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FILLING THE GAP IN RINGING LITERATURE

THERE is a shortage of books on bells and the history and art of bellringing. True, the county series continue to expand through the labours of Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Ranald Clouston, but these works are more confined to the bells, their inscriptions, weight and date, and do not cover the extensive field embraced by the words, 'The Exercise.' The late Ernest Morris made a useful contribution towards this end with his works, but they are out of print, and also such works as those by J. A. Trollope, particularly 'The College Youths.'

The gap has now been filled by Edgar C. Shepherd, one of the most versatile ringer-writers in the Exercise, in 'The Sound of Bells' (25s. net, Record Books Ltd.). The book makes a dual appeal—to the 40,000 ringers who might be regarded as within the fold, and secondly to the non-ringers who derive pleasure in bellringing and like to read about and hear bells. The unique feature of this book is that included with it is a double-sided microgroove record giving the music of some of the famous towers.

Among the public at large there is extreme vagueness about a bell and change ringing and only this week our attention was called to an expert in the field of vibrations who did not realise that a bell mounted on a wheel revolved 360 degrees. In non-technical language a bell is explained and a clear exposition given of the skill of the founder from the monks and itinerant bell-founders to the two great firms—Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank—who uphold the prestige of the craft today.

While Mr. Shepherd devotes a chapter to the principles of change ringing, the book does not extend over the border to become a text book, although the author has to his credit noted treatises on Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich. Indeed, it is just sufficient to give an indication of Plain Hunt and the ever-expanding number of changes as the number of bells employed increases. A more interesting side is, however, developed by tracing the historical progress of change ringing from Stow's reference in his Survey of London. And this growth has a fascination to all followers of the art. There was 'Tintinnalogia' the first text book, a joint effort by Richard Duckworth and Fabian Stedman in 1660, which gave to the world 'Grandsire,' described as 'the best and most ingenious peal that was ever composed,' a phrase surely treasured by the Rabbits' Guild in this era of 'Spliced Surprise' ringing!

Ten years later Stedman published 'Campanologia' which showed a remarkable advance—including the introduction of the Stedman principle which has no hunt bell. It was not until 1715 that the first peal was rung, a method we now call Plain Bob Triples, composed by John Garthon, but then given the name of Grandsir Bob Triples. The story of the Norwich Scholars' achievement is told on a tablet in the ringing chamber of St. Peter Mancroft: 'The most incomparable peal' and of the performance 'not one bell misplac'd or out of course.'

Expansion was rapid. Grandsire Triples came in 1718, at Norwich, but Grandsire Caters had been rung a year before at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, with the first peal of Major the following year. The latter was by the Union Scholars, and was called 'Union Bob.' The figures, Mr. Shepherd points out, show the peal to have been Oxford Treble Bob. It was not until 1725 that the College Youths scored their first peal—Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's. With Annable as a leader, the College Youths produced the first peals of Bob Major, Bob Royal and Bob Maximus. From Norwich in 1740 came the first peal of Stedman Triples, born amid intensive rivalry between the St. Michael's, Coslany, band and those of St. Peter Mancroft. Fisticuffs took place during the time of ringing and, says 'The Norwich Daily Press' of that day, the offenders were 'sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

Naturally, with his extensive knowledge of Birmingham ringing, the author brings into the picture the achievements at St. Martin's and the great contributions of Isaac Lates and Thomas Thurstans, whose famous four-part of Stedman Triples was first conducted by Henry Johnson. It was not until 40 years later that Sir Arthur Heywood gave the complete exposition of Stedman Triples.

How ringers will revel in reading the story of achievement, the long lengths and the rivalry, the genius of Washbrook, the domination for nearly 40 years of William Pye, of G. N. Price who rang Exeter Cathedral tenor singlehanded to a peal of Stedman Caters, and being introduced to those who contributed so much to method construction, like the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, W. H. Thompson, Henry Hattersley, John Carter, the Rev. E. Bankes James, Gabriel Lindoff and George Baker.

The contribution of the Central Council founded by Sir Arthur Heywood receives recognition and also the part played by the ringers' own journal founded by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and now the property of the Council. But after tabulating the wealth of record performances spread over more than two centuries the author sagely observes: 'The future of the Exercise and the survival of change ringing will rest, not on the great ringing performances of today, but on the enthusiasm of the missioners and the skill and devotion of the instructors.' The

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Strong Lecture Team at Grantley Hall Course

GRANTLEY HALL courses continue to meet the needs of a number of ringers and the list of those present at the 1964 course, the fifth to be held at Grantley, is some indication of the increasing popularity of the course. Those present were: Messrs. J. M. Chaddock (Rotherham), C. J. Groome (Huntingdon), J. K. Herdson (Harrogate), E. Hotine (Grimsby) C. P. Moxom and N. F. Moxom (Barnsley), T. Turbott (Skelmanthorpe), G. A. Town (Halifax), C. Finlay (Bradford), B. Greasley, J. Greasley and J. D. Ree (Derby), G. T. Jones (Wakefield), A. C. Banten (Tadcaster), I. G. Campbell, K. Goldthorpe and D. Johnson (Kirk Ella), A. R. Douglas (Rotherham), C. M. Mouley (Harrogate), P. Mohew and D. Sanderson (Herts) and E. Hudson (Ripon), Mesdames E. Chaddock and T. Hollis (Rotherham), S. Crossley (Wath-on-Dearne), N. J. Nissly (Pennsylvania), E. Peace and S. Peace (Kirkburton), L. M. Riley (Northowram), S. E. Thompson (Huntington) and N. Golden (Norwich).

Miss Nissly is a captain in the U.S.A. Air Force and is making excellent progress in and deriving much delight from our traditional English art.

The course began on Friday evening with Fred Sharpe giving his well-known lecture on 'Bells—History, Casting and Tuning.' With his travelling display of handbells, tuning forks, slides and photographs Fred is the complete and ever welcome lecturer.

Students were offered choices of talks on Saturday morning. For the first session the choice lay between 'Stedman, a study of the method,' by Norman Chaddock, the capable and versatile leader of the course, and 'A study of some methods worth ringing' by Nolan Golden, who was paying his first visit to Grantley. This lecture inspired the writer of this account to attempt to summarise his main points in the verses below. After the coffee break Norman continued his theme with a talk on conducting Stedman Triples whilst Fred Sharpe gave excellent advice on the maintenance of bells and their fittings.

In the afternoon some of the party rang new methods successfully on the six at Kirkby Malzeard whilst others attempted touches of Stedman Triples at Sharow with unison conducting. The ringing at Sharow was rounded off with a good course of Cambridge Major.

After tea all were delighted by Norman Chaddock's lively and well illustrated talk on his experiences during the Washington tour. Dinner over, an hour was spent ringing on the ten bells at Ripon Cathedral, when all were given an opportunity of sampling this fine ring. Handbell ringing and discussion of ringing topics, grave and gay, continued until a late hour. Students on a parallel course on photography displayed considerable interest in and made pictorial records of our activities.

A short service which included some good handbell ringing on the heavier of Fred Sharpe's collection of handbells was held in the entrance hall after breakfast on Sunday. Again a choice of lectures was forthcoming: 'Tune Ringing' by Fred Sharpe or 'Conducting' by Norman Chaddock, and later an all too brief talk by Nolan on composing methods and peals. During the afternoon the versatile Nolan delighted us with excerpts from his private anthology of 'The Bell in Prose and Verse.'

In the final discussion before tea thanks were expressed to all who had made the course so happy and successful and, with admirable foresight, plans for the next course were discussed.

If you enjoy good food, good weather, good company and good scenery, join us at Grantley Hall next time.

THE MERITS OF METHODS

We Grantley students would support
Nolan in praising Double Court,
It gives delightful music when
It's rung on six or eight or ten,
And Nolan is the proper person
To eulogise the Norwich version.
Original should interest all
But it is somewhat hard to call.
Stedman's appeal will never die,
We all know where its merits lie.
A principle to this akin
And well worth ringing is Erin.
Yorkshire six-bell ringers skilful
In choosing methods are most wilful.
Dover Delight should meet their needs
When rung with closed or open leads.
Untuneful cadences arise
In Major methods called Surprise.
We northern ringers much prefer
To ring melodious Yorkshire.

E. H.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD IN LONDON

The annual general meeting of the National Police Guild took place in London on September 26th. Ringing started at St. Giles-in-the-Fields at 11.15 a.m. and continued until it was time for members and friends to adjourn to the Euston Tavern, where an excellent luncheon was enjoyed by 52 members and their guests.

Before lunch, Mr. T. Butler, the president, called attention to the passing of ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner, of Leicester, and ex-P.C. Burley Walshaw, of Manchester. The company observed a short silence as a mark of respect.

There were 31 members present at the meeting which followed. Ex-Sgt. C. Willmington (Metropolitan) was elected president to succeed ex-Insp. T. Butler (Liverpool) in the New Year. Mr. Willmington thanked the members and paid a tribute to the retiring president. In his reply Mr. Butler said that he hoped to close his term as president with a successful peal attempt. The committee was re-elected en bloc with Mr. Butler replacing Mr. Willmington, ex-P.C. Knight replacing ex-P.C. Woods (who did not wish to stand) and Insp. J. Pryor filling the place made vacant by the death of ex-Sgt. Turner. Twenty-one new members were elected and this was commented on by the president as being a good omen for the future. These new members brought the strength of the Guild up to a very healthy level.

It was reported that a life member, ex-P.C. Joe Wilson (Manchester) has just celebrated his golden wedding, and the meeting asked the secretary to convey the congratulations of the Guild to him and his wife. The meeting decided that next year's venue be at Hereford on Saturday, September 25th.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and early evening at the following towers: St. Clement Danes'; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Vedast, Foster Lane; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Lawrence Jewry; St. Mary-le-Bow; and St Michael's, Cornhill. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Jack Phillips, as without his help this extensive programme could not have been carried out. The day was completed by a 'get-together' after ringing at the Euston Tavern, when light refreshments were provided in addition to the more stimulating matter which was consumed.

This was one of the most enjoyable meetings in recent years, and to all who helped to make it a success we send our thanks. R.H.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

On a rather cold and blustery day the monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Old Whittington on November 14th. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the very light ring of six (tenor 5 cwt.) in a wide variety of methods before the company of 35 members and friends adjourned for tea.

After an excellent meal, prepared by the wives and friends of the local company, a short business meeting was held with the Rector (the Rev. J. K. Rollinson) in the chair. He told the company about an architect he knew, who thought that church towers and clocks were both unnecessary and obsolete in this day and age. This opinion, he averred, was all too common judging from the design of modern churches. He urged the company to see that all our rings of bells would long be kept in action.

Nine new members were elected from Dronfield, viz.: E. Walker, M. Allen, Mrs. B. Kidd, A. Kidd, A. Bethel, Mrs. D. Cunningham, V. Cunningham, F. Haslam and Miss K. Cooper. As next year's Association dinner—to be held at Chesterfield on February 20th— is to be attended by the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield and Mr. F. Sharpe (guest speaker) members were urged to do all they could to make it a resounding success.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. L. Goodall (Dronfield) and further ringing was enjoyed in the evening after a short break for Compline.

