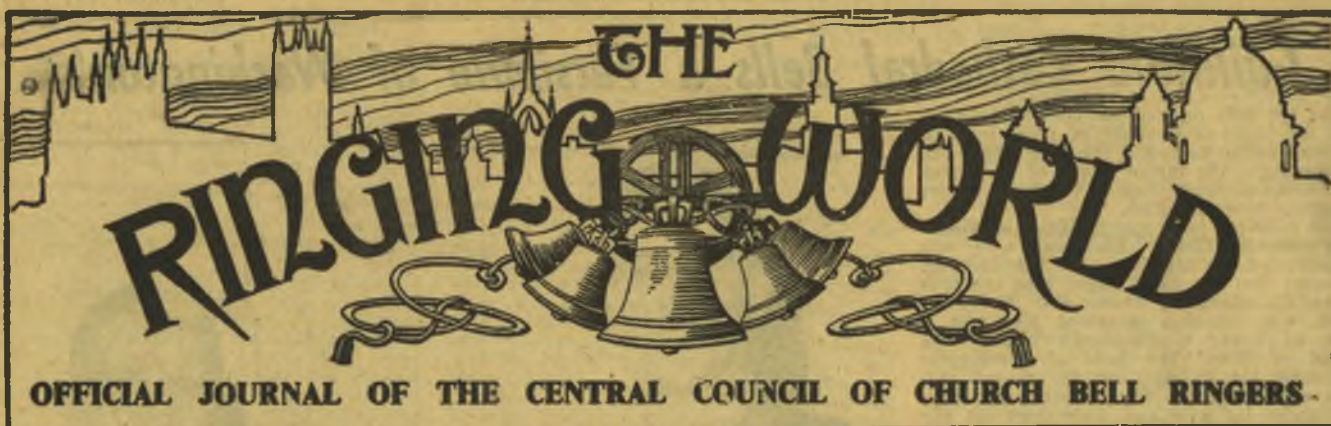




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RINGERS AND RINGING IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

By CYRIL W. HANCOCK

HAVING noticed in 'The Ringing World' recently that the Annual Dinner of the Society of Rambling Ringers would take place on December 5th, it occurred to the writer that some inquiry into the activities of their predecessors of exactly 230 years ago might be interesting and rewarding. I refer, of course, to the Rambling Club of Ringers who flourished in London, 1733-35.

Some account of this club is given in the late Ernest Morris's 'History and Art of Change Ringing' but as this book has been out of print for some years, these notes may be of interest. There is still preserved a manuscript account of the activities of the club, compiled by William Laughton, one of the members, and, by courtesy of the City of London Guildhall Library, I have perused this. It is a slim volume about 9 inches by 6 and the handwriting somewhat crabbed, being probably done with a quill pen, and entitled 'Remarks on a Rambling Club of Ringers and their performances giving an account of all their meetings from first to last, wherein may be seen the famous exploits which have been done in the art of ringing by that worthy body of men.'

The flyleaf bears the inscription of James Wakefield, of Romford, Essex, having apparently come into his possession on October 28th, 1799. There is what Laughton describes as a 'Diddication' to Mr. George Carbery, another member of the Club, stating that a Company made an agreement to 'ring at all the peals of 3-4-5 and 6 in the City of London, likewise to ring upon eight bells and divert ourselves with a peal if our fancies should lean that way.' The Club was founded with seven members at the 'Bell' in Angel Alley, Little Moorfields, in 1733 and grew to 42 at the time of its dissolution on March 8th, 1735. All their names are given including three 'odd' members, one of whom is described as 'Gunsmith in Ordinary to the Company.' One wonders what his function could have been! It would have been interesting to have known the trade or profession of each member, but unfortunately this is not given.

There were fifty meetings in all, each of which is described by Laughton in what one can only call doggerel verse, a sample of which is as follows:

'St. Olave Hart Street next comes in
Two 700s we there did ring
One College Single, the other Plain
Bob, if so please, that is the name.'

In spite of his execrable versifying, William Laughton was obviously quite an intelligent man, as in some of the accounts he gives a description of the church they were visiting and its monuments. Not all the meetings were for ringing—some were merely social occasions and, as will be seen later, a good time was had by all. It is not possible in a short article to include all the meetings, so reference will only be made to those of more than usual interest.

At St. Peter le Poer, Broad Street (demolished 1896), the ringers were 'by a saucy sexton vex't'—a lady who is described in terms which I regretfully decided would not escape the Editor's blue pencil. However, they 'brought her haughty stomach down' by seeking the churchwarden and getting the keys from him. Actually, ringing was not confined to the City and excursions were made into what were then outlying villages.

On one visit to St. John at Hackney, they found that the bells went very badly and ropes continually slipped wheel but they

did not reckon it a waste of time, as there was no church near town in such a delightful setting of gardens, orchards and corn-fields. This reads strangely today but it is a fact that many wealthy City merchants had houses in this district.

Very different was a journey to St. Mary, Rotherhithe (6), when the band took boat and returned in the same way. At this date there were hundreds of Thames watermen plying for hire with their wherries from the various stairs. Here 700 of Plain Bob were rung and eighteen score of Treble Bob, after which the company refreshed themselves at Milk Alley, Wapping, with bacon and beans and leg of mutton with 'colly flower.' Then, according to custom, they drank a dram and smoked a pipe and each man told a tale or sang a song. It must have been a convivial scene.

On another occasion they rambled to Walthamstow across Hackney Marshes by footpaths through fields of rye, wheat, peas, beans and oats, the rye in places growing higher than their heads. There must now be many hundreds of acres of wonderfully fertile soil lying under bricks and mortar. A few fields away from St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was a gentleman's country seat, about which Laughton waxed almost lyrical in describing the orchard of apples, cherries, pears and plums, with 'apricocks' growing against the wall. The ringing here consisted of two 700s of Plain Bob.

Another rural expedition was to Mitcham where their venue was the 'Stag's Head.' Dinner consisted of beef, bacon, cabbage, etc. and each man had a half quartern of brandy to his stout, after which 700 Cambridge was rung. They must have had strong heads in those days, as after ringing there was a return visit to the 'Stag's Head' before finally setting off for home. We are told that on reaching Streatham two members of the party were so fatigued that they lay all night at the 'Five Bells'—one suspects that they were the worse for wear after so much solid and liquid refreshment. The remainder trudged on through Brixton, though two were fortunate enough to get a lift in a gentleman's coach—an early form of hitch-hiking!

Christ Church, Spitalfields, a fine church by Nicholas Hawksmoor, was a favourite tower, as no less than six visits were paid. Here, says Laughton, we were among the Frenchmen, a reference to the Spitalfields weavers, many of whom were of Huguenot origin. On Christmas Eve, 1734, the band rang 700 Cambridge on the back six, the first they claimed since the bells were hung in the steeple.

They were again at Christ Church on December 27th, 1734, when 720 Morning Exercise was the method and the chronicler aptly remarks 'There's nothing like ringing of a peal, to prepare a stomach for a meal.'

On St. Dunstan, Stepney, his comment is: 'The bells were charming, smooth and nice, not "ruff" and hard like Spitalfields.' At Holy Trinity, Minories, which had three bells, they rang 'fourteen dozen of sixes and raised and lowered without a stand.' We are told that here the ropes were so small that they cut the ringers' hands, and as there were no sallies they had to be marked with chalk in order to know where to catch.

All Hallows, Tottenham, bells received favourable comment, the tenor being 'as good a bell as e'er was made' and cast by Philip Whiteman in 1696. Regrettably, we are told that whilst six went to ring, five others went to a 'boozing ken' where thirteen quarterns of gin were consumed. Here they met two charming girls 'but their mothers kept a watchful eye. That none should slip out bye and bye,' which was very wise of them, as in view of Laughton's further candid verse, the ringers' intentions were scarcely honourable. It would appear that hand-

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Guildford Cathedral Bells a Facsimile of Washington's

The ten bells ordered for Guildford Cathedral are to be a facsimile of those installed at Washington Cathedral this year. This was announced at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Newlands Corner Hotel on November 28th.

The principal guest was the Dean of Guildford (Bishop George Clarkson) who was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Braithwaite. In order that the Dean might hear the bells of his Cathedral, the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May), who presided, presented him with a copy of Edgar C. Shepherd's book, 'The Sound of Bells.' The bells of Washington Cathedral are included on the record that goes with the book. The Master was accompanied by his wife and with them sat the Immediate Past Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and Mrs. Denyer, Mr. F. E. Collins, who acted at toastmaster, and Mrs. Collins, who acted Harold Pitstow, who was one of the ten ringers who crossed the Atlantic to ring at Washington Cathedral. A company of 120 was present.

The Dean proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' and said that since their last dinner they had received an extremely nice gift so that they had been able to give the order for the bells. They had received a guarantee from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank that they would be able to ring the bells on May 17th, and he hoped Guild members would ring them, because it would be disastrous if they had the bells and no ringers.

Later he would discuss with their Master the arrangements for the bells to be rung on that occasion. The Dean said he understood that with their bells the people of Guildford would hear the same sounds as those made by bells rung in Washington Cathedral. 'I am not too pleased,' said the Dean, 'about marching side by side with America in all things. I have no doubt that Mr. Wilson will put things right when he goes over next week.'

RINGERS RAISE £1,500

'The final gift was one of great munificence for mercies given to Brig. Schriber and his family. It means that we can get the bells quicker. You have raised £1,500 towards the making of the peal, and for that we cannot express our gratitude too highly. But what is as important as the gift of money is the way the ringers of the diocese have been behind the idea of the ring of bells and been very active in working for them.'

'In the modern way people think about the Church, they say the bells are a luxury and why waste money on a thing like them? I am quite certain if it had not been for the enthusiasm of the ringers we should never have had a ring in the Cathedral. Support has come from all over the diocese, and I have never been in a position before to say to the ringers: "I am grateful to you for your enthusiasm and support behind this which has been so successful." So we shall ring with great joy, and we hope the Diocesan Guild will carry on until we can train a band of our own and that will take a long time.'

CATHEDRAL FINANCES

About the Cathedral itself, Dr. Clarkson said they would like to know the present position. Speaking in round figures they had spent £900,000 on the building, which was at one time guaranteed to cost not more than £250,000. They had done it in 30 years, but for a lot of that time, because of the war and the housing problem afterwards, they did nothing. Of that £900,000, they had borrowed, sometimes with interest, £26,000; some by mortgage with the Church Commissioners £30,000; and with a bank overdraft of £20,000. In May, 1963, they asked for £300,000 to be raised in five years; now 18 months after they were asking for £160,000. They had moved fairly quickly.

They were now slowing down because of the winter and also funds. They were hoping to find someone to build the great north garth. Next May they hoped to dedicate the Chapter House and the south-west porch. They would also dedicate the organ case which would make it look more handsome—it was given



So that the Dean of Guildford will be able to hear his bells in advance, the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) presents him with the record book 'Sound of Bells,' written by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

Photo courtesy 'Guildford Times.'

by the same person who gave the organ. The Chapter House had also been given by one person.

'We are on the move; we are optimistic and we are getting on quite nicely. We have some wills which have been made in our favour, but thank God we don't wish for deaths so soon as we did a few years ago.'

The Dean said his sister and himself remembered the village where they were born. They lived opposite the ancient church that had three crazy, cracked, toneless bells. Finally, they were replaced by eight splendid bells, some of the best that had ever come from Taylors of Loughborough. They all felt, with the new bells, that they were in a new church and many more people were gathered into the congregation and came to worship God.

PRESTIGE AND CONFIDENCE FROM BELLS

'I am sure our experience is the experience of others that where the equipment of the tower is good and the bells are manned by a proper team, it gives the church some sort of prestige and gives the people some sort of confidence. To all you ringers the Church is tremendously grateful that you are willing to submit yourselves to ringing regularly on Sundays and practices,' he said. Ringing was a physical exercise that made men look strong and girls look slimmer, but above all that it was a splendid service to God.

Mr. F. G. Sherwood, of Ash (Guild auditor), in reply, said it was a great pleasure for them to welcome the Dean and Mrs. Braithwaite to their dinner for the first time. He hoped they would meet them both much more frequently once the Cathedral bells were installed. Their title, 'Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' was a constant reminder that they were an integral part of the Church and were bound by its teachings. Without the Church their art would be completely non-existent.

Their Guild was formed about the same time as the diocese, and it would be fair

comment to say that although it had had its ups and downs, it had never really looked back. This had been due to the skill and enthusiasm of the founder members and officers over the years. It was also due, in no small measure, to the encouragement and support the ringers received from the clergy, and this was reinforced by a Bishop who actively supported his ringers and enjoyed bells.

With regard to the Cathedral bells, he understood they were very similar to the ten that had recently been opened at Washington. 'The Ringing World' had been full of praise for them, so they were hoping that in addition to being the heaviest ring in the diocese they would be one of the finest tens in the country. As a general rule courses and touches on ten bells took rather longer than on six or eight. They, therefore, hoped that there would be sufficient time to ring for services.

A GOOD STANDARD

Mr. Sherwood suggested that they should ring for a Sunday afternoon service, since it might be some time before they had a resident band at the Cathedral, and this would enable ringers to get back to their own towers for Evensong. 'We will endeavour to set a good standard of ringing, but this can only be accomplished by regular practice preferably with some peals thrown in. At the same time we must not prevent the younger and less experienced ringers from having a pull since it is only by encouraging the young that the Guild can continue to progress.'

The Guild secretary, Mr. S. Russell, proposed the concluding toast, 'To the Memory of John S. Goldsmith and Other Officers and Members of the Guild.'

Besides the book presentation to the Dean a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Braithwaite by Mrs. Jill May.

Mr. F. E. Collins proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and his committee for arranging the dinner. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Major E. Bragg 1—2, K. Williamson 3—4, T. Page 5—6, W. H. Viggers 7—8. The evening concluded with dancing.

FIRST PEAL ON REHUNG BELLS AT MELBOURNE

After being away for more than a year, the retuned and rehung bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria, were rededicated on October 4th. At the invitation of the captain of the St. Paul's Society, Graeme Hayes, two parties of ringers from inter-state converged on Melbourne on November 21st and together with some of the local band re-christened the bells with a peal of 5,201 Grandsire Caters.

Two ringers came down from Sydney—Enid Roberts and Tom Goodyer (who conducted the peal)—and four came across from Adelaide—Brian Cox, Ron Russ, David Bleby and Bill Pitcher. The other four in the band were Ken Minchinton, Robin Turner (an English ringer recently arrived in Australia), Harold McDonald and Hervey Bagot (who has moved to Melbourne from Canberra). The bells went very well indeed and sounded well with masses of good Caters music being introduced in each part. The following two points are of interest: it was Harold McDonald's first touch of Grandsire Caters and David Bleby had never seen more than eight ropes in a tower before he stood in the peal.

The following day the visitors and some of the Melbourne ringers, joined by Gordon Dickens, a visiting seafaring ringer off the M.V. 'Bendigo,' drove up to Ballarat (it was on the way home for the Adelaide party anyway). A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at the City Hall, but fortune was not with us and it came to grief. This failure was partially redeemed by the success of a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major (conducted by Tom Goodyer), rung after the breakdown of the Stedman.

The visitors would like to thank their hosts in Melbourne and Ballarat for a very enjoyable week-end, and in particular Graeme and Beverley Heyes and Warne and Wilma Wilson for the hospitality they extended us in their homes.

W. P. B.

RINGERS AND RINGING IN THE 18th CENTURY

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bell ringing was also indulged in, as they met at the 'George,' Houndsditch, were several courses of Caters and one of Triples were rung but the method is not stated.

A second visit was paid to St. John at Hackney, where the bells were found to be in much better order and 700 Cambridge was rung in memory of Queen Elizabeth's accession and Queen Mary's death. After dining at the 'Rising Sun,' the ringers set off at 10 at night, with two links before them to give them light. A halt was made at Spitalfields for further refreshment but they got into an argument with the French landlord and his wife about the reckoning. Two shillings a pint for brandy and 3d. a pot for beer was considered excessive and after some squabbling they paid what they thought proper and continued on their way.

At St. Bartholomew the Less, another three-bell tower, they rang seventeen dozen and a half of sixes and adjourned to the 'Cock and Crown.' This was a famous house for birds (the feathered variety), the landlord being a noted breeder and cages hung everywhere over the heads of the customers. The cruel practice of keeping wild birds in cages was very prevalent at this time.

The bells of St. Lawrence by Guildhall earned high praise—'For no better bells can be found, were you to search all England round'—700 College Single were rung on the back six. Then to another merry evening at Angel Alley till 1 am, for 'to break up before that time is scorned.' Some of the Ramblers were certainly married and one wonders what their wives' reactions were to this behaviour.

Conditions in the belfry of St. Giles', Cripplegate, were evidently somewhat primitive, as the band had to ring by the light of candles stuck to the wall with daubs of clay. Laughton makes the very sensible suggestion that every steeple should have a branch of candles hung

in the middle, to advance higher or lower with a counterweight.

On Shrove Tuesday, 1735, the Club rang their last 'peal' of 700 Union Bob at Christ Church, Spitalfields. They had evidently incurred some criticism from other ringers during their existence, for frequent reference is made in Laughton's journal to 'snarling critics,' chiefly one gainer for introducing variety of methods and ringing at different towers each time.

Their fiftieth and final meeting took place at the 'Bell in Angel Alley,' where it all began. William Laughton was the host on this occasion and records that he gave for supper 'roasted shoulder of veal and two plum puddings.' The veal weighed 18½ pounds and was stuffed with the common sort of stuffing. We may safely assume that this nostalgic event followed the usual jovial pattern.

In addition to the methods already mentioned, the following were rung at various times: Grandsire, Old Doubles, New Doubles, 'Simonus Doubles, Cambridge Delight, Court Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. The only full peals rung were three of 5,040 Plain Bob Major at St. Mary Magdalen's, Bermondsey, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Giles', Camberwell, respectively.

Among the City churches visited, several have ceased to exist, viz: St. Benet Fink (6) demolished for the building of the new Royal Exchange, St. Mary Axe (6) date of demolition unknown, All Hallows, Staining (6) demolished 1870 except the tower, and Holy Trinity, Minorities (3) closed 1899 and destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

No doubt the members of the Rambling Club are open to criticism by present day standards for their preoccupation with food and drink and their general behaviour, but I do not think we should judge them too harshly. They were enthusiasts and there was a spirit of comradeship amongst them, much as exists today.

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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

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Letters to the Editor

Challenge of Atheist

Dear Sir,—It was with regret that I received my copy of 'The Ringing World' of November 27th, and read the letter on page 800 headed 'Christianity and Bellringing,' and signed Sincerely, O. A. M., atheist.

I should like to ask this sincere atheist to be sincere and to have the courage to admit who he is, instead of signing the letter in this anonymous fashion.

For centuries bells have been part of the worship of the Catholic Church and have proclaimed to all who hear them that the sacred hour or moment has arrived and is calling them to the common worship of Almighty God. It is obvious therefore that those who ring them are performing to the best of their skill an act of worship acceptable to Almighty God, much the same as that given by choir and servers.

Sunday service ringing is a tradition, a Christian tradition, and an act of worship. I'm quite sure that those who ring the bells of my own parish church Sunday by Sunday are sincere Christians ringing the consecrated bells to the glory of Almighty God, the maker and creator of all men.

With regard to the second half of this letter. Has O. A. M. considered the possibility that these people whom he claims are for ever falling out might be fellow atheists? I'm surprised that he is even able to come to a conclusion about this, he appears to be travelling around such a lot.

No Christian claims to be perfect, but just human. Jesus Christ Himself was alone perfect. Perfect God and perfect man; every Christian strives to follow the example of his Saviour and to love his neighbour as himself. Christ came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

You may not need to be a Christian to ring bells, but you do need to believe in God to worship Him in ringing bells consecrated to His glory.—Yours in the faith of Jesus Christ,

MALCOLM FERRIER.

Lewisham, S.E.

Christianity and Ringing

Dear Sir,—O. A. M. answered his own question: 'Does one have to be a Christian to be a campanologist,' for he says he is a keen ringer and signs himself 'Atheist.' But he is in error in thinking that because people fall out with each other—to use his own words—they cannot then be involved in a Christian movement. Alas, the history of Christianity itself disproves it, from St. Paul right through the centuries to our present unhappy divisions.

It is no wonder, therefore, that activities connected with the Church should be prone to similar strife, bickering and disagreement amongst their members. The work of Christ is carried forward by imperfect instruments, but we are all He has.

Regarding ringing and worship, if I may quote from a letter I wrote to you on this subject more than 25 years ago: 'True worship has God as the central figure, and organ, choir and ringing are meant but to prepare our minds thither. However sincerely we, as ringers, strive to live up to the pattern of Christ, our thoughts while we are ringing are centred on the method and the striking, the co-ordination of mind and muscle in an agreeable pursuit.'

In this sense, ringing is not worship in itself, but those of us who profess and call ourselves Christians ought to strive to be better people, and therefore to be better bricklayers, chemists, labourers—and ringers.

Finally, and with all charity, I hope O. A. M. knows plenty of rich atheists willing to 'build separate places for bells to be hung,' so that he will not have to rely on bells which have been dedicated to the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.

Porthkerry, Glam.

Read with Horror

Dear Sir,—I read Atheist's letter in your issue of November 27th with horror, and if I thought that his statement that 'ringing is not in any way connected with the Church and the worship of God' to be true I would give up church bell ringing tomorrow.

I may not have his talent or experience, but have no hesitation in saying that 99 per cent of my ringing colleagues are good, practising Christians, who are proud of their calling.

We have recently had a ring of six bells installed and dedicated in our church here, and a young band of ringers have been recruited from members of the church; heaven forbid that they should be indoctrinated with Atheist's view—if he wants to ring for the local bingo session let him do so.

Church bells and church bell ringing is a particularly British tradition—is there any other country in the world like it? No, sir, we are proud of our country, its churches and its bells, and I hope that churches to be built in the future will be in traditional style and materials, with provision made for bell towers.

In conclusion, I am proud to be a member of that large and happy fraternity who ring for the Church and to the glory of God. Further, I am not ashamed to sign my name.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD A. FRANKS.

Radlett, Herts.

Would prefer 'Rabbits'

Dear Sir,—Your 'Sincere Atheist' seems to jump to the conclusion that most ringers are like himself, out for amusement only. Figures would be more convincing and might surprise him.

Of course church bell ringers regard their art as a hobby (dictionary gives 'a favourite pursuit or subject'), otherwise they would not devote sufficient time to it to become proficient. This does not preclude their regarding it as a form of worship.

I believe there are only very few ringers who do not belong to one of the affiliated Guilds, none of these can honestly deny the purpose of his membership.

Bells did not get into church towers by 'tradition,' but by the generosity and devotion of our forbears, who felt it their duty to dip into their pockets to ensure that worthy praise was given to God, for a long time ahead.

O. A. M. suggests building secular towers for 'campanologists.' Very well, where are the funds? True, there are a few secular rings (10 in Dove against 5,438 church rings), but there doesn't seem to be any glut of new building of more.

As to the criticising those who through human weakness fall out (devout and thinking people are the most likely to disagree), your correspondent is careful to cite only instances where the miscreants eventually returned. Perhaps O. A. M. would read the parable of the 'Prodigal Son,' and draw an appropriate conclusion. I know something of the heartsearchings brought about by clashes of personalities, having, for some years, been the secretary of the band of one of our great cathedrals. (This letter is not to be construed as having any connection with that office, which I relinquished more than a year ago.) All I am trying to emphasise is that it takes conviction to retrace once's steps away from any community.

There is quite a plain answer to your correspondent's last paragraph. Simply 'No,' but of what use are campanologists who are without purpose? I would rather work with a bunch of inept but faithful 'rabbits' than with the most skilled of campanologists who care nothing for the God whose cymbals they presume to clash.—Yours faithfully,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Thornhill, Southampton.

P.S.—There was once a tower called Babel, was there ever a peal rung there?—W. O. H.

Bells for a Wedding

Dear Sir,—In respect of the article on page 802, if people want bells for their wedding, let them get married where there are bells and pay the ringers.

If they merely want a wedding on the cheap, why not have a standard gramophone record of the whole outfit and save the fees of the parson, clerk, organist, choir, heating and lighting and flowers, and bells!

Why pick on synthetic bells only?—Yours etc., 'PURIST.'

Peal at Geddington

Dear Sir,—With reference to B. F. Morris' letter (page 776) it has occurred to me that either a printing error has resulted in the reporting of the peal, or that the above mentioned has no right to question the word of such a worthy conductor. I have had the good fortune to ring with the conductor and I am sure his high standard has not deteriorated in such a short time, and that any ring of five would not prove too much for Maurice W. Harrison and his worthy band.—Yours faithfully,

Sturry, Kent.

P. A. HARRISON.

Corrections to Touches

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a few corrections to the touches submitted by Mr. G. E. Symonds on page 781:

- (a) The second quarter peal of Bob Major has 1,280 changes.
- (b) The first touch of Stedman Caters has 87 changes.
- (c) The second touch of Stedman Caters has 213 changes.
- (d) The second course of the 287 Grandsire Caters should read 42563879 — 2S, 3.
- (e) The first course of the 377 Grandsire Caters should read 63254 — 1, 4S; and the third course (24563) — 9 in 3.

In making these corrections may I appeal to all those who send copy to 'The Ringing World' to read through and check everything before posting. One is becoming tired of reading almost every week that 'Mr. X. rang the third in such and such a peal and not Mr. Y., as published.' Just as irritating are the minor errors, such as a wrong tenor weight. Most of these errors are of no great importance, but they are unnecessary, are very annoying to those concerned, and make for inaccurate records.—Yours faithfully,

Isleworth, Middlesex, C. H. ROGERS.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A most enjoyable meeting of the South-East District was held at Ashbocking on November 28th. The delightful ring of six was rung to a wide range of methods during the afternoon. Probably the most encouraging aspect to the 45 present was the large proportion of youngsters of school age ringing methods up to Cambridge Surprise. Evensong was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. W. Johnson), and the singing was accompanied on the organ by Miss Anne Beecroft. A bountiful tea prepared by the local ladies followed.

At the business meeting nine new ringing members were elected: five Ashbocking, four Bramford, and three being reinstated after a lapse of several years. Five new ringers from Holbrook were elected as probationers. It was agreed that the meetings for 1965 should be held as follows: March 13th, Henley (A.G.M.); June 12th, Blaxhall and Tunstall; September 11th, Coddham; December 11th, Holbrook and Stutton.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. Howard Egglestone), replying to a remark that there had not been many practice meetings recently, said he felt that the learners in the District were now being well catered for in their own towers and that methods were being rung which were the extent of their capabilities.

The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. George W. Pipe) mentioned the importance of ringing on Christmas morning and said he hoped that members would make a supreme effort to man as many towers as possible at this time.

After votes of thanks, ringing was enjoyed at Otley until 9 p.m.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Quarter Peals for 90th Birthday, rung on Nov. 30th, 1964, unless stated otherwise

ABINGDON, BERKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. I. Rowson (cond.) 1, Barbara F. Banks (first quarter) 2, Kirsty Grant 3, R. P. Poole 4, Heather A. Alford 5, W. A. Smith 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Orlopp (11) 1, Mrs. B. Stocker 2, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. van-Aselt 5, K. Rundie (15) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Susan Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Shelagh C. Guthrie 2, Lynda Roberts 3, Susan J. Davey 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, Pauline Wildman (longest length rung) 6, R. D. Baker 7, E. Borley 8.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jennifer Wright 1, Jennifer Payne 2, D. L. Parker 3, J. S. Barnes 4, D. C. Manser (cond.) 5, N. J. Martin 6. Also to congratulate Hilary Martin and R. W. Hinde (members of the local band), upon their engagement.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7,6,8 covering): W. J. Lewis Groom (first away from cover) 1, W. G. Morgan 2, Miss A. J. Thomas 3, Miss E. B. Thomas 4, H. G. Blick (cond.) 5, A. W. Thomas 6, J. H. Thomas 7, W. E. Morgan 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—1,344 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Broom (first on eight) 1, F. Welch 2, R. C. Beale 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. A. Hartland 6, R. Beale (cond.) 7, D. Uphill 8. Also for St. Andrew, patron saint of this church.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Mansfield 1, C. W. Rigby 2, H. A. Cashmore 3, Miss B. M. Mansfield 4, F. P. Brangwyn 5, J. R. Snelling 6, W. A. Denny 7, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Vincent (first quarter of Major) 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, C. A. Parsons 3, Doreen Metcalfe 4, D. D. Parsons 5, A. H. Hawcroft 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, J. Coates 8.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Prosser 1, R. Perks 2, D. Trenfield 3, J. Firkins 4, J. Attwood 5, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 6.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, J. H. Masson 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, C. Wilkinson 5, H. Collin 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 29th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Colborne (first of Triples) 1, P. A. Slight 2, D. J. Hopkinson (first 'inside') 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, J. R. Holmes 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, H. R. Woods 7, G. J. N. Colborne 8.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. W. Pipe 1, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 2, J. Bennet 3, P. May 4, Sylvia Pipe 7, F. Crapnell 8.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. H. Hicks 1, Charlotte Harris 2, Valerie J. Howard 3, D. Slater 4, J. A. Howard (cond.) 5.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—1,299 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia Wells 1, Valerie Watts 2, A. E. Rowley 3, J. Watkins 4, I. S. Merry (cond.) 5, S. Wells 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Frances Dodds (first quarter) 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, Elsie K. Hart 3, Christina R. Folkes 4, Joyce Dodds 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, G. Dodds (cond.) 7, D. T. C. Smith 8, G. Penny 9, T. J. Lock 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. L. Marks 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—1,320 Bob Doubles: Patricia M. Dean 1, Jean Horton 2, J. Taylor 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, B. W. Farhall 5, F. Brasington 6.

SIROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Garland 1, R. Hazel 2, R. Dale 3, T. Pritchard 4, L. Edwards 5, T. Wits 6, J. Whiting 7, V. Deane 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, D. Pobjoy 10.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall 1, Celia Chandler (first 'inside') 2, Susan Moxon 3, Katharine Burchall 4, Eleanor Rose 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Williamson 7, R. Beresford 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Greenhalgh 1, Yvonne Burgess 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, E. J. Ladd 4, C. W. Hancock 5, J. C. Carpenter 6, W. Rogers (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Petty 1, Miss J. Nash 2, K. H. Hughes 3, J. P. Eyre (first 'inside') 4, J. Chalk 5, A. R. Crowson (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Jennings (first quarter) 1, K. H. Hughes 2, A. Faulkner 3, A. R. Crowson 4, J. P. Eyre 5, D. Ellison (cond.) 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. P. F. Tambling (first of Surprise Major) 1, D. Orledge 2, D. Massey 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, D. Burt 5, E. Norris (first in method) 6, N. Knee 7, E. Hitchins (cond.) 8. By the Surprise Major practice band.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Major (St. Clement's and Plain Bob) R. Myhill 1, M. Cosgrove 2, F. Budgeon 3, R. Sherlock 4, J. Weller 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, J. Igglesden 7, P. Townsend 8.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Pullinger 1, Jackie S. Finch 2, Janet E. Biscoe 3, Janet M. Percy (cond.) 4, Betty Percy 5, C. R. Percy 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all except 1 and 5.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 29th, 720 Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Schotars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford T.B.; 540 Plain Bob: P. Oliver 1, A. Sharples 2, D. Smith 3, S. Sage 4, N. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Clutton 1, E. Barber 2, Miss B. Carter 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, E. Webster 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, A. Hodges 8.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara M. Butler 1, A. D. Sansom 2, D. Floyd 3, P. J. Heritage 4, C. J. Groome 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore 1, D. Beaufoy 2, T. Look 3, J. Taylor 4, T. E. Marks 5, R. J. Fox 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. C. Vowles 8.

RINGERS' SUNDAY IN SUSSEX

Nov. 15th was a red letter day for members of the Northern Division of the Sussex Association, with special ringers' services.

At Withyham there was an hour's ringing before Matins, and this was shortened by the Rector (the Rev. P. L. Scott) to allow Mr. E. A. Barnett to give an interesting and instructive address on the origin of bells and the birth of progress of change ringing. During the talk demonstrations were given on handbells, and afterwards the congregation were invited to visit the belfry and see ringing in progress.

Danehill held its annual ringers' service (the fourth) in the evening. The bells were rung from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., and the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. I. Paton Hunter). Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. R. Johnson read the lessons. During the service a course of Stedman Caters was rung by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, E. A. Barnett, F. I. Hairs, W. Dobbie, Mrs. W. Dobbie, followed by the singing of the ringers' hymn. In his address, the Vicar welcomed the ringers, and then came a course of Grandsire Caters rung by a resident band of Sussex (Mrs. F. I. Hairs, E. Rapley, L. Weller, G. Francis, F. I. Hairs).

An enjoyable hour followed in the Village Hall. Refreshments were served and Mr. A. Butcher, the local captain, was congratulated on another successful occasion. Fifteen Sussex towers were represented; also present were ringers from Kent, Yorkshire, Surrey and the East Grinstead Guild.

MR. FRANK ATKINSON RETIRES

Mr. F. Atkinson, who was 82 last August, has been a ringer for 60 years—36 of them at York Minster. However, he has decided to retire from ringing and also to give up his duties as a Minster steward.

To mark his retirement it was decided to make him a small presentation and during a short ceremony on Advent Sunday morning he was presented with a purse of money as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow ringers and the Dean and Chapter.

The presentation was made by Canon R. Cant, Canon-in-Residence, who said how much the Dean and Chapter appreciated Mr. Atkinson's services to the Minster. Tributes were also paid to him by the Rev. J. A. McMullen, chaplain of the Minster Society, and by Mr. H. Walker.

Frank started his ringing at Wragby (a six bell tower), and became a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1906. He has not been a great peal ringer but he has recorded all his 720's and quarter peals in beautiful copper plate handwriting.

On the afternoon after the presentation he rang his first quarter peal of Grandsire Caters.

H. W.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Thomas 1, M. Larcher 2, D. Everett 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, Rev. D. E. Ford 5, P. Fenton (first quarter) 6. First 1 and 5.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On November 16th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Lucile M. Corby 1, Christine Mould (first Surprise Major) 2, Isabel M. Pearce 3, Judith M. Corby 4, Doris E. Colgate 5, E. G. Mould 6, A. J. Corby (cond.) 7, P. A. Corby 8.

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Wratten's Wringers' Wreunion Weekend

IT HARDLY seemed five months ago that, following a successful peal week around Cheltenham, Wratten Wringers had arranged to meet in Bristol on the last week-end in November for a reunion.

A full programme was prepared, and straight to business on Friday evening with a peal of Derby S.M. at the Cathedral, enabling Mick Hobbs to realise his ambition (by 19 days), in completing the Surprise Major alphabet before his 21st birthday. Also pleasing was the fact that Pete Bridle's name is back in the peal columns for the first time since his accident.

The party had arranged to meet in the 'Mauretania', and the organiser was a little concerned to learn that four members of the party did not have their cars with them, leaving a rather desperate transport situation—fears which later proved to be unfounded.

A hectic day was promised for Saturday with four peals arranged. Another first for the Association was scored by ringing Southgate on the good-toned but rather noisy eight at Almondsbury, whilst at the same time the other eight people rang Lincolnshire at Olveston. Into Bristol for a hasty Chinese meal before the party split again. Ten went to St. Stephen's where a fast peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung, at great expense to the energy of the tenor ringer, who needed several cups of tea to revive him. Eight more were fortunate enough to be standing in a peal at St. Philip's—a rare Bristol eight—where a first class peal of Rutland was scored, with 'Drugged Dick' dreaming his way through, following a bout of tonsillitis.

W.W.s (and I don't mean Wilfred!!) success continued in the evening when they soundly beat the Bristol City skittles team by 30 pins. The City say it was because they had too many members of the Ladies' Guild in their team (at least that's their excuse!)

Sunday morning the party dispersed to four Bristol towers for service ringing. One band

went to Bedminster where they found that a previous visiting party had broken the rope of the treble, so just to prove they were not to be outdone they broke the rope of the 3rd during a touch of Doubles.

The highlight of the week-end was a peal attempt on the 35 cwt. ring of eight at Congresbury. The Leicester train was due to arrive in Bristol at 1.12; however, at 1.45 there was still no sign of Mr. Kingsley Norton—could it be that he had developed an attack of 'cold feet', following the news that the so-called 'Squire' of Long Ashton had announced that he would be waiting at Congresbury ready to carry him from the tower. Anyway he eventually arrived and after a quick dash the peal was started late and finished just 7 minutes before Evensong. As promised, Ralph was outside the tower, waiting to compliment Kingsley on a 'creditable performance.' Several members of the party expressed regrets at not having taken advantage of Chris Kippin's offer to run a book on the outcome of the peal. Also listening to the last hour were the rest of the party who had scored a somewhat quicker (though apparently no less energetic) peal of Rutland at Barrow-Gurney. The remark was passed 'You lot will get the credit, but we had the "benders".'

An exhausted but smugly satisfied party of Wringers grabbed some quick liquid refreshment before departing to their various destinations with remarks of 'See you at Cheltenham next year, if not before.' The week-end was particularly pleasing to the organiser, in that it was 100 per cent. successful, bearing in mind the 100 per cent failure week-end last Whitsun.

Sincere thanks are accorded to the five Bristol ringing families who so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the week-end by accommodating the party at their homes.

D.J.H. G.M.H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Western Branch

A goodly company presented themselves at Gaywood on November 21st for the last meeting of the year. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. R. Phizackerley, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Coston (a Gaywood ringer), with the chairman, Rev. G. Galley, at the organ. An exceptionally good (and free) tea was served at the Church Rooms.

At the meeting a welcome was extended to two new members from 'foreign' parts—Rev. M. C. C. Melville and David Cawley. Two interim evening practice meetings were arranged, details of which will be published later.

Among those present was Mr. E. Barker, of Shouldham, who was also present at the dedication of these bells, well over fifty years ago, and Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Yarmouth, who rang in the tower in the early days.

The lovely sounding and good going six were fully employed during the afternoon and evening. All present enjoyed the day and were impressed by the welcome extended by the Rector and his ringers. We felt inspired by the general 'aliveness' of the church in Gaywood.

J.S.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Two of the Branches of the Guild have amalgamated—the N.W. and N. Devon Branches. This took place at Clawton on November 14th, when the annual meeting of the N.W. Branch was held, with the Vicar and Branch chairman (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) in the chair. The new title is the N. and N.W. Branch.

All the present officers were re-elected, but from the N. Devon Branch Miss B. M. Boyle, of Combe Martin, becomes assistant secretary, and the Vicar of Westleigh joint chairman. Six new members of the Guild were elected—five from Shebbear College and one from Westleigh.

The secretary read a satisfactory report, which included 26 quarters and three peals (two Double Norwich C.B. Major) rung for the Guild. The treasurer's report was also satisfactory. A tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. E. M. Atkins, former general secretary of the Guild.

Next year's meetings: Holsworthy, July 24th; annual, Westleigh, November 13th.

The service was conducted by the chairman, and the ladies who supplied the tea were thanked by him.

MR. S. GEOFFREY WATERS' 100 PEALS

Mr. S. Geoffrey Waters, of Hawkhurst, Kent, who recently completed his 100 peals, has rung in the process with 162 ringers, in 57 different towers and nine counties. His list is as follows:

Doubles.—Two methods 4, three methods 1. Minor.—Plain Bob 10 (conducted 1), seven methods 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 12, Plain Bob 1. Major.—Double Norwich Court Bob 13, Kent T.B. 2, Plain Bob 11 (1), Cambridge S. 8, Yorkshire S. 7, Cranbourne S. 1, Southgate S. 1, Belvedere S. 1, Superlative S. 13, New Cambridge S. 1, Pudsey S. 1, Ipswich S. 1, Ashted S. 1, Apsley S. 1, Double Oxford Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1.

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OBITUARY

MR. L. J. WILLIAMS

The funeral service for Mr. Laurence J. Williams, head ringer for over 50 years at Church Kirk, Lancashire, took place in the church he served so faithfully on Saturday, November 21st. His death on the previous Wednesday came suddenly although he had not been well for the past two years. Many ringing friends of the Lancashire Association were present. Half-muffled touches of Stedman and Double Norwich and the 'whole pull and stand' were rung in a dignified manner which was fitting for the occasion.

It was just before the first world war that Laurence came to live in Church Kirk, having learned to ring at Willephall. Almost at once he had to join the Army, so his ringing career began in earnest after the war. In March, 1919, he rang his first peal, the second peal on the old six bells at Church Kirk. The next peal on the bells was his first as conductor, and he conducted all of the subsequent eight peals on the bells before they became unringable in 1923. Whilst the bells were out of action, 'Laurie' was busy training a band at Rishton, at the same time pressing for the restoration of Church Kirk bells. In November, 1926, the new ring of eight was dedicated, and Laurie made sure that they were used well. His enthusiasm for peal ringing did not exceed that for Sunday service ringing, and it was his efforts which inspired the local band until they were ringing Cambridge Surprise Major for service in 1931.

Laurence was the first to acknowledge that his progressive enthusiasm gave rise to many a lively argument. He had little sympathy with those whose outlook was 'dormant,' and on several occasions he noted in the record books that the Church Kirk Society was 'evidently not loved by the (Blackburn) Branch.' However, with such a character in its midst, the Branch could not remain dormant for long, and Laurence not only became president and bell adviser of the Blackburn Branch, but also a committee member, vice-president, and Central Council representative of the Lancashire Association. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and helped to initiate the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column in 'The Ringing World.'

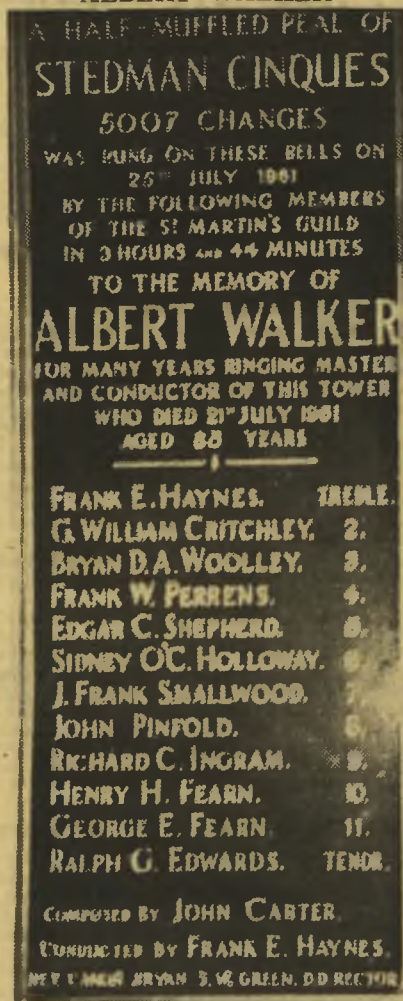
Even in later years, he was still keen, and only ten years ago he started afresh to train a young band at Church Kirk. With only one other experienced local ringer, and a little help from neighbouring towers, he successfully achieved his objective.

He was the most punctual and regular attender in the band, even though for two years he had to walk two miles every Sunday to get to the church—a fine record for anyone at the age of 70. Unfortunately, his health failed about two years ago, and his greatest pleasure then was to be visited by his ringing friends, and to recall the amusing incidents in his life. The death of Laurence J. Williams, at the age of 73, is a great loss to the Exercise, but he will be remembered for many years to come. J. P.

SS. PHILIP & JACOB'S, BRISTOL

After nearly two years of silence ringing restarted in this tower in October. Origin of the trouble was the snapping of the wires holding the clock weights, which crashed through the ringing chamber floor. This in itself could have been put right in a short time, but an examination of the tower revealed that the stairs were unsafe and whole sections had to be replaced. The work was completed in time for the bells to be rung for harvest festival.

Mr. Edwin J. Brown has retired as Ringing Master and steeplekeeper, a post he has held with much devotion for 38 years. Only two of the original St. Philip's band are still active, and the bells are kept going from the Bristol Cathedral Sunday afternoon band. Grateful thanks are due to St. Ambrose's for the loan of ropes.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO
ALBERT WALKER

The memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker in the ringing chamber of St. Martin's, Birmingham. The cost of the tablet was £103 10s.

Photo by Sidney Holloway.

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The Editor recently received a line block of a church. He has been unable to discover the identity of the church or the news story to which it relates. Will the sender please forward the appropriate reading matter as the drawing looks most attractive.

We hope to publish next week another collection of quarter peals rung in honour of Sir Winston's 90th birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

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A new clapper has been fitted to the tenor at Painswick.

Ali points out that the peal rung at Seal (pages 565 and 800) was in actual fact rung at Seal Chart.

So successful was the East Berks and South Bucks dinner at Windsor on November 28th that the date of next year's function is already in members' diaries. All being well it will be held on Saturday, November 27th.

With much pleasure we welcome David Clark of Whatton, Notts, back to the quarter peal columns after his recent illness and we look forward to his early return to the peal columns.

Help from ringers of the Bridgwater Parish Church made it possible for ringing to take place at Durligh, Somerset, on Nov. 22nd when the Bishop of Taunton conducted a service of thanksgiving and rededication following extensive restoration of the church.

The ringers of the peal at Raunds, Northamptonshire, on November 28th, would like to associate the name of John R. Mayne with this peal. He is not the first, and will probably not be the last, to arrange for more ringers for a peal attempt than there are bells.

From Southend we hear that a dog will probably be in the peal totals for 1964, for she has already heard 24 peals complete this year. We look forward to hearing more about her if she hears another!

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Liverpool Cathