ‡ 200th peal. First of Cambridge Maximus as conductor. First of Cambridge Maximus by a resident band of this Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

GEOFFREY HARRISON	*Treble*	JOHN SIMMONS	6
ROYSTON BLACKLER	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
DENNIS KNOX	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	8
DEREK FRANCIS	4	DAVID P. HILLING	9
A. JAMES GLASS	5	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.
First peal on ten as conductor.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 48 lb. in E.

*CAROLYN VIBERT	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS	2	†RAYMOND HAINES	7
ANN M. COX	3	DAVID E. HOUSE	8
†JOHN R. FAITHFULL	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK DARBY. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Surprise Royal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Jessie M. Kippin.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

J. RICHARD WILSON	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	6
LEONARD STILWELL	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	3	BERNARD G. NORTH	8
*ANGELA M. WRIGHT	4	JOHN A. HOWARD	9
†BERNARD J. STONE	5	†ROBERT WAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal. † First of Royal.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the 91st birthday of Henry Stalham.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

*DAVID G. WILFORD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. HARDY	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	A. JAMES POYNER	7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	8
ALAN E. HARTLEY	4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	9
*G. BARRY BROWN	5	R. KINGSLEY MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

DAVID K. PUTNAM	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*ERNEST J. LADD	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	MONTY W. GILBERT	7
MARGARET A. LADD	4	MARTIN L. HOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.
* 25th peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*ALISTAIR MACFADYEN	*Treble*	MONTY W. GILBERT	5
MARTIN L. HOWE	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
†CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	7
DAVID K. PUTNAM	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.
* First peal. † First of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

MALCOLM M. POWELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HOBBS	5
JACQUELINE A. HOBBS	2	DAVID J. FORDER	6
*HUGH N. EVANS	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS	4	DAVID E. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Arranged and rung for the ringers of 2 and 5, on honeymoon.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	BARRY E. SAUNDERS	6
MARGARET A. WILSON	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
DAVID BURBIDGE	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

P. J. BRYAN (St. John's)	*Treble*	J. M. H. HUNTER (Trinity)	5
S. C. WALTERS (Pembroke)	2	C. H. ROGERS (Emmanuel)	6
I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse)	3	A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	7
D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse)	4	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*JANE B. TUFFIN	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
JUDITH M. ATKINSON	2	HENRY TAYSOM	6
*†JANET D. PHILLIPS	3	ANTONY R. KENCH	7
C. MARTIN FOSTER	4	PETER BRIDLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.
* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.'

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARGARET M. JONES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
JOSEPHINE D. HARDY	2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	6
PAULINE FENNELL	3	JOHN C. EISEL	7
ANDREW J. CORBY	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER (modified).
Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first ringing on the eight bells, which took place on Monday, March 14th, 1763. The first peal on the bells (5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours 23 minutes, conducted by James Barham) was rung on March 15th, 1763.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 HAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	PETER J. COLES	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.
A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
FRANCES LOW	2	†DAVID P. HILLING	6
CYRIL F. LOW	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
PHILIP H. D. JONES	4	*J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Arranged by S. BURTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	WALTER RUFFLES	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	CYRIL R. BURRILL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS	*Treble*	A. DAVID LEACH	5
*JUDITH M. GEIRINGER	2	ALAN R. MILLIDGE	6
ALISON M. MANN	3	MICHAEL J. BANGHAM	7
†MARGARET E. FORT	4	DAVID C. BROOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DAVID C. BROOKES.
* First peal on eight. † First on eight 'inside.' First as conductor at first attempt.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	3	RALPH W. BICKERS	7
WINSTON S. GIRLING	4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WALTER W. MILLAR	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	CYRIL R. BURRILL	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