Next meeting: December 12th, Bolsover (annual).

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The November meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Stotfold on November 14th, ringing being under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. D. R. Saunderson.

After a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. H. Bullock) at which Mr. P. Rogers played the organ, the 17 ringers present adjourned to the local school for tea. At the business meeting a new member from Campton was elected and it was decided to hold the annual District meeting at Biggleswade on January 9th.

With the arrival of more ringers during the evening many methods were rung including rounds for learners and the special method, Evening Star Delight. The bells were finally rung down just before 9 p.m. after a fairly successful meeting.

Next meeting: Northill, December 12th.

A. R. A.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its monthly meeting at Felkirk on November 14th, 14 towers being represented. One new member, Mr. Barrie Dove (Leeds), was elected and he offered the vote of thanks. A warm welcome was given by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Webster), who is interested in Felkirk Church and its history.

Next meeting (nominations received): Hemsworth, near Pontefract, December 12th.

J. W. B.

REDEDICATION AT PLUCKLEY

The recently restored ring of six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) of St. Nicholas', Pluckley, near Ashford, Kent, were rededicated by the Right Rev. Dr. Alfred Rose (retired Bishop of Dover) on November 12th in the presence of a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Pittock, assisted by the Rev. P. T. Robbins (District Representative to the Association and Vicar of Charing), and the address was given by the Bishop.

Ringing for the service was by local ringers, who have been learning under the direction of their captain, Mr. G. Homewood, and Mr. A. Waddington of Egerton. Afterwards ringers from the congregation had the opportunity of sampling the restored bells, and found that the 'go' is now excellent but the second bell sounds muffled.

Records show that there were 'five bells and a sacring bell in the steeple' in 1553, and the tower has one of the oldest six bell rings in the district, but it has always had the reputation of being difficult: There has never been a peal on the bells (which makes them almost unique for ringable towers in Kent), and only one quarter peal has been known.

The charming little village of Pluckley, with its beautiful 14th century church atop a ridge where the winding road follows an ancient Saxon track, is well off the beaten track. Now that the bells have been rehung on ball-bearings in a new frame, the tower strengthened and a new floor put in, it is hoped they will become better known, not only to the villagers (who have worked hard to raise most of the £3,500 necessary to pay for the restoration), but to ringers throughout Kent.

C.T.H.

Scholars Entertain at Stafford Archdeaconry Dinner

MEMBERS reserved the date of Saturday, November 7th last, for the Society's annual dinner held at Cannock. Ringing was available during the afternoon at Bushbury, Shareshill and Cannock, prior to over 100 members and friends sitting down to an excellent meal. The chairman and president of the Society, the Ven. Basil Stratton, proposed the loyal toast. Mrs. L. Reid, M.B.E., a well-known public figure of Willenhall, then proposed the toast of 'The Church and State,' stressing that the two could never be divided. The reply was given by the Rev. T. Villiers, of Shifnal, in which he said the Church to-day was far from dead, as too many people seemed to think, but it needed re-forming as a united Church, in which bellringers could play an important part.

As an interlude the Penn handbell ringers gave a demonstration of Caters, 'lapped.' Our chief guest, and a past president, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, proposed the toast of 'The Society,' saying that he felt that this active ringing society could be held as an example to other less enthusiastic ringing areas. Mr. G. Askew, of Brewood, suitably replied.

Mrs. B. G. Key said it gave her great pleasure to propose the toast of 'The Visitors,' among whom they had Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett (Claverley), Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tranter and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Leicester Cathedral). The Rev. V. J. Crane, curate of Penn, who replied, said he was learning how important the work of ringers was.

The evening's entertainment then proceeded with a most enjoyable recital of music given by the St. Lawrence's Junior School, Gnosall, team of handbell ringers, led by Mrs. B. G. Key. As well as handbells, items were arranged to include glockenspeils, a Victorian bell-toy, and recorders.

Later Mr. P. J. Staniforth showed his most interesting and educational colour film taken during his recent visit to Washington Cathedral.

The thanks of the Society go to all who helped in any way to make this such an enjoyable evening, especially to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key for all their arrangements.

C. M. S.



St. Lawrence, Gnosall, Junior Bellringers all keyed up for a great occasion. They performed on handbells, glockenspiels and other instruments at the Stafford Archdeaconry dinner. Trained by Mrs. E. M. Keys, they are now well-known throughout the Midlands, having appeared on television six times, and at various other functions such as garden parties, music festivals, concerts, church services and charity performances. Their ages range from 9 to 11 years and several of them are learning to ring tower bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deaneries Branch

The last meeting this year was held at Bicker on November 7th. During the afternoon the bells were in constant use, methods rung being from Grandsire Triples up to Cambridge Major.

The service included an interesting address by the Vicar concerning the true message of the bells and the duty of the ringers as Christian workers. In it he mentioned the use of the 13th century sanctus bell hung in the tower.

The excellent tea was attended by 20 members. At the business meeting seven new members were elected. The secretary (Mr. K. R. Davey) gave a report on the recent joint meeting with the Ely Guild at Tydd St. Mary, which was well supported. It is hoped to hold further meetings in the New Year.

Further ringing followed on handbells and on the 8¼ cwt. eight in the tower, where methods included Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Erin Triples and a course of Superlative Surprise Major.

Branch annual general meeting, January 16th (provisional). D. J. J.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District held a most successful meeting at St. Mellons on October 31st. During the afternoon the bells were enjoyed by some 40 ringers and touches were rung by the ladies. The choral service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Gower Rees. Miss Gillian Addis, chorister and ringer at St. Mellons, read the lesson, and Miss Scales was the organist.

A bountiful tea was waiting in the Church Hall, given by Mr. Addis and prepared by Miss Dilys Hulbert and her helpers.

Mr. Iolo Davies, Cowbridge, expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Addis and to the ladies. Mrs. C. Coles, vice-president, thanked the Vicar and Miss Christine Glastonbury thanked Miss Scales and the choristers.

New members elected were Miss Catherine Jenkins (Chepstow) and Miss Susan Lowe (Cardiff).

Next meeting: Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, January 30th (provisional). J. S. K.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The Portsmouth District have a warm friend in the Rev. G. R. Paterson, Vicar of Swanmore. When the District held its quarterly meeting in his church on October 24th, he said they would be welcome at any time at Swanmore because they did so like to hear the bells rung. An excellent tea followed the service.

At the business meeting the following members were elected: Rev. M. Swindlehurst and F. E. Gerken (Havant), H. V. Jones (Swanmore), Miss J. Clair, C. Watts, R. Pullen, P. Lewis (Tichfield), Mr. W. Riddle (Manchester) compounding.

Next quarterly, April 24th, Alverstoke or Havant; practice meeting, Bishop's Waltham, November 28th (if convenient). L. D. D.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

The November meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held jointly with the Southwell Guild, at Worksop Priory. The meeting was well attended and about forty ringers sat down to tea. Prior to a short business meeting, a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand,' was rung. A discussion took place on the possible integration of ringing societies in Yorkshire.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob Minor, to Spliced Surprise Major in five methods. Next meeting, Ecclesfield, December 5th. J. N. D. C.

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Letters to the Editor

Early Peals at King's Norton

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Bagworth's letter, I have records of the following peals at King's Norton-by-Gaulby, rung before 1881:

May 28th, 1776, 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung by the Nottingham Society in 3 hours 32 minutes.

September 3rd, 1781, 5,040 Grandsire Caters rung by the Leicester Scholars in 3 hours 9 minutes.

June, 1816, 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung by the Leicester Scholars in 3 hours 20 minutes.

The Nottingham Society is undoubtedly the same as the Society of Sherwood Youths, as also, no doubt, the Junior Nottingham Society, who sometimes called themselves the Hopeful Youths.

The record of the Grandsire Caters peal was found by the late Ernest Morris in one of the old Leicester papers, but the Leicester Scholars' books contain no reference to it. There is also a legend that the King's Norton treble went to St. Margaret's, Leicester, but this is almost certainly not correct.

At the other King's Norton, in Worcestershire, I have records of the following peals rung before 1881 by the Birmingham ringers:

December 7th, 1811, 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Youths in 3 hours 3 minutes.

August 11th, 1839, 5,040 Gandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Youths in 2 hours 58 minutes.

October 24th, 1852, 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the St. Philip's Society in 2 hours 57 minutes.

November 28th, 1852, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major by the St. Philip's Society and St. Martin's Youths in 3 hours 9 minutes.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Disguised Attack?

Dear Sir,—One cannot help thinking that D.G.C.'s article 'Introvert or Extrovert,' is a biased account of what should be an impartial rationale.

Men of action, he says, are impulsive, thick-skinned, inconsiderate, loud-mouthed, frustrated, what-oh types whose passion for the big time causes them to use people to suit their own ends. On the other hand he gives a glowing account of the men of thought (who park their cars correctly), the observers, the unobtrusive correctors who realise their knowledge on the subject is incomplete and are modest about their ringing.

This classification, it is submitted, is erroneous. To describe even the extreme introvert and extrovert ringer as such is nonsensical. There is a subtle difference between saying that a particular inconsiderate (etc.) tenor-bell ringer is an extrovert and saying the man of action, the extrovert ringer, is an inconsiderate (etc.) tenor-bell ringer. Similarly, a man of thought might be an introvert, but not all men of thought are introverts.

D.G.C. concludes that every single one of us is a mixture of the two types but few of us are 50–50 which, in effect, is saying we are all very nearly one or the other. Most psychologists accept this latter idea. We are fundamentally either extrovert or introvert.

A fortiori, the only conclusion to be drawn from the article is that there are basically two types of ringers: extrovert men of action, as portrayed therein, who are seldom respected, and introvert men of thought, as portrayed therein, who will be universally respected. It is suggested that this is no more than a disguised attack on the talented and perhaps over-enthusiastic, tower-grabbing, tenor-bell ringer from the viewpoint of the subdued introspectionist.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Yorks.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. A. Price 1, M. T. Hebden 2, M. G. Dodson 3, P. Gifford-England 4, G. H. Pullin 5, R. W. Rice 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, W. E. Day 8. First of Bob Triples for 4 and 8.

Sir Winston Churchill's Birthday

Dear Sir,—November 30th is the 90th birthday of the great war leader, Sir Winston Churchill. Last Thursday a letter appeared in 'The Times' requesting that where possible bells are rung in towns and villages to honour this almost unique event. The following day the 'Yorkshire Post' in an article commended the suggestion to all concerned.

I feel ringers should be acquainted with this, who have not already heard of it, as I think the idea is a good one and shows that the Church takes an interest in the affairs of State.

We are also hoping in our own tower to ring on the evening of Monday week.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Elland, Yorks.

