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## ABOUT OURSELVES

AS some of our readers will know, the editorial office has recently been moved to a new building at Robertson House, Leas Road, Guildford, but our postal address is still the same (c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford), with the same telephone number (Guildford 5028). The printing works are a seven minutes' walk from the editor's office, and this means that the close liaison which was possible because one only had to cross a corridor is not quite so easy. This may, therefore, be a convenient time to tell readers something of our method of working.

To be economical a modern rotary printing press must be used as near to capacity as is possible. Each publication produced on it must, therefore, have its regular day and time for the final printing. After that the pages have to be cut and stapled, and the postal copies must be given their addressed wrappers by each Wednesday morning. To fit in with these times the paper must be set up in its final form by Tuesday mid-day.

This means that in each week galley proofs of articles, peals, quarter peals, notices, etc., after being edited, must be set up and read by the preceding Friday, so that the editor's 'make-up' of the paper can be prepared. You, our contributors, can help to work to this timetable, and indeed many of you do. The Editor must often say to himself as he opens a letter: 'Ah! from so-and-so. He knows what we want.' Often, alas, he says, I am sure, something quite the contrary! So what follows is largely addressed to those new contributors who will, I am sure, be helpful when they know what is easiest for the Editor.

(1) If your contribution must for any reason be printed in a particular issue, try to get it to the Editor before the preceding week-end. It must arrive no later than first post on the Monday, and even then it may miss the press. Monday is for obvious reasons the heaviest day for mail—most newsworthy ringing is done on Saturdays and Sundays, and many people then have the time to write. While most of this mail may not be urgent, the Editor cannot know that until he has read it all.

(2) Do please send your varying items of news on separate sheets of paper, written on one side only. Sometimes a communication is received giving details on one sheet of paper of a peal, a quarter peal, perhaps a notice of meeting, perhaps a request for peal cards and often a piece of very welcome news for Belfry Gossip. Peals have to be sorted in date order and according to the number of bells involved; quarter peals in alphabetical order of places rung; quarter peal cards must be printed from a separate draft (in peal form); notices must be sorted, and those of meetings must be in date order and alphabetical order, and must be referenced for payment and according to the number of insertions required; the gossip items must also be separated from the rest. This could well involve so much copying out that, apart from the risk of mistakes, publication time may be missed.

(3) When you send details of a peal or quarter peal, check the form of your details against a recent copy of 'The Ringing World.' This will save the Editor having to alter it and will help you to include everything that is necessary. Further correspondence because the name of the town, or the association, or the conductor, or even the method, has been omitted can be expensive.

(4) If you want quarter peal cards, please enclose a second copy of the details, written out in 'peal' form.

(5) If you need to send a remittance with your letter, please check that you have remembered to enclose it.

(6) If you regularly send notices for publication on payment, open an account with our accountant, Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. You will save on poundage and will not miss a post because you have to go to the Post Office for a money order. You will also simplify the job of preparing your Association's annual accounts—the Editor will save the work of dealing with the money. Do make it clear in which issues you wish your notice to appear, and check that you have given all the details you want known.

Now, after all these do's and don'ts, may I say that I know the Editor is grateful for your support, both as readers and as contributors of news or money, and that he welcomes your letters. He may not always be able to print all you send—he may have to cut some of it; but he never takes such decisions lightly. If his postbag were empty there would be no news, and therefore no 'Ringing World.'

W. G. W.

# 326th Anniversary Dinner of College Youths' Society

THE MASTER QUOTES DIGNITY OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AS EXAMPLE TO BELFRIES —  
RECTOR OF BOW TAKES REFUGE IN PICTURES FROM PEAL ATTEMPT — C.Y. LIBRARY NOW  
AT ST. PAUL'S

THE tradition of 326 years was well maintained at the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 2nd. The double room was crowded to capacity when the Master, Mr. Michael V. Chilcott, made his dignified entry escorted by the senior steward, Mr. J. Phillips, and the junior steward, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows.

During the meal College Youths of 60 and over years' standing and those of 50 years' were honoured, and the Master also took wine with his officers. It was appropriate that on the top table there was a loving cup presented by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, the memorial service to whom many of those present had attended earlier in the day. The cup commemorated the tercentenary year of the Society, when Mr. Lewis was Master.

In offering a personal welcome to the company the Master said he knew for many of them it was the highlight of the ringing year, and he thanked them for their support in making it once again such a happy and successful occasion. He had a special welcome for Canon Hood, a member of the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral, who was attending for the first time, and also for Canon Thurlow, to whom he offered his congratulations on his election as president of the Central Council.

Coming to the subject of his toast, 'The Church,' the Master said an entertaining feature of these dinners some years ago was the annual skirmish which took place between several gentlemen from the North and South banks of the Thames. At one time it almost seemed as though a Holy War was being waged across London Bridge. The result now appeared to be an away win for the gentlemen of the North, following the posting to Guildford of one of the more aggressive South bankers (Bishop Reindorp). Perhaps the name of the conflict reached higher circles and it was felt that his departure would be in the best interest of Church unity in London.

## WASHING ST. PAUL'S FACE

Since last year St. Paul's had been attracting much attention: the Dean and Chapter had been washing its face. Perhaps it was their experience in caring for the young members of the choir school which led them to make a start with a good scrub behind the ears. It was, in fact, the right ear, in other words the bell tower, where this formidable task was begun, and the ringers had suffered some discomfort at times. A slow trickle of cold water down the back while ringing was not an aid to concentration. However, with the work of the west front now nearly complete, some really splendid results had been achieved and there must be many who, in these past few months, had looked at the Cathedral again with fresh eyes, and some who had been encouraged to pass inside.

This cleaning of the west front was only the latest of many works of restoration, modernisation and improvement that had been carried out at St. Paul's over a very long period. In all this work great care had been taken by men who loved the building to ensure that they had done nothing to mar, but rather enhance. Wren's masterpiece.

Pointing out that the Church today had to compete with the clamour of many commercial interests, the Master said one thing which could easily be lost was the Church's dignity. Dignity was, he felt, a most valuable quality, providing it did not tend to pomposity, for it commanded respect, and without the respect of the man in the street the Church could not be effective.

## DIGNITY AND RESPECT

'At St. Paul's a quiet dignity prevailed giving to its services a most impressive and moving quality. Their Society enjoyed the privilege



MR. MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT

of providing the ringers for St. Paul's, and it was therefore appropriate that they should maintain a similar dignity in their ringing and other affairs. This he thought they tried to do.

## EXAMPLE OF EDWIN LEWIS

Twenty-six years ago at their tercentenary dinner the chair was occupied by Edwin Lewis. That morning, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, many were present to pay tribute to his memory. He was a man who, in a very full life, found time to be a true servant of the Exercise. It was not in all of them to make such great contributions to ringing as he did. But they could follow his example of enthusiasm and wholehearted effort in their ringing. If they could do this they would have gone a long way towards making it a worthy advertisement for the Church: for this was what it should be, just as much as the west front of St. Paul's, or the soaring spire of St. Mary-le-Bow, or the lovely music of St. Michael's, Cornhill. 'So, remembering our audience,' concluded the Master, 'which has better ears than we often give it credit for, let us ensure that our ringing makes a real contribution to the Church's task of making its voice heard today.'

Canon F. Hood, chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, who replied, said until the invitation to the dinner arrived he knew very little about the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was preaching at a Harvest Festival in a small country church in Sussex and asked one of the young ringers if he was a member of their Society. He replied, 'No,' as if it was the most august thing in the world. It was not until he had their booklet and discovered the awful things they had to do before they were eligible to join that he realised the privilege of their membership.

Canon Hood said his own interest in bell-ringing began when he read 'The Nine Tailors.' He used to know Dorothy Sayers very well at Oxford. She looked like the Queen of Sheba and nobody could believe she was married.

'We at St. Paul's owe very much to the Society and it is a pleasure to me to meet and entertain you as part of our family and worship with you. All over the Commonwealth there are members of your Society, and our new Archdeacon, who was Dean of Christchurch, New Zealand, tells me they have 10 bells there and that when their ringers come over here you give them a great welcome. I visit America every year and I thought there were no bells there until Mr. Sharpe told me about Washington. I understand St. Paul's, Melbourne, has 12 bells—the only 12 outside of Britain, and that a ringer from that Cathedral is present (George W. Pipe).'

## THE CHIMES WOULD NOT STOP

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. J. McCulloch, Rector, St. Mary-le-Bow, who said he had a confession to make, that he now lived under Bow bells, which was a rather perilous sort of thing to do, particularly as they had new chimes, because they could not always get 12 men at 1.15 on Thursdays. As he was going to the service he pressed the button and away went the bells. But the thing would not stop. He began the service and could still hear the bells going like mad. They had masses of workmen overhead, but they could not stop the bells, which went on for over an hour. It did not occur to anyone to press the button harder—the bells would then go for eight minutes and stop. He came to the conclusion that it would be better to stick to 12 good men.

Next Saturday, he understood that the Society was proposing to ring a peal on Bow bells; he proposed to go to the pictures. (Laughter.) This was their 326th anniversary dinner and he thought there was a great future for the Society. For one thing they had discovered the spirit of comradeship. If this happened from pulling ropes carry on for a thousand years, 'but tell me in time and I will go to the pictures!'

The secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, before replying, gave the list of apologies. These were from Bishop Wand, Henry Hodgetts, Harry Miles, Alan R. Macdonald, A. York-Bramble, Russell Young (Groton, Mass), Richard W. Sumner, Albert A. Hughes, Cyril Watts (from Peking), Hervey Bagot (from Canberra), Michael Gathercole (Port of Spain) and Norman Harding. The telegram from Cyril Watts read, 'Best wishes for truly successful evening.' Another telegram of 'best wishes to all at the 326th anniversary dinner and compliments to the Master,' was received from Mr. H. A. Hughes. They would be pleased to know, said Mr. Chilcott, that he was recovering from his operation and hoped next year to be in his usual place.

He thought they could safely say that this year's dinner had been very successful and with 220 they had as many people as the room would hold.

