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LOVING INVITATION

Sermon preached to the North Staffs Association at Uttoxeter Parish Church by the Rev. P. G. Hardy, R.D., on September 19th.

'MAY their membership in this Association tend in some measure to build up Thy Church.' Those words of the prayer we have all just used remind us all that the skills we use in the belfry are very far in intent from self-exhibitionism. Those of us who merely listen to the bells certainly never fail to admire your years of practice and patience and painstaking effort which result in such ringing as we have been privileged to enjoy this afternoon. At the same time, and I speak in all humility, we realise that not one of you gathered here for this festival would ever have continued faithful if you had not appreciated the purpose of God's calling to you, to help in some measure to build up His Church.

Accordingly, when next Sunday you begin to ring out what the prayer on your service sheet happily terms the 'loving invitation,' will you bear in mind the sort of people who will be at the listening-end. Not being a ringer, I cannot be expected to know what goes on in your minds when you assemble in the belfry whilst the congregation is assembling in the church below. But you can be sure of one thing—that they are at one with you in your work to help build up the Church, and that they are probably praying for the very people on whose ears your ringing falls. With your necessary concentration, too, on the actual ringing it would not make sense to deflect your thoughts in the belfry from the mechanics of that process. Yet, ultimately, your very purpose in that ringing is directed at the souls of other people, that you may help in some measure to build them into God's Church.

The achievement of this purpose depends partly upon the actual skill you possess in the art of ringing—there is nothing so compellingly attractive as a firm and confident peal—but also in the sort of person you are. As in any profession or industry a man's progress is determined not merely by his abilities but also by his character, his soul, so also effectiveness in the belfry is measured by the prayerfulness or otherwise of the ringing.

Therefore, pray first of all for all who are obedient to God's call to worship. It is most important to support with your prayers those who are gladly heeding your efforts. Think of the Christian already on his way to church as your bells ring out; think of the encouragement you are giving him; think of the sense of Christian fellowship you are engendering in him; think of the very real joy in

worship anticipated by him through your bells. Pray, too, for those obedient to God's call to worship, but who by sickness or other hindrance are unable to get to a church service. Do remember that they will all be listening for your first pull on the ropes, listening for the prayerful joy your ringing will effect, listening probably in a nostalgic manner for the sense of prayerful fellowship which the bells will induce in their souls.

We members of the Christian Church have also to bear in mind that the Church is the only society in the world which exists for its non-members. Hence, secondly, your ringing must reach out to those who have lost the obedience they once had to God's call to worship Him. This loss of purposefulness in life is a sad spectacle which must cause distress to God and certainly does to all of us trying hard to recall such people to their sense of Christian responsibility. Think prayerfully of such a man who will be disturbed in conscience at your ringing; one man will be aroused by sheer nostalgia; another will be awakened out of the torpor of his now meaningless Sundays; all of them can be moved into renewed obedience of soul by way of your prayers for their recall as you ring for them.

Thirdly, your ringing must be understood as directed also to the pagans of this country, to those who appear unmoved by the ministrations of the Church, to those who refuse to be moved by appeals either to commonsense or reason. Their souls have somehow to be touched; your ringing is the only feature of Christian Church life they ever can notice; your responsibility to them is therefore tremendous. Hence, in all humility, my advice to you is this: in praying for such folk, select one or two people known personally to you and, as you ring, pray for them by name individually; pray that they may begin to understand that it is you and your skill being used by God to declare to them His Glory; pray that they may begin to realise that your ringing is for their benefit, that they may be drawn into the true happiness of life on earth, obedience to God's Commandments; pray that the sound of your bells may reach right into their souls to convince them of the reality of the Love of God for them.

We clergy are appreciative not merely of your skilful efforts to bring people into the fold of Christ's Church, nor of the faithfulness with which you come along Sunday by Sunday to 'send forth the loving invitation' to worship, but also of the prayerful example which you set by your diligence in the belfry. So may I conclude with this simple thought: it is not needful to recruit more ringers for our belfries, but it is highly essential to recruit more men of prayer as ringers.

ALL WERE LONG PEALERS IN JOHN WORTH'S IRISH PEAL TOUR

ONE of the most pleasing sides of ringing is the opportunity it affords of visiting fresh parts of the country. This was the case on Friday, September 25th., when ten ringers arrived in Dublin to make the most of a long week-end and to attempt six peals. All the party were long pealers but no long peals were attempted, although thoughts in that direction were occasionally voiced. This time concentration was placed on six heavy rings and peals long in time rather than changes.

Mr. Fred Dukes had us moving fast early on Saturday morning to Drogheda, 30 miles north of Dublin, where we were to attempt Bristol. Drogheda, an historic town situated on the River Boyne and between the counties of Meath and Louth, contains at St. Peter's Church (C. of I.) a ring of Taylorised Rudhall bells (tenor 22 cwt. in E flat). Three and a half hours later we and the bells were richer by a slow peal of Bristol and we were hustled out of Drogheda and the Boyne Valley and back to Dublin or Baile Atha Cliath as the road signs alternatively show.

FRED'S FULFILMENT

St. Patrick's National Cathedral was our venue for the afternoon and early evening. Founded in 1190, with a massive square 14th century tower and 18th century spire, the Cathedral dwarfs its humble surroundings and is best seen from the little park on the north side provided by the Guinness family, who also paid for the restoration of the Cathedral in the 1860's. The Irish publicity department have been at work here and we were hard pressed to clear the belfry of reporters and photographers before embarking on four hours of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Naturally, Gabriel Lindoff provided the composition and its due completion gave Fred Dukes his first of Cambridge Maximus and the fulfilment of the Cambridge ladder.

On Sunday morning, while two of the party returned to St. Patrick's to ring a half-muffled in memoriam quarter of Grand sire, the rest of us sampled Christ Church Cathedral, a superb building architecturally, but with a heavy-going ring of ten, which we managed to turn in to London. Afterwards we visited the Augustinian Church of St. John, another ten, but this time hung anticlockwise in a rectangular belfry. We were attracted by the highly ornate interior of the church, an attraction quickly dulled by the seemingly perilous ascent to the belfry.

London Surprise Major was the music for the afternoon peal at St. George's, Dublin, and a slow steady peal was rung, enabling A. P. W. to call his first of London. Later in the evening an attempt for the first hand-bell peal of Surprise Major outside England collapsed after 35 minutes of Yorkshire: we afterwards relaxed to eight spiced and Stedman Triples.

ODD-STRUCK

Kilkenny was the first peal tower on Monday and we got off to a late start, and we were an hour late at St. Canice's Cathedral. However, we were soon in the tower with little time to spend to view the 13th century Cathedral or the round tower close to the south transept. The tower is massive and squat with stepped battlements and the bells are hung on the roof, directly above the ringing chamber. The bells are loud, most are odd-struck, the four back bells all swing the same way, and it is therefore as well that we rang Lincolnshire here. But it became very apparent throughout the peal that, whilst one's first impression of the bells was not pleasant, after a few courses to sort out the uneven striking the earlier discomfort ceased and a peculiar sense of satisfaction was gained. A tower-grabbing band would never get the same satisfaction out of the bells as a peal band.

Leaving the city of Kilkenny, with the fine 200-foot tower of the R.C. Cathedral standing watch over the narrow winding streets and the now slumbering fortress of the castle, we turned eastwards in the direction of the Wicklow Mountains. Our destination was Arklow, 60 miles away. Fast driving was



MR. JOHN WORTH
A 1,000th pealer and ringer of five record lengths, including 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major.

necessary and as we went across country, past the sentinel of Mount Leinster, the whole rural life of Ireland greeted us—cows, sheep, poultry, donkeys, horses... and delayed us! At Arklow a late start was inevitable and perhaps the bells did not approve of non-Washbrook compositions, especially as the method was London, because our luck was out after an hour's quick ringing. So Arklow became the first tower in Ireland to owe us a peal, but patience is always rewarded and there is always something to return for. The bells are fine and as musical a 22 cwt. as will be found anywhere: combined with this the church, a beautiful example of Gothic Revival architecture, built in 1900.

GLORIOUS ENDING

Our final peal was on Tuesday morning at Christ Church, Bray. The two older members of the party left the youngsters to do battle with Bristol, and disappeared rapidly upstream to detect the source of the prevalent odour that results from the brewing of Ireland's national drink. The youngsters rang a good steady peal in 3 hours 43 minutes. What bells! Taylor's, cast in 1880 and rehung in 1950, they have the breadth, tone and go second to none for their weight, but have perhaps as their equal for tone St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork. Anyway, they were a glorious end to a most enjoyable week-end.

We parted ways at Bray, the Cheshire men flying back to Manchester and the South Wales contingent returning to Rosslare for the night boat. We must thank Robert Smith for organising that week-end from the Cheshire end. Fred Dukes for the Irish end and local ringers and incumbents.

We are happy that the ringing gave us an opportunity not just to collect more peals and towers but to experience a little of the best that Ireland can offer—grand, unspoilt scenery, a unique Celtic history, a happy people, and, everywhere, warm hospitality and an enthusiastic welcome. B. J. W.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District meeting, held at Gedding on October 10th, was well attended, over 60 ringers being present during the afternoon and evening. Canon C. H. B. Watson (Vicar) gave a very inspiring address at the shortened Evensong. Tea was in the Glebe Room, where local ladies had prepared an excellent meal.

We were sorry to learn that the chairman of the Southwell Guild (Mr. W. Midwinter) was in Newark Hospital and all wished him a speedy recovery.

November meeting: Whatton: December, Holme Pierrepont. R. B.

HESSE WEEK-END AT WRINGTON

The life and work of Major J. H. B. Hesse was remembered once again at Wrington during the week-end of October 17th-18th.