Note.—We have also received a letter from Mr. King, of Wentworth, York, commending the same suggestion. It was mentioned at the Central Council meeting at Truro that Sir Winston should be honoured by the ringing of peals following his retirement from Parliament.

Christianity and Bellringing

Dear Sir,—With reference to the leading article and the letter of A. Betsworth in 'The Ringing World' of October 23rd, 1964, I would like to ask: How many ringers regard ringing as a form of worship? Surely the majority of ringers regard campanology as a hobby, just like philately or ornithology.

Granted it is a tradition for a church to have a tower in which there are bells but why follow the masses? Why not build churches without towers and build separate places for bells to be hung? In my opinion Sunday service ringing is a tradition and people do it out of sheer habit, therefore it is not in any way connected with the Church and the worship of God.

I myself am a very keen ringer who travels around quite a lot, and from what I've seen and heard you couldn't call campanology a Christian movement. People are always falling out with each other and often refrain from turning up to ring for several weeks on end. Many go into seclusion for as long as six months. You couldn't really associate this behaviour with Christianity, where one must love his neighbour.

From this stems my final question: Does one necessarily have to be a Christian to be a campanologist? I very much doubt it. —Yours sincerely,

O. A. M.,

Atheist.

No Farce!

Dear Sir,—We must thank Mr. Poyner for at last admitting that the method rung as Burslem Delight Major is not an extension of Burslem Delight Minor. Perhaps he will now agree to the Council's request and change the name of the Major method.

There is no regular Minor method called Salisbury Surprise. Therefore the title Salisbury Surprise Major could have been used for any method. The same applies to Hatfield Surprise Major and Luton Surprise Royal. Salisbury, Hatfield and Luton Surprise Minor do not have Plain Bob lead ends. Therefore the Methods Committee had no need to comment on the silly footnote to the peal of Salisbury. The Decision of the Council relating to method extension applies only to methods with Plain Bob lead ends.

If Mr. Poyner finds something wrong with the report on extension why did he not make an attempt to get an alteration to it when he was a member of he Council? He could easily have done his, every time that the Methods Committee presented its annual report, since nearly every year the question of extension is brought up.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

A PEAL WEEK IN KENT

(For Identities see page 565)

THIS peal week in Kent took place at the end of July and as the result of an advertisement in 'The Ringing World' the party assembled at Kemsing Youth Hostel for their second tour. The first ring was for Sunday service at Ightham, where some demonstrated how much their ringing had improved during the past year, and others how they hadn't. Seal was visited for evening ringing.

The 'fastest thing on two legs' exhibited how he thought bad-going tenors ought to be rung in a peal of seven Minor methods at Seal on Monday morning, in which he called most of the bobs! Our illegal youth hostellers did not arrive in time for the promised peals at Westerham. However, to satisfy the desires of the tower grabber, a quick ring was arranged at Limpsfield before the advertised time of arrival at Crookham Hill Y.H. Due to flies, the handbell peal planned for the evening was postponed.

Cambridge Major was attempted at Edenbridge on Tuesday, but after an hour and a half surprisingly good ringing, the tenor rope broke. Cowden bells proved uninspiring in the afternoon. 'Does anyone want to carry on?' 'No.' A long leisurely ride was enjoyed through newly afforested areas to Goudhurst Y.H. The fanatics attempted their usual handbell peal, but with the usual success.

At Brenchley, the Edenbridge Cambridge band assembled and rang an 'educational' peal on Wednesday. 'Well, it was a hot day, an' someone was burning grass outside an' . . . ' The afternoon band set off for Shipbourne leaving the dipsomaniacs at Brenchley, still feeding the juke box. Both the tower bell attempt and the fanatics' handbell attempt were lost. During the night the phantom walker discovered that he could fly directly on to the bunk below.—'Happy landing.'

A good peal of Yorkshire Maior was rung and enjoyed at Wrotham on the Thursday, Giles Thompson ringing the tenor 'like he was born under it.' A peal was attempted at Mereworth but, due to lack of strength, inspiration and the conductor thinking he had miscalled it, the attempt was lost. A quick ring was arranged at Wateringbury en route for Doddington. The mammoth cycle ride tested allegiance even to breaking point. The attempt to find an inn was again lacking in success, so the party had to content themselves reading Huxley and drinking orange juice in the common room—'O, brave young world!'

Success came to an attempt for 14 Minor methods at East Sutton on the Friday—the younger and more agile-minded representatives of the band ringing this. At Leeds Trevor Cross was a welcome addition; however the attempt for Bob Royal finished just under half way, the seventh dodging home at a middle, and the back bells doing likewise! A carnival evening was spent, it being the last gathering of the party before setting off for home.

Thanks go to our leader, Mister Thompson, for again arranging a not so lucrative peal tour but an enjoyable ringing holiday. It is rumoured that the next tour will head south from Stratford.

'SNOW WHITE.'

OUTING

BARTON AND SILSOE HALF DAY

Barton and Silsoe ringers with friends had a very enjoyable half-day in Leicestershire, on Sept. 26th. Towers visited were Woodhouse Eaves, Copt Oak, Whitwick, Oaks in Charnwood, Markfield and Anstey.

Highlights of the day were ringing after a wedding on the lovely mellow bells at Whitwick; the sumptuous tea prepared for us at Markfield, and the surprisingly good ringing there after such a feast; and due to a mistake we had a considerable wait outside.

Our thanks are specially given to George Pickwell, who made all of the arrangements from his new home in Leicestershire, and to Peter, who arranged transport.

K. F.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX

3rd September, 1881.—5,040 Grandsire Triples 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor 17 cwt.—'the first peal since the present church was built.'

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH

By public subscription two small bells were hung in this steeple, making a peal of 8, on 5th February, 1725.

On 1st April, 1727, 10,082 changes of the 'Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight, or the Union Bob' were rung in 6 hours 28 minutes.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

10th May, 1881.—The 102nd Annual Ringing Festival held to celebrate the 12,240 Bob Major rung on 10th May, 1779, in 7 hours 34 minutes. L. Proctor, Esq., of Bennington brought over his admirable team of ringers who rang Stedman, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent and Grandsire. 'The local ringers are progresssing fairly well with Bob Major.' (One sees very little reference to London and Cambridge in this volume—Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were more the order of the day.—C.R.)

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM

Old ring of 5 augmented to 8 by addition of new tenor (11¼ cwt.) and two trebles, to be opened 28 Sept. 1881. Bells by Warners. Mr. Mallaby, of Masham, put in a new frame and 'tuned and quartered' the old bells.

PROGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC RINGING IN CORNWALL

A band of 12 ringers are working assiduously at this delightful though difficult art. On 8 Sept. 1881 they rang a quarter peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 minutes at Penzance—'the only town in Cornwall which has advanced thus far... Although Cornwall has several fair rings of 8 in more-or-less bad order for scientific ringing, there is no ring of 10 on which those more advanced can practise. St. Andrew's, of Plymouth, has a grand ring of 10 which should have two trebles added to make 12 and then it would indeed be the ring par excellence of the 3 Western Counties. The steeple of Calstock is the only one in Cornwall adorned with a board recording a peal of Grandsire Minor rung some 15 years ago.'

PRESIDENT GARFIELD—ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, ETC., MUFFLED RINGING

26 Sept. 1881.—St. Paul's, by Ancient Society of College Youths, in memory of the late President Garfield. 'The open space in front of St. Paul's and the approaches thereto were thronged with a sympathetic crowd, who listened with mournful interest to the sound of the heavy muffled ringing of the 12 bells (tenor 62 cwt.) which reverberated through the air, and produced a feeling of deep sadness upon the vast assemblage.'

The same day, at Chester Cathedral there was 'a deeply muffled peal (both sides), then the curfew (muffled) was rung for 10 minutes after which they were unmuffled one side, then rung 40 minutes...'

At Huntsham, Devon, they rang half-muffled and the changes were in whole-pulls.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool, they rang 5,093 Grandsire Caters, 3½ hours. Tenor 25 cwt., for President Garfield, the bells being open apparently.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL RINGING ASSOCIATION

12 Sept. 1881.—Meeting at Chippenham. 'The ringers would recommend the churchwardens, when they have new ropes, to procure the best make, and not allow their ringers to cut any part below the sallies off, or tie a knot in the end of the rope to hold by.'

MARGATE, KENT

28 Sept. 1881.—District meeting of Kent County Association, 80 to 90 being present. 'Little was done at St. John's, Margate, as the bells were not in order,' but the towers of Quex Park (tenor 15 cwt.) and Minster (tenor 24 cwt.) were visited.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK

28 Sept. 1881.—The 5 bells were reopened after overhaul—entirely rehung with new stocks, wheels and fittings complete by Day and Son, Eye. The frame thoroughly restored and strengthened with new oak—the fourth bell recast and the others turned. Twenty to thirty dined at the Ship Inn, Rev. N. Bates, M.A., Rector, in the chair. He provided a supper in the evening. Ringing throughout the day.

NORTHMOOR, OXON

2 Oct. 1881.—720 Kent T.B. Minor, the 5th and tenor having been rehung by Mr. White, of Besselsleigh.

ST. NICHOLAS', ABINGDON, BERKS

5 Oct. 1881.—720 Kent T.B. Minor—where all the bells have been turned and rehung by Mr. White. Tenor 7 cwt.

NORWICH, NORFOLK

26 Sept. 1881.—Norwich Diocesan Association meeting. Fair attendance. 'Would have been greater had it not been known that St. Peter's bells, the great attraction for ringers, were doomed to silence owing to the work of restoration which is still going on outside the tower. The bells of 7 of the city churches were kept well at work, especially St. Giles' which are now again being used after a silence of several years.' About a hundred ringers dined at 'The Lamb.'

SONNING, BERKS

15 Oct. 1881.—8 bells lately rehung by Mears: Tenor 22 cwt.

Change-ringing replacing 'ups and down and rounds and rounds.' 'We hope soon to see these Churchyard Bobs consigned to Mother Earth.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, MEETING AT BOLTON

29 Oct. 1881.—Rev. B. Winfield, B.A. (Manchester), said there was a proverb which ran 'A house-going parson makes a church-going people.' He would be inclined to change it and say 'A belfry-going parson makes a church-going ringer.'

(To be continued)

A Glorious Christmas Gift



Here, without doubt, is the perfect present for every true bell enthusiast. E. C. Shepherd, a well-known contributor to these pages, has at last written a book ranging over the whole field of bell-ringing. Quite apart from his expert knowledge this is no ordinary book. It is, in fact, a book which has added a further dimension to reading — the dimension of sound. Each book contains a high fidelity recording of peals from both famous cathedrals and humbler towers, including the famous first peal of Stedman Caters rung at Washington Cathedral. In 108 knowledgeably-written pages (including eight full-page illustrations) Mr. Shepherd covers the origins and evolution of bell-ringing, and also deals with hand-bell ringing and the art of the carilloneur. Here is a book no bell-lover can afford to miss. The cost is 25/- (plus 1/- postage and packing). Please send cheque or p.o. with your order to

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OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT C. EDWARDS
AN APPRECIATION

With the untimely death on November 10th, in Northampton General Hospital, of Mr. Herbert C. Edwards, the tower of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, has lost a captain and friend of the highest order.

'Bert,' as he was known to one and all, started his ringing in 1908 at the nearby church of Calverton. He rang in many peals, some of them being landmarks in the history of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for 50 years.

His working life was spent as a body maker at the London North Western Railway Company's Wolverton works. He excelled in wood carving, especially oak. A peal board he carved is in St. Giles' tower and is a fitting memorial to him. Another pastime was his allotment where he spent many happy hours growing his beloved chrysanthemums: his plot is now in gay profusion with the heads of the blooms seemly dropped in sorry.

We at St. Giles will miss for a long time his smiling face and happy disposition. We shall always remember him, as indeed will all North Bucks members and many in other branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

M.G.H.

MR. CLAYTON E. PARNELL

The Norwich Diocesan has lost one of its oldest members by the death, on November 2nd, of Mr Clayton E. Parnell, in his 90th year.

A native of Beccles, he rang there under the tuition of Mr. Geo. E. Symonds, who was also residing there at the beginning of the century, and he rarely missed ringing for services, or a practice, until he left the town about 1928 for a short stay at Fakenham.

After two years he returned to the Eastern District, residing at Gorleston, and was a regular attender both there and at Great Yarmouth before the war, until failing health stopped him climbing the stairs. A quiet, unassuming character, he was always willing to assist in training learners. He rang 35 peals for the Association.

E.R.G.

MR. H. W. (HARRY) SHARP

The Ely Diocesan Association has lost its oldest member, by the death, at the age of 90 years, of Harry Sharp of Wilburton, Cambs. His death occurred on November 15th at the home of his daughter at Cottenham.

He was probably the last surviving foundation member of the Ely Association, and rang fifteen peals for it. Last July he took part in a quarter peal attempt on his 90th birthday. Until the death of his wife, and his removal from Wilburton, he was a regular member of the local band.

His funeral took place at St. Peter's Church, Wilburton, on November 17th. The Ely Diocesan Association was represented by Mr. C. W. Cook and his fellow ringers from Wilburton, who rang the bells he had loved as the cortège left the church. A peal of Rutland Surprise Major was rung at Burwell on November 18th, by members of the Association to his memory.

C.W.C.

MR. HARRY WYRE

Mr. Harry Wyre, of Cradley, Worcestershire, who died at his home on November 4th at the age of 72, had been a regular ringer at Cradley for 54 years, and was held in high esteem by the members of St. Peter's band of change ringers.

A man of varied interests, he was closely associated with the Sunday School in earlier days, he had a long association with the Boy Scout movement and received a distinction from Lord Baden-Powell for his services. For very many years he served in the Special Constabulary, rising to the rank of inspector.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Davies. As the cortège left for the burial in the family grave the bells were rung by the members of the local band, assisted by members of the Worcestershire Association and Dudley Guild of Change Ringers.

H.J.S.

CANON CLEMENT LEEPER

With regret, we announce the death of Canon Clement Leeper, Chancellor of Southwell Minster, which took place at Nottingham General Hospital, on Nov. 12th. He was 82 years of age.

An honorary vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, he was tremendously keen on ringing, although he was never a change ringer. Since his retirement in 1952, he had bein a regular Sunday service ringer at the Minster, and it was mainly due to his articles in the press that Southwell Minster had its ring of 12 in 1961.

A tireless worker for youth, Canon Leeper ran two youth clubs and two football teams and delighted in bringing his club members up the tower on practice nights, as a consequence of his recruiting efforts, Southwell had one of the youngest call change bands in the county.

It was fitting that at his funeral on Nov. 14th there were 70 young people under the age of 18 at the service, and six of the ringers came from his youth clubs. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in the evening, and one of his young people rang the tenor to his first quarter peal. We shall all miss him: he was truly a Christian gentleman.

J.R.P.

MR. L. J. WILLIAMS

With regret, we announce the death of Mr. Laurence J. Williams, aged 73, who had completed 50 years' service ringing at Church Kirk, Lancashire. He died at his home on November 18th after a long illness.

The funeral service took place at Church Kirk last Saturday.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE'S 200 PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4 (2), 1—64 methods 26 (16), 77 methods 1 (1), 100 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 10 (5), 1—85 methods 25 (13), one each of 100, 105, 111, 122 and 143 methods, all as conductor.

Minor.—Treble Bob: One each of Kent, Trinity Sunday (c), Cotswold (c), Burnaby D, Evening Star D (c), 3 methods, 27 methods (c), 50 methods (c), 60 methods (c).

Minor.—Surprise: Cambridge 7 (5), one each of Beverley, Surfleet (c), York (c), Durham (c), London (c), Carlisle (c), Chester (c), Rossendale (c), Lightfoot (c), Blunsdon (c), 7—31 methods 12 (11), 41 methods (10,080 changes), 45 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Stedman 1, Grandsire 4, Oxford Bob 1, Spliced 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 8, St. Clement's 1, Little Bob 1, Gainsborough 1 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 1, Spliced 3 methods 1 (1).

Major.—Surprise: Cambridge 4 (1), Yorkshire 5 (1), two each of Southwell, London and Superlative, one each of Wye, Whitwick, New Cambridge, Pudsey, Lincolnshire Cotswold (c), Biddenden (c), Longney (c), Winchester (c), Gainsborough (c), Walkerville, Chiltern (c), Wychwood, Rutland, Avon (c), Zelah, Aldenham, Fordcombe (c), Ullesthorpe, Jersey (c), Bristol, Belgrave, Melbourne (c), Crediton, Belvedere, Vermont, Aspenden.

Spliced.—One each in two methods, three methods, four methods (c), five methods (c), five methods 'all the work' (c), eight methods (c).

Caters.—Grandsire (2), Stedman (3).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Yorkshire 2 (1), one each of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Winchester, Swindon, Stroud, Wembley and Boston (c).

(c) and number bracketed indicate 'as conductor.'

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Three methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, 2—22 methods 10, 52 methods 1, 63 methods 1, 65 methods 1.

Treble Bob. — One each of Sandal T.B., College Bob IV D., Braintree D.: Oxford T.B. 3, 2—48 methods 13, 50 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 64 methods 1.

Surprise.—One each of Cambridge, Netherseale, six methods, ten methods, 14 methods, 10,080 in 14 methods.

All handbell peals except the peal of Doubles rung as conductor.

Total 250; conducted 141.

ANOTHER BORDER INCIDENT

What would, in diplomaitc circles, be described as a threat to world peace occurred on October 17th, when a strong raiding force from the Bedford area penetrated several miles into the south-east corner of Northamptonshire. The invaders are reported to have been led by Stephen of Houghton (no doubt looking for naoher conquest!) and supported by De Jongh (pronounced Dee-Jon) of Bristol, Alf of Luton and practically the whole of Maulden!

The success of the entire enterprise was largely due to the fifth column work of Arthur of Rushden who joined up with the main attacking force at the village of Tichmarsh. The invaders set up temporary headquarters at the parish church, where, after securing the doors to prevent interruption, they pulled furiously on the bell ropes and rang some 5,000 variations on a theme by Ivin.

After this performance the hostile band made a determined attack on the peaceful town of Raunds, where again the church seemed to be their main objective. Here, Arthur left the party, in favour of an evening at a square table! The arrival of Robert of Bedford, however, restored the force to its original strength, and the bells soon announced that the spirits of the band were good.

The number of variations rung however, were much fewer than at Tichmarsh, though William of Raunds had the unique experience, as he thought, of seeing eight bells struck to a course of London Major by seven ringers and seven ropes!

The explanation was that Stephen, considering the 'draught' a little too long, had ascended the tower to a point a few feet below the bells, where, ringing with the bare rope, he kept in place, though the other seven ringers, two floors below, were neither audible nor visible! This performance brought forth loud cheering.

Satisfied with their day's work, the invaders withdrew to the neighbourhood of Bedford as rapidly as they had come, no doubt to plan further depredations, but where will the next attack fall? Peace lovers, look to your independent deterrents!

PROVIDING BELLS FOR A WEDDING

THOSE who record bells will find the experiment of Mr. R. G. West, a radio and television engineer of North Lopham, of interest. According to 'The Diss Express' he was asked to reproduce bells ringing for a wedding at Wortham Church, Suffolk.

He obtained a record of the eight bells at Thatcham, Berks. After playing the record through on to a tape recorder he realised his problems were only just beginning. 'I had to get the record on the tape leaving off the start and finish to make it synchronise.'

To overcome this difficulty he rigged up twin turn-tables with intermediate switching and a mirrored lens on a tripod through which he could see the grooves on the record. To make two touches of 12¼ minutes' duration, with a short break in the middle and a three-minute toll at the end, Mr. West had to play the record through several times, carefully taking it off at a point before the end and restarting it in exactly the same spot a few grooves in from the beginning. The recording took Mr. West five hours to perfect and, he admits, 'several times I nearly gave up in disgust.'

But Mr. West's first 'disc' was immediately voted a 'hit' and now he receives 'bookings' at other churches without bells. 'If the bells are needed for a church service I supply them free, but if they are for a wedding I make a charge to cover my costs,' he said.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Williams 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. Bentley 4, R. Brocklehurst 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day Evensong.

LATE NOTICE

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Warwick Archdeaconry Dist.—Meeting at Hatton on Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5, bells after.—Names for tea to P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearsley, Stratford-on-Avon.

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Remembrance Day Quarter Peals

RUNG ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): Miss S. Bailey 1, J. Cuss 2, I. Foote (first quarter) 3, N. Tilley 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, L. Foote 8. Half-muffled.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, J. J. Prentice 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, N. F. Whittell 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. Half-muffled.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Brutnall (first of Stedman) 1, O. Castleman 2, M. Pole 3, A. G. Skinner 4, A. W. Skinner 5, R. Barrow 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, C. Martin-Jones 8. Half-muffled.

BURMARSH, KENT.—1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Miss A. Rayner 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wrauen (cond.) 3, R. P. Brotherston (first of All Saints') 4, B. Watts 5, T. Fagg 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Duntan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Stockbridge 2, A. E. Davies 3, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 4, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. C. Phillimore 6. Half-muffled.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss E. Meadows 1, J. H. Payton (cond.) 2, M. D. Fuller 3, T. J. Wellen 4, J. F. Payne 5, L. G. Connor 6. First in four methods by all the band. Half-muffled.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. French 1, E. C. Leigh 2, J. M. Hollyman 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, E. J. Jenner 5, D. J. M. Cox 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, L. J. Fox 8. Half-muffled.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—1,320 Doubles (three methods): J. Tonks 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Thomson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. Half-muffled, also in memory of Colonel W. B. Greenwell, churchwarden, died November 6th, aged 83.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hutchings 1, Miss M. Hutchings 2, P. Kedge 3, G. Lightfoot 4, M. Lawrence (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3. Half-muffled.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—1,260 Doubles (300 Plain Bob, 960 Grandsire): Miss I. Broom 1, F. Sage (cond.) 2, D. Thorne 3, Miss M. Sage 4, E. Broom 5, W. Broom 6. Half-muffled.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): J. Wardle 1, K. Burdett 2, H. Over 3, R. D. Hughes 4, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 5, D. G. Wardle 6. Half-muffled.

MERROW, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Davies (first of Minor) 1, Hazel J. Giddins (first of Minor) 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, S. M. Cobbe (first of Minor) 5, I. Vaughan (cond., 25th at Merrow) 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Jean Griffiths 1, Jane Owen 2, J. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. C. Jones 5, W. Price 6. Half-muffled.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: R. Grisedale 1, Miss J. A. Fellows 2, Miss T. Folkes 3, G. Dodds 4, G. Spencer 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. Pemey (cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8. First in method 2 and 3.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss A. Rowland 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, E. Williams (cond.) 5, W. Poolman 6, H. Perry 7. Longest length 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Coley 1, Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Half-muffled.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Galloway 1, Miss J. Smith 2, R. Spay (cond.) 3, R. H. Hunt 4, E. Styler 5, J. Perkins 6. Half-muffled.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—720 Plain Bob Minor: Allison Smith (14 years, first 720) 1, L. Gray 2, T. Rogers 3, W. Rogers 4, K. Gray 5, J. Collingwood (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. B. Jefferyes (first quarter) 1, Sally Cobb 2, I. L. Dear 3, R. J. Chapman 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, M. C. Austin 6. Half-muffled.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss L. Austin 1, R. Brown 2, Miss G. Brearley 3, M. Sherrick 4, K. Walpole 5, F. Ellis (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Cann 1, G. E. Mudge 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, Doris A. Bray 4, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 5, L. R. Cundy 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

TAUNTON SOCIAL

Over 100 ringers with their wives and, in some cases, children, came to the Taunton Deanery Social, held in the Parish Hall, Wellington, on November 14th. It was a new venture, planned originally as a 'get-together' over a glass of beer and some bread and cheese. But suggestions had flowed in to the Committee, so that the Ringing Master, Mr. N. Maggs, after welcoming the company, started us off with a quiz—3 a-side—Taunton v. Wellington. It must be said that general ringing knowledge was rather poor, and Mr. Maggs had his work cut out to get results. In the end Wellington won by one point.

We were greatly indebted to Mr. W. Coles who organised the showing of slides and the recording of part of the peal rung in the Cathedral at Washington, U.S.A. Mr. Coles gave the commentary, and the Rev. D. F. Morey, Vicar of St. Mary's, Taunton, the Branch Chairman, worked the projector. The slides were lovely, and the spontaneous enthusiasm of the listening crowd when the bells came at last into rounds made us gasp.

Mr. Frank Mack, of Exmouth, brought his ring of six bells, complete with frame, wheels and ropes. The bells were old horse bells, the rest he had made himself, even to the tiny sallies. At home he rings them over the examination pit in his garage, the ringers sitting on the edge. We tried to ring them sitting on chairs—I say 'tried' because even a well-known ringer like Mr. H. V. Young was told 'That is the way **not** to ring them.' It is said that a visiting band, good ringers too, took two hours to get a touch of 120 Grandsire Doubles. The ring was fascinating, and very much admired.

The Association's Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, came down from his Exmoor rectory, and the Rev. C. Marshall was welcomed from Long Sutton. Mr. A. H. Reed, the branch secretary, spoke of ringing in the deanery half a century ago, with some interesting details from old records, and thanked everyone who had worked to make the evening a success.

Refreshments, bread and cheese, mince-pies and apples, were organised by the Wellington ringers, and the Sampford Arundel band ran a small but well patronised bar. E. M. W.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal has been rung at Morval, Cornwall.

The peal at Poynton, Cheshire, on November 14th, was the first by the Sunday service band since the bells were cast in 1887.

Five Cumberlands from Essex and another five from Lincoln joined forces to enjoy a peal of London Surprise Royal at Bedford, on Sunday, November 15th.

We note the progress of Kenilworth Sunday service band who put on a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor for Sunday Evensong, on November 15th.

Wallasey, Cheshire, is proud of 14-year-old Allison Smith, who, apart from a first with her first 720, has another as the first-ever by a lady member of the tower to ring a quarter.

Whitchurch, near Tavistock, Devon, recently reported their first-ever quarter. Their second is to hand this week. Enthusiastic leadership soon produces results.

In the peal at Esher, rung for the Middlesex Association and reported on page 787, the ringer of the second was Miss Joan Spreadbury and not John Spreadbury, as printed. Sorry Joan!

Repairs have started on the bells of St. Mary's, Wroxham, Norfolk. They are to be quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings. It is hoped that the work will be finished by Christmas.

The Peterborough Guild, in their plans for the Central Council's meeting at Northampton next Whitsun, hope to encourage car drivers not to tag along behind the coaches by putting out an alternative programme.

Mr. Bill Stote, of Coventry, had car trouble when he attempted to go to Sapcote for a seven Minor methods attempt on November 2nd. Fortunately Mr. B. L. Burrows was an efficient deputy and the peal was scored.

Few ringers can claim to have rung and conducted their first peal—but David Fenton of Bramley, Leeds, did this in 1955. Now nine years later he has rung his second—before taking up an appointment in Geneva.

The band who rang the peal at Swinderby would like to thank Mrs. Drury for so kindly entertaining the band to supper, both on November 3rd, when they repaired four stays (all Hastings type), and following the peal a week later.

From Hobart, Tasmania, Mr. Gordon Robertson writes, telling of the warm invitation he and his wife have received from Mr. F. E. Collins, to join the band at Croydon Parish Church. They hope to be back in this country in the New Year.

A very good friend of Lincoln ringers is Canon V. I. Dalby, R.I., of St. Giles', Lincoln, and there was genuine regret at the news of his departure to St. Helen's, Boultham. A farewell peal of London Surprise Major was conducted by Mr. J. L. Millhouse.

The quarter peal at Okeford Fitzpaine, on November 14th, was a birthday compliment to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, and to the conductor (Mr. W. C. Shute). It was preceded by the annual committee meeting of the North Dorset Branch, S.D.G.R., at which the Rev. R. N. and Mrs. Longridge kindly entertained the members to tea.

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New Parish for Lincoln Ringer

The appointment is announced of the Rev. P. M. Freeman, M.A., Vicar of Messingham with East Butterwick, Scunthorpe, Lincs, to be Vicar of Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs. Mr. Freeman is the younger son of the late Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Freeman, and brother of Mr. John Freeman, the vice-president of the Central Council and honorary secretary of Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He is a practising ringer. All Saints', Goxhill, has a ring of six bells, the same as Messingham.

Failure Redeemed

Mr. Donald Clift, who lost a peal of Stedman Caters at Carbis Bay in August, returned there specially on November 14th, and was rewarded with a good peal. He has called two peals of Stedman Caters in Cornwall within 13 months, the other being at Truro Cathedral in October of last year. Previously only two similar peals had been rung in the county, one conducted by the late J. S. Goldsmith on the occasion of the Central Council's visit to Plymouth, in 1932, and the other by the late Frank Bennett, in 1938. Both these peals were at Truro.

Waltham Abbey

Recent visitors to Waltham Abbey will have noticed the effect of the £40,000 restoration of the church. The final phase of this work was a rededication service, attended by Princess Margaret, when the Abbey bells were put to good use, with ringing on the 12 by the local band, both before and after the service. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung during the afternoon, after which the band was pleased to meet the composer of the peal, Mr. Charles W. Roberts.

The End of the Season

The last of the half-day excursions arranged by Mr. A. L. Bennett, for Devon Guild members, took place on November 11th, the party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bould, Messrs. A. L. Bennett, K. E. Fursdon, H. F. Myers and R. A. Southwood. The first tower was Buckfast Abbey, where two of the Community joined in the ringing. After a sumptuous tea at the Coffee House, Buckfastleigh, two six-bell towers—Ilsington and Lustleigh—were visited. Ringing was in the four standard methods. Thanks were subsequently accorded to the organiser.

Jack A Napes

To complete their collection of Doubles methods, Mr. G. Dodd and Mr. R. Jones require the figures of Jack A Napes or Jack on Both Sides Doubles. 'These names,' writes Mr. Dodd, of 7, The White City, Woolton Hill, nr. Newbury, 'frequently crop up by critics of method naming, but none of our informants has any information about them.'

Sussex U.G. Welcome The Queen

Members of the Sussex University Guild of Change Ringers rang the bells of St. Peter's Church, Brighton, to welcome H.M. the Queen as she passed by on the occasion of her visit to open the new library at the University on November 13th.

A Generous Gift

The Editor and the Editorial Committee desire to thank Messrs. John Taylor & Co. and Messrs. Mears & Stainbank for generously placing the space occupied by their respective half-page advertisements at the disposal of the paper and at the same time continuing their payments to 'The Ringing World.'

This substantial increase in reading space is much appreciated. 'The Ringing World' Committee have expressed to the Editor a wish that Belfry Gossip should be extended to fill the whole page. To meet this request will necessitate many more contributions from representatives and readers. If all play their part, this page of items of interest about ringers, ringing and bells can be the most attractive feature of the journal.

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Festival in Rhodesia

Writing from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Mr. F. T. Blagrove informs us that the first week in November is observed as a Festival week at Salisbury Cathedral, and the bells were rung every day from 5 to 5.30 p.m. Ringing was on the front six, except for November 5th, when rounds were rung on ten. This day, apart from being Guy Fawkes Day and Referendum Day, was the anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The week finished with the half-yearly meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild on the Sunday, when the first touch of Major was rung on the bells, first call changes on the ten and the first eight-bell quarter peal in Central Africa.

First of Minor in Seven Methods?

At Bramford, near Ipswich, where the tenor is to be recast and there is a talk of an augmentation to eight by the addition of two trebles, Mr. George E. Symonds informs us that a peal board in the ringing chamber records that on January 1st, 1817, a peal in seven methods (Grandsire Bob, Oxford Treble, New Treble, Double Bob, London Court, New London, and Cambridge Surprise) was rung. New Treble, explains Mr. Symonds, is Kent T.B., and he asks: 'Could any of our historians who dabble in the past say when the first peal of Minor was rung in seven methods?'

Three Start Peals

Three young members of St. Mary's, Southampton, band have rung their first peals within a fortnight. On Oct. 31st at Soberton, Karen Faithfull (12) and Colin J. Butler (14) scored their first, and now at North Stoneham on November 13th, Joy Butler (12) has joined them. The father of Joy and Colin, Mr. Maurice J. Butler, rang in both peals. Friday, the 13th, was certainly not an unlucky day for Joy.

Grandfather's Peal

Mr. John B. F. Clark, of Harrogate, is anxious for information concerning his grandfather, Mr. Thomas Clark, of Sharow, Ripon. He understands that his grandfather rang in a peal at Ripon Cathedral on August 25th, 1886, which started at 5 a.m. The peal was to mark the millenary of Ripon Cathedral. Is there any documentary evidence of the peal?

Visitors Help Turramurra

Advantage was taken at Turramurra, New South Wales, of two visitors (Miss Suzette Wright and Mr. Tom Goodyer) to score a quarter peal on October 16th. The band needs outside stiffening for quarters as it is difficult to get younger ringers to progress beyond Plain Bob Doubles.

The Ringing Family

At a recent Old Whittington practice night with only ten members (reports 'The Belfry News') there were in the tower:
Two fathers and daughters,
Two brothers and sisters,
One husband and wife,
One father and son,
One pair of brothers,
One pair of 'in laws.'
'Nepotism?' queries 'Tombstone.'

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELLS, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Derrick J. Withers	5
David G. Massey	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	6
Douglas G. Brown	3	Norman G. N. Knee	7
*Julian E. Newman	4	Hugh Vennell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

CARHAMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Miss A. Platt	*Treble*	J. Aldridge	4
A. Somerfield	2	R. M. Watts	5
W. Smith	3	R. J. Somerfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Smith.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE, Beds.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Arthur Gibbs	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	5
*David R. Saunderson	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Sheila I. Smith	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TARPORLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Rosemary Eccleston	*Treble*	Dennis Latham	5
Sidney Hough	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
Ivor Jenkins	3	John Robinson	7
*John A. Booth	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Derek F. Yates	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John Worth	2	Alan McFall	6
A. Peter Whitehead	3	William H. Dowse	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Frank Osbaldiston	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WEAVERHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents, each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Sidney Hough	*Treble*	Douglas F. Welch	4
Rev. Christopher J. Rees	2	Denis Mottershead	5
Brian Schofield	3	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.

MARBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5100 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's, thirty 120's (ten callings) and one sixty.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Frank R. Morton	*Treble*	†Terence E. Trickett	4
George A. Packer	2	†James S. Baker	5
John E. Brough	3	Thomas P. Barlow	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 50th peal. † First of Grandsire.
Rung half-muffled in memory of William T. Holding of Crewe.

POYNTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents, each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Roger Steer	*Treble*	Douglas Welch	4
*Christopher Jenkins (13)	2	Sidney Hough	5
Rosemary Eccleston	3	Ivor Jenkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ivor Jenkins.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for Mr. G. C. Verney (organist), died November 9th, 1964.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11½ lb.

Fred W. Stone	*Treble*	David W. Parkin	6
Joseph C. Woolley	2	Douglas Derbyshire	7
Derek G. Astridge	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Marilyn Astridge	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Geo. L. Roobottom	5	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WALSOKEN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 4, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

M. Rowland Reed	*Treble*	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4
Fred Wigmore	2	Leslie W. Houghton	5
Tom Bush	3	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Leonard J. Fox	*Treble*	John Phillips	6
John H. Crampion	2	Raymond G. Cousins	7
Harry Turner	3	Robert J. Chapman	8
Michael C. Austin	4	John Armstrong	9
Frederick W. Ellis	5	Donald E. Cobb	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
Rung following the Service of Rededication of the Abbey by the Bishop of Chelmsford in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Martyn J. Marriott	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	5
*Joyce Dodds	2	Geoffrey Dodds	6
Kathleen A. Rivett	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of London. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Lewis A. Goodenough.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Stuart J. Hutton	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Edwin G. Buck	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
G. William Critchley	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John A. Booth	*Treble*	Jeffrey Brannan	5
*Joyce Grainger	2	‡Darryl Gillespie	6
*Geoffrey R. Gardner	3	*Eric Roughley	7
†Denis Latham	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Syston District.
BURSTALL, Leics.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (all different). Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

*Richard S. Moore	*Treble*	Hugh A. Thomas	4
Jane E. Robinson	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
David F. Moore	3	Geoffrey M. Brewin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Brewin.
* First peal.
Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day, the first anniversary of the dedication of the new church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb in E.

Norah M. Randles	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
*Anne E. Bateson	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Joyce M. Gurnhill	3	Geoffrey Paul	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter A. Sharp	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
A farewell compliment to Rev. Canon V. I. Dalby, R.D., on leaving the parish for St. Helen's, Boultham. A birthday compliment to Miss A. E. Bateson.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (2) London and Wells, (3) Stamford and Rossendale, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) York and Durham, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Denis Woods	*Treble*	†George W. Massey	4
*Raymond H. Daw	2	Cyril R. Burrell	5
Ronald C. Noon	3	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* Most methods to a peal. † First peal in 18 Surprise Minor 'inside.' First in 18 methods as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENYFAI, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas E. Hiddins ..	*Treble*	William T. Petty	3
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Harold Preece	4
D. Walford Davies ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung for Remembrance Day, and for the centenary of Glanrhyd Hospital.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GORLESTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur Cooper	*Treble*	Peter G. W. Newstead ..	5
Juanita McBride	2	Edwin R. Goate	6
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	A. William Bird	7
Alfred W. Fulcher	4	William B. Duncan	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
Half-muffled in memoriam Clayton E. Parnell.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret and All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

George Howlett	*Treble*	William B. Duncan	5
A. William Bird	2	Stephen High	6
Douglas Mitchell	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
*Susan Courtney	4	Peter Kindred	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Composed by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Brian R. White	*Treble*	John Drewitt	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	2	Denis Leslie	7
Patricia E. Hibbert	3	Frederick C. White	8
John H. Napper	4	Francis A. White	9
Norman Leslie	5	Edwin Drewitt	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Eunice A. Lewis	*Treble*	Frank W. Lewis	5
Patricia E. Buss	2	Peter J. Shipton	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Felicity T. Webber	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher C. Clarke ..	*Treble*	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Edward R. Venn	6
Michael Hatchet	3	Robin G. Leale	7
David P. Hilling	4	J. Keith Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5084 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

John W. T. Hibbert ..	*Treble*	John H. Napper	5
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
*Anthony D. Sansom ..	3	Arthur Sayers	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WARBOROUGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Hilary F. Pardoe	*Treble*	Anthony P. Foster	5
Paul A. Brand	2	G. Robert Mordaunt	6
Margaret A. Muir	3	Roger M. Heyworth	7
*Peter H. P. Harris	4	John W. Thorp	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John W. Thorp.
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG SUTTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

George W. Massey	*Treble*	Roger D. Bailey	5
*Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Ronald C. Noon	6
Edwin T. Chapman ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Derek J. Jones	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* 250th peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Wendy Hollowell and Raymond H. Daw.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Shirley Harris	*Treble*	*Roy W. Spencer	5
Ronald C. Noon	2	*Frank Boyall	6
*George S. Bush	3	John H. Bluff	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major.
To celebrate the marriage of Wendy Hollowell and Raymond H. Daw.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,920 Rutland and 1,600 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 64 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Stanley Ruddlesden	*Treble*	*†Roger W. Smith	5
Patrick I. Chapman ..	2	Alan A. Paul	6
*Shelagh R. Collins	3	Charles E. Truman ..	7
Geoffrey E. Watson ..	4	Barrie Hendry	*Tenor*

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First of Spliced Surprise Major. † 75th peal. First of Spliced as conductor.
Rung to welcome Richard David, son of David and Margaret James, at present residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LAMPORT, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

*Geoffrey D. Thomas ..	*Treble*	Hilary Knight	3
†Joyce M. Clipston	2	Roy H. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal attempt. † First of Minimus.
First peal on the bells and believed to be the first peal of Minimus for the Guild.
Rung for the opening of XVIII Olympic Games.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Bessie Carter	*Treble*	Richard E. Morris	6
Frederick A. H. Cattell ..	2	Reginald H. Newton	7
Frederick Leech	3	Frederick G. Beddow ..	8
E. Marion Key	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
Philip J. Evans	5	Clifford H. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by George Hayward. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the recasting of the twelve bells by John Taylor, which were originally cast by T. Mears in 1798.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Doreen A. Deverell	*Treble*	Edwin A. Barnett	7
*E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	8
Joan Beresford	3	Frank J. Matthews	9
Marjorie F. Matthews	4	Edmund Malin	10
Ronald F. Diserens	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Walter H. Dobbie	6	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal on twelve bells.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sun., Nov. 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
*Margaret A. Parker	2	Geoffrey Paul	7
Claire Dillamore	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Joe E. G. Roast	4	Peter J. Eves	9
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5	Howard W. Eggleston	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Nov. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Patricia Diserens	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
Margaret A. Bould	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Society.

Rung for All Saints' Day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*John Coates	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	6
*Anne E. Bateson	2	Geoffrey H. Randles	7
Norah M. Randles	3	†Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Joyce M. Gurnhill	4	†Peter A. Sharp	9
Harry Poyner	5	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 100th peal together.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Nov. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 4 extents each of St. Miles, St. John, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Simon and St. Albans and 2 extents All Saints. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

S. Jane Dowse	*Treble*	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Margaret E. Chilton	2	Maurice Harrison	4
William L. Exton	*Tenor*		

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*C. Anthony Parsons	*Treble*	†David D. Parsons	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	‡John Coates	5
Anne E. Bateson	3	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First on treble to Surprise. † First of Surprise. ‡ First in the method.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Christopher F. Mew	*Treble*	Alan R. Millidge	6
*Katharine M. Guy	2	†D. Paul Smith	7
*Robert J. Cooles (16)	3	‡Noel R. Waite	8
Bryan C. T. Burrough	4	Bernard E. Matthews	9
*Peter J. Bushell	5	Michael J. Uphill	*Tenor*

Arranged by Christopher F. Mew. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung to mark the 24th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

WALBERTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Robert J. Cooles	*Treble*	*Peter J. Bushell	4
Sylvia Harrington	2	†Norman F. Edwards	5
Jean M. Egerton	3	Michael J. Uphill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

Rung as a 64th birthday compliment to Mrs. Egerton, mother of the ringer of the third.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BURGESS HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Stanley G. Ponting	*Treble*	Kenneth C. Knight	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Dennis L. Hall	6
*Norman J. Wright	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Jean M. Hall	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. F. Lewry. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Henry J. Gravett, 60 years a ringer at this church. Also to congratulate the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson on their silver wedding.

CRAWLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*W. T. Beeson	*Treble*	B. G. Burrough	5
†A. J. Bull	2	B. E. Matthews	6
K. G. Game	3	G. T. Jennings	7
E. R. Rapley	4	J. W. Euston	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Fleming. Conducted by J. W. Euston.

* 50th peal in this tower. † 100th peal in this tower.

To celebrate their first peal in this tower, Worcester Treble Bob Major. October 13th, 1920.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Douglas Burnett	6
Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	2	Robert A. Southwood	7
Margaret A. Bould	3	D. Roy Bould	8
Herbert C. Spencer	4	Alan Carveth	9
Colin Reeves	5	Anthony Locke	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung to mark the laying on November 1st, by the Bishop of the Diocese, the stone, commemorating the building of the nave of this church.

MORVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Wenna.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 9 cwt.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	Anthony Locke	4
*Frances M. Rickard	2	‡Brian J. Sautelle-Smith	5
†Dennis Stephens	3	Stewart J. Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Nov. 13, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in G.

*Joy F. Butler	*Treble*	*John Franks	5
Carolyn Vibert	2	Maurice J. Butler	6
Michael J. Thomas	3	David J. Forder	7
John K. Faithful	4	Peter J. Joyce	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Nov. 9, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES

42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Charles A. Ball	*Treble*	Christopher H. Smith	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	John W. Cheney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Antelope Doubles by all, in the county and for the Guild.

ERLESTOKE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Saviour.
On Sun., Nov. 15, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and six 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Bradley Murduck	*Treble*	Reginald F. Crook	4
Denby P. Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Philip Murduck	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal in more than one method on the bells.

and

THE GUILD OF RINGERS OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
(Portsmouth Cathedral.)
CATHERINGTON, Hants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

3 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Andrew Dixon	*Treble*	*R. Ian Bowron	4
Alan A. J. Buswell	2	Ernest Treagus	5
†Patricia M. Samuel	3	K. Paul Gilliver	*Tenor*

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal attempt. † First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung by members of Portsmouth Cathedral.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Neil Bennett	2	John Robinson	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	Derek A. Ashton	9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
David G. Wilford	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
John H. Fielden	6	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

NETHERTON DUDLEY, Worcestershire—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Nov. 13, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*John L. Caddick	*Treble*	Peter L. Bill	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Geoffrey Westwood	6
Harold J. Shuck	3	John C. Eisel	7
Martin D. Fellows	4	Michael J. Fellows	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CALVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Roger J. Lumley	*Treble*	Douglas Thorp	5
*J. David Cox	2	*David Fenton	6
Wilfred Lee	3	Peter M. Dawson	7
Roger Waddington	4	Barry Sullivan	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter M. Dawson.
* First of Major.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who has taken an appointment in Geneva.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*John Potts	*Treble*	Alan Sheppard	5
Ronald R. Warford	2	James Thorley	6
†John F. Underwood	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	7
†Melvyn A. Rose	4	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* 125th peal. † First of Kent T.B. Major. Jamems Thorley has now 'oircled the tower.' Tenor 17 cwt.

IDLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield	*Treble*	Roger J. Lumley	5
Iris Lemare	2	Barry Sullivan	6
A. William Kirkby	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Alfred Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 8).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.
On Fri., Nov, 13, 1964, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney	1—2	Geoffrey Dodds	5—6
Thomas J. Lock	3—4	Joyce Dodds	7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First in the method as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., Oct. 30, 1964, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas J. Lock	1–2	Roger Baldwin	3–4
John R. Mayne	5–6		

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor on handbells.

FILLING THE GAP—Continued from Page 1.

faithful conductor and instructor in the village tower is often playing a bigger part towards posterity than he imagines in change ringing.

Another interesting chapter is headed 'The Eye Witness.' This is a collection of dramatic stories of our art, stories that will be read and reread, like Washbrook conducting London Surprise at Merton College and ending with 'The greatest of all,' the account of the ringing of the extent of Major by the conductor, Robert B. Smith. This is a story that will live all the time change ringing remains and succeeding generations of ringers will digest it with youthful enthusiasm.

We have previously mentioned the record that accompanies this book. Its value is greatly enhanced by the background to the ringing—supplied by the author—and his comments on the standard and style achieved. The selection is wide: there are the famous Bow Bells (the old and the new 12); Stedman Triples from Westminster Abbey, Lavenham and Portsea; a bright light eight ringing Bob Major at St. Mary's, Hampton; a sample of tens with Lichfield Cathedral and Washington Cathedral (the bells were only opened last Ascension Day) and the 12's at St. Paul's, London, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham. But the immaculate striking in the 'cartwheel' ringing at Friezland will hold all Minor ringers spellbound. It reached a great height and is rarely heard in other parts of the country. The record also gives a sample of handbell ringing by the American Guild of Handbell ringers (perhaps one day we shall have a record of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's Launton ringers) and also of carillon playing at Loughborough by Mr. W. E. Jordan.

We feel that Mr. Shepherd has given to the Exercise a book that will be treasured and regarded as a 'masterpiece' in many ringing households. It is beautifully illustrated and a splendid example of modern typographical art.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods:) Miss M. Painter 1, G. Goodwin 2, M. J. Mulvey (cond.) 3, Miss M. Westwood 4, J. P. Burton 5, C. Gall 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gall on the birth of a son.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Blowen 1, Ann Butcher (first quarter) 2, W. Jones 3, A. T. Poulton 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Oakley 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jill Orme (first quarter) 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, A. Buck 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, P. Flack 5, C. Harwood 6, J. Dear 7, S. Hutton 8. For Parish Communion.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, L. Wright 4, J. J. Prentice 5, M. J. Rose 6. Following thanksgiving service, and presentations, by Diocesan Bishop, to Canon and Mrs. S. H. de la Bere, on impending retirement after 39 years as Rector.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Scott 1, S. Zvegintzov 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. S. Skelton 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6, G. Ratcliffe 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Durham.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five variations): P. C. Bowen (first quarter) 1, Marlene E. Townsend 2, C. W. Bowen 3, B. J. Townsend 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, L. E. Monk 6. First of five variations by 2, 3 and 4.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kay Murphy (first quarter) 1, Christine M. Saville 2, B. Redgers 3, P. W. Darby 4, L. R. Pizzey 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Durham University Society as a 21st birthday compliment to Kay Murphy. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kay Murphy 1, Pauline Kyme 2, Christine M. Saville 3, Rev. C. J. Rees 4, Janet Somervaille 5, P. W. Darby (first as cond.) 6. By Durham University Society for Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 2, Miss G. Rainger (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, Mrs. M. Glover 3, C. Cook 4, E. Ashby 5, Miss P. Norris 6, A. Fensom (first on working bell) 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, C. Simpson 2, Miss L. Simpson 3, Mrs. M. Glover 4, C. Cook 5, L. North 6, Miss P. Norris 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. A compliment to ringer of the 2nd, on his engagement to Miss Jean Millett, of Keighley, Yorks.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Davies 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 5, C. Beeching 6. A wedding compliment to Beryl, whose father, Mr. P. Richards, is a keen member of the local band.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. N. S. Bagworth 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. J. Razzell 3, A. J. Brown (first on 10) 4, R. Davies 5, N. D. Brown 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, R. C. Stevens 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, K. Taber 10.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Winfield 1, Margaret Salt 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, A. Lawrence 6. Rung in memory of Herbert J. Winfield, foreman and ringer at this church for many years. Interred on October 28th.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Miss R. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. M. Ball 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. Allinson 4, M. Peters (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. For All Saints' Day.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Chapman 1, R. Cowley 3, E. Buckley 4, F. Coales 5, I. Hall 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. Chapman (covering) 8. A birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. L. Bell 1, R. T. Cooles 2, Joan Spreadbury 3, A. R. Millidge 4, J. L. Bell 5, P. J. Bushell 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia M. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, G. Norris (first 'inside') 2, Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 3, R. R. Sparrow (first 'inside') 4, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Shilvock (first quarter) 1, J. H. Cox 2, M. Irene Ellsmore 3, H. Shilvock 4, M. J. Fellows 5, I. Shilvock (first 'inside') 6, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, P. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Herbert Jones, past organist, and Percy Brown, past superintendent of the Sunday school.

QUARTER PEALS

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Andrews 1, K. T. Baker 2, Alan Perry (first as cond.) 3, M. Heymann 4, R. Smith 5. For Confirmation and Patronal Festival.

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Bowen 1, J. E. Dolman 2, P. J. Barker 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. Monk 5, J. B. Webb (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Sylvia Y. Hudson to Mr. Arthur C. Graham.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Howes 1, Jill Harris 2, R. G. Kersey 3, A. J. Munnings 4, N. F. Whittell 5, P. R. Harris (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. E. Harris, who died on November 12th, aged 92.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Royal 1, Miss J. Atkinson 2, A. Cox 3, C. Royal 4, S. Royal (cond.) 5, C. Sweeney 6. First of Surprise 1 and 3, and as conductor. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Newson 1, W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, C. V. Tovell 4, T. Bush 5, E. Mastin 6, R. Reed 7, L. W. Houghton 8, N. V. Harding 9, Rev. G. Galley (cond.) 10. For H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Ellis (first quarter) 1, C. Newby (first 'inside') 2, Diana J. Handley 3, Rev. E. C. Whitaker 4, P. Handley 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Brenda Margaret Tyson and Mr. James Norman Wilson.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, M. J. Wilson (first of Surprise) 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, H. C. Palmer 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Cynthia M. Follis 1, D. Kay Moore 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, G. Prescott 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 5.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—A page will be reserved in the issue of December 19th, for ringers' Christmas greetings to their friends. Price 4s. for 30 words and 1½d. a word after. Please post early to the Editor.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, B. Ridout 3, J. Ralph 4, F. Hilliar 5, Rev. R. N. Longridge 6.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Attwood Jnr. 1, R. Perks 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. Firkins 5, J. Attwood Snr. (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Canon Jolly, who was retiring, also branch's quarterly quarter peal.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (21 methods): Alice M. Baldwin 1, Hilary F. Pardoe 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, J. W. Thorp 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, Gillian Wilce 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Thorp 1, Hilary F. Pardoe 2, A. P. Foster 3, R. M. Heyworth 4, P. A. Brand 5, M. R. Ashmore (first as cond.) 6. For St. Hugh's Day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on October 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Bush 1, Wendy Daw 2, V. Chamberlain 3, W. E. Parrott 4, J. H. Bluff 5, R. H. Daw 6, B. Harris (cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. First in method 1 and 2. Rung in connection with the play 'The Castell of Perseveraunce.' Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,304 Plain and Little Bob Major: Shirley Harris 1, Wendy Daw 2, G. S. Bush 3, W. Barker 4, J. Bird 5, F. Boyall 6, R. H. Daw 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. F. Wheeler 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, F. E. Day 3, Margaret A. Bould 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. Perkins 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, A. W. Myers 9, D. R. Bould (first on 10 as cond.) 10. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On November 15th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. Ward 1, R. Tomlin 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Ward 1, J. A. Avis 2, S. D. Humphrey 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, P. G. Pitt 5, N. V. Avis (first as cond.) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Saggers 1, D. Atfield (first in method) 2, A. J. Bull 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Charlton (first in method) 5, G. West 6, K. Game 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Charlton 1, D. Atfield 2, Betty Saggers 3, A. J. Bull 4, D. West 5, A. Streeter 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, G. West 8. First in the method 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Spliced Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, J. Lawrence 2, M. Hawkes 3, D. Price 4, J. Smith 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Worcester Regiment's victory at Gheluvelt. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Taylor 1, P. Coddington (first of Major) 2, C. Calton 3, Mary Browne 4, J. Gander 5, R. Coley 6, D. Baker 7, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): S. Taylor 1, W. Birmingham Jnr. 2, R. Coley 3, J. Gander 4, D. Wilcox 5, D. J. Baker (first as cond.) 6. Rung by the M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 London Surprise Minor: A. Sheppard 1, Vivien Smart 2, Nora Carlisle 3, G. Rigby 4, I. Barlow 5, D. Carlisle (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, R. Tibbetts (first 'inside') 2, Pippa Russell 3, T. G. Still 4, D. G. Pearson 5, J. Hartley 6, C. A. Friskney 7, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 8. For Evening Mass.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. Raithby 1, G. E. Foster 2, E. A. Tatty 3, G. A. Dawson 4, M. E. Chilton 5, W. L. Exton 6, A. E. Chilton 7, J. W. Raithby 8, J. R. Pratchett 9, M. 'Bab' Smedley (first quarter) 10. Half-muffled as a last tribute to Canon Clement Leeper, whose funeral took place this day.