## RIVAL THE BEATLES AT LIVERPOOL

During the year they had elected 39 new members. They did not count their growing strength in the number of members, but in the quality, and they valued the care, particularly of provincial members, in their selection of candidates. Their new members had come from 19 counties, of which the leading county was Lancashire. They elected seven from Lancashire (five from Liverpool) and soon they would have sufficient members there to ring on 12 bells. 'I am pleased to say that Liverpool can produce College Youths as well as breed Beatles.'

Since the last dinner, continued Mr. Chilcott, 18 peals had been rung in 11 counties, from Devon to Lancashire. These were Doubles 1, Triples 5, Major 3, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 4, Surprise Maximus 2, A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Tottenham in memoriam Edwin H. Lewis. Other in memoriam peals were for Samuel J. Hector, Alan A. Hilliar, Ernest Morris and one in thanksgiving for the life and work of Horace Belcher. A silent Stedman Cinques peal was rung at Cornhill on the 50th anniversary of the first silent Cinques on tower bells, of which Herbert Langdon was the sole survivor. The peal of Holt's Original at East Grinstead was for the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

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## College Youths' Dinner—Cont.

## LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood in silence while the following who had died were remembered: Alan A. Hilliar (joined 1948), Joseph A. Tomlinson (1948), Bertie W. Aldridge (1939), George Cook (1912), William G. Newberry (1930), Ernest Stitch (1948), Frank Oakshott (1950), William T. Prior (1898), Jack Lydiard (1936), Robert E. Coles (1949), Edward H. Adams (1890), Edwin H. Lewis (1903), Lewis W. Wiffin (1902), Herbert W. Lidbetter (1908), Thomas H. Taffender (1893), A. Charles Hazelden (1921).

The usual Sunday ringing had been maintained in the City, and also practices, continued Mr. Chilcott. They had their out-of-town meeting at Maidstone, which was a small but successful gathering. The Master had referred and congratulated Canon Gilbert Thurlow on his election as president of the Central Council—he would like to extend their congratulations to their old member, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, for his work as president of the Central Council and on the success of his visit to the United States.

That morning at the memorial service to Mr. Lewis it was believed that someone took a recording of the service. If that person was present would he contact Mr. Sharpe.

The provincial members would be interested that in the past year they had revised the rules of the Society in draft form. They did not affect the Society to any great extent, but it might affect the election of new members. The booking fee for peals was now 2s. a rope. They had received an invitation to hold their next provincial meeting at Cardiff, probably on June 6th, but the date would be announced in 'The Ringing World.' Next year's dinner would be held on October 31st.

The secretary thanked the officers and those who had catalogued the property of the Society, which was now housed in the ringing room in St. Paul's Cathedral. They had 178 volumes available for loan to members. They had a name book which was completely up to date and it was part of the bequest from the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards.

Concluding, he thanked the Master for an extremely good year and said in the next Master to be elected (Mr. J. Phillips) they had one who had done a lot for the ringing Exercise in London.

## CUMBERLAND AND C.Y. PEAL

In a witty speech Mr. J. D. Rock proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies.' Referring to Mr. McCulloch's proposal to visit the cinema during the peal attempt at Bow, Mr. Rock suggested that the film he should see was 'Beau Geste.' They had with them a member of the Cumberlands, who was the only Cumberland to have his name in a College Youth peal. He referred to Mr. E. A. Barnett, who umpired the silent peal. Speaking to kindred societies he welcomed Mr. Denis Beresford, as Master of the Cumberlands, and he thanked him and his brother, Peter, and sister, Joan, for all they had done for London ringing.

The Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry, Westminster Abbey, replied and expressed the debt of the Abbey authorities to Mr. H. Pitstow and his ringers. When he was learning to ring in a country parish the foreman exclaimed, 'Drat-en. Us can't teach-ee. Ee's a scholar.' He was married and his wife was a bellingring and he had learnt this essential lesson—to stand in the corner and say nothing. (Laughter.) Mr. F. E. Hansford, of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, replied for the kindred societies and said if they did not have the Ancients there would not be a lot of ringing today. In Bristol they had 30 members of the Ancient Society who did their stuff on Sundays and practice nights.

The concluding toast, 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was proposed by the Master. He said in 1663 ringing was in a very primitive stage, and their Society was very much in the nature of an exclusive sporting club and it included many men who held high office. They knew nothing about Samuel Weaver, the Master. In 1763 there were various clashes of personalities, and in this period the Society was split into two different parties. Unfortunately they had no record of the Master. The Master in 1863 was George S. Shurry. He was a member of the St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, band, and was not a particularly notable ringer, but he must have been regarded well by his fellows as in a period of five years he served as Master for four years. The toast was honoured in silence.

The customary course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Michael V. Chilcott 1—2, William T. Cook 3—4, Stewart F. W. Kimber 5—6, Wilfred Williams 7—8, John Chilcott 9—10, Michael P. Moreton 11—12.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master (Mr. M. V. Chilcott) and the honorary secretary (Mr. J. E. Chilcott) were:

A. J. Adams, J. Anderson, W. J. Arnold, M. J. Austin.

A. Bagworth, N. Bagworth, J. F. Bailey, T. N. J. Bailey, R. F. Baker, A. D. Barker, E. A. Barnett, L. Barry, J. Basher, A. W. Beard, D. Beaufoy, D. A. H. Bennett, P. S. Bennett, D. Beresford, P. J. Bird, F. D. Bishop, J. H. Bluff, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brightly, F. W. Bugden, D. Burnett, A. A. J. Buswell

J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. Carter, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, J. H. Chance, P. I. Chapman, J. W. Chapman, V. E. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, L. J. Cobb, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, E. H. Colley, F. E. Collins, R. J. Cook, W. T. Cook, C. Cooper, A. J. Corby, P. A. Corby, R. G. Cousins, J. H. Crampion, N. Crane, T. Crane, K. S. B. Croft.

D. T. Darby, F. E. Darby, A. J. Davey, R. Davies, S. O. Davies, L. Derrick, N. J. Diserens, J. E. Drewitt, Rev. G. R. Dunstan, J. R. J. Dyke.

M. Edney, H. C. Edwards, R. G. Edwards, T. P. Edwards.

E. G. Fenn, D. Floyd, E. T. Floyd Ewin, J. Fielden, R. Finch, E. Flintham, L. J. Fox, R. J. Fox, T. G. Fox, D. Fowles, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost.

Rev. G. C. Galley, E. G. Garrard, J. Gipson, W. C. Godwin, R. Goodwin, C. J. Gould, E. Gower, L. L. Gray, W. T. Grice.

R. Haines, R. Hanger, F. E. Hansford, E. S. J. Hatcher, J. S. Hawkins, J. L. G. Hayward, G. H. Harding, R. C. Heazel, D. M. Heighton, K. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, J. W. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, R. W. Hinde, E. J. Hitchens, L. E. Hitchens, Canon F. Hood, S. Holgate, M. G. Hooton, E. Holdsworth, D. Hughes, I. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, P. H. Hull, D. J. Hunt, E. R. Iveson.

D. Jenner, D. Jewell, P. J. Joyce.

A. R. Kench, J. R. Ketteringham, S. F. W. Kimber, W. H. Kingcott, D. Kingman, R. C. Kippin, F. C. W. Knight.

Dr. A. Leslie, N. H. Leslie, A. F. Lewry, J. Linnell, D. Llewellyn, J. H. Lott.

F. D. Mack, Rev. J. McCulloch, W. Manser, J. Marks, R. N. Marlow, A. G. Mason, J. S. Mason, G. W. Massey, R. B. Meadows, F. G. Mogford, E. G. Moore, M. P. Moreton, Rev. N. Motley, P. Murdock.

F. J. Nelson, R. T. Newman, C. E. Norris, R. E. Norris.

W. A. Osborn, C. W. Otley, R. F. Overington.

M. J. Parker, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, F. W. Perrens, J. Phillips, M. Phipps, H. A. Pinchbeck, C. W. Pipe, G. W. Pipe, H. N. Pitstow, J. G. A. Prior, M. J. Pryor.

D. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, T. Rea, A. D. Richards, J. D. L. Richards, V. G. Roberts, J. D. Rock, D. Rooke, H. T. Rooke, J. Rooke, A. Rose, E. J. Rowe.

G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, J. Seager, T. J. Setter, F. C. Sharpe, R. Sherlock, C. Simpson, J. F. Smallwood, I. M. Smith, L. R. H. Smith, K. G. Spavins, R. C. Stevens, A. J. Stimpson, A. N. Stubbs, G. E. Symonds.

C. Tester, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, M. J. Thomas, H. E. Thompson, B. D. Threlfall, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, A. M. Tyler.

A. F. Udall, R. Vickers.

P. Walker, S. C. Walters, J. A. Waugh, H. C. Weaver, J. O. Weller, F. A. H. Wilkins, W. Williams, C. E. Willington, A. C. Winn, B. R. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, T. W. White, B. J. Wyld.

W. A. Yates, D. G. Yeo.

## ANOTHER RING OF BELLS IN AFRICA

On St. Luke's Day a ring of four bells was dedicated in St. Luke's Church, Que Que, a small mining town in Southern Rhodesia. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Matabeleland (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Skelton), and the bells commemorate the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the present church.

To ring for the service four ringers from Salisbury Cathedral travelled nearly 200 miles. They were Peter Raynor (Ringing Master), James Milford, Colin Stevenson and Ken Cross, and they joined A. B. Berrington, of Selukwe, who has taken on the responsibility of instructing four very keen men.

The tower was built for six bells, but only sufficient money was raised for four bells, the sum subscribed being over £1,000.

The bells are named after four people who had long associations with Que Que, viz.:

Treble.—Janet (in memory of Mrs. Rebecca Janet Fowler, died 1959, having lived at Que Que since 1920).

Second.—John (in memory of Mr. John W. Reid, the town chemist, in the 1900's).

Third.—Ada (in memory of Mrs. Ada Sohr, teacher, who died in 1956).

Tenor.—Agnes, weighing 5½ cwt. (in memory of Mrs. Agnes Mullett, mother of a former Rector, the Rev. J. St. H. Mullett).

## HARLINGTON'S LEG OF PORK SUPPER

Overjoyed at Parliament being saved by the capture of Guy Fawkes, an unknown lady left ¼ acre of land at Harlington, Middlesex, to provide for the bells of the Parish Church to be rung on November 5th, and also to provide a leg of pork supper for the ringers. This has been faithfully observed since 1605, the only break being between 1939-1945.

A company of 26 ringers and friends attended the 359th Leg of Pork Supper on November 1st at Wistowe House, Hayes, the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Bartlett) being in the chair and proposing the loyal toast.

Mr. L. Grice (captain of the ringers) proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Unknown Donor.' 'The Bellingringers' was proposed by Miss Heather Walters and Miss Wendy Smith (vice-captain) replied that the standard of ringing had been good over last year, with the bells rung regularly on Sundays for Matins and Evensong. Mr. C. Fynes made an able reply for the visitors.

A fine entertainment was provided by the Rector at the piano, aided by the curates—the Revs. Paul Cain and David Bennett. 'This was the most youthful and entertaining Leg of Pork Supper I have attended in the post-war years,' concludes L. G.

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## Letters to the Editor

### At Washington Cathedral Opening of Bells

Dear Sir.—During a recent business trip to the United States I had the unexpected privilege and pleasure of taking part in the inaugural ringing of the new ten at Washington Cathedral, on Sunday, October 20th.

One does some pretty mad things for the sake of ringing, but that day was for me even madder than most. I was in Washington on the 18th and discovered that the bells were to be opened on the 20th, and asked to be at the Cathedral by 11.30 a.m.

On the Sunday I was in Clarksburg, W. Virginia, some 200 miles from Washington. Examination of the flight time tables showed that it was possible to get to Washington by way of Pittsburgh on a Sunday morning by 12.30. This seemed worth a try, although it was equivalent, say, to going from Bristol to Dover by way of Sheffield. Due partly to the time zoning in the U.S. and partly to my own stupidity I got to the flight barrier at Pittsburgh just in time to see the Washington plane take off. I was undecided whether to continue as there was not another plane for two hours, but decided to risk it. Eventually I arrived at Washington Cathedral as the ten were going in call changes and very good they sounded. Fortunately there was more ringing after that and I was privileged to take part in a couple of touches of Stedman Triples with the boys from Groton School, Mass. who had flown down especially for the week-end. It was a great pleasure to meet them, their Master, Russell Young, Warren Sturgis from New York, Richard Dirksen, the new captain at Washington, and to renew acquaintance with Harry Parkes.

The bells are hung Liverpool Cathedral style and, although the tower is only half the size of Liverpool, there was room enough for a great many curious people to watch the ringing and to applaud the conclusion of each touch. Amongst them was the Cathedral architect, to whom each new addition to this uncompleted building was clearly a delight. Already the Cathedral, on its commanding hill, is a landmark in Washington and when completed will be a wonderful sight.

Any ringer thinking of taking a job or a holiday in Washington will be more than welcome for there are a great many learners but insufficient experience available. Enthusiasm is not wanting.

The flight back to Clarksburg was less eventful and I estimated my full day's travelling had been 550 miles; the furthest I have ever been for Sunday service ringing and the first time by plane.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

### Long Length of Yorkshire Stopped

Dear Sir.—It was puzzling to me to read that after the attempt on the long length of Yorkshire Surprise Royal had been stopped after ringing seven courses (2,520 changes) owing to the required level of ringing not having been achieved, the band were able to ring two peals—Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major—immediately after.

Can one take it they were able to settle down quickly in these two peals, or was it that a lower level of ringing was considered to be quite acceptable in a mere 5,000 changes than in the longer length!—Yours, etc.,

W. J.

Oxon.

### First Peal in Scotland

Dear Sir,—I am very curious to know more about the peal mentioned by Mr. Frank Blagrove in his letter published on November 1st. He tells us that a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Triples was reported rung in 1859 on a 3½ cwt. ring of eight, installed in 1858, in Aberdeen, presumably in St. Nicholas' Church. Any owner of Dove will tell us that the only bells mentioned in Aberdeen are the nine chiming ones at the Roman Catholic Cathedral and the 48-bell carillon at St. Nicholas'—a fact confirmed by most Scottish ringers I have consulted on the subject.

The peal report and the information Mr. Blagrove gives us about the bells sound perfectly genuine, and give no cause to suggest any fabrication, so obviously the fact that these bells existed is no myth. Dove, however, would surely not overlook such a ring, were it there today, which leads one to the inevitable conclusion that at some time between now and 1859 these bells were removed.

My collection of 'R.W.s' does not, unfortunately, go back as far as 1958 so I cannot follow up Mr. Blagrove's recommendation to read the article 'Bells of Aberdeenshire'. I should be grateful if anyone would satisfy my curiosity and supply more information about the bells in addition to that already known by Mr. Blagrove.—Yours faithfully,

Airlie Hall, Dundee. PETER T. DALE.

### An American Parson Learning Ringing

Dear Sir.—At the quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild the Rev. Warwick Aiken, jun., interim Rector of the parish of Barton Seagrave, was elected an honorary member of the Guild and presented with its badge.

Mr. Aiken is an American on a one year's exchange with the Rev. L. Gurth Fothergill, of Barton Seagrave. Since arriving in this country last February, he has been a regular attendee at weekly practices and is now a useful member of the tower band.

He hopes to enlighten people in the U.S.A. on the very English custom of church bell ringing, and has already quite a number of stories relating to bell ringing to tell his American friends.

One of these is really quite amusing. He recently paid a visit to Warwick Castle and then to a church in the town, where a wedding was taking place. The bells were being rung in rounds. Another typical American tourist and his wife were also walking up the path at the same time, and Mr. Aiken heard this second American say, 'Can't that man up there play any other tune?'

To him, who already knows quite a bit about ringing, it was most amusing!

He also has quite a number of films of the bells in our tower and also shots of ringing taking place, as well as tape recordings of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Barton Seagrave. M. DOWNHAM.

### Withdrawn

Dear Sir.—Due to difficulties over membership, the peals at Lanbadarn Fawr, Machynlleth, Portmadoc, Bangor, Beaumaris, Rhyl and Ruabon, published in 'The Ringing World' of October 25th, as having been rung for the North Wales Association, cannot be credited to them. They must therefore be regarded as non-Association peals.—Yours faithfully,

Surbiton. R. G. LEALE.

### The Extreme South

Dear Sir,—Your contributor of Friday, November 1st, is mistaken in supposing that Cornwall has the most southerly rings of bells in the British Isles. According to Dove's Guide, there are three rings south of Cornwall; from north to south these are: St. Anne's, Alderney (6), St. Michel-du-Valle, Guernsey (6), and St. Peter Port, Guernsey (8). The Forest Church, Guernsey, has four bells, which I suspect are hung for ringing; if so, this is the most southerly ring in the British Isles.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

### 'Irony from Rutland'

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 1st, 1963, you report certain observations under 'Irony from Rutland,' on which I respectfully beg to comment.

Your correspondent appears to delight in 'taking the mickey' out of a report published in 'The Daily Mirror' concerning a peal to be rung at Oakham as part of the celebrations commemorating the county's victory to remain independent. Let it all have a giggle on this report, for surely anyone with knowledge of ringing would not take the article seriously. Rather than the reporter being misinformed, could it possibly be that the reporter misinterpreted the information he was given?

However, there is no justification for your correspondent to continue his satiric comments with regard to the ringers of Rutland. It is agreed that from the county a band could not be mustered to ring the proposed peal. After all, we are all dependent on one another from time to time. In a county where only two rings of eight exist, most of the ringing is centred in the five- and six-bell towers, where your correspondent would do well to visit and lend a hand with the many youngsters that are making progress.

May we now have a giggle at the expense of your correspondent—for he is as far from the truth as 'The Daily Mirror' in saying that 80 per cent of the band will be Leicestershire ringers. In fact, two ringers were resident in Rutland, three in Nottinghamshire and three in Leicestershire.

Finally, I would take the liberty, on behalf of the people of Rutland, in putting on record their appreciation of the efforts of the peal band, particularly of the able conductor who put off a previously arranged engagement in order to make the attempt possible.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALAN JACQUES.

Morcott, Rutland.

### 50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' November 14th, 1913.—

The inquiry as to what tower could go one better than Irthlingborough, where 160 peals have been rung in 20 years, has come from exactly the quarter we expected it. Mr. H. H. Chandler, now of Hillingdon, writes: 'Will you please allow me space to congratulate the Irthlingborough band on their record of 160 peals on the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells. As to the inquiry whether there has been a tower in which more peals have been rung in the time, I may say, that two trebles were added to the old six at Warnham, Sussex, to make up a ring of eight, in 1886. By 1896 there had been rung on the bells 200 peals, most of them conducted by myself, and included 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10,176 Treble Bob and two 6,720's in one day. We used to think nothing of starting for a peal every evening all the week and two on Sundays. This has been done a good many times.'

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**LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL OUTING**

Llandaff Cathedral Guild spent an enjoyable and worth while day in Gloucestershire on October 26th. The outing began well with a prompt start, and the handbell exponents soon found that, in spite of 'pop' competition, they were not so far out of practice on the saucer bells.

Barnwood (8, 10 cwt.) was reached early and the handy ring was well used for the half-hour, with a rather slow course of Cambridge Major and a faster touch of Stedman. The many learners coped well with the bells, before presenting their charms to the photographers of the party. The run through the beech woods on to the Cotswolds showed the countryside at its best, and the fine little town of Painswick displayed its magnificent Cotswold stone buildings. The glorious 12 (26½ cwt.), with its long and distinguished pedigree of record length peals, perhaps inspired us to an above-average touch of musical Grandsire Caters. With the moderate skill available, rounds on the 12 was deemed wisest.

At Stroud, we arrived on the last day of the Religious Drama Festival, and the melodious Taylor 10 (20½ cwt.) ran round in excellent style to some more inspired Caters. Everyone performed well here, but spirits fell again soon when it was discovered that the coach driver had departed leaving the coach locked with our well-earned picnic lunches within. Solace was sought in local hosteleries, until the driver's return. Some erratic map-reading made us late at Cirencester, together with the delay caused when the coach reversed into an in-offensive Anglia behind! However, the bridal party at Cirencester (Watermoor) were heralded by an unexpected touch on the melodious eight (19½ cwt.). A variety of touches went well, including Stedman Triples, and also Cambridge Major, until the treble became too individualistic. A warm welcome awaited us at Malmesbury, where we rang on the fine eight (11 cwt.), hung in the tower—which is all that remains of the old Parish Church, standing on the edge of the venerable Abbey.

Some brisk driving brought us up to schedule again at the last tower, Dursley. The tower was admired by the last rays of the summer time sun, and the melodious bells (8, 19½ cwt.) were even more appreciated when they rang out to Stedman Triples and Kent Major. The ground floor pull made some of the learners a little uneasy, but not too many stays were tested here, or elsewhere for that matter! Darkness had finally come as we made our way to Gloucester for the evening's diversionment.

A surprisingly sedate trip, through some foggy patches along the Severn Estuary, brought us back to Cardiff in excellent shape to enjoy the extra hour in bed following the end of this aptly-timed outing. Our hearty thanks go to organisers, incumbents and local ringers. **CAMPANAMANUAL.**

**CORRECTIONS**

In the peal at North Muskham (page 700) the ringer of the tenor was Harold Stevenson, and not Charles J. Copp as submitted.

The peal of Kent T.B. at Evesham on October 19th was not the first of Maximus in the method for F.R., but it was the first peal of Maximus for David P. Hilling.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples at Deptford (see page 754) was not Denby P. Murduck's first peal, but his first of Triples.

**ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY IN SOMERSET**

(For peals see last issue)

The second tour of the St. John's Society was in Somerset, with headquarters at Chewton Mendip. Camp was pitched on a Sunday afternoon in time for joining the local band in service ringing at Chewton Mendip.

The first peal attempt was at Wellow on Monday, where a peal of seven Minor was scored in rather quick time for a 22 cwt. tenor. Ringing in the afternoon was at Cheddar. In the evening we made our way to Yeovil, but found that the practice was off. Here we met Trevor Cross and company, who had come with the same intention.

On Tuesday morning an attempt was made at Midsomer Norton for Cambridge Major, but owing to the lack of rhythm the bells were stopped after 1½ hours; nevertheless, on our way back to the car we were complimented on our ringing by a local ringer. Other ringing that day was at Kilmersdon, Evercreech and Queen Camel.

Wednesday was a busy day, with morning ringing at Litton, East Harptree and Hinton Blewit. We were invited by Philip to lunch at Tudor Farm. Three members afterwards complained of tiredness, but for all that they were whisked off to Drayton to ring a quarter peal of Yorkshire instead of a peal. Returning to his van, Benny had an altercation with an angry woman with a Zephyr Six, who told him that bellringers were all the same—trespassers, rude and inconsiderate. She threatened to prosecute the next lot who parked their cars there. The beautiful six at Long Sutton and St. Cuthbert's, Wells, concluded the day's programme.

On Thursday, our last day, we rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Beckington—not without difficulties, as near the end several of the bells showed signs of a lack of oil. The evening was spent at Ditcheat, joining the locals at their practice.

Our list of 'thank you's' go to incumbents and ringing masters; Mr. Green, of East End Farm, for the use of his field; and to Mick for his organisation. **R. J. B.**

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District at Chelsfield on October 26th was attended by about 45 members and friends. To many members this was their first opportunity of ringing at the tower since the new floor had been put in. This was considered by everyone (with the possible exception of a few ladies who suffered from cold feet—no stiletto heels!) to be a great improvement.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. King), Miss J. Wright, a local ringer, played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

After a most enjoyable tea, provided by the Chelsfield ringers and their mothers, a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. Peter N. Bond. The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Faircloth, was thanked for his services and Mr. D. Manger, of Chelsfield, elected to that office for the following year. The other officers were re-elected and six new members were elected. Further ringing concluded another happy meeting. **M.R.A.**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch**

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at the Ogbournes on October 26th, but the event did not, for some undefined reason, attract the usual good number of members. Those who did attend were from Aldbourne, Chisledon, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, and ringers were also present from Marlborough College and Swindon.

Ringling commenced at Ogbourne St. Andrew, where the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Dunn), with Mr. Alan Keen at the organ. Tea was laid on in the Village Hall at Ogbourne St. George, by Mrs. Whitting and helpers, and thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone was delighted to welcome Mr. A. Whitting, captain of the local tower, who, owing to illness, has had to give up ringing for the time being. He arranged for his handbells to be available, and these were rung after tea, much to the appreciation of all present. Mr. George Newman (chairman), on behalf of the Branch, thanked all who had contributed to the afternoon's arrangements and welcomed the visitors.

Ringling was afterwards resumed at St. George, the party being augmented by Mr. Eric Sutton and a friend from Swindon, and some really good ringing ensued. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles. **W. A. E.**

**SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY**

An enjoyable meeting of Sheffield & District Society was held at Conisbrough Parish Church on November 2nd, when, despite a rather low attendance due to competition of the College Youths' dinner, some very good ringing was produced on this handy eight.

A number of ringers came and went before tea, but those who stayed were well cared for by the Vicar's wife and her co-helpers, who displayed the usual hospitality so often enjoyed at Conisbrough.

A good variety of methods, including London, Bristol and Spiced Surprise Major, was rung, whilst those desiring more elementary methods were well catered for by touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire, Little Bob Major and rounds.

Next meeting: Penistone, December 7th (subject to confirmation). **N. C.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 26th. The bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m. and rounds and methods were rung before the service. The Rev. P. G. C. Brett conducted the service, after which tea was taken.

During the business meeting three new junior members were elected. The new officers for 1964 were also elected. Mr. F. R. Perks is now chairman and Mr. J. Attwood Ringing Master. The retiring chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Penn, was thanked for his considerable services to the Branch during his years of office. **M. A. B.**

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# THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY

By DAVID L. CAWLEY

THE Bailiwick of Guernsey, in so far as its Ecclesiastical History is concerned, has had some very troublesome times, but it is now a part of the Diocese of Winchester. It is therefore not surprising that many of the bells on the island should be hung for ringing in the English manner.

On arrival at the harbour of St. Peter Port, the first notable building one sees is the magnificent 'Cathedral'—the Parish Church of St. Peter. This, the largest church on the island, has a late 15th century central tower and spire. The early history of the bells here is not known, but in 1736 a ring of eight was placed in the tower by J.-B. Brocard, of Louvain. These were replaced by the present ring of eight in 1913. The bells were put up in memory of the late Rev. G. E. Lee, Rector, 1881-1912. They are French bells, cast by Corneille Harvard, of Ville Dieu, Brittany, the tenor weighing about 20½ cwt. in E flat. They have not been rung for over 30 years, though they have proper—if clumsy—ringing fittings, and proper ropes with sallies. An Ellacombe apparatus exists, and by this means the bells are sounded. There is also attached to this a piece of machinery resembling a mangle, which can be operated if required. The bells themselves are extremely French looking, long waisted, and with long inscriptions, and hang in a massive timber frame with their huge headstocks and wheels.

There is also a clock bell outside the spire. The writer was unable to obtain permission to ring, but the tone of the bells when chimed is very fine. Let us hope that before long St. Peter Port bells will ring again.

There are several other churches in the town. Holy Trinity has three clock bells hung 'dead' in an open turret—date about 1890, tenor approximately 4 cwt. St. John's, another three hung for ringing, but, alas, immobilised this year, though the ringing fittings could be used again if the pieces of metal securing the headstocks to the frame were removed. These bells, tenor about 7 cwt., were cast by Messrs. J. Warner, London, in 1887, and are now electrically sounded. St. James the Less has only one bell, inaccessible in a large round tower. This presumably is of the same date as the church (1818).

## CHIME OF 11 BELLS

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph has a chime of 11 bells. Originally there was only one bell, cast in 1854 at Whitechapel, and thirteen tubular bells, traces of which still exist. In 1909 a new chime of eight was erected, the old single bell being the No. 4. A scitone bell, hung for swinging, was also installed. This work was carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. In 1951 two further semitone bells were installed by the same foundry, making a chime of eleven. The bells hang in a very high tower and are grouped on beams in a hexagon, with the swinging bell below. The tenor weighs about 11½ cwt. in G, and the original nine are of very fine 'timbre.'

Of more interest to practical ringers is the Church of St. Michel du Valle. This is the parish church of The Vale, and is a very ancient building. It has a low S.W. tower, with a heavy spire of a type typical on the island. There were formerly three bells, but in 1891 a new ring of six was installed in the spire, cast by Messrs. J. Warner, of London. These bells have been regularly rung, and still are, for Sunday service, and a few years ago a peal was rung on them by some English ringers. The writer had the pleasure of ringing one of them, and, although the belfry is very cramped, the bells go comparatively well. The tenor is about 7½ cwt. There is also a small mission church with one bell.

Another church of interest to our 'rabbits,' is that of St. Marguerite de la Foret, at The Forest. This has a low south central tower, with four bells, tenor probably approximately 4½ cwt. These are rung regularly, but are somewhat inaccessible, as at The Vale, as access has to be obtained from outside. They are rung from the church floor, and there is also a chiming apparatus. The writer was unable to obtain any historical information.

## THE UNRINGABLES

The remaining bells on the island are unringable—with the possible exception of St. Marie de Castro at Catel (Castle)—which the writer was unable to visit. The three bells at St. Pierre du Bois at St. Peter-in-the-Wood are French, dating from 1654, 1681 and (tenor) 1828, the latter from the Ville Dieu foundry. These were rehung with half-wheels by a French firm in 1955, on ball bearings. The Church of St. Martin de la Bellouise at St. Martin has a very unusual chime of three. These bells are French and have no wheels. They have been swung 'up' (as at East Bergholt) and then merely left, and fitted with chiming hammers, and sounded by a mangle.

The lofty tower and spire of St. Saviour's Church are a landmark to all arriving at the airport. Unfortunately I was unable to locate the turret key for this tower. There is a newel stair running the whole height, but around the font hang three ropes of the cart-horse variety, which feel as though they are attached to the clappers of the bells.

As at St. Peter-in-the-Wood, the tenor is about 14 cwt., but here the tone is poor. The church of Torveval, on the south-west point of the island, has three bells, two hung with levers and one with a wheel. The tenor weighs about 4 cwt. Only one of these bells (inscriptionless) is in use. They probably date from c.1818, when the church was rebuilt. This church has a round tower and spire, with a geometrical staircase running around the wall, similar to that in the south-west tower of St. Paul's, London. Near here is the village of St. Andrew, which possesses three bells, chimed by an apparatus, and apparently inaccessible. The only information the writer could glean was from the inscription on the apparatus—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. There followed the name of a French bell founder, who had apparently repaired it.

The visitor to Guernsey must on no account miss the historic Parish Church of St. Sampson, the oldest on the island. This is mainly in the Norman-French style (all the churches have a somewhat French atmosphere), and has a low saddleback tower, with one bell, hung for swinging. There is also a very small bell over the north door, and this is a particularly long-waisted specimen, probably ancient. Unfortunately, the writer could not visit the churches of Castle (which has a large tower) or Cobo, but presumably the latter has but one bell.

## AT ALDERNEY

The neighbouring islands of Herm and Sark both have small churches, with one bell each. The story of the bells of Jersey is another tale, but the six bells on the island of Alderney, in the Victorian Church of St. Anne (tenor 10 cwt.), have had a troublesome history. They were cast in England c.1854, when the present church was being erected (of the old church the tower alone remains). The bells were shipped over to Alderney, which is part of the Guernsey group of islands, in spite of its distance away, and duly hung. They were rung until the German occupation of 1940-45, but during those years when Alderney was completely evacuated, the bells were removed from the tower and shipped to France to be turned into munitions: before this could be finally effected, the war was over, and the bells, one of them badly cracked, returned to St. Anne's. In 1953 it was decided to recast the bells: they were removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, and were rehung with completely new ringing fittings in that year. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. 1 qr. and is in F sharp.

Such is the tale of the bells of Guernsey. What of the future? There is no instructor for the last surviving band at The Vale. The eight great bells in St. Peter Port Church have not been rung for years, and perhaps will never again echo over the lovely bay as they did on the occasion of the visit of King George V. The bells of St. Peter-in-the-Wood now have half-wheels, and there are barely enough ringers at the Forest. It seems

that ringing must eventually come to a standstill in Guernsey. Surely visitors to the island could help in a small way. Whilst on the island the writer met four ringers (three from Middlesex, one from Southampton), and heard about a fifth. Yet as far as he knows only one of these made any effort to get any ringing. It is our duty as ringers to encourage and further the Exercise, wherever we may be, and not least in the lovely isle of Guernsey.

## MR. FRED E. DUKES' 200 PEALS

The analysis of the 200 peals rung by Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary of the Irish Association, is as follows:

**Doubles.—Tower:** Plain Bob 2 (conducted 2), Grandsire 9 (9), two methods 1 (1); **Hand:** Plain Bob 9 (5), Grandsire 32 (27), Stedman 1 (1), St. Columb's 1 (1), two methods 8 (6), three methods 5 (4), four methods 1 (1), five methods 3 (2), six methods 1 (1), seven methods 1, eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1 (1).—Total 77 (63).

**Minor.—Tower:** Plain Bob 5 (4), Cambridge Surprise 3, Oxford T.B. 1, five methods 1, six methods 1 (1); **Hand:** Plain Bob 12 (3), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure 2 (2), Kent T.B. 1, St. Clement's 2 (2), two methods 2 (1), three methods 4 (2), four methods 2 (1), five methods 1 (1).—Total 37 (17).

**Triples.—Tower:** Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 9 (1), Stedman 3, St. Clement's 1; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 2.—Total 18 (2).

**Major.—Tower:** Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 8, Kent T.B. 7 (1), Oxford T.B. 4, Superlative S. 5, Lincolnshire S. 2, Cambridge S. 6, Kent and Oxford 2, Yorkshire S. 8, London S. 3, one each of Ashted, Belgrave, Dublin, Bristol, Aldenham, Rutland, Pudsey, Pontefract Delight, Wath Delight and Holywood Delight; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1.—Total 62 (1).

**Caters.—Tower:** Stedman 1, **Royal.—Tower:** Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 1; **Hand:** Plain Bob 1.—Total 4. **Maximus.—Tower:** Plain Bob 2. Grand total: 200 (83).

The peals were rung for sixteen Associations: Irish, Devon Guild, Lancashire, Kent County, St. Martin's Guild, Middlesex, Chester Guild, Dudley and District, Worcestershire, Leicester Guild, Lincoln Guild, Durham and Newcastle, Essex, Llandaff and Monmouth, Norwich and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Of the peals 147 were rung for the Irish Association. The first peal was on August 1st, 1938, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

Amongst the firsts in which he has taken part are: First in Ireland of Plain Bob Maximus, Double S. Major, Pudsey S. Major, Holywood Delight Major, Wath Delight Major, Pontefract Delight Major, Stedman Doubles ('in hand').

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

### Mid-Cornwall Branch

At the Mid-Cornwall Branch's annual festival, held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, an illuminated address was presented to Canon F. F. Gilbert, Rector of St. Stephen's, in recognition of his services as chairman of the Branch for more than 30 years.

The presentation was made by Mr. W. H. Southard, vice-president of the Guild, who recalled that 50 years ago he attended his first ringing festival at St. Stephen's.

Canon Gilbert, in speaking of his impending retirement, said he hoped to live at No. 6, The Crescent, Bude, and would welcome visits from ringers. He paid a tribute to Mr. D. Burnett, secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Branch.

In the competition Bodmin 'A' were considered by the judge to have done the best ringing.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. W. Fairly 1, Miss C. M. Fomis (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss D. K. Moore 3, Miss M. C. Smith 4, J. H. Allen 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, captain of the tower, on his 84th birthday.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### Cary Branch

The autumn meeting was held at Horsington on October 26th, with the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Derbyshire (an associate member), assisted by the Branch chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mr. K. E. Stevens was organist.

Tea was served in St. Margaret's Hall, and at the business meeting one new member from Horsington and two from Maperton were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Horsington, the organist and choir, the local captain and the ladies who had prepared and served tea.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

After years of indecision, the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild decided to hold a striking competition. A handsome trophy was obtained and five teams entered, but illness and unforeseen circumstances reduced the entries to three—Bodenham, Fownhope and Kingstone.

The contest was held on the near perfect ring at St. Peter's, Withington. The adjudicator was Mr. R. B. Morris, Master of the Shropshire Association, who awarded the trophy to Kingstone, and then left for an important meeting of his own Association at Ellesmere, where a presentation was being made to Mr. Harry Poyner, their former Master.

It is already apparent that Kingstone will be hard put to retain the shield and there can be no doubt that this competition is going to supply a much-needed incentive to ringing bands in the Hereford District. G. T. C.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Enid Elaine Lancaster, wife of the Rector of Waltham, Leics. who died on October 25th, was a good friend of ringers. Ringers from the Melton District rang the bells of Waltham half-muffled on October 28th, the day of the funeral.

### MR. A. C. HAZELDEN

#### AN APPRECIATION FROM THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

We remember 'Charlie' in the Guildford Diocese with gratitude, love and respect. His untiring work for the Central Council was well known, and we are proud to have had him as our representative for so many years. The library which he has built up for the Guild is undoubtedly one of the most extensive and valuable in the Exercise. His knowledge of ringing publications was extensive and most of our younger members, who did not know him as the fine active ringer he was until only a few years ago, will fondly remember him as the friendly man who reported at each annual meeting the further treasures he had acquired for our library during the year. It will be difficult to find a new librarian to take such great care of our books.

Mr. Hazelden lived through a flourishing but uneasy time of ringing in Guildford, and we are grateful for his wise counsel and lead. At the 'tower down the hill' he spent much time teaching, and his attention to detail will be remembered by those he taught, many of whom have moved to other parts of the country and the world. The frankness of his observations will always be remembered, such as after the overwhelming defeat of a proposal to merge with the Surrey Association when he told a jubilant Guild that a great mistake had been made. The fruits of his earthly labours are still with us; may he rest in peace. D. A. R. M.

### MR. J. R. BURNHAM

The Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has lost another ringer by the sudden death, on November 1st, of Mr. James Reginald Burnham. 'Jim' learned to ring at Peatling Parva and came to Hoby about 25 years ago. He joined the ringers at All Saints' and helped a struggling band to ring for practice and service. He had rung 3 peals for the Leicester Guild. For the last eight years he had been Rector's warden.

The funeral, on November 6th, was largely attended, the congregation including students and workers from the Brooksby Agricultural College, where he worked. It was conducted by the Rector, Rev. A. V. Asher, who paid a very touching tribute to him. The Leicester Guild was represented by Mr. J. H. Cook.

A quarter peal of Doubles in three methods was rung half-muffled by R. H. Cook (cond.) 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. Stonehouse 3, C. E. Cooper 4, H. T. Bonshor 5.

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It is hoped that many ringers will attend that dedication of the bells at St. Mary's, Dolgellau, on December 7th at 2 p.m. This lovely town is in an area where there is no tradition of change ringing. High tea can be arranged, but please warn the Rector of Dolgellau by December 2nd at the latest.

Bendigo bells are on their way to England for recasting into a ring of eight.

St. Paul's, Melbourne, Society raised just on £800 for the restoration of their bells.

Among those who attended the funeral service for Mr. A. C. Hazelden was a very old friend, Mr. E. R. Warner, of Woking.

Two ringers from Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, rang well to score their first peal at the first attempt, at Quedgeley on November 4th. Anna Sadowska (15) and Marilyn Jackson (14) have been ringing for exactly one year.

Ringers of Ealing and Isleworth rang half-muffled Stedman Triples for an hour on September 23rd at St. Mary's, Ealing, in memory of Mr. J. W. Green, former churchwarden at Ealing, and Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, formerly a ringer at Isleworth.

Guildford ringers will be pleased to learn that Stephen Munday, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday, of Bradford, Yorks, rang his qualifying 720 for the Yorkshire Association recently, and now rings the treble to Bob Royal. His sister, Judith, is also learning to ring.

The donation of £2 2s. to the Bell Restoration Fund as the result of the N.W. Suffolk District meeting at Lakenheath was made up by 17s. 3d. from the tea profit and the rest by the collection in church, writes Mr. L. Wright, the District chairman.

The news of Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, during the past weeks has been most encouraging. He is most grateful to all who have written to him. Tom must have been most heartened by the news that the peal of Grand-sire Caters, arranged before his illness, was successful. Except for visiting band peals, this is believed to be the first at St. Andrew's for 40 years without his assistance.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

A great achievement is reported from South Australia by the restoration of the bells of Adelaide Town Hall. It has been a terrific job; since July 6th every successive Saturday afternoon had been spent in the tower with 15 to 20 man-hours put in each week. A course of Cambridge Minor and 180 Stedman has been rung on the back six. Ron Russ promises a full story for 'The Ringing World.'

Orders for 'Ringing Towers' can now be placed with G. W. Pipe, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Price 5s. per annum.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs has been ordered back to hospital by her doctor. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. E. M. Atkins is making good progress after his operation. Letters from well wishers are much appreciated.

Friends from Rainham send congratulations to Mr. T. A. Cross, upon his appointment as secretary of Maidstone District, K.C.A. They do not forget that he learnt to ring at Rainham tower.

Mr. Norman V. Harding and not Norman J. Harding, as stated in the peal column of last week's 'Ringing World,' would like to express sincere thanks to the ringers in South Wales for the very warm welcome he received from them during his recent visit there.

A ringers' party who visited an Essex village church on Saturday, November 2nd asked the Rector: 'What's the flag flying for, Rector?' Is it because of All Souls or in spite of All Souls?' Came the reply: 'Neither, I'm afraid. Technically it's up there to dry!'

By air mail we have received the latest edition of 'Ringing Towers' and Editor Bill Pitcher has a fine issue, with plenty of readable ringing stories. We pass on C. H. Bagot's conclusion as to reasons for ringing peals—a method has never been pealed before, or it is very difficult to ring, or it has an interesting blue line, or it is a variation of some other method, or it is a new Surprise method—how rarely because it is musical!

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
*ALLAN G. KIRK .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 8
NEIL BENNETT .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 9
*JOHN F. BARLOW .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 10
*DEREK A. ASHTON .. 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 11
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 6	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

**OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.**

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 10
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 11
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung during the Patronal Festival of St. Wilfred.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

JOHN F. BARLOW .. Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 6
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 8
RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. 9
NEIL BENNETT .. 5	BASIL JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

**LEICESTER.**

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

DEREK J. TRANTER .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6
*DAVID WILFORD .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 8
JOHN B. PICKUP .. 4	BRIAN CHAPMAN .. 9
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.  
Rung to mark the end of the year of consolidation and advance, and of the tenth year of the episcopate of the Bishop of Leicester, Dr. R. R. Williams.

**BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

*IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	*DON C. EXELL .. 6
†VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 2	*§GORDON W. LAND .. 7
*SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 3	*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 8
††PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 4	*ANTHONY K. PEAKE .. 9
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5	*BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. † First in the method. ‡ 50th of Surprise. § First of Royal 'inside.' First of Royal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

**BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
*PETER A. KIRKBY .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 9
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of London Surprise Royal.  
Rung to mark the consecration and opening of the Cathedral east end extensions on Thursday, October 31st, 1963, by the Lord Archbishop of York.  
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. 58 lb. in D flat.

JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

**HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

*DAVID CHADDERTON .. Treble	PETER J. MALLOCH .. 5
†EILEEN CROSS .. 2	JEFFREY BRANNAN .. 6
JOHN F. BARLOW .. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

\* First peal (aged 12). † First 'inside.'

**BRECON.**

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALAN V. PROTHEROE .. Treble	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 5
MICHAEL R. THOMAS .. 2	MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. 7
LESLIE EVANS .. 4	JACK ALSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal on eight.  
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

**GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.**

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. 2	HARRY TOOKE .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal in the method.

**ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Heywood's transposition.	JACK ROACH .. 5
IRIS LEMARE .. Treble	THOMAS COOK .. 6
FRED HODGSON .. 2	THOMAS M. COX .. 7
*MARGARET WILKINSON .. 3	ELSDON METCALFE .. Tenor
ROHILLA M. COOK .. 4	

Conducted by THOMAS M. COX.

\* First peal. First of Stedman as conductor.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	†LEONARD EDWARDS .. 5
MARIA E. KIRBY .. 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 7
*GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. 4	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First of Major. First in the method as conductor.  
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Clive F. Wixey and Ann Cox, ringers at this tower.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.**

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. Treble	*GEOFFREY W. RANDALL .. 5
PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. 2	†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH .. 6
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 7
IAN C. MAYCOCK .. 4	PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.	
SHIRLEY M. DREW .. .. Treble	*HARRY TOOKE .. .. 5
*WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	†THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 6
†GEORGE H. MAYNARD .. .. 3	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 7
‡LESLIE BAILEY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.  
\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal. ‡ First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
WILLIAM H. CURSON .. .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 5
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 2-	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
GORDON H. LANE .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION  
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.	
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 6
*ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. .. 7
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE. E. G. ROAST.  
\* First peal of Bristol.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.	
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Treble	DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 5
*GILLIAN F. PARKES .. .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 6
†BRIAN R. TRILL .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 7
‡LEONARD CROUCH .. .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON.  
\* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. J. Smith as rector.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.	
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 5
*JOHN F. BOWLER .. .. 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 6
JENNIFER SCENEY .. .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	J. KEITH WARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
Washbrook's variation.	
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
*DOUGLAS S. SHAW .. .. 2	†DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 6
HERBERT E. AUSLEY .. .. 3	‡GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER .. .. 4	JAMES T. STEVENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal on these bells.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,  
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.	
J. KEITH WARD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 6
*JENNIFER SCENEY .. .. 3	*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.	
*BRIAN E. WHITE .. .. Treble	†JAMES W. RATHBY .. .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 2	†HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 6
†BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	‡CYRIL H. PRITCHEIT .. .. 7
COLIN W. REED .. .. 4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.  
\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First in the method.

BARNES, SURREY.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
*SIMON F. RUTTER .. .. Treble	BRYAN C. BURROUGHS .. 5
ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. .. 2	GERALD W. REYNOLDS .. 6
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 7
†PAT J. BRYAN .. .. 4	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN C. EISEL.  
\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob, and of Major.  
Rung for All Souls' Day.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 6
*ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
BERTRAM C. HINES .. .. Treble	PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. .. 5
*COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 2	*TERENCE T. JONES .. .. 6
†MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. .. 3	MICHAEL HALLETT .. .. 7
HARRY TURNER .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.	
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. Treble	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 3	*HARRY POYNER .. .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* 100th peal of Surprise.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.	
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
PETER W. HORNE .. .. 2	IVAN KAY .. .. 6
HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 3	BASIL JONES .. .. 7
ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
A welcome to Christine Ruth, daughter of the Vicar (Rev. David Lawrance) and Mrs. Lawrance—first infant to be born at Moorside Vicarage for over 50 years.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

GEORGE FRY .. .. . Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. . 5
*HILARY A. SWALLOW .. . 2	LAWRENCE T. POPE .. .. . 6
ANN JENNER .. .. . 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. . 7
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. . 4	STANLEY JENNER .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.  
\* First peal. First of Surprise on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*MARGARET P. BOOTH .. Treble	*JOHN A. BOOTH .. .. . 5
†COLIN H. DEWSNAP .. . 2	†JEFFREY BRANNAN .. .. . 6
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . 3	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. . 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 4	DEREK A. ASHTON .. .. . Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 5).  
Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Being fourths place bobs. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

GORDON BENFIELD .. Treble	*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. . 5
*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . 2	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. . 6
*NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . 7
BASIL JONES .. .. . 4	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method.  
A 21st birthday compliment to John H. Fielden.

NORTHWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. . 5
LEONARD GOODALL .. . 2	BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. . 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. . 3	*DAVID SMITH .. .. . 7
*ARLENE FLATHER .. .. . 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.  
\* First peal of London.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', St. Osmund's, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	TERRY R. HATCHETT .. .. . 3
MARGARET RODEN .. .. . 2	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. . 4
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. . Tenor	

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. . Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. . 4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. . 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. . 5
JACK PILGRIM .. .. . 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDISRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. . 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. . 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. . 5
*DAVID D. PARSONS .. .. . 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.  
\* First peal attempt.  
In memoriam Mr. Fred Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, who died October 16th, 1963, aged 81.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. Treble	DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. .. . 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. . 2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. . 5
NORMAN G. N. KNEE .. .. . 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.  
First peal on the bells since being recast.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford and two each of Kent and Plain. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE P. ADAMS .. Treble	TIMOTHY G. PETT .. .. . 4
FREDA P. WILLGRESS .. . 2	KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. . 5
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. . 3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.  
A birthday compliment to Timothy G. Pett, 21 this day.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

*PETER D. SELL .. .. . Treble	W. FRED SCUDAMORE .. . 4
REGINALD POSTON .. .. . 2	AUDREY M. GLADWELL .. . 5
JOHN F. I. TURNEY .. .. . 3	GEORGE T. COUSINS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.  
\* First peal.  
A farewell to the Rev. H. Whatley, whose family have held the living for 178 years, and who has now accepted the living of Colwall, Herefordshire.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. . Treble	THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. . 4
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. . 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 5
C. JACK GIBSON .. .. . 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*DAVID LLOYD .. .. . Treble	†RAYMOND D. HART .. .. . 4
MRS. PAMELA WRIGHT .. . 2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. . 5
DAVID J. ALLEN .. .. . 3	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.  
\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.  
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pratt; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Wright.

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**ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford, (6) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob).  
 Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.  
 DAVID S. L. LLOYD .. .. Treble | KEITH F. GARDNER .. .. 4  
 IAN P. UNSWORTH .. .. 2 | IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 5  
 GEORGE P. HAMMOND .. .. 3 | DAVID J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. ALLEN.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except ringer of fifth.

**CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In ten methods, being the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob, (3) Hitcham Delight, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.  
 JENNIFER SCEENY .. .. Treble | NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 4  
 \*GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 2 | CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5  
 BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 3 | HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

\* 50th peal.

**GREAT AMWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.  
 \*BARBARA M. GOODSPEED Treble | JOHN WEAVER .. .. 4  
 †JULIA A. FELLOWS .. .. 2 | MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 5  
 GERALD PENNEY .. .. 3 | HAROLD J. HAZELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

\* First peal attempt. † First in four methods.  
 Rung on All Souls' Day.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 17 in A.  
 MARY C. POYNER .. .. 1-2 | HARRY POYNER .. .. 5-6  
 A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3-4 | \*P. WILLIAM BRETT .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.  
 \* First peal on eight handbells.

**HARROW, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*  
 AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.  
 Tenor size 15 in C.  
 \*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 1-2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5-6  
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | \*FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 \* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major on handbells.

**SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT 54, ASHFORD ROAD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Consisting of 29 methods, in the following seven extents: (1 and 2) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Pontefract, Wath and Donotarr Delight; (3 and 4) Nelson Treble Bob, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Skipton, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5 and 6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; (7) Oxford T.B.; with 152 changes of method.  
 Tenor size 15 in C.  
 GORDON W. LAND .. .. 1-2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3-4  
 ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5-6  
 Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Dear (first of Minor) 1, R. J. Chapman 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. G. Yeo 4, L. Derrick 5, J. Brain 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, P. Woolven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Durham Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, D. F. Mufret 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. Woolven 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 13th, 720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, A. J. Davey 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. Floyd 4, D. F. Mufret 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: D. F. Mufret 1, Miss J. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Challanor and D. Barker 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Douse 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by M. W. Harrison and J. Heaps. For Evensong, to welcome Bishop Mark Way for Confirmation.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss J. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival morning service.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 13th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Faircloth 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, Miss M. A. Ladd 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith 8, E. J. Ladd 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Oliver 1, L. Porter 2,

F. Smith 3, N. Deam 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bellingham on their last Sunday in the village.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,344 Treble Bob Major: Mrs. D. Belcham 1, P. Sadler 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**RIPLEY, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Blant 1, Barbara T. Peat 2, Margaret J. Allen 3, Jean M. Hurst 4, Veronica J. Walters (cond.) 5, Vivienne Cheetham 6. For Evensong of the Patronal Festival, also in memoriam of Mr. F. F. Hill, who died Nov. 1st. Average age of band 17 years.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, J. F. Bowler 5, T. R. Sharp (first quarter) 6, A. M. Faulkner (first of Royal) 7, T. G. Pett 8, W. D. Ward 9, W. Birmingham 10. For the visit of the Bishop of Antigua (West Indies).

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Hemstock 1, G. E. Foster 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, W. N. Brown 6, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 7, C. J. Copp 8. In memoriam Mr. F. Pickard, a ringer at Southwell Minster for over 50 years, who died Oct. 18th, aged 81 years. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells since recasting.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marion Giles (first quarter) 1, Thelma P. Johnson 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, F. E. Jones 4, V. Griffin 5, Pauline Lansley 6. For Family Communion and the Feast of All Saints.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): D. Williamson (first away from tenor) 1, R. Beresford (first in method) 2, Grace Burchnell (cond.) 3, Eleanor Rose 4, D. Parsons 5, Katharine Burchnell 6, A. Parsons 7, H. Hawcroft 8. For Evensong.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain): E. E. Davey 1, P. M. Mills 2, A. R. Andrews 3, F. Harvey 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, W. Ruffles 6. For morning service.

**OUTINGS**

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS**

Bolsover ringers' annual half-day outing was held on October 26th, with two towers in Lincs and one in Notts as the objectives. Ringers from Mansfield, Chesterfield and Scarcliffe joined the local company, making 33 ringers and friends who set out for the first tower—Heydour.

This excellent 12 cwt. octave was raised in fine style with Malcolm Phipps in command, and this was followed by a good touch of Little Bob Major. Further ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich. The second tower contained the good eight at Harmston (10 cwt.), where unfortunately none of the ringing  $\epsilon/\delta$  full justice to the bells.

Having returned to Newark to pick up the non-ringers a short journey brought us to the last tower, Sutton-on-Trent. Most of the ringing on the 12 cwt eight was reasonable, and methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and Stedman Triples, in which we were assisted by the Burchnell sisters.

With the ringing programme completed another short journey brought us to Tuxford for the much-awaited late dinner. After an excellent four course meal, Malcolm Phipps welcomed our ex-Ringing Master, Ben Cooper, who had come from Kirk Ella to be with us on the trip, and also proposed a vote of thanks to the organiser, Alan Keller. Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and local ringers. A. K.

**A SUFFOLK OUTING**

Ringers from Barking, Cotton, Mendlesham, Oulton and Ipswich joined forces for a half-day outing into Essex on October 5th. Towers visited were Hempstead, Finchingfield, Castle Hedingham and Halstead with tea at Great Bardfield.

Ringings to suit all capabilities was enjoyed, with well-struck call changes for those interested. To incumbents and those who met the party, not least Mr. F. Roper, sincere thanks. R.E.L.

# QUARTER PEALS

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Dacre 1, Miss M. White 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, H. Moody 4, G. Noakes 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8, Rung to mark the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Alton Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

**ANSTEX, LEICS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. B. Brown 1, R. F. Elkington 2, Judith K. Harris 3, W. A. Lacey 4, A. E. Disney 5, R. K. Mason 6, D. G. Wilford (first as cond.) 7, Ivy Simpson 8.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Janet Roberts (first quarter) 1, F. J. Roberts 2, E. S. Laker 3, R. J. Roberts 4, S. H. Wood 5, J. H. Gardner 6, E. H. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Godwin 1, R. Kendrick 2, M. Barsby 3, R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. Godwin 6. For Evensong.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Barnes (first of Triples) 1, Judy Bowen (first of Triples) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, R. W. R. Percy 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, I. S. Holland 8. Rung for the 897th anniversary of the Battle of Santlache Hill, Oct. 14th, 1066, upon the site of which the church stands.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Rawlings 1, P. W. Cave (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 3, W. R. Rawlings 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. Nicholls 6, D. G. Brown 7, P. Balchin 8. First quarter Stedman Triples 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

**BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea Reed 1, D. Bettles 2, F. A. Ginn 3, R. Russell 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, M. Cunningham 6. First quarter 2 and 6. Rung by the St. Mary's, Weldon, Sunday service band.

**BEVERLEY, YORKS.**—On Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Barbara Cammack (first of Surprise) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, I. G. Campbell 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, J. I. Booth 5, J. G. Hobson 6, C. C. Brown (first of Surprise Major) 7, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the return of ringer of the 4th, after qualifying at university, as a dental surgeon, and also to mark the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. Michael Walker (son of the vicar of St. Mary's), to Margaret Jefferson, both former ringers at this church.

**BRANSTON, Lincs.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B., Plain Bob): W. E. Green 1, V. P. Evans 2, A. Ingall 3, J. F. Pearson 3, W. A. Lacey 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison.

**CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Stevens (first quarter) 1, R. H. Idle (cond.) 2, A. Summerell (first 'inside') 3, T. Moore (first quarter) 4, C. H. Ward 5, G. Nelson 'oan 6.

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss L. Taylor 1, D. Slater 2, Miss P. Butcher 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. Conducted by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 for Patronal Festival.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, J. L. Blegg 2, B. Shingler 3, W. J. Harvey 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, K. E. Fursdon 6.

**DENHAM, Bucks.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Collins 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, A. R. G. Twinn 5, B. C. Collins 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, G. Harris 8. First quarter of Triples 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled by his friends on the day of his funeral as a tribute to W. S. (Sid) Childs, ringer for over 63 years and also a choirman at this church. He died on Oct. 26th, aged 86.

**DRAYTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. J. Danby 1, R. J. Ballard 2, G. P. MacIlhorne 3, K. P. Jones 4, F. H. Bennett 5, P. Gay 6, G. Davis 7, M. Wilshaw (cond.) 8.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Walker 1, Joy Martin (first 'inside') 2, K. Sansom (40th as cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, R. Walker 5, N. Lambert 6. For Mr. R. Fisher's 97th birthday. He is a regular Sunday service ringer in the tower.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Miss D. M. Reeve 2, G. Herbert 3, J. Yorke-Parker 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**EWHRUST, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 St. Osmund's Bob Doubles: C. M. Barnes 1, Judy Bowen 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. V. J. Smith (50th as cond.) 4, T. M. Barlow 5. First in the method for all.

**EXHALL, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. D. Harrison 1, K. F. Gardner 2, D. J. Allen (cond.) 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, W. A. Stote 5, C. P. Hammond 6.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Denyer (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. Simes 2, Miss A. M. Sweeney 3, A. Elmore 4, S. Meadows 5, R. North 6, R. Collins 7, D. P. Elsmore 8. Rung for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

**GEDLING, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Dowse 1, C. R. Larkin 2, H. Hanson 3, J. Heaps (cond.) 4, G. A. Dawson 5, J. Dawson 6. First in the method by all. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. F. Bryant (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Beaumont (first of Surprise) 2, Patricia Knight 3, Ariene Flather 4, J. N. Parkin 5, J. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden 8. For Evensong.

**HAWARDEN, FLINTS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): E. M. Jones 1, J. C. Jones 2, D. H. B. Milward 3, D. M. Collins 4, J. Tilston 5, G. Parting (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung on the eve of All Saints'.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Minor: G. Marsh and J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6. For Evensong.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**IDEN, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Huntspill Bob Doubles: Judy Bowen 1, T. M. Barlow 2, A. R. Baldock 3, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, E. W. Wood 6. First in the method for all. For the Patronal Festival.

**KILMINGTON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Sage 1, T. J. Thorne 2, A. Wright 3, L. Marker 4, J. Sage (cond.) 5, A. W. Sage 6.

**LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hillman (first away tenor) 1, B. Brimacombe 2, H. Hicks 3, D. Garvie 4, W. Boucher 5, E. Gouvier 6. Rung to mark the birth of a great-grandson for the 2nd.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, A. H. Reed 2, Rev. C. B. J. Marshall 3, E. T. P. Field 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, H. V. Young 6.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kick (first quarter) 1, S. Body 2, J. Creber 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Mrs. D. Burrough (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, P. W. Ham 7, H. Petheram 8. Rung for the diamond wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. E. Star.

**MELLS, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Kathleen M. Exell 1, D. C. Exell (cond.) 2, Jennifer M. Taylor 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, D. J. Hunt 6, P. Bridle 7, R. G. Edwards 8.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Haseltine (first quarter) 1, R. Cannon 2, H. Turner 3, P. Huggett 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. Turner 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Leonard Golledge, inducted the previous day, also for Patronal Festival.

**MONK SHERBORNE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. C. Holland 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, G. K. Dodd 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, N. Kneec 2, R. Mitche' (first of Stedman) 3, P. Harding 4, A. Knight 5, D. Lee 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, L. Hitchins 8.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Hanning 1, K. G. Game 2, Miss P. Adams (first in the method) 3, A. T. Shelton 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

**SIDMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Santer (first quarter) 1, A. Mingo 2, R. Woodley 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, G. Betts 5, K. Clark 6, P. Davis 7, A. Clark 8. A compliment to Mrs. M. Baker, a member of the band, on the birth of a son.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—At St. Dunstan's Church on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Ellmore 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, Miss P. Fox 3, J. Sheldrick 4, H. Weddon 5, R. Elmore 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. S. Brand, former curate of St. Dunstan's, leaving for Nyasaland.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bryant 1, W. Smith 2, A. Somerfield 3, J. Aldridge (first quarter) 4, R. Penny (cond.) 5, R. Somerfield 6.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Whittaker 1, Mrs. R. Corby 2, P. Woodward 3, Miss L. Gott 4, D. Banks 5, J. White 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8, J. E. Kirby 9.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Fooks 1, C. T. Brown 2, C. M. Heawood 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, C. A. Bull 5, M. J. Young (25th quarter) 6, G. W. Elmes (first as cond. of Triples) 7, V. J. Baker (first quarter of Triples) 8. A welcome to John W. Blackwood on becoming a member of the local band.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, B. W. Metcalfe 3, R. J. Moore (first of Grandsire) 4, B. K. Lewis 5, W. Lampard 6. A compliment to Brian and Sheila Lewis on the birth of a son.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Bailey 1, Ian Stotor 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach 4, J. White 5, A. R. Wood 6, C. Finch 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For the Feast of All Saints.

**WARWICK.**—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sept. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Gower 1, J. L. Garner-Hayward 2, Susan Smith 3, Christine Smith 4, R. Smallwood 5, G. W. Randall 6, R. Randall 7, E. Holdsworth (first quarter of Major as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. By the Sunday service band.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Bell 1, G. Avent 2, R. D. Bell 3, D. Laud 4, B. B. Hullah (first in method) 5, G. W. Seaman 6, W. G. Paul (cond.) 7, S. Laud 8. For evening service.



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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3546

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3538

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting to be held at Felsted on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End Cottages, Finchingfield. 3478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3584

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, November 16th. St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 3 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishops-gate, 4.15. St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m. Names for dinner to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage (309). 3533

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements at nearby cafes.—E. A. F. 3551

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—November 16th. St. Michael's, St. Albans, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain, 3 Mile House Lane, St. Albans, S.M.: Double Norwich.—M. A. Coburn. 3537

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Saxilby, November 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. W. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby. Special methods: Hereward and St. Albans.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3517

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. John at Hackney on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, available 3-4.15 p.m.—M. J. Hallett and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 3518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 3526

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 16th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying Miss G. Burchnell, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent. Notts.—B. N. Reed. 3531

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3548

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Churchill (6), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 3576

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest and meeting, Edlesborough, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Churchhill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, Blotchley, not later than 19th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3571

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Graoepenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Graoepenhall on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3590

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3496

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, November 23rd. at Ockbrook. Bells (6) 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to P. Slater, 73, Melbourne Street, Derby.—M. R. Blorr, Dis. Sec. 3580

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Hurworth (6 bells), Saturday, November 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. Thomason. 3572

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Braog, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elmsore, Dis. Sec. 3423

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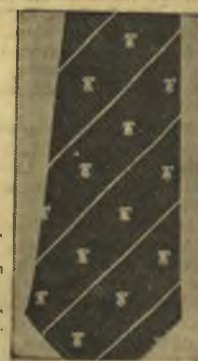
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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in the school 5.15 p.m. Names by November 20th, please, to Mr. Geo. Charlton, 17, Arbor Road, Croft, Leicestershire.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3570

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Burnham, Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing 5.30 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. 3563

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 23rd, Amesbury, Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by November 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3532

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting with EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION, Saturday, November 23rd, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells (8) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Business meetings in belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafes near.—T. Staples, D. J. Beach, Secs. 3592

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 20th, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting changed to Heathfield (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 20th please, to J. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3552

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn for those who notify Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday. Regret no notification no tea. 3585

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellindge, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Small, 'Bested', Church Lane, Aldington, by previous Wednesday.—C. T. H. 3588

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

**NORWICH DIQCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, November 30th (not the 23rd as stated in the report). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Heyhoe, Estate Office, Cockley Cley Hall, Swaffham. 3591

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Banstead on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Pitstow, 'Saffron,' High Street, Banstead, by Wednesday, November 27th. Sorry—no names no tea.—N. Steere, Ass. Sec. 3583

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. B. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 3559

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 7th, Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mr. J. A. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3593

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton branch.—Meeting at St. Mary Deane, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Visitors welcome.—Morley, Sec. 3594

**QUARTER PEALS**

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Mepham 1, Diana M. Gough (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, D. M. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cavill (first away from tenor) 1, J. Brewer 2, Angela French 3, Janice Haggett (first 'inside' of Doubles) 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, F. Parrimore 6. For All Saints' Day.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,312 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret M. Jones 1, Josephine D. Hardy 2, Patricia A. Morris 3, J. V. Richards 4, D. Staples 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. S. Morris 7, M. W. Marshall 8. For morning service.

**CAM. GLOS.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miners (first of Minor) 1, C. Legg 2, J. H. Taylor 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell 6.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Oct. 27th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,472 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: K. J. Triplow 1, D. J. Mundy 2, J. W. McClenahan 3, C. H. Rogers 4, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 5, H. E. Bishop 6, K. J. Darvill 7, S. C. Walters 8. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,335 Stedman Caters: S. C. Walters 1-2, B. D. Threlfall 3-4, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 5-6, A. S. Hudson 7-8, V. Nutton 9-10. First quarter of Stedman 'in hand' by all the band. Rung for All Saints' Day.

**CROFTON, YORKS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jowett (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Slater 2, Miss L. Gott 3, D. Banks 4, J. White 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,360 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. R. F. Muncey 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3, P. D. Lawrence 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, H. C. Foster 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8. Rung for Hallow'een.

**DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: N. Skelton (first of Minor) 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, L. A. Page 3, J. Baverstock 4, E. C. Read 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6. T. Harding 7. A farewell to Rev. Roger Keeley, who is leaving the district.

**HATHEROP, GLOS.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minor (nine methods): Miss A. Sadowska 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, S. M. Drew 3, H. Evans 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. Most methods for 1 and 2.

**HEVER, KENT.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Hollyman 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, J. E. Warner 4, Margaret A. Ladd 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6. After unsuccessful peal attempt.

**LECHLADE-UPON-THAMES, GLOS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Lee 1, Gillian Walsh 2, H. R. Hayden (first of Mixed) 3, A. J. King 4, G. W. Land (cond., 50th quarter) 5, W. E. Gearing 6. A birthday compliment to A. J. King (72).

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Catters: Miss D. Deverill 1, C. T. Richards 2, M. Sprackling 3, W. Grainger 4, D. P. Smith 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Struckett 7, J. W. Smith 8, H. W. Rogers 9, L. W. Bullock 10. For Evensong.

**MATHON, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: R. Lewis 1, R. G. Morris 2, J. C. Slater 3, C. Smith 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, P. G. Morgan 6.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, F. Hawkes 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Nita West (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Webb 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsom 6.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,272 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge S.): J. Felgate 1, G. Waterman 2, Miss G. Brown 3, W. Ayre (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney 6. First in these methods 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**WOODCHURCH, KENT.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, J. V. Richards 3, G. Stewart 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Marshall, grandfather of ringers of 2nd and tenor.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 College Exercise T.B. Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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63542	—	—	7Oy
56342	—	—	7W
36245	—	—	7P
42563	—	—	4P, 3C
64523	—	—	7C
54326	—	—	7Ox
23645	—	—	4Ox, 3We
64235	—	—	7We
26435	—	—	7Cl
42635	—	—	7Gl
62534	—	—	7B
35426	—	—	4B, 3V
42356	—	—	7V
34256	—	—	S, P, S, P, S, P, S
23456	—	—	P, S, P, S, P, S, P

Contains: 576 Superlative (S), 320 Alderney (A), 224 Guernsey (G), 224 Islay I, 352 Thanet (T), 320 Sheppey (Sh), 224 Orkney (Oy), 224 Wight (W), 576 Purbeck (P), 320 Caldy (C), 352 Oxney (Ox), 320 Westray (We), 224 Clywd (Cl), 224 Glaslyn (Gl), 352 Berwyn (B), 320 Vyrnwy (V). All the work. Rung at Ashover, Derbys, July 13th, 1963. Note.—These methods will not splice true to any composition of Superlative.

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—	—	2	342567
—	—	—	627354
S	S	—	326547

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23456 M I/F W

36452	1	X
56423	1	X 1
26435	1	X 1
36245	X	1
62345	X	
23645	X	

Twice repeated.

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45236	—	—	R Y R
24536	—	—	Y Y N Y N N
52436	—	—	R R R R R R
52364	X	—	N N Y Y
36524	—	—	R Y R N N
53624	—	—	R Y R
65324	—	—	Y Y N Y N N
32654	—	—	R Y R
63254	—	—	R N R
26354	—	—	R Y R
35264	—	—	R N R
23564	—	—	R N N Y Y

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43652	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	3
45623	—	—	—	2
52436	X	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	2
34625	X	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	3
23456	—	—	—	3

First rung at Arundel on March 19th, 1963  
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By FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

(The 'Cannon' Peal)

23456 W B M R

53426	S	—	—	—
54236	—	—	—	2
62435	—	—	—	1
62354	—	1	—	3
52346	—	1	—	3
42365	—	1	—	3
32564	—	—	—	3
32645	—	1	—	3
32456	—	1	—	3

Repeat once.

All combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at the  
course ends, running consecutively in each  
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