Both peal attempts were successful this year; on Friday evening Plain Bob Major was rung at Chew Magna, and on Saturday Stedman Caters was scored at Wrington. Mr. Rodney Hesse came specially to the tower on Saturday to express his appreciation and to say how much this annual event meant to the family. Similar sentiments were also expressed by Mrs. Hesse at the tea which followed, which she kindly provided.

Mr. H. Sanger, on behalf of the company, thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality, and in reminding those present of the example of ringers who had served us well and had now passed on, he coupled with the name of Major Hesse those of Mrs. E. Knight and Mr. A. A. Hughes, the master founder, whose work at Wrington will always be remembered.

Those present were Mrs. Hesse, the Rev. R. O. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. F. Oakshott, Messrs. H. Bird, J. Brain, L. Derrick, E. Lee, G. Prescott, G. Pullen, H. J. Sanger and S. C. Smith. J. B.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

An encouraging number of over 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea during the recent meeting held at Yoxall, near Burton-on-Trent, on October 17th. Ringing had taken place previously on the six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) and this had been followed by the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Nicholls), who made the Society most welcome to one of the few meetings ever held there.

Tea over, the honorary secretary asked that all the towers should pay any owing subscriptions to the treasurer as soon as possible. It was announced that the Ringing Master would be forming a team of volunteer ringers who would be willing to help in towers where assistance was badly needed. The appointment of Mr. D. J. Bates, 151, Red House Lane, Aldridge, Staffs (Tel. Aldridge 51333), as assistant honorary secretary, was announced.

The following new resident members were elected: N. J. C. Bowen, P. C. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Twigg (Lichfield Cathedral), R. D. N. Collins (Longdon), R. J. Wright (Yoxall), R. W. Barker (Cannock), G. Peters (Haughton) and P. A. Southgate (Shenstone).

Our thanks are expressed to all at Yoxall who made us so welcome, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Next meeting: St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, January 16th. C. M. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

The Tonbridge District held its annual meeting on October 3rd, at Sevenoaks. Ringing began at 3 p.m. before a very interesting service conducted by Rev. E. M. T. McLellan (Rector), at which he spoke of the modern teenage problem. Tea was taken at the Parish Hall, and provided by members of the Sevenoaks band to whom we say 'thank you' for their good hospitality.

At the business meeting Mr. P. A. Corby presided. The secretary's report and interim statement of accounts was adopted and four new members were elected. The officers for the coming year elected were: Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Dobbie; District Reps., Miss D. Colgate and Mr. S. Jenner; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Pope; R.W. Correspondent, Miss M. A. Ladd. It had previously been decided to hold four quarterly meetings with no by-meetings in 1965, the four towers were chosen by the members, i.e. January 2nd: Hadlow; April 3rd: Hawkhurst; June 26th: Seal and Seal Chart; October 2nd: Tonbridge (annual). The question of holding a dinner in the Tonbridge District next year was considered. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

Bells—the Church's Most Effective Conscience Pricker

Peterborough Guild Dinner

THERE was only one thing lacking at the annual dinner of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held at Northampton Town Hall on October 17th. The speeches were excellent and witty, the dinner was well chosen and well cooked, the band for dancing was in good form, but for some inexplicable reason the attendance was considerably short of the two previous dinners. Those who attended had an enjoyable evening.

Canon G. F. Turner, the president, was in the chair. He was supported by the Archdeacon of Northampton (the Ven. B. R. Marsh) and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mrs. Perrens, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. P. I. Chapman (Past Master), Miss S. R. Collins (Master) and Mr. E. Billings (secretary and treasurer).

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. P. I. Chapman, who said that it was only since the emergence of the much publicised South Bank religion and the publication of the reports of the conversations with the Methodists and with the subsequent criticisms and discussions that many, if not all of them, have really become aware that the Church of England, though always in modern times reasonably tolerant, embraces to-day a wider variety of religious conviction than ever before in its chequered history.

BETTER HEART

Changes and toleration of these changes were obviously essential factors in the modern Church—even the hitherto intransigent Church of Rome showed signs of recognising that. On the whole, we thought that the Church was in better heart than ever before—at least in their lifetime. It was at last being realised that she must keep up with events, that Christianity must be taken to the people and not merely 'made available' in the parish's ancient monument once a week on Sundays in a form almost unintelligible to modern ears!

Whatever changes there may be they will most likely have their effect upon our ancient art of bellringing, but that is comparatively unimportant. I believe, however, that the art of ringing is well worth preserving for its own sake. I also believe that it is a useful means of propaganda for the Church. As long as people complain about the nuisance of bells on Sundays it will be worth ringing for service. They are the most effective conscience-prickers the Church possesses!

The Archdeacon of Northampton said it was a pleasure to hear their pledge of loyalty to the Church as contained in the toast. The Church, like everything else, depended upon the Press and what they read in the Press was not always the whole of the story. What they read was about the newsy worth and that invariably meant trouble. There was a great deal going on in the Church throughout the world which was fantastically revolutionary, such as what was taking place in the Vatican Council, but few realised how the Church of England was in 1964 a revitalised church.

I am very proud to belong to the Church of England and I do not agree with people who say she is a chronically sick old lady. The Church is growing and is set on putting its things in order. In my present job I see a great deal of this diocese and the more I see my confidence grows. This diocese is having a share in the many forward things in the future.

The Archdeacon said he had been given charge of St. Peter's Church and it had, so he understood, the earliest bells in Northampton and one of the finest, and the first peal was rung there in 1739. Unfortunately most of his life had been spent in places where there were no bells—in Australia few of the churches

had bells but were dependent on recordings. Bells were very much a part of English life; they summoned the faithful to worship. As he went round the villages he found churches which had bells and needed help in training new bands; there were other villages where there were no funds to place the bells in order. In these matters the Guild could help.

THE DUEL

Mr. F. W. Perrens, librarian to the Central Council, proposed the toast of 'The Peterborough Diocesan Guild.' In doing so he brought to them the hearty greetings of one of their friendly neighbours—the Coventry Diocesan Guild—the Guild he had been most closely associated with during the 50-odd years he had been interested in ringing. Yes, they were still friendly although they won the duel for entertaining the Central Council next year. It was won when their Master told the Council that the Peterborough Guild general secretary was associated with a brewery!

They were very pleased last year to welcome their then Master, Mr. Chapman, and some of their ringers to the Coventry Rally. They had a matter of some 600 ringers and friends at the service at the Cathedral. They were very sorry that they could not arrange for them to have a ring at the Cathedral, because they knew the 14 bells were hung dead. He knew they would sympathise with them because at their own Cathedral at Peterborough they had no ringable bells. It was a pity that at the Coventry Cathedral the bells had not come up to the standard of the beauty of the Cathedral or the wonderful services they had, but it might be better in due course.

Their efficient secretary had sent them a copy of their last annual report and from that he noticed that some of the branch secretaries were disappointed that they did not get more members at their meetings. He thought they would hear the same complaint in many other Guilds.

FULL COMPLEMENT

The success of any Guild depended not on the officers but the success of individual bands, and first and foremost that success depended on having a full complement of members. What could be done about increasing the membership of those bands that were short. If each and every one could introduce a new recruit it would go a long way in meeting the deficiency. They had a wonderful example at Cosgrove—a six-bell tower with 30 members—he had never heard of anything like that before.

The Central Council recognised that it was essential they must recruit. To help in this the Council had issued a leaflet which could be hung in church porches calling attention to bells, the hours of service and practice ringing and to whom those interested should apply for information. These could also be hung in churches in the vicinity giving information of the nearest church with ringable bells.

Concluding, Mr. Perrens said he would like to congratulate the present Master, Miss Collins. As far as his recollection went there had never been a lady as Master of a Guild of this size. He wished her a very happy and successful year in her mastership.

The president, in reply, said they were always proud in their Guild that they had so many of the younger element and ladies as members. It had been said that it was an unusual thing to have a lady as Master, but in Miss Shelagh Collins they had a dedicated person; she was not only dedicated to bellringing but also to the Church and service of the Church. He wished her well. They were also fortunate in having Mr. Billings as their secretary. They knew of the excellent arrangements he made

for that function, the annual meeting and the summer festival. In him the brewery company of that town had an excellent representative in the Church. In regard to the Central Council meeting in Northampton next Whitsuntide they had already made certain arrangements and he hoped it would be a big success. The details would be circulated in the near future.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Regarding Peterborough Cathedral, he said all his life he had been connected with the Cathedral and he remembered, as a choirboy, when the bells were rung. For many years the bell had not been rung. It was not for lack of interest by the Dean and Chapter but because of the structural condition of the Cathedral, which is undergoing continual repairs; so far they had not been able to tackle the question of the bells. 'I never let a meeting pass without mentioning this fact and I hope that we shall one day have the bells ringing as I remember them as a boy.'

In the diocese, continued the president, the Guild was in a very healthy state with between 900 and 1,000 members, and a great proportion of those members were active, doing a splendid job. As he went about the diocese on various errands it was always a joy to hear the bells ringing and he thought when they heard him coming they always put a little more pep in their ringing.

The toast of 'The Guests,' proposed by the general secretary (Mr. W. S. Billings) and acknowledged by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, who mentioned his predecessor as Rural Dean of Southampton was Bishop Spencer Leese, who became Bishop of Peterborough. Dancing followed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Striking Competition Final

The successful teams from four Branch competitions met in the final of the Lancashire Association's striking competition on October 10th. Our hosts were the members of the Preston Branch, and in order to save time the eight-bell and six-bell sections were rung at the same time, the former at Higher Walton, the latter at Walton-le-Dale.

In the eight-bell section the judges (Derek Butterworth, Derek Ashton and Neil Bennett) placed the three competing teams in the following order: 1 St. John's, Preston; 2 Emmanuel, Southport; 3 St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

In the six-bell section the judges were John Booth, John Robinson and F. Reynolds, who placed the teams as follows: 1 St. James, Leyland; 2 St. Peter's, Burnley; 3 Adlington; 4 Accrington; 5 St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne; 6 Coppull.

This event appears to be growing in popularity, and thanks to some good organisation a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.
F. R.

PRESENTATION TO MR.

W. M. NEWBY

Recognition of the good work Mr. W. M. Newby did during the 27½ years he acted as Branch secretary of the Furness Branch was forthcoming at the half-yearly meeting of the Branch at Hawkshead on October 10th.

Mr. J. E. Burles, one of the Lancashire Association's representatives on the Central Council, in making a presentation of a wrist watch to Mr. Newby, which had been subscribed for by Branch members, assured him of the deep appreciation of not only their own members but of the Lancashire Association of his long and outstanding services to ringing. Mrs. Newby was presented with a bouquet by Mr. T. Bagnall.
T. F. M.

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Letters to the Editor

A Go-ahead District

Dear Sir,—A few words of praise and encouragement are these to the go-ahead ringing members of the Alton and Petersfield district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Great efforts have been made in the last 12 years in mastering different methods and improving striking and this is very noticeable at Liss, where there is a keen loyal band of service ringers who, incidentally, won the cup in last year's striking competition.

I have been a member of the Guild for over 30 years now and I think it is true to say that we have never had it so good in this district. Many young ringers are being taught and some older members have persevered and got on to Surprise methods.

On October 17th a peal of Plain Bob Major was attempted at Liss, an all local effort. Unfortunately this was lost after just over an hour of beautiful ringing. Not to be dismayed, it was decided to try a quarter peal of Stedman Triples and, once again, the ringing was really first class, equal to many much more experienced bands I have heard; unfortunately this too was lost in the last course. I had the pleasure of recording these efforts on my tape recorder and what joy it is to play this back and hear such beautiful ringing on this grand Mears octave.

How has this been achieved? My mind goes back to the early 1930's when Charles E. Bassett did a tremendous amount to foster change ringing and he still does. After the war came along Reg Jones and his wife, both dead, but they were keen and top class ringers and started what I would call the great revival.

Among those inspired by his efforts were Mr. Rex Corke and his wife, at Alton, who have fostered a good band. Another stalwart is my old school friend Alan Betsworth, captain at Liss who, like myself is a pupil of Charles E. Bassett. He went to Liss just before the war and got a band of change ringers going and encouraged such promising youngsters as David Hughes and Brian Walton, who are now conducting and instructing others.

Keith Sansom and Ken Tipper, at Petersfield, more disciples of C.E.B. and Reg Jones, are doing great work there. An excellent band is at Warnford, the work of these great pioneers and so it continues, a district that is really flourishing and getting ahead.

I think it is quite probable we shall see a Surprise band in the Alton and Petersfield district one day, the first ever. To all I would say, keep it going.—Yours faithfully,

Hawkey, Hants. CHARLES A. POUND.

Iron Spur Stays

Dear Sir,—Reverting to the correspondence on stays which started with Mr. Haythorne's letter about St. Lawrence's bells in Winchester, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church in the same city are five bells which are probably more unringable than St. Lawrence's ever were. Here the iron spur stays project *sideways* from the top of the headstock, to engage with intriguing vertical iron sliders (like pendulums) fitted to the frame posts below the bearings. The frame and fittings appear to date from the 17th century, the tenor (16 cwt. in F) being dated 1654.

Rev. A. Clayton's stays at Stratford Tony, attached to the wheels with rope, are paralysed at Tarrant Monkton, Dorset (3, tenor cracked), Bockleton, Worcestershire (3, tenor about 7 cwt. in A) and Tugford, Shropshire. The latter bells are an unringable, mixed 17th century five with really rustic fittings (mostly original) and still capable of being swung-chimed. In all these cases the rope or string is no doubt a repair, the stays originally being jointed, pegged or nailed to the wheels. It does seem that in the old days a stay was not something to be broken!

I wonder if anyone can beat Tarrant Crawford, Dorset, where the treble of the three has a normal stay projecting *downwards* from the headstock, to engage with a slider attached to the tower roof!—Yours faithfully,

Leigh, Reigate. CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leicester University Outing

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to comment on the rather uncalled for comments by Mr. J. J. Pawley (p. 695)? As the ex-Ringing Master of the 'local university society' referred to, I would like to point out the following:

(1) On the actual day of our outing, two members were prevented from attending after an accident on a field-course which caused a broken wrist to one girl, and very severe lacerations to the other. A third member, who was to have attended, was unexpectedly called for an interview with the bursar and joined us later.

(2) Nottingham University was also to have sent a band to join us, but an unfortunate examination timetable prevented this.

We, at Leicester, have had enough trouble to keep going over the last three years without having these extra misfortunes to contend with. I think I explained the situation quite clearly to the local lady who met us, and we were all grateful that she came to ring with us, albeit humble and poorly struck Bob Minimus. We did our best with the resources available—no one can do more.

However, as so often happens, it appears that the story got changed on the way of passing from mouth to mouth, and I am forced to make this defence for our Society.

I hope, Mr. Pawley, that you will not take these remarks personally; but do please enquire carefully into reasons before firing your bullets at people who may be innocent of offence. Next time we have an outing, let us hope that there will be enough to ring five, six, yes even eight bells. We have done it before and it can be done again, unless the face of fortune sees fit to look the other way once more.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

Moseley, Birmingham.

Old Rings of Bells

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Phillip Walker's article about the bells of Merton College, Oxford.

I am not quite sure what he means by the eight bells being 'the oldest complete ring by one founder in existence,' but here at Coulsdon there is a ring of five, all of which were cast in 1675; by John Hodson.

They have been rehung, quarter turned and retuned, but not recast, so they are by five years an older ring than those of Merton College.—Yours sincerely,

Coulsdon, Surrey.

D. G. LITTLE.

Morpeth Watch Tower

Dear Sir,—Just what is the 'slight' of the Curfew to which Miss Armstrong refers in her letter about Morpeth Watch Tower ('Belfry Gossip')? If it means that permission to attempt peals or quarter peals has been given—attempts which extend across the time for ringing the Curfew—then surely the matter rests with those responsible for the bells in this tower, presumably the Borough Council itself! It is open to all ringers to apply for the use of the bells at a certain time, and if permission is given then they cannot be blamed for going ahead with their ringing. If Miss Armstrong has any real grounds for complaint, then this should be made to the local authorities and not to ringers generally—unless they have in fact been ringing without permission, which I would very much doubt. The whole matter seems to be one which should be settled locally by consultation with those who have charge of the tower and its bells, whether these be the clergy of the Parish Church (some distance away up the hill) or the Borough Council.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Gillingham, Kent.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THE autumn quarterly meeting of the Guild was held in the Melton Mowbray District on October 17th. During the afternoon the bells of Waltham, Eaton and Croxton Kerrial were available as well as the 10 at Melton Parish Church. The Ringers' Service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, which was followed by tea in the Colles Hall, prepared by Mrs. M. Stimson (the Melton District Secretary) and other helpers.

The business meeting followed. After the President had welcomed the 80 members, visitors and friends (Melton always attracts a large number!) he thanked the Melton District officers for the arrangements made. Six certificates of membership were presented.

The election of the following 37 members was confirmed:

Canon D. A. Adams (Market Harborough), P. Humphrey (Nottingham), M. Stayley (Burton Latimer), Rev. F. W. Brown (Peckleton), Christine Mason (Chilvers Coton), L. F. Cobb (Ringwood), P. N. Tubbs (Winchester), J. Hartless (Southampton), F. L. Harris (Lymington), R. Kidpin (Farnborough), R. Haines (Salisbury), M. J. Best (Winchester), Carol Urry (Rugby), Anne Fellows (Birmingham), D. Midgley (Newcastle-u-Lyme), A. Jobson (Abingdon), R. Gay (Beaworth), P. Gay (Bristol), J. Queen (Petersfield), J. W. Lowe (Quorn), P. Hutchinson (Evington), R. Plowman (Evington), A. Dockerty (Evington), G. Reynold (Uppingham), D. Baxter (Grantham), K. Hesketh (Liverpool), D. Llewellyn (Barry), J. Nelson (Manchester), L. Melton (Ipswich), J. Pannett (Leicester), H. Hammond (Lutterworth), G. Pearcey (Lutterworth), W. Dobbie (Tonbridge), J. Woolford (Tattershall), Rev. Giles Galley (King's Lynn), Barbara Dobson (Shepshed), Jennifer Cook (Birmingham).

The President reminded members that the annual dinner would be held on November 14th at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, that Mr. John Freeman (Vice-President of the Central Council) would be the chief speaker.

The winter quarterly meeting would be held in the Syston District on Feb. 13th at Birstall. Mr. Peter Staniforth was to be asked to show the 50-minute film he took while on his visit to Washington at the conclusion of this meeting.

The next item proved to be the most contentious. Mr. G. W. Mason proposed and Mr. S. Harrison seconded a motion that an annual striking competition be held on a Guild basis to improve the standard of Sunday service ringing. After much discussion the motion was eventually carried by 35 votes to 19.

The committee had appointed Mr. T. C. Belton as press secretary to record items of news for insertion in the Diocesan Leaflet.

OUTING

SOUTH EAST WALES

More than 20 ringers from Cardigan, Pembroke, Tenby and St. Florence travelled to Brecon and Monmouth for the St. David's Diocesan Guild annual outing on October 3rd.

At the first tower, Devynock, the six bells were rung to Doubles, Kent and Cambridge Minor and rounds. Everyone enjoyed ringing on the beautifully-toned ring of eight at St. Mary's, Brecon. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples coming to grief just before entering rounds.

An excellent lunch preceded ringing on the eight bells at Lanfeign. This pretty little church, which has recently been restored, is a considerable distance from the village and is apparently the Mecca of many peal ringers. Unfortunately the ringing here did not do justice to the tuneful bells.

A short run took us to another eight at Llangatock, where the long draught tended to upset many of the company—the striking left much to be desired.

The wonderfully mellowed bells of St. Mary's, Abergavenny, were voted as the ring of the day. After a bad start a plain course of Grandsire Caters came round, which pleased us considerably, only two of the ringers having rung on ten before. This was followed by Original on ten, and rounds.

The party now split up, half returning home whilst the others went on to Blaenavon to ring on the delightful eight. A. F. W.

St. Katherine's Society's Week in the Lake District

ON Saturday, September 5th, nine ringers crammed into a Morris 1000 and a clapped-out Humber Hawk, and converged at ten o'clock on the Priory Church at Pamber, near Basingstoke. After three-quarters of an hour's 'struggle' and a look over the bells and frame we were finally convinced that, as far as we were concerned, the ring of four with its 50 feet of unguided rope was unringable. Ah, well, not to worry! Next came a long drive to Leamington, where the eight at All Saints' were sampled, and then to Lichfield, where, joined by Anne Horsford in her Sprite, we rang for Evensong on the glorious ten at the Cathedral. These bells were by far the best of the tour. We then pressed on to Buxton, where some managed to eat Chinese before ringing at St. Peter's, Fairfield. The length of the ropes brought Tony to his knees but we managed to strike a course of Kent fairly well. Ah, well, not to worry!

ENTRANCED

On Sunday, after a drive over the Pennines, where we first experienced the type of roads we were to meet for the rest of the week ('Stone me, it must be 1 in 3!—No, 1 in 4 at the most'), some of us managed to reach Leeds in time to ring for morning service on the fine 12 bells at the Parish Church. Some also rang for service at St. Francis of Assisi's (R.C.) before moving on towards the lakes. En route, eight of us rang at Giggleswick (the name had entranced a certain young lady ringer in the party), whilst the other two moved on to munch pork pies by the side of the road, ultimately being the first to arrive in Keswick, which was to be our home for the week. The rest arrived just in time for a short ring at Crosthwaite before the service, which we attended, hearing a sermon given by the Bishop of Pontefract. After the service, at Mr. Brownrigg's suggestion, we rang the bells again, and the more energetic admired the view from the top of the tower.

On Monday the grabbing started in earnest. Before lunch we enjoyed the new 7 cwt. eight at Hawkshead, where we were joined by Tom Metcalfe, rang Alporton Alliance (what, four lots of fourths?) at Broughton-in-Furness, and went on to ring at Millom, during which time the Humber had managed to have an argument with a Triumph owner who owned the white line down the middle of the road. We returned to Broughton for lunch, and went on to ring an almost perfect touch of Single Oxford on the light six at Kirkby Ireleth, three leads of Original Royal and a course of Cambridge Major at Dalton, and a course of Double Norwich at Barrow, where the fourth sounded to be hung in the staircase turret (we don't know where the other bells were). After tea we rang at Ulverston and at Tom Metcalfe's home tower of Flookburgh with its fine 16 cwt. six.

GOOD AND BAD

On Tuesday we went east, first to the delightful Taylor four at Lazonby, where the ropes hang in a straight line along one wall, which made Erin and Kent more interesting. This was followed by several touches on the somewhat difficult bells at Great Salkeld. At Penrith we were told a story about Mr. A. Patrick Cannon and, despite the organiser failing to recognise her, were joined by Hilary Swallow, who had come up from Tonbridge



The party outside Aspatria Church. Left to right: Raymond J. Talbot, Hilary A. Swallow, Colin H. Cook, Ian V. J. Smith, Anne Horsford, Julian W. T. Smith, Tony Lewis, David J. M. Cox, Christopher M. Barnes, Katherine M. Guy, D. Paul Smith.

by coach overnight. We proceeded to ring Superlative and Stedman on the fine ring of eight. After lunch we rang at Appleby, and then moved on to Kirkby Stephen, where three new ropes on a 60ft. draught defeated our efforts to strike the bells. Ah, well, not to worry! Orton bells, where the second had no stay, were sampled before tea, after which we rang at Kirkby Lonsdale.

On Wednesday morning we lost a peal of Cambridge at Arlecdon, but rang a quarter of Bob Triples instead, a 'first' for seven of the participants. Ah, good! Lunch followed at Whitehaven—fine church, but no bells. At Hensingham the third bell was a bit sticky due to an extra long stay, but we managed to ring Superlative. St. Bees' belfry proved to be the 'Black Hole,' but after a light switch had been found, a touch of Bob Major came round at hand (of course it's false). Ah, well, not to worry! Then to Egremont, where, after ringing, the magnificent tea laid on for us in the Church Hall was greatly appreciated. The evening was occupied by only one tower, Cleator Moor, where some good Double Norwich and an excellent bob course of Stedman were rung.

LANCASHIRE HOT-POT

On Thursday we went south into Lancashire, visiting Silverdale in the morning, where we rang Double Oxford (what, 65's at backstroke), and Morecambe after lunch, where more rope than bell was heard. At Lancaster came a heavy eight at St Mary's, and an indifferent ten at St. Peter's Cathedral. After tea came Hornby, Melling and Milnthorpe, ending up on our finest six at Heversham, where Cambridge, London and Spliced Minor were rung.

The next morning, Friday, we rang quite a good peal of Grandsire Triples at Keswick and, after lunch, worked our way up to Carlisle via Cockermouth, Workington, where

the tenor weighs 12½ cwt., feels like 15 cwt. and sounds like a ton, and Aspatria. After some delay following tea we rang at Carlisle Cathedral, where we seemed unable to strike the bells, although a course of Cambridge was reasonable.

On Saturday we attempted a quarter at Kendal but, owing to the speed at which we rang, mistakes were bound to occur and, of course, did. During the afternoon we rang at Bowness-on-Windermere and Crosthwaite, and after tea we joined the local Association in ringing on the fine 32 cwt. eight at Ambleside. Then to Langdale, where the delightful light six produced the best-struck Cambridge, London and Oxford of the tour. Back at Keswick our thanks were voted to the organiser, Colin, and the whole party got on the sofa to have their picture taken (Ah, good), followed by bed.

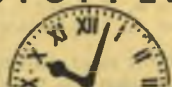
TILL NEXT YEAR?

An early start was made on Sunday for the return journey. The Sprite chose the M6-M1 route and joined in ringing at Blackburn Cathedral, eventually arriving at London Bridge at 4.45 p.m. The Morris and the Humber, having chosen the A1 route, were warmly welcomed at Bradford Cathedral for morning ringing. The Morris finally arrived at London Bridge at 5.45, but the Humber was having a rather eventful journey. It having 'given up the ghost' near Biggleswade, the occupants decided to push it off the road, and succeeded in manoeuvring it masterfully into a ditch. Ah, well, not to worry! Not long after, due to the overzealousness of a passer-by, two police squad cars, a fire engine, a breakdown vehicle and an ambulance arrived on the scene. However, a few cheerful words soon put things to rights, and, 'having got the ghost back again,' the car was restarted, arriving at London Bridge at 8.20.

R. J. T. and I. V. J. S.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): A. Munnings 1. K. Whitell 2. C. R. Woodard 3. N. F. Whitell 4. J. Munnings 5. R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

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MR. ALBERT J. DUNK

There were many sad hearts in the Rochester District of the Kent County Association following the sudden death of Mr. Albert J. Dunk, of Stockbury. Only the previous Saturday he had attended the Rochester District's first dinner, which he had organised. The following Wednesday evening, after ringing practice at Stockbury Church, where he was captain, he presided as chairman over the Stockbury Parish Council meeting. During the evening he was taken ill but recovered sufficiently to start his homeward journey, but collapsed on the way. On Friday he was rushed to hospital and had an emergency operation, from which he did not recover, and died on Friday, October 9th. His wife was at his bedside during his last hours.

Albert J. Dunk, aged 55 years, was well known in the Kent County ringing circles as Bert, and to many young ringers as 'Uncle Albert.' He was born at Greenwich and moved to Stockbury as a young boy. Educated at Stockbury School, he had lived in the village for nearly 50 years.

Among his many village activities, he was chairman of the Stockbury Memorial Hall. A good churchman, he had served on the Church Council and also as a sidesman and churchwarden. For seven years he represented the Rochester District on the Kent County Association and he will be missed by all who knew him.

The cremation service took place at Vinter's Park, Maidstone, on October 13th, which was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Evans. There were many ringers and friends present, and villagers from Stockbury. Much love and sympathy go out from us all to his devoted wife, Dorothy.

The bells at Stockbury, Newington and Rainham were rung half-muffled at a tribute. F. C.

OBITUARY

**MR. E. M. ATKINS
AN APPRECIATION**

'A Flat' writes:—

'I first met "E. M. A." on December 28th, 1911, when he rang our tenor to a peal of Minor in seven methods. Between then and 1919 we saw a good deal of him in the Leicester District as his uncle or grandfather was Vicar of St. Nicholas', Leicester, and chaplain at Wyggeston Hospital. Whenever he called at St. John's a good practice night ensued. I rang five peals with him during that period and was in several other attempts.

'One at Stoney Stanton was quite a comedy. There was "W.W." and one of his daughters, myself and brother, Maurice and three Cambridge pals. We went for Double Norwich Court Bob Major. When we had rung a plain course to a good beat, "W.W." wanted to know what was the game. W. D. James said he thought Maurice was calling it. We restarted and rang for well over an hour when someone called "Stand! I have missed a bob."

'Maurice was an enthusiast and did not mind toiling. Although I don't recall having seen him since 1919, I have followed his career. "All the better for knowing him" is my verdict.'

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1. P. Gifford-England 2. G. Pullin 3. S. G. Smith 4. F. Sandy 5. E. A. Price 6. H. A. Price (cond.) 7. J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ray Lewis, vicar's warden.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Jane Sibson 1. H. Weaver 2. J. R. Wilson 3. R. P. Wood 4. Derek Sibson (cond.) 5. H. Butler 6. L. Stilwell 7. R. Cox 8. With best wishes to R. Wood, sen., on his 80th birthday.

MR. J. W. UNWIN

We regret to record the death at the age of 81 of Mr. John W. Unwin, of Canterbury, which occurred yesterday in a Canterbury hospital. Born at Chesterford, near Cambridge, he spent all his working life in the Post Office, with periods of service at Peshurst, Tenterden, Towcester and finally at Canterbury, retiring in 1946. He was awarded the Imperial Service Medal after 40 years' service. It was at Peshurst that he met his future wife, who was a daughter of the late Mr. W. E. Spice. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1959.

Mr. Unwin was a member of the Cathedral company, being elected in 1922, was made treasurer in 1944 and captain in 1946; he held both offices at the time of his death. It was in his own parish of St. Stephen's, however, that most of his work for the church was done. He was a member of the choir and church council and during his retirement spent many hours doing both manual and clerical work. He revived the ringing band there. A member of the Kent County Association for many years, he had served as a representative of the Canterbury District.

Post Office representatives, ringers and friends filled St. Stephen's Church for the choral service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Desch), the lesson being read by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent) and the Blessing pronounced by Bishop Rose. Following the service quarter peals were rung at both the Cathedral and St. Stephen's.

He will be sadly missed by his ringing friends and his church. To the many messages of sympathy already received many will be added by those who knew him. B. J. L.

The peal rung at West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, on September 5th was for the passing of Mr. F. W. Rickwood, and not as stated.

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The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, were rededicated on October 4th and a contingent of Sydney ringers were present. Miss M. Collins, from Adelaide, who visited Melbourne a week later writes: 'They go like tops and sounded delightful on TV the other night. The circle is now almost perfect and smaller. The ringing chamber has been painted and the whole looks very clean, fresh and spacious.'

Sheffield University Guild have rung their first quarter of Triples.

It was Pat Bird and not Tudor Edwards who purchased the hunting horn to rally members of Bristol University on tour.

The peal at Leigh, Surrey, on October 17th, is claimed to be the first on the bells for 34 years.

The place notation of Sedgley Surprise Major, No. 21, appears at the foot of page 704. We are asked to state that this was a composition by Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

Ted Rochester's ringers during their week-end in Bath and the West explored the Hot Baths, Royal Crescent and Lansdowne Road. 'Naturally, mist shrouded all the views,' adds our entertaining correspondent.

The quarter peal at Saxilby on October 10th, was rung by the bride and bridegroom, two of the bridesmaids, the best man and the bride's father. All are members of the Sunday service band.

Mrs. F. E. Collins, who came to listen to the peal attempt at Painswick of Stedman Cinques, kindly stood in when the band turned up one short. In some respects the Painswick Youths scored a lucky peal as the clapper of the tenor fell out as the bells were being lowered.

We feel that Mr. J. A. D. Woolford, who rang the 59 cwt. tenor at York Minster and conducted the peal of Bob Maximus on October 3rd, deserves to rank among the tenor kings of the country. It was a fine performance. A friend informs us that Mr. Woolford was the first to turn in Liverpool Cathedral tenor to a touch. His ringing career will be watched with interest.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The fine performance of Mr. A. Lawton in ringing in a peal at Broughton, Staffs, where he is tower captain (see page 696), was actually a double occasion. The peal also honoured the golden wedding of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fortnam, of the Rudge Farm, Ashley.

In regard to the Ancient Society of College Youths' peal at East Coker, Somerset, on October 17th, it was the first time that any of the band had rung the full extent (5,600) of Middleton's composition of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Back in ringing and back in the headlines is Mr. James Bennett, of Grundisburgh. He not only rang a quarter peal, but called it. Jim wants one more peal for 1,300 and is going to have a jolly good try to get it. We wish him luck for his good old English pluck.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques at Buckfast Abbey on October 10th is only the second 12-bell peal by residents of the Guild, the first one being at Exeter Cathedral on January 9th, 1926, which was composed and conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, who was at the time Vicar of Holbeton, near Plymouth. The conductor (Mr. F. E. Day) wishes the name of Mr. T. G. Myers, Captain of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, to be associated with this peal because without his help, guidance and enthusiasm, the peal would not have been attempted. It is interesting to note that the peal was composed by 'Knights' and conducted by 'Day.'

As we go to press we learn with regret of the passing of a veteran ringer, Mr. W. H. Clarke, of Leicester, who succeeded Mr. Wm. Willson as Master and steeplekeeper of St. John the Divine's Church in 1936. At 86 years, he found it impossible to climb to the ringing chamber. Another notification of death concerns Mr. Sidney Alfred Paice, who died on October 11th, aged 78. A native of Horsham, he was secretary of the Horsham Society for many years and hon. treasurer at the time of his decease. Obituary notices will appear next week.

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ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION. DROGHEDA, Louth.—At St. Peter's Church.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt, 18 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Basil Jones, Brian J. Woodruffe, William H. Dowse, Harold C. Lonyon, Neil Bennett, A. Peter Whitehead, David J. Llewellyn, and John Robinson.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's National Cathedral.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1964, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Maximus peal, including Colin A. Lewis, Basil Jones, Harold C. Lonyon, David J. Llewellyn, John Robinson, John Worth, Fred E. Dukes, Neil Bennett, William H. Dowse, Brian J. Woodruffe, A. Peter Whitehead, and Robert B. Smith.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. First peal on 12 bells. First of Surprise Maximus, completing Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and being the first Irishman to do so; also 150th peal for the Association.

In memoriam Thomas McMaron and Joseph Atkinson, both ringers at this tower for over 50 years.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church.

On Sun., Sept. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt, 3 qr. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including Robert B. Smith, Harold C. Lonyon, A. Peter Whitehead, Neil Bennett, David J. Llewellyn, Basil Jones, Brian J. Woodruffe, and William H. Dowse.

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.

KILKENNY.—At St. Canice's Cathedral Church.

On Mon., Sept. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Lincolnshire Surprise Major peal, including A. Peter Whitehead, William H. Dowse, Harold C. Lonyon, John Robinson, Robert B. Smith, Brian J. Woodruffe, Basil Jones, and Neil Bennett.

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

BRAY, Wicklow.—At Christ Church.

On Tues., Sept. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt, 1 qr, 17 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including David J. Llewellyn, Harold C. Lonyon, Robert B. Smith, John Robinson, Neil Bennett, William H. Dowse, A. Peter Whitehead, and Brian J. Woodruffe.

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

All rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild on Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 13 lb. in B.

In 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Philip Mehew, Kenneth J. Hesketh, George E. Thoday, Gerald Penney, David J. Allen, Peter S. Bennett, C. Martin Press, and John H. Fielden.

In 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including Philip Mehew, Kenneth J. Hesketh, John H. Fielden, C. Martin Press, Peter S. Bennett, George E. Thoday, Gerald Penney, and David J. Allen.

In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Rutland Surprise Major peal, including John H. Fielden, Kenneth J. Hesketh, C. Martin Press, David J. Allen, Gerald Penney, Philip Mehew, George E. Thoday, and Peter S. Bennett.

In 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Lincolnshire Surprise Major peal, including C. Martin Press, Kenneth J. Hesketh, Gerald Penney, Peter S. Bennett, George E. Thoday, David J. Allen, John H. Fielden, and Philip Mehew.

In 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Yorkshire Surprise Major peal, including Peter S. Bennett, Kenneth J. Hesketh, David J. Allen, John H. Fielden, C. Martin Press, Gerald Penney, Philip Mehew, and George E. Thoday.

Conducted by David J. Allen. The above peals were all witnessed by Maurice C. Hughes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Cinques peal, including Roger F. Overington, Raymond G. Cousins, John Chilcott, John Phillips, David T. Darby, John S. Mason, Dennis Randall, John D. Rock, Wilfred Williams, James Phillips, Michael P. Moreton, and John H. Crampion.

Composed by David E. Parsons. Rung in honour of the ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 29th, of the Revd. Brooke K. Lunn.

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At St. Mary's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt, 2 qr, 19 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Cinques peal, including Walter F. Judge, William Hibbert, Mrs. F. E. Collins, Geoffrey J. Hemming, Cyril A. Wratten, Fredk. A. H. Wilkins, Michael J. Fellows, Martin D. Fellows, Edgar J. Smith, Gerald C. Hemming, Frederick E. Collins, and Francis A. White.

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Edward J. Chivers, David G. Massey, Ronald G. Beck, Norman G. N. Knee, Edgar C. Shepherd, Raymond E. J. Baker, David T. H. Robertson, and George W. Massey.

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Massey.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRINGTON, Somerset.—At All Saints' Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 36 cwt, 2 qr, 23 lb. in C flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Stedman Caters peal, including Maxwell F. Oakshett, William H. Kingcott, Geoffrey H. Pullin, George Prescott, John Brain, John E. Chilcott, John H. B. Hesse, John E. Chilcott, Henry J. Sanger, Sidney G. Smith, Rev. Roger O. Fry, and Eric T. Lee.

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by John E. Chilcott.

In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At St. Mary's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt, 1 qr, 9 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Harold Emery, Frederick W. Sweet, Geoffrey R. Marchant, Gilbert G. Davis, Brian J. Wyld, Cecil T. Clarke, Michael J. Stone, and George T. Burge.

Composed by Brian J. Wyld. Conducted by Brian J. Wyld.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHEW MAGNA, Somerset.—At St. Andrew's Church.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt, 1 qr, 15 lb. in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Plain Bob Major peal, including Eric T. Lee, Miss F. J. H. Oakshett, Maxwell F. Oakshett, Geoffrey H. Pullin, Leonard Derrick, George Prescott, William H. Kingcott, and Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Rung in memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At All Saints' Church.

On Friday, Oct. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Table listing names and positions for the Doubles peal, including Eric T. Lee, Miss F. J. H. Oakshett, Maxwell F. Oakshett, Geoffrey H. Pullin, Leonard Derrick, George Prescott, William H. Kingcott, and Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by R. Purnell.

A wedding compliment to Ted Cribley and Jackie Houghton, married at Minchinhampton on October 10th.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At St. Mary's Church.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.
*William A. Whetham .. Treble | Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2 | Reginald Beale 5
Alan W. D. Robinson .. 3 | William E. Turner Tenor
Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal of Minor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew-the-Great Church.
On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.
G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. Treble | K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 5
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 2 | K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 6
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 3 | F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 7
C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 4 | S. C. Walters (Pembroke) Tenor
Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by S. C. Walters.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. M. Atkins, Master 1910-1912.

ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E.
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) Treble | K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 5
*G. H. Jones (St. John's) 2 | *R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) 3 | *J. A. Harrison (Sidney) .. 7
*S. P. Darvill (Downing) 4 | W. J. Ridgeman (Queen's) Tenor
Conducted by V. Nutton.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Holy Cross Church.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Twenty-seven course block, reduced. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
Stanley F. Webb Treble | Hubert E. Ashley 5
Edward Holdsworth 2 | Geoffrey Pratt 6
Patrick I. Chapman 3 | Ernest J. Gower 7
David J. Allen 4 | Peter Border Tenor
Conducted by Peter Border.

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

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon.—At St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.
Herbert C. Spencer Treble | †Martin F. Lock 7
*Ann E. Fellows 2 | †Colin Reeves 8
Margaret A. Bould 3 | Frank D. Mack 9
Robert A. Southwood .. 4 | Norman Mallett 10
D. Roy Bould 5 | *A. William Myers 11
†Frederick E. Day 6 | †William J. Harvey Tenor
Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Frederick E. Day.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells. † First in the method and of Cinques.

In memory of E. Maurice Atkins, general secretary of the Guild, 1956-1964.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE.—At St. Nicholas' Cathedral Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.
*M. Elaine Murcott Treble | *Michael Maughan 6
†Iris Thompson 2 | David J. Marshall 7
Kenneth Lawson 3 | George S. Deas 8
*William G. Wilson 4 | Alan R. Patterson 9
†James Crowther 5 | Eric N. Harrison Tenor
Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by George S. Deas.
* First of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At St. Mary's Church.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Plain Bob. (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Percy May Treble | Alan R. Bridges 4
Alfred E. Honeywood .. 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5
George E. Symonds 3 | Walter Arnold Tenor
Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.
*John Tyers Treble | †Brian Huddleston 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2 | Richard J. Bowden 6
George Locke 3 | J. Anthony Bennett 7
†David Huddleston 4 | D. John Hunt Tenor
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal. † First of Major.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At St. Michael's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
William H. Viggers .. Treble | W. John Couperthwaite 5
Jessie M. Kippin 2 | Peter J. Joyce 6
*C. Kenneth Williamson .. 3 | Robert C. Kippin 7
*Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 4 | Tom Page Tenor
Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to mark the opening of St. Michael's Mission Week.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At St. Peter's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.
*F. Jack Robinson .. Treble | Claudia A. Critchley 5
J. Richard Castledine .. 2 | Jack S. Dear 6
Vernon Green 3 | Colin A. S. Harwood .. 7
Eric Edmondson 4 | G. William Critchley .. Tenor
Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.
* First peal away from the tenor. First in the method by all, except ringers of 5 and 7.
Rung to honour Rev. R. J. Davies, Rector of this parish, installed as Canon of St. Albans Cathedral on this day.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At St. James' Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
Heywood's Variation | Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.
Christopher W. Woolley Treble | Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5
Alick Cutler 2 | J. Howard Freeborn .. 6
*Christine M. Rimmer .. 3 | Roger Baldwin 7
Peter F. Windley 4 | Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WROTHAM, Kent.—At St. George's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.
Judith M. Corby .. Treble | Andrew J. Corby 5
*Mrs. P. A. Corby 2 | Treyor A. Cross 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 3 | Martin L. Howe 7
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4 | Philip A. Corby Tenor
Composed by Charles W. Roberts (C.C.C. 25).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

ELHAM, Kent.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,344 Cambridge, 1,152 Superlative and 768 London, with 99 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Ian H. Oram .. Treble | John S. Barnes 5
*Ann Jenner 2 | Ralph Bird 6
Doris E. Colgate 3 | Stanley Jenner 7
Arthur S. Richards 4 | Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor
Composed by H. G. Cashmore (C.C.C. 10).
Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.' First of Spliced as conductor.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At St. Mary-of-the-Holy Rood Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.
Cyril S. Jarrett .. Treble | Rev. Peter N. Bond .. 4
Alexander Waddington .. 2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3 | Trevor A. Cross Tenor
Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Albert J. Dunk, of Stockbury, Kent, who died suddenly on October 9th.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redburn, (3) Northumberland and Carlisle, (4) London, Dearn Valley, Cuneastre and Wells, (5) Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Wearmouth and Lightfoot, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 123 changes of method.

David S. Osenton Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.	Andrew M. Macve 4
*Mary S. Taylor 2	Ian H. Oram 5	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor
John Faircloth 3		

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. HELENS, Lancashire.—At St. Thomas's Church.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Dennis R. Jones 5
Jack N. Brown 2	F. John Nelson 6
Richard S. Starkie 3	Thomas W. Hesketh 7
Malcolm A. Phillips 4	James Hedgecock Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
Rung after Confirmation service at the above church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONKS KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At St. Editha's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

A. James Poynor Treble	Brian S. Chapman 5
*Garry W. Mason 2	Alan E. Hartley 6
*Malcolm E. Wade 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At Holy Trinity Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*Walter Ayre Treble	†Jack Bray 5
Ronald Chafer 2	John Hall 6
††Michael W. Crowder 3	*W. Arthur Crowder 7
‡Sepimus Neave 4	Philip Barnes Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* 825th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. § First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crowder.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At St. Andrew's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*James Lyons Treble	Ronald Russell 4
†Richard A. Webster 2	George F. Roome 5
*Richard A. Hunt 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First in six methods. † 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At St. Mary's Church.

On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5200 LALEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

J. Richard Castledine .. Treble	Claudia A. Critchley 5
John Hill 2	G. William Critchley 6
Susan E. Smith 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

LALEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR:

.58-4-12-36-14-3. 16-16. 3. 8th's place i.e. 4th's place hobs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GORLESTON, Norfolk.—At St. Andrew's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. William Bird Treble	*Michael T. Stimson 5
*Stephen High 2	William B. Duncan 6
Peter Kindred 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
*Arthur J. Stimson 4	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Church, Colegate.

On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, combined Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

John Cox Treble	David Cubitt 4
David Heighton 2	David E. House 5
Martin Cubitt 3	Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At St. Edburg's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Peter D. Beedie Treble	Peter Pearce 5
Peter J. Heritage 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Frederick W. Soden 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Charles Coles 4	*Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 150th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, except for the ringer of the fourth.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At St. Peter's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Ronald Snack 5
E. Russell Gotham .. Treble	Geoffrey Riglar 6
Howard Oglesby 2	Richard E. Dean 7
*Frances Proctor 3	L. Joseph Young Tenor
Gordon W. Limmer 4	

Conducted by Richard E. Dean.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

NEWTON LONGUEVILLE, Buckinghamshire.—At St. Faith's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
W. A. Yates Treble	Roger Cadamy 5
Raymond A. Vickers 2	Donald J. Meager 6
Terry Page 3	George W. Holland 7
Joseph Marks 4	Albert E. Daniells Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Joseph Marks, of Bleckley.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At St. Laurence's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*J. Edward Cawser Treble	Malcolm E. Wade 6
Monica M. Jelley 2	R. Kingsley Mason 7
*Beryl E. Cawser 3	Leslie N. Melton 8
Patricia A. Morris 4	Russell S. Morris 9
W. Ernest Rawson 5	John M. Jelley Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 50th peal together.

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

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At Holy Angels Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Durham and York, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Maurice G. Ingram .. Treble	John C. Eisel 4
Robert E. Hardy 2	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Edward W. Colley 3	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEWSEY, Wiltshire.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild peal.

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.'

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 14 methods in the following seven extents: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, College, Wavertree and Rodbourne, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Sandal and Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Castle Eaton peal.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

Rung for the service of Harvest Thankoffering.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At St. Peter's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Southwell Diocesan Guild peal.

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* † 25th peal together this year.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Chilton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At St. Mary's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for the Suffolk Guild peal.

Conducted by Ernest W. Pye.

Composed by C. Middleton.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Surrey Association peal.

Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.

Composed by G. Lindoff.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE, Worthing, Sussex.—At St. Botolph's Church.

On Wed., Oct. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and peal counts for the Sussex County Association peal.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

First in method by all, except 6 and 8.

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At SS. Cattwg and Illtyd's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild peal.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY, Hampshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfreda.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 qr. in D.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild peal.

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

HAMBLEDON, Hampshire.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Shipway's Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 lb.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Hambledon peal.

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

Table listing names and peal counts for the Worcestershire and Districts Association peal.

Composed by J. Shaw.

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.

* First peal in the method.

Branch quarterly peal. † First of Royal in the method

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcestershire.—At St. Michael's Church.

On Sun., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire (ten callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Great Comberton peal.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At St. Andrew's Church.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 Huddersfield Surprise Major

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Netherton peal.

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of York Surprise, two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Yorkshire Association peal.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Also Sheffield and District Society.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Leeds peal.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Table listing names and peal counts for the Whixley peal.

* First peal

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner at York.

LIVERSEDGE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

William A. Kirkby Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Peter Kirkby 2	Peter Scholfield 6
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Leonard Goodall 7
S. Barry Schofield 4	Alfred B. Sullivan Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At St. Peter's Church.

On Tues., Oct. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Peter Whitehead 1—2	Robert B. Smith 5—6
Neil Bennett 3—4	William H. Dowse 7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

All rung at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoc'h.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (2) Pinehurst Bob and Buxton College Bob, (3) The Wall Bob and Childwall College Bob, (4) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (5) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob; 81 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1964, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ILSTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KING'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MEWSLADE COURT BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sun., Oct. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5600 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	Edmund J. Morris 7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Oct. 12, 1964, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LYTHAM BOB MINOR

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

ILSTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR:
x 16 x 36 x 56. l.h.=16-34625.

KING'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR:
x 16 x 1236 x 56. l.h.=16-34625.

MEWSLADE COURT BOB MINOR:
x 16 x 36 x 16. l.h.=12-54632.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: June Bennett (first quarter) 1, Jane
Walker 2, Dawn Handley 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. San-
som (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th at St. Andrew's
Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1,
Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. M. Bould 3, D. Wheeler
4, A. W. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day
(cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H.
Marks 10. For Harvest Festival.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On October 5th, 1,260
Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. Helliwell 1, Miss J. Rowe
2, A. Cansdale 3, B. C. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, P. A.
Sadler 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8.

RUDBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On October 5th,
1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire):
W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 1, D. Carr 2, R. White 3,
D. Bounds 4, E. W. Ford 5, F. Broughton 6. For the
ordination as deaconess of Miss Sylvia Harding, lady
worker in the parish.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles
(11 methods): R. S. Fisher 1, Pamela A. Osborne
2, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 3, K. B. Osborne 4, W.
T. Alexander 5, P. Barrett 6. First in 11 methods
1, 5 and 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, at 23, Blen-
heim Road, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. T. Dale 1-2,
G. B. Thompson 3-4, A. T. Hawkins (cond.) 5-6

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor
(Cambridge, Plain Bob): Cynthia Webb 1, G. Futers
(first of Cambridge) 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4,
W. Simpson 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On October 10th, 1,320 Doubles
(Plain Bob and Canterbury): Kathleen Yardley 1,
Shirley Blair 2, Pamela Crosby 3, D. G. Crosby 4,
H. W. Cox (cond.) 5, R. I. Crosby (first quarter) 6.
A belated wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. I.
Crosby and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr.
and Mrs. D. G. Crosby. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,320
Kent T.B. Minor: H. W. Cox 1, M. L. Mann 2,
J. Godfrey 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. A. Cox 5, J. B.
Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SHEBBEAR, N. DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Doubles: W. M. Taylor (first quarter) 1, C. G. J.
Head 2, J. P. Coad (first 'inside') 3, L. J. Queen 4,
R. J. Gay (cond.) 5. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On October 6th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: Miss B. G. Daysh 1, Miss G.
Boyd 2, Miss M. Bougard 3, F. Mitchell 4, A. A.
J. Buswell 5, H. A. Nobes 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7,
P. Page 8.

SLEAFORD, LINCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain
Bob Major: H. P. Collin 1, W. Weston 2, V. Hum-
phrys 3, L. H. Squires 4, M. Rooney 5, C. Brooke 6,
M. E. Stracey 7, J. H. Musson (cond.) 8. First in
method 1, 3, 5, 6. For Patronal Festival.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge
Surprise: K. A. May (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. E.
Verrall 2, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 3, G. Rix 4, C. R.
Longhurst 5.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: 1. Broughton (first quarter) 1, H.
Baker 2, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 3, Miss F. M. Tomlin
(first 'inside') 4, J. Smith 5, C. A. Battell 6, W. H.
Dobbie (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. For the baptism
of Sally Joy Broughton, daughter of the ringer of the
tub.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Doubles: David Brown (14), Pamela Tomsett (16)
2, Linda Tomsett (14) 3, M. F. H. Lacey 4, A. A.
Webb 5. Rung in memory of Albert Dunk (captain):
First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

STUCKLAND, DEVON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. R. Reed 1, C. J.
Stevens 2, L. Hart 3, P. Doble 4, W. Webb (cond.)
5, C. Joyce 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob
Minor: P. A. Harrison 1, Elaine Dixon 2, M. E.
Harrison 3, R. Button 4, G. Nelson (cond.) 5, F.
File 6. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: P. Archer (first quarter, 12) 1, S.
Hammond (13) 2, Mrs. H. W. Egglestone 3, A. T.
Beckwith (cond.) 4, A. Farnish (first 'inside,' 14) 5,
H. W. Egglestone 6. For Harvest Festival.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary Magdalene,
on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Maggs
1, Jane Harkow 2, D. Lee 3, A. H. Reed 4, R.
Shepherd (cond.) 5, R. Cullen 6. A compliment to
the ringers of 2 and 5, on their engagement.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stutely 2,
G. Waterman 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills (cond.) 5,
W. Downs 6. For Harvest Festival.

USK, MON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles:
R. Clench 1, Julie Clench 2, D. Hughes 3, F.
Hobbs 4, L. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Richards 6. First
quarter of Stedman Doubles for all. For Holy
Communion.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Webb 1, Mrs. P. Bird
2, Miss J. Smith 3, R. Caporn 4, J. King 5, H.
Colcombe 6, B. White (cond.) 7, J. Maybrey 8.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Nora Shorter,
a ringer at Walton-on-Thames for many years.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: V. J. Baker 1, Judith A. Robertson
2, P. R. Keough 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, C. T.
Brown 5, M. J. Young 6, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 7,
R. W. Young 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to
Rev. J. Pearce (curate).

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Kent
Treble Bob Minor: K. R. Goddard 1, Rosamond
Murrell 2, F. G. Henbest 3, C. W. Bailey 4, G. C.
J. Murrell 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. First in method
2 and 3. For the wedding this day of Miss Jacqui
Haughton and Mr. E. Cribley, at Minchinhampton,
Glos.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—
On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara
Gateland 1, S. Anderson 2, June Price 3, R. Cleaver
4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, A. Wilkinson 6. For Harvest
Festival.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On March 29th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: L. Kingston 1, M. McCallion 2,
B. Dale 3, P. S. Whalley (first as cond.) 4, D. R.
Whalley 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, L. Walley 7, G.
Perry 8. Also on July 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob
Major: D. R. Whalley (cond.) 1, L. Kingston 2,
H. Pardoe 3, B. Dale 4, E. Snell 5, L. Walley 6,
P. S. Whalley 7, E. A. Edge 8. Also on Sept. 27th,
1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Kingston 1, P. Whalley 2,
E. Snell 3, P. S. Whalley (cond.) 4, H. Pardoe 5,
M. McCallion 6, G. Biddulph 7, L. Walley 8. Also
on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. McCallion
1, G. W. Biddulph 2, E. Snell 3, L. Walley 4, A.
Thompson 5, E. Edge 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7,
G. Perry 8.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MOXON-SAVILLE.—The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moxon, Tivy Dale, Cawthorne, Barnsley, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Saville, Valence, Westerham, Kent.

SAWYER-FOSTER.—The engagement is announced between Derek Miles, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sawyer, 44, Beechfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, and Susan Denise, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Foster, 36, Stoughton Drive, Leicester. 5616

RETURN THANKS

RICKWOOD.—Robert, Timothy and I sincerely thank the members of the N.W. District of the Suffolk Guild of ringers for their letter of sympathy and kind gift to us in our recent bereavement.—Joy Rickwood, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 5613

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JELLEY.—The address of Monica and John Jelley is now 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester.

SMITH.—The address of Susan E. Smith is now c/o 61, Blenheim Road, North Harrow, Middlesex.

PERSONAL

'Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.' (Psalm xxxvii, 37.)

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF HANDBELLS needed by Naval Christian Fellowship for Christmas programme, old folk's homes and candlelight service. Details of condition and purchase price to Mather, Rose Cottage, Stotfield, Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland. 5615

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, November 2nd, at 7 p.m. 5621

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Leatherhead District.—Surprise Royal practice at Leatherhead on Friday, November 6th, at 7.45 p.m. 5628

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MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on October 31st. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me, please, Towers available: 10.15-11 a.m., Brierley Hill (8); 10.45-11.30 a.m., Kingswinford (8); 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Stourbridge, St. Thomas' (8); 1.30-2.30 p.m., Lye (8, 3½ cwt.); 2.15-3, Cradley (8); 3.15-4.10 and after business meeting, Dudley (10).—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Croydon Parish Church, October 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. A special invitation is extended to all members of the Southern District. 5536

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at St. Mellons, October 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names, please, to Miss D. Hulbert, 6, Wentloog Road, Rumney, Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Ditchingham, October 31st. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 5496

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stratton Branch.—Meeting, Stratton (8), October 31st. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to H. Trewin, Marhayes, Broad Close Hill, Bude. Tel. 2513. 5559

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Thames Ditton on Monday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. All welcome. 5610

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Armitage Bridge Parish Church, Saturday, November 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Spencer, 21, Hangingstone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. 5605

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, November 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Everybody welcome. 5637

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with N. STAFFS ASSOCIATION, Newcastle, November 7th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by November 4th to G. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 5647

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 7th. SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, 2.30 p.m. start. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Errington, 7, Wingrove Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 4. 5646

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March (6), Saturday, November 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and ringing after tea. Special methods: Netherseale and Rev. Canterbury. 5602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Newport (6) on Saturday, November 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5631

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — S.E. District.—Meeting Broomfield Saturday November 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 5571

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting Eastnor, November 7th, owing to bells being unringable. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ledbury bells available after tea. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 5636

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting at Little Munden, November 7th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, November 4th, to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 5612

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on November 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business to follow.—John Pilkington. 5603