CEDRIS. F. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	*PETER J. BROWN	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	7
RAYMOND SMITH	4	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in memoriam Henry Hubball, a ringer at this church for over 55 years, who was interred in Netherton churchyard the Saturday previous; also Ernest Stitch, of Wolverhampton and South Wales, who died on March 10th. Both were members of the Guild for many years.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	5
DAVID SHEPPARD	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	6
RONALD R. WARFORD	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*JOHN POTTS	4	ALAN SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 75th peal.
A birthday peal for the conductor's daughters, Katharine and Penelope.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

CHARLES J. TURNER	*Treble*	CYRIL C. DEEM	5
JACK ARBURY	2	JOHN QUICK	6
KENNETH T. CLARK	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
COLIN C. TURNER	4	CHARLES W. GLANVILLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
Rung as a compliment to Louis A. Wilson for his 87th birthday.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., March 17, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYRIAC AND JULETTA,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 106 lb. in G.

JEAN M. BARNETT	*Treble*	CAROLYN VIBERT	5
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
First peal in the method on the bells, and for the Guild, and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*DAVID OSENTON	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	JOHN W. COLEMAN	5
CHRISTOPHER OSENTON	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in seven methods.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Ronald W. Gibbons	*Treble*	Albert W. Stone	4
Carol Urry	2	Peter J. Hawcock	5
Michael R. Bennett	3	†Aubrey G. Eveleigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.
* 25th peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a 96th birthday compliment to Mrs. Sansome, of Church Lawford.

BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 28 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2 and 3) St. Simon's, (4 and 5) Eynsham, (6 and 7) Cassington, (8 and 9) St. Albans, (10 and 11) St. Martin's, (12 and 13) St. Leonard's, (14 and 15) St. Peter's, (16 and 17) St. Paul's, (18 and 19) St. Nicholas', (20 and 21) St. Andrew's, (22 and 23) St. Thomas', (24 and 25) St. Giles', (26 and 27) Winchendon Place Bob, (28 and 29) St. John's, (30) St. Luke's, (31) St. Miles', (32) Plain Bob, (33) April Day, (34) Old, (35) Kennington, (36) Norfolk, (37) Dedworth Bob, (38) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40) St. Columb's, (41) Southrepps Pleasure, (42) Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Christopher C. Clarke	*Treble*	Barry J. Davies	3
*Robert A. Reeves	2	*Edward R. Venn	4
Michael W. Coleman	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal in 28 Doubles methods/variations. First in 28 methods/variations as conductor. Most methods/variations yet rung on the bells.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*George Brandrick	*Treble*	A. Maxwell Lindsey	4
Michael E. Brown	2	John Watkins	5
Brian L. Burrows	3	William Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

*Christine M. Fuller	*Treble*	*Philip Pope	4
*Jill M. Lenham	2	Thos. M. Barlow	5
*Rosemary Earl	3	Alan R. Baldock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Plain Bob. First of Minor by all except the conductor. First of Minor as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*Derek Peers	*Treble*	Geoffrey N. Goodall	4
Leonard Goodall	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
Eileen J. Osborne	3	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal. First of London Minor by all.

HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Florence Chester	*Treble*	Alan Jewitt	4
†William Brett	2	*Roger A. Smith	5
Alec Wilson	3	Fredk. J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fredk. J. Jackson.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Warburton ond Miss J. M. Brett.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Maurice C. Hughes	*Treble*	†Michael Hart	4
*Linda M. Hughes	2	*John K. Foot	5
Pamela M. Turner	3	‡Ian C. Maycock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise. ‡ First in the method.
A 62nd birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Sabin, a ringer at this church.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being the following extents: (1) Reverse Canterbury, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) St. Clement's.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Michael W. Coleman	*Treble*	Barry J. Davies	4
Ronald K. Russ	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Rev. Eric B. Wood	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Gwen M. Newman	*Treble*	Margaret M. Roden	4
†Marian Cotton	2	Mary C. Poyner	5
Cynthia Warrilow	3	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

PANGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*Susan Burt	*Treble*	Ronald K. Russ	4
Barry J. Davies	2	Howard Oglesby	5
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael W. Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal attempt. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Marple Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise; 39 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	4
Sidney Hough, jun.	2	Alexander Richardson	5
Ivor Jenkins	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
A farewell peal for the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Chapman) and Mrs. Chapman.

QUINTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Hart	*Treble*	Ian C. Maycock	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	John K. Foot	5
Linda M. Hughes	3	Maurice C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
A wedding compliment to Robert Hughes, local Ringing Master.

ST. MARTIN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Bryan Schofield	*Treble*	†Ernest Pimlott	4
*F. George Forrester	2	Harold Worrall	5
John Ryder	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in two methods away from treble. † 75th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and seven of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

*TIMOTHY R. WHITTOME..	*Treble*	†KENNETH G. WALLER ..	4
RAMON A. STONE	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ..	5
MARY E. WHITE	3	*L. J. MARTIN SMITH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. Most methods to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

F. GEORGE FORRESTER ..	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT..	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
BRYAN SCHOFIELD	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., March 8, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT WHEWELL'S COURT, TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH 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 VIVIAN NUTTON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild. First as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, London Scholars', College Exercise, Oxford, and one Spliced extent each of Sandal and Oxford, and Sandal, London Scholars' and Oxford.
Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The most Treble Bob methods yet rung to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	1—2	*ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3—4	*ANTHONY R. MANN.. ..	7—8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major 'in hand.'

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
(The Humphrey Perkins Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., March 18, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 34, SWITHLAND LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 20 methods: (1 and 2) April Day and Seighford, (3 and 4) Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston, (5 and 6) Eynsham and Elford, (7 and 8) St. Andrew and Austrey, (9 and 10) St. Leonard and Shareshill, (11 and 12) St. John and Ryton, (13 and 14) Plain Bob, (15 and 16) Kennington, (17 and 18) Old Bob, (19 and 20) Southrepps, (21 and 22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23 and 24) St. Columb, (25 and 26) Plain Bob, (27 and 28) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (29 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL W. BROWN.. .. 5—6
Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

HALF PEALS

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 28th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. L. Squires 2, T. A. Relf 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, J. R. Holmes 5, H. R. Woods 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Relf.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On March 16th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Susan Ellenor (first of Major) 1, D. J. White 2, B. R. Walton 3, Mary White 4, Cherry White 5, K. Sansom 6, D. M. Hughes 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On March 15th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Clubley 1, C. Carter 2, M. Hodge 3, T. Paige 4, R. W. Ellaway 5, C. Rowson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Society for the school quater-centenary year.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. D. Faircloth 1—2, R. G. Crosland 3—4, A. M. Macve (cond.) 5—6. First quarter in two methods 'in hand' by all the band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Diana Gough (cond.) 2, Frances Gilbert 3, Susan Waterhouse 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. Gilbert (first on tenor) 6. First in method for all the band. Rung as a farewell to Roger and Frances Gilbert, former members of the band, who have now moved away from this district.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. W. Robinson 1, H. E. Turner 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, A. C. Best 4, S. A. Turner 5, F. Welch 6.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Fright 1, Josephine Hardy 2, M. Betty John (first quarter) 3, Margaret Jones 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. White 6. For Evensong. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first ringing on the eight bells, March 14th, 1763. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (68 behind): Betty John 1, Margaret Jones 2, Rita Gould 4, Josephine 5, D. Rundle 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. For morning service. The conductor's 50th quarter (conducted 15).

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Mrs. J. M. Hampton 2, C. W. Ottley 3, J. A. Hales 4, A. J. Hampton 5, E. E. Dodds 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. E. Foot 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Wood 1, P. Philps 2, F. Goodearl 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, Dence 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On March 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Gillian Webb (St. Hild's) 1, L. Pizzey (St. John's) 2, R. Roff (Bede) 3, Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) 4, J. Kennett (University) 5, P. Newing (St. John's, cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and the birthday of the ringer of the third.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, S. C. King 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Froley 8. Rung as a tribute of respect to Mr. Ernest Stitch, who had a long association with this tower, having rung 80 peals on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 17th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (4 methods): B. Baverstock 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, Janet D. Phillips 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, D. M. Sawyer 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hancock 1, G. W Holland 2, A. Stanton 3, J. Linnell 4, R. A. Vickers 5, D. Burbidge 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8.