TURRAMURRA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 1,020 Plain Bob): W. Knight 1, Miss S. Wright 2, K. Stacey 3, J. Rainford (cond.) 4, T. Goodyer 5.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON. — At All Saints' Church, on November 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Millidge 1, Anne Horsford 2, Jean M. Egerton 3, N. F. Edwards 4, R. J. Cooles 5, P. Lawrence 6, P. J. Bushell 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. A compliment to Roger Twyman, ringer at this church, on the eve of his 21st birthday.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. W. Robertson 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, P. R. Keough (first of Minor) 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 1, Ruth A. Elmes (first in method 'inside') 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. W. Young 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Graham W. Elmes.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Moran (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, D. H. Rooke 5, F. Cooke 6. For Evensong.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, R. E. Clarke 2, L. C. Way 3, A. J. Hampton 4, Miss M. E. Powell 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Harvest Festival.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Whalley 1, D. Smith 2, P. Oliver (first quarter) 3, S. Sage 4, A. Sharples 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. H. Pullin 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, E. T. Lee 4, G. H. Marchant 5, I. Brain (cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 3, 4 and 5.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Everest 1, J. Plummer 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, T. St. John 5, A. Millam 6. A compliment to the ringer of the fifth on taking up his studies at the Royal Veterinary College.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Briggs 1, C. Deem 2, D. Willis 3, G. West 4, G. Ellett 5, K. Dawe 6, J. Glanville (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For Matins.

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PERSONAL

The blessing of the Lord is in the reward of the godly, and suddenly he maketh his blessing to flourish.—Ecclestiasticus xi, 22.

DEDICATION

BOWDON, CHESHIRE. — On Saturday, December 12th. Dedication of a ring of eight bells Tenor 18–0–8 in E. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 8th to Alan J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Altrincham. ALT 5158. 5736

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALREWAS, STAFFS (8).—Practice night, Thursday, 7.30 p.m. as from December 3rd.—Secretary, Miss P. Dolman, 29 Wellfield Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. 5808

BELLRINGERS' DIARIES will not be ready until early December. Will patrons please refrain from ordering until the advertisement appears in 'The Ringing World' giving prices, etc. Extra copies are being printed so there should be plenty for everyone.—W. H. Viggers. 5830

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TRURO CATHEDRAL.—The bells will be rededicated at Evensong on Sunday, November 29th, by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Tuesday practices will resume as from December 1st, and Sunday ringing at 9.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., as from December 6th. 5824

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Stalybridge Holy Trinity, November 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. J. S. Jackson, 72, Lord Street, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 5801

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Burghill on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me please.—R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 5716

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 28th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church (6), Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, at 3 p.m. 5810

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Stretton-cum-Wetmore, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 5815

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Saturday, November 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 5775

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 28th, at Southminster and Burnham-on-Crouch. Bells, Southminster 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea approx. 5 o'clock. Bells, Burnham-on-Crouch 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. G. Sandwell, 30, Queensborough Road, Southminster. 5792

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 5677

SUFFOLK GUILD—Central District.—Practice meeting at Redgrave (6), Nov. 28th, 6.30–p.m. Methods, College Exercise, Ipswich Surprise. Special invitation to unpaid members to attend. 5749

SUFFOLK GUILD—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ashbocking, Saturday, November 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m.; service 4.30 p.m.; tea 5.30 p.m., Witnesham Village Hall. Names for tea please to Mr. A. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich.—E. G. Pearce, Dis. Sec. 5793

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Combined practice at Leatherhead on Friday, December 4th, at 7.30 p.m. 5812

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Stanton Drew (5) on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed by business. Chew Magna (8) available 6.30 to 8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5724

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock (8), Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please to R. J. Fox, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 5827

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Monthly practice meeting, Saturday, December 5th, St. Peter's, Bedford. Bells (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (own arrangements) 4.30 to 5.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend the service.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 5829

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 5832

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DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual general meeting, Clyst Honiton, Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Retter, Waldrons, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. 5776

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham (6), Saturday, December 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Special methods—Hull Surprise and Little Bob Minor. 5784

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Stephen's (city), Saturday, December 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in St. Stephen's Common Room 5 p.m. 5816

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) from 3-4.30 and from 6-7 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own arrangements). Meeting 5.30. The bells at Moreton-in-Marsh (8) will be available from 7-8 p.m. (or later if required).—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. 5825

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Wonersh and Bramley, December 5th. Wonersh bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Guildford Road, Wonersh. 5798

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Bradshaw, 11a, Downes Grove, Morecambe, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 5833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at St. Wilfrid's, Standish, on Saturday, December 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Will all 'towers' please attend. Names for tea to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5826

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, December 5th, Countesthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in schoolrooms 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than December 2nd to Mrs. B. S. Chapman, 4, Green Lane, Countesthorpe. Subscriptions now due.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 30th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—**Annual General Meeting at Stoke (8)** on Saturday, December 5th. Bells 3 p.m. service 5 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m. **Meeting after tea.** Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 5772.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Lowestoft, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5.15. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 2nd certain, to Sister Riley, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft. — N.P.J.C. Branch Sec. 5497

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Bicester and District Branch.—Anual meeting at Bicester (8) on Saturday, December 5th. Ringing 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. by Tuesday, December 2nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea please by Wednesday, December 2nd to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5777

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 5th, at Longbridge Deverill. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing after.—A. Knight, Hon. Sec. 5643

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Christmas tea 5 p.m. Names, please, before December 3rd to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5814

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, Saturday, December 5th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 5821

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, December 5th, Aspley. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Smith, 18, Greendale Gardens, Aspley, Nottingham. 5834

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.—Joint meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, December 5th. Service 4.45 p.m. with tea to follow. To ensure tea send names to Miss R. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, Ballards Lane, N.3, or tel. FIN 3994. Ringing arrangements Pinner 2–3.15, Finchley 3–4.15, Hendon 3.15–4.45, Southgate 6.30–8. Will car drivers please offer lifts.—F. J. Matthews and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 5803

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Blechingley, December 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting, Evensong, bells after till 9 p.m. Names for tea by 25th to Mr. T. Bird, Brudden, Godstone Road, Blechingley.—G. A. W. 5770

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern District.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by November 28th to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5757

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner of the Winchester District will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel on Saturday, December 5th. Names please by November 29th.—R. H. Collis, Sec., 3, Hockley Cotts, Cheriton. 5799

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 5th at Hordle. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Milford bells in the evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewis, Cottesmore, Everton Road Hordle. 5828

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS—Western Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wychbold on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Bowling Green Inn followed by meeting. Hanbury (8) available from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 1st, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. No names, no tea. 5763

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 8th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.—24th November: St. Giles', Cripplegate. 1st and 15th December: St. Michael's Cornhill. 8th December: St. Paul's Cathedral. 22nd December: St. Lawrence's, Jewry.—John Chilcott. 5779

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following.—G. Skinner. 5670

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Saturday December 12th, at Hartfield (6) 3–5 p.m. Tea 5, service 6.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Hartfield and Withyham (8) 7.15–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 5835

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual general meeting at Saturday, December 12th, at Cheltenham (12) Ringing at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Church House (3s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m., to be followed by meeting and further ringing. Names to Cyril Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, for tea by Tuesday, December 8th. Bring your subscriptions!—J. B. T. Homfray Hon. Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, please note change of date, Saturday, December 12th. Bells available are Bramley (3-5 p.m.) and Armley (6.30-7.45 p.m.). Names for tea by December 2nd to Mr. D. Cox, 39, Bell Lane, Bramley, Leeds 13. Practice methods: Double Norwich C.B.M. and Ashtead S.M.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5831

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MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

The half-yearly meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers was held in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on November 8th, from 10.30 a.m. until 8 p.m. To open the meeting ringers attended Matins in the Cathedral and lent strength to the singing. Rounds and call changes were rung afterwards until it was time to move over to the Ambassador Hotel, which provided an excellent 5-course lunch for only 12s. 6d. per head. Fines collected over the last few months from ringers who have failed to stand their bells easily covered the tips!

Unfortunately the bells had to be silent from 2.30 because of a Shona Evensong. This cut short the beginners' practice, so handbells were rung instead, including 2 courses of Grandsire Caters, until the business meeting at 3 p.m. 17 members were present at the meeting, but unluckily illness prevented anyone coming from Que Que, the other tower in Province. At the meeting plans for the future were discussed, including the formation of a Provincial instead of a Diocesan Guild, and the perennial question of finding new recruits.

Frank and Monica Blagrove were officially welcomed, and at a tower meeting, held immediately after the Guild one, Frank was welcomed again by being elected tower captain. This is in place of Colin Stevenson who will be away for 4 months over the Christmas long vac. and felt that he could not usefully continue.

After some welcome tea, change ringing was resumed: the difference made by the arrival of two experienced ringers including one experienced conductor is shown by the number of the ringing firsts on the bells during the day. These included call changes on 10 and the first touch of Bob Major, neither of which is easy to hear because the hum in the tower makes it difficult to hear the lighter bells from some parts of the belfry. A course of Double Court was rung and some Bob Triples and finally, after a short break and one false start, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Evensong: it was the first quarter on eight bells in the tower, and the first quarter on 8 for three of the local ringers. This rounded off a hard but satisfying day's work.

LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Frindsbury on Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr G. Philpott, 209, Cliffe Road, Strood, Rochester by **Tuesday**, D[illegible] 1st.—I. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5840

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Colsterworth, Saturday, December 5th. Bells 7 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5836

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32465	X			—
34625			—	2
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52364	X			
65324			—	
43526		—		—
43265	X			—
62534		—	—	
24536		—		2
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23564	X			
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Rung at Westerham, Kent, February 22nd, 1964, conducted by P. A. Corby.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. R. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. L. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

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