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Coppull, on Saturday, November 7th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Yapp, 316, Spendmore Lane, Coppull. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, November 7th, St. John's Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in school room. Names for tea by November 5th to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester.—Dis. Sec. 5645

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, November 7th, at Newcastle. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Annual Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. This a joint meeting with our friends from the Cheshire Guild (Crewe Branch) and everyone is welcome. Names for tea to G. A. Moore, 54, Enderly Street, Newcastle, Staffs, by Wednesday, November 4th.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 5584

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Gullesborough, Saturday, November 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckley, Rugby. 5630

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore Saturday, November 7th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. J. Care, 16, The Crescent, Flore, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 5624

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 7th, Keevil. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 4th to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5642

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on November 7th. Dunblane, 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. St. John's, Alloa, 2.30 p.m. Edinburgh in evening. Names for tea to Mr. Henderson, 43, Balfour Street, Alloa, by Tuesday previous. 5638

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5611

SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner, November 7th. The following towers will be open: Bushbury (6), 2-3 p.m.; Sharesill (6), 3-4; Cannock (8), 4 p.m. onwards. All tickets for dinner have been sold. All attending are requested to be seated by 6.25 p.m.—B. G. Key, Gnosall. 5622

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD AND SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Worksop Priory, Saturday, November 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells again 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop. No name no tea!—P. Denman and J. Seager, Secs. 5639

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 7th. Trowell 3 to 5 p.m. Wollaton 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. C. Shonfield, 33, Parkside Gardens, Wollaton, Nottingham. 5620

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **KENT ASSOCIATION** (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting on November 7th at Oxted and Limpsfield. Bells at both towers 3 p.m. Service at Limpsfield 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at both towers after. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jarrett, 13, Granville Road, Limpsfield, by the 5th.—W. H. D. and G. A. W. 5595

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 7th, Coleman's Hatch. Method: Kent Treble Bob. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, November 4th, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Phone Groombridge 438. 5623

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Clawton, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Branch Sec. 5633

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at Bolney. Bells 2.5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Cuckfield (if available) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by November 12th. please. 5634

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchingfield. 5635

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and **MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION** (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting at Walthamstow St. Mary's on November 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. St. Saviour's (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Hewitt, 13, Malta Road, Leyton, E.10. 5640

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Practice meeting at Tunstall, November 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 11th, to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent. 5644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, November 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Chief speaker: Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln (Vice-President of Central Council). Tickets (price 17s. 6d.) from the undersigned by November 7th at latest, cash with order.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 5598

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Welton and Dunholme, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Welton. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Dixon, Welton, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 5627

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Porthkerry on Saturday, November 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Transport will be available from a main road. Names for tea by November 9th to W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff Glam. 5629

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Witchampton, Saturday, November 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Possibly Long Crichel 6.30-8 p.m., otherwise Witchesampton. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mrs. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keynston, Blandford, Dorset. 5619

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Underwood (first quarter) 1, R. Tickner 2, J. Avenall 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WORCESTER.—At the King's School, in St. Alban's Chapel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A, P. White 1-2, P. Cattermole 3-4, M. J. Robinson (first as cond.) 5-6. First 'in hand' for 1-2 and 5-6. Rung by the Worcester Cathedral King's School Society.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): D. G. Franklin 1, R. J. M. Grosvenor 2, M. J. Robinson 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, A. P. White 5, A. Grundy 6. First quarter by all except 4 and 5. Rung by a master and boys of the Worcester Cathedral King's School.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Meeting at Clowne

ON a rather cold but fine October 10th, the Association's autumn quarterly meeting at Clowne was very well attended with almost 60 present from over 20 towers and visitors from as far away as Birmingham and Leicester.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Balborough and Clowne—both 6-bell towers—after which the Rector of Clowne (the Rev. W. S. Willcox) conducted a shortened form of Evensong. In his opening remarks as chairman of the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the Rector told the company he felt rather like the bridegroom who, with one hand on his wife's shoulder, rose to make a speech at his reception with the words: 'Ladies and gentlemen, this has been forced upon me...' He thanked the Association for the grant towards repairs to Clowne belfry.

The financial position showed an excess of expenditure over income of £34, which was almost entirely due to the unusually large number of unpaid subscriptions. The treasurer warned members that there was very little margin for error and so urged them once again to remember their voluntary donations when paying subscriptions.

In contrast the Bell Repair Fund was in a healthy position with a balance of £230 and only 2 out of 73 P.C.C.s having failed to pay their affiliation fees for 1964. Following the committee's recommendation Mr. J. Moreton was elected an architectural adviser to the Bell Repair Consultants as obviously the services of a qualified architect, who is also a ringer, will be a great help in that direction. Reporting on the work of the consultants, Mr. G. Halls, the secretary, said they were advising Charlesworth (a one-bell tower) on the installation of a light ring of six.

Following the election of Messrs. R. Smart (Sandiacre), W. Barwell (Sawley) and H. Money (Clowne) the proposed new Association badge—in the form of a bell and headstock—was accepted. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £2 15s. and advance notice was given that next year's annual dinner was to be at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th. Further ringing was enjoyed at Creswell (8) as well as Clowne. Next meeting (Chesterfield District): Old Whittington (6), Nov. 14th. M.P.P.

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Wilton, Salisbury, Ringers' Outing

An 8 a.m. start was made by Wilton ringers for their outing into Somerset on October 10th. By coffee time they were at Pilton, but there was ringing on this pleasant six before indulging arrangements having been made by our efficient organiser, Raymond Haynes.

Deeper into Somerset, to ring at Dinder, before lunch at Wells and then through the Chew Lake Valley to Burrington. As we arrived at Bath we heard the Abbev bells in full ten and hope to see the peal published. The evening towers were Kcevil and Steeple Ashton.

Our sincere thanks to incumbents and those who met us. J. A.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY
SOCIETY IN OXFORD

THE Society's annual tour, held between 1 September 19th and 24th, was based on Oxford. A regretted absentee was the Master as the tour proved to be as successful as its two predecessors. On Friday evening we were welcomed at the practice at Old Marston.

The tour began on Saturday morning, with a touch of Cambridge at Cumnor (6), followed by a rather better one of London. In Appleton's incredibly small tower for the ring of ten, we rang some quite acceptable Plain Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. At the next tower, Abingdon, we wished our band was at full strength to do justice to this fine ring of ten; we only managed Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dixon kindly entertained us to lunch at the Vicarage, a gesture very much appreciated. In the afternoon we rang Spliced Cambridge and London at Milton, but a good rhythm defied us at Harwell. During our hour at Wantage, we decided that the bells went better to Triples than Major; some good Stedman was rung.

FULL SUNDAY

On Sunday we were privileged to join the ringers at Christ Church Cathedral to ring for morning service; afterwards members went to St Aldate's, St. Giles' and All Saints'. In the afternoon we joined the practice at Radley, where Miss Cross made us very welcome. For Evensong we joined the band at High Wycombe on their excellent twelve.

Monday's ringing started at Wheatley, a recently rehung six. We experienced considerable difficulty here, as the clock case is in the centre of the circle and interferes with a rope-sight. At Great Milton we were met by Mr. Allen, who congratulated us on taking such a good band into the countryside. Although it must be admitted that a course of Bristol and a half course of Yorkshire went well on these excellent bells, we felt that we did not deserve such high praise. Little Milton followed and consternation was caused at 'The Lamb' by an order for twenty-eight rounds of sandwiches. Due to a tremendous piece of foresight on someone's part the order had been placed before we started ringing and so all was ready by the time we finished. After lunch we visited Brightwell Baldwin, Ewelme, Benson and Dorchester Abbey.

SHAKESPEARE AND BELLS

The cultural needs of the party were satisfied on Tuesday by a visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, to see Henry IV, Part 2. Our route allowed time for ringing eights at Woodstock and Chipping Norton and the six at Whichford. Lunch was taken at Brailles, and we were met at the church to be told that the tenor clapper had broken the previous Sunday. A great disappointment; but due to the hard work of the tower captain the other damage had been repaired and we were able to ring the front five. Thence to Stratford, where we had been fortunate enough to be given permission to ring on the excellent ten.

Wednesday began with two fives, Stanton St. John and Beckley. The eight at Thame were to our liking, but were not quite what we expected from such an imposing exterior. After lunch, another cack-handed eight, this time at Long Crendon. Although courses of Yorkshire and Bristol came round; we did not ring as well as we would have liked to have done. Wotton Underwood bells were a pleasant find, right out in the country. With our morale restored we went on to Piddington, but found the tenor badly cracked in the crown and the third slightly so. The day ended at Brill.

CONCLUDED WITH A PEAL

Three enjoyable rings on Thursday morning finished the tour. At Eynsham we were impressed by the striking competition certificates on the wall of the belfry. We hope our performance was up to standard. St. Mary's, Witney, bells are very fine and it was a great pity that we were now reduced in numbers again. However, a course of Yorkshire was rung, and we were a little late at North Leigh. In the afternoon we rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at Kirtlington.

We include in our thanks everyone who met us at the towers and added that little bit more interest to a very successful week. R. J. S.

COMPOSITIONS

5,104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by L. GOODALL.

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 — 1 23645
 — 1 — 42356

{ — — } 63425
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— 1 — 24365
 1 — 26354
 1 — 25346

— — 32654
 — 1 32546
 — 1 — 43265

— 1 — 63254
 — 1 — 53246
 — 2 52436

— 1 52364
 — 1 — 62345
 — 1 — 34256

1 — 35264
 1 — 36245
 1 — S 32456

Repeat.

Omit bracketed B.B.

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

BY STEPHEN IVIN

23456 M B I/F W H

35264 — — — —
 36524 — — x — —
 42563 — — — — —
 64523 — — — — —
 25346 — — — — —
 32546 — — 2x — —
 62345 — — — — —
 23645 — — x — —

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