BURITON, HANTS.—On March 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maureen White 1, A. S. Bishop 2, K. Sansom 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton 5, D. J. White (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull (cond.) 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in memoriam George Hollingsbee, aged 82, a former Horley and Burstow ringer.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: C. Woolley (cond.) 1, R. Rowley 2, Jennifer Green 3, T. Clark 4, H. Timms 5, V. Green 6, P. Windley 7, J. Rootes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. W. Clark, father of the ringer of the fourth and formerly for many years churchwarden; also for Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On March 11th, at 39, Titian Avenue, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Woolley 1—2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Sara K. D. Woolley (first quarter) 5—6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On March 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Lambert 1, M. Chowns 2, K. Stubbs 3, E. R. Lambert 4, J. Linnell 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 2.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. J. Boultbee 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Dr. L. E. Wear (first of Surprise) 4, K. E. Pinney 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, Church, on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Osborne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Osborne (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Beavers 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Hitchins 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, J. W. T. Hibbert 3, W. H. Coles 4, W. Hibbert 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton 7, H. R. Wells 8. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of Miss Patricia E. Hibbert.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke Parker 2, D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. Ivings 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7. For morning service, preacher Bishop of St. Edmundsbury.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary March 1, Marion Andrews 2, Bridget Sanger 3, A. J. Sanger 4, D. M. C. Hills 5, M. V. White 6, J. R. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. For morning service, and to mark the 14th anniversary of the dedication of the new ring of ten.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, R. Broadest 2, A. V. Davis 3, D. Wilson 4, R. Sheppard 5, F. Southwood 6, R. Haines (capt.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8. Also on March 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Baverstock (first on eight) 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, A. V. Davis 3, E. Mould 4, R. Sheppard (first of Bob Major) 5, A. Price 6, F. Southwood 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Joan Gainey 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, B. Spiers 5, R. Clarke 6.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Fromm (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, Susan Wilson (first 'inside') 3, R. P. Woods (cond.) 4, L. Stilwell 5, D. Weaver 6, J. R. Wilson 7, H. Weaver 8. For Evensong.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, W. J. Marlow 2, B. Garrett 3, H. E. Balaam 4, J. Chesterman 5, J. Weaver 6, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 7, J. J. Hill (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John B. Woodley, for many years a ringer at this church.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Andrew's, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: I. M. Smith 1, Claire Dillamore 2, R. M. Damerell 3, P. J. Bryan 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, S. C. Walkers 7, J. R. Hough (cond.) 8. Also on March 3rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. E. Bishop 1, Clare Dillamore 2, I. M. Smith 3, P. J. Bryan 4, V. Nutton 5, R. M. Damerell 6, C. H. Rogers 7, J. R. Hough (cond.) 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Clements 1, D. A. Burt 2, T. Gray 3, Miss K. Russell (first quarter) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, G. J. Sheppard 6, P. W. Weeks 7, A. E. Sheppard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Fields, local ringer, interred this day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Robinson 1, P. D. Pope 2, F. H. Beeney 3, G. Beeney 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, H. C. Goldsmith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Blackman, 50 years a ringer, 25 years captain of this tower and grandfather of the ringer of 5.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 April Day Doubles: Jane Dowse 1, J. Heaps 2, R. D. Marsh 3, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong, and for the christening of Karen Longley. Also on March 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Barker (first quarter) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heaps 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hatchett 1, C. Rimmer 2, D. Saunderson 3, R. Castledine 4, E. Edmundson 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7. First in method 1 and 3. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

LEICESTER.—On March 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Block 1, Christine Sanders 2, D. McLeod 3, M. G. Swift 4, J. E. Cooke 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the University Society to the respected memory of Prof. A. G. Poole, B.Sc., Ph.D., late Professor of Economics at Leicester.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Ellisdon 1, T. Earle 2, Miss P. Fox 3, A. Faulkner 4, Miss V. Hester 5, A. White 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, F. Mills 8. First in the method 4 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. Mack (cond.) 1, J. West 2, P. Gatter 3, J. Gatter 4, R. Gatter 5, F. Williams 6, H. West 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to E. A. (Ted) Piper, a member of the tower for over 50 years and who died on Feb. 26th.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, R. Barks 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, S. Lewis 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. T. Sawyer and Miss J. Parkman, both Sunday school teachers and choristers at this church.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (alteration of hunts, each working bell taking 2 extents): J. Sage 1, T. J. Thorne 2, Miss M. Sage 3, E. W. Broom 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5, A. W. Sage 6.

MANCHESTER.—On March 10th, at 80, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Baldwin 1—2, E. F. P. Bryant 3—4, N. J. Davies 5—6. Non-conducted.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. G. Chester (first quarter) 1, M. Brown 2, A. W. Johnson 3, J. Fuller 4, R. A. G. Inglis (first as cond.) 5. Rung on the middle five.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): J. F. Statham 1, R. J. Stretton 2, D. Kingman 3, K. W. Price (cond.) 4, A. Laughton 5, H. Kingman 6. First in two methods for 3, 5, 6. For Evensong, and St. Patrick's Day.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,320 Plian Bob Doubles: Helen Henderson 1, I. J. Page 2, Anne Cowling 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, J. J. Roper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hill (first quarter) 6. Rung to honour Archbishop Mannix, on the occasion of his 100th St. Patrick's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Wooldridge 1, A. E. Morgan 2, V. Hubble 3, W. Davies 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6, C. F. Jukes 7, R. J. Chance 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Henry Hubball, for more than 55 years a ringer at this church, who died on March 4th.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie J. Wilson 1, Eleanor Rose 2, D. Pritchett 3, J. R. Pratchett 4, Margaret E. Chilton (first as cond.) 5, D. Simpson 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On March 17th, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: R. E. Talkis sen. 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, M. S. Hart 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. K. Foot 7, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Frost 1, B. T. Ford 2, C. Griffiths 3, H. Griffiths 4, J. A. Roden 5, A. S. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Stitch, a member of the band before moving to Porthcawl.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on March 2nd, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, J. Bird (first in method) 3, J. Roffe 4, J. H. Bluff 5, G. S. Bush (first 'inside') 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary White.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,272 Stedman Caters: D. F. Wheeler 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, F. E. Day 3, J. W. Perkins (first of Stedman Caters) 4, D. R. Bould 5, A. W. Myers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Millidge (first on eight as cond.) 1, C. F. Mew 2, B. H. Coatsworth 3, L. W. Allen 4, Alison M. Mann 5, Margaret E. Fort 6, M. J. Uphill 7, D. C. Brookes 8.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Roughley 1, P. J. Henry 2, T. D. Roughley 3, J. Ellison 4, C. Blackburn (cond.) 5, T. Singleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. Taylor, Vicar of this parish for 15 years until his retirement in 1961, who died on March 2nd.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, M. Sinden 6, A. House 7, P. Sloman 8. For Evensong.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Kathleen Yardley 1, Pamela Cox 2, M. J. Keyworth 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Florence Keyworth, and also Mr. F. Bishop, lately president of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild and one time tower captain at this church.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, Cynthia Webb 2, W. Simpson 3, C. Geary 4, D. Camm (first of Triples 'inside') 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. F. Bowler 1, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 2, F. R. Scott 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, D. K. Walters 5, B. T. Lister 6, A. D. Rivers 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward 10. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Yvonne Patheyjohns 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, J. F. Bowler 3, W. Birmingham (cond.) 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward 6, D. P. Hilling 7, A. D. Rivers 8. First in the method 1 and 3.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Heard 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. For morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the churchwarden's wife, also 16th birthday of Penelope Stacey, daughter of the conductor.

HOLY WEEK

Will readers please note that notices for Holy Week must reach 'The Ringing World' Office by Saturday, April 6th? Publication is being advanced that week by one day.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, A. M. Johnson (cond.) 3, D. Brock 4, D. M. Boniface 5, P. V. Cranham 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, J. Thorne 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, H. Shires 4, E. Edmondson (cond.) 5, F. Bailey 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the former Rector of Tewin, Rev. Derrick Burke.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Jan 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Jennings (first quarter) 1, Mary Marshall 2, T. Price 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, T. Price 2, A. Stacey 3, R. Rex. 4, W. Butler 5, A. Christopher 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Christopher (first on treble) 1, Mary Marshall 2, A. Stacey 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler 5, T. Price (first as cond.) 6. Also on March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Murduck 1, R. Rex 2, J. Pares (first of Major) 3, Mary Marshall 4, P. Murduck 5, G. Weston 6, R. Christopher 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On March 16th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: S. C. Walters 1, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 2, C. H. Rogers 3, J. W. Ward 4, P. J. Bryan 5, C. J. Rees 6, R. M. Damerell 7, A. S. Hudson 8. First in method for 2, 5, 6. Also 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. M. Damerell 1, C. J. Rees 2, P. J. Bryan 3, J. M. H. Hunter 4, S. C. Walters 5, C. H. Rogers (first in method as cond.) 6.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. S. Moore 1, J. M. Morley 2, H. Thomas 3, R. Clarke 4, D. Moore (cond.) 5, W. Smalley (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day before Evensong.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Stubbs 1, Miss M. Viner 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, E. Goater 4, K. Harrison 5, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate K. Harrison and Miss M. Viner, on their engagement on her 21st birthday.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Kathleen Fuller 1, R. J. Fuller 2, T. M. Barlow 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, D. R. Fuller (25th quarter) 5, J. W. Evans 6. First in the method by all.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. J. Butcher 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, Betty M. Butler 3, A. W. Fuller 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Strange 1, Miss V. Rees (first 'inside') 2, D. A. Smith 3, S. Howard 4, Rev. N. J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Cox 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung by candlelight during a power cut as a wedding compliment to Miss B. C. Neal and Mr. R. L. Harbut, both members of the band, who were married at West Tarring earlier in the day.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Percy 1, B. Linacre (first of Minor) 2, Janet Biscoe (first of Minor) 3, G. Pullinger 4, Janet Percy (first as cond in method) 5, R. Percy 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to the mother of the ringer of the third. First of Minor by Sunday service band.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Killamarsh T.B.: P. W. Hawcock 1, J. C. Shonfeld 2, C. R. Daft 3, R. Benfield 4, P. J. Hawcock 5, P. Humphrey (first as cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. Birthday compliment to C. R. Daft. Also on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Benfield 1, M. Poppleston 2, S. Poppleston (first quarter) 3, E. Shuttleworth 4, S. Humphrey 5, J. C. Shonfeld (first as cond.) 6.

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ENGAGEMENTS

DOWSE—LIVESEY.—The engagement is announced between William Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dowse, of 4, Rushton Drive, Marple, Chesbire, and Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Livesey, of 416, Wilmslow Road, Cheadle, Cheshire. 2193

LEWIS—SNELL.—The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr. A. Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis, of Hartlepool, and Rachel, elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Snell, of Wolstanton, Staffs. 2185

DEATHS

CAMP.—George, late ringer Fryerning tower. Funeral service at Fryerning Church, Saturday, March 30th, 10.30 a.m., followed by cremation (private). 2218

COCKEY.—On March 23rd, 1963, at St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, very peacefully, Annie Gordon, beloved wife of J. E. Lewis Cockey. Funeral was at Christ Church, Swindon, March 28th. 2216

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Basil W. White is now Dunster, 9B, Burwood Road, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Telephone No. Walton-on-Thames 25548. 2208

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

A FEW vacancies for Northern Ireland tour, July 14th to 21st, 1963. No peals.—S.A.E. to F. E. Wyman, 73, New Farthingdale, Dormansland, Surrey. 2199

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—Practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2215

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will any member interested in joining the cycling (August 10th-17th) or sailing (Norfolk Broads, August 17th-24th) holidays, please communicate with J. C. Baldwin, 80, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester 16, not later than April 15th. 2217

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS.—The summer tour will now terminate in Exeter, and not Plymouth as originally planned. Twelve-bell men, please note.—D. G. A., Sec. 2183

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—First practice next term, April 23rd. All members wishing to receive Whit tour (Leicestershire) details when the latter materialise should contact me if they have not already done so.—N. J. Davies, Medical College, Turner Street, E.1. 2178

WANTED.—A copy of 'Surrey Bells and London Bellfounders,' by J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (1884). Please state price and condition to Jeffrey Bills, 23, Orchard Avenue, Woodham, Weybridge, Surrey. 2210

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MEETING POSTPONED

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting arranged for New Romney, April 6th, **postponed**, owing to illness. 2195

MEETINGS

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

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

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 to Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. 2163

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, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 2209

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

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 to 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.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2102

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, Monday, April 1st, at St. John's-on-the-Wall. Bells (6) 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 2200

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 1st, 7 p.m. 2176

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in April, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral; 16th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 2207

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at Yatton on Tuesday, April 2nd, 7 p.m. start.—H. Kingcott. 2198

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Brighouse on April 6th. Names for teas to Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. 2167

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moorlinch, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 2220

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Upper Weston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss E. Anstey, 3, Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath, by April 3rd, please.—Alan Lee, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting, Harrold, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: College Exercise and St. Clement's. Names for tea, please, by April 3rd to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Beds.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by showing of film 'Ringers Required.' Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. Agenda for Extraordinary Business Meeting includes amendment of Rules and other matters referred from annual meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at Burwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2202

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stone (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, April 6th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 2182

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock on April 6th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcomed.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Mill Way, Bushey 2204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, joint with LADIES' GUILD, Kent Branch, annual meeting 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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness & Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, April 6th. 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby. 2219

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cupts of tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Please note: closing date for competition entries is April 1st.—J. Pilkington. 2189

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithey Lane, Aughton. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 2170

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, April 6th at Evington. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Room. Names for tea to Miss R. Tailby, 34, Earlswood Road, Evington, by April 3rd. Thurnby bells (6) available 6.30 p.m.—A. J. Poynor. 2109

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, April 6th, Edmonton. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2177

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, April 6th, Alton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 3rd, to Mr. T. Swinson, Gallows Green, Alton, Stoke-on-Trent. **No names no** tea.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 2144

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice. Old Bradwell, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) from 5.45 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 2151

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, April 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 2212

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Orlingbury (5), April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Pytchley (5) afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. B. Butler, Orlingbury, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 2206

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Boldmere on April 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2197

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 6th, Warminster. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 1826

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2214

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, April 3rd, to E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. T.N. 438. 2186

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—A. F. Balkam, Dis. Sec. 2203

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Section.—Meeting, Glasbury, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon. —M. R. T.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Corporate Communion, Thursday, April 11th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's, Broad Street, 7.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—Alan Lee, Sec. 2160

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Kislingbury, Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea, not later than previous Tuesday, to Mr. D. West, 18, Sandy Lane, Kislingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 2201

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells available 1 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 A.G.M. 5.30 p.m.

Imperative that those requiring tea inform Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland, on or before April 11th, as there will be no other means of obtaining refreshment. 2184

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

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Staveley, Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 13th, **please,** to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Derbys.—M. Phipps, J. Seager, Secs. 2190

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon, Easter Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements—Route 1: Woodston (6) 10 to 11 a.m., Stanground (6) 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Whittlesey St. Mary (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Whittlesey St. Andrew (8) 12.30-1.45, Warboys (6) 1.30-3, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 3.45-4.15 p.m.; Route 2: Somersham (6) 10-11.30 a.m., Holywell (6) 11 a.m.-12 noon, St. Ives (8) 12 noon-1.30 p.m., Fenstanton (5) 1-2, Hemingford Grey (6) 1.45-2.45, Hemingford Abbots (6) 2.15-3.15, Godmanchester (8) 2.45-4, Huntingdon All Saints' 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15, Huntingdon All Saints'. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with stamped, addressed envelope, from Gen. Sec. Huntingdon St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon All Saints' and Brampton (6) towers open after tea. Ringing Masters will be in every tower.—H. S. Peacock, General Secretary, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2194

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

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963. Bells 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Cathedral bells and St. John's, Cardiff, available after meeting. Numbers for tea, **please,** by Tuesday, April 9th, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 2129

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, July 6th, 1963, advance notice of arrangements as they stand at present. Bells: Rushmere (6) and St. Matthew's (6), 10-11 a.m.; St. Lawrence's (5) 11-11.30 a.m.; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Clement's (6), 1.30-2.15; St. Mary at Quay (6), 2.15-3; St. Margaret's (8), 3-4.15; St. Clement's and St. Mary at Quay 6.30. Also two evening tours to six other towers, beginning at 6.30 p.m. (own transport necessary). Committee meeting 1.30. Tea and business meeting 4.45 in Garrett Memorial Hall. Service 4.15 p.m., St. Margaret's. Everybody welcome.—A. E. J. L. 2196

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LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

There was an extremely good attendance at the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Thetford on March 16th, when 1¼ hour's ringing preceded the service in St. Peter's Church.

Tea, in the British Legion Hall, was followed by the business meeting, with a rather lengthy agenda. The retiring officers were re-elected, and the arrangements for the Guild annual meeting discussed.

After the meeting the majority of those present went to Euston, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. Our thanks go to the Rev. H. R. Mumford, of Thetford, Mr. H. Fuller and Mrs. Ivings, for their help in making the meeting so successful. A. E. J. L.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Winford on March 9th, when the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. R. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Kingcott. Two new members from Wrington were also elected.

It was agreed to have a joint quarterly meeting with South Wales District in October. Subject to confirmation the other quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: June, Somerton: December, Radstock; and the annual at Blagdon in March. Evening practices, also subject to confirmation, were arranged for: April, Yatton; May, St. Mark's, Bath; July, Colerne; and August, High Littleton.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Penny, who gave an interesting talk on bells and their uses. Mr. York and his lady helpers provided an excellent tea and afterwards the vice-president thanked everyone for their co-operation. J. K.

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The Marlborough Branch met at Mildenhall on March 16th for its first monthly meeting of 1963. Due to the recent severe weather and the consequent difficulty in travelling in this somewhat scattered area, both the January meeting at Ramsbury, and the February one at Collingbourne Kingston had been cancelled.

A fairly good number gathered at Mildenhall, and welcome visitors were the Rev. A. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips, of Manningford Bruce, and representatives from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. This light and easy going ring of six was raised in peal and kept going in methods and rounds until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild service was held, conducted by the Rector of Mildenhall (Rev. E. G. Courtman). Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, was the organist. Tea was afterwards enjoyed in the Garden Room.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Newman presided, supported by Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary), and all present stood in silence in memory of two members who had died in the interval, Mr. W. Farmer, of Chisledon (former Branch secretary), and Mr. A. Hedges, of Ramsbury.

A statement of accounts, presented by Mr. Palmer, showed a loss on the year's working of just over £1, due to unforeseen expenses at a monthly meeting. There was, however, a healthy credit balance at the bank. The accounts were adopted.

Suggestions as to the venues for the next three meetings resulted in Ramsbury, Chisledon and Collingbourne Kingston being selected subject to permission.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks, moved by the chairman, the Rev. E. G. Courtman said that he thought it was the parishes themselves, with a ring of bells but no regular Sunday service band, who ought to thank the Guild for coming, as the sound of the bells was widely appreciated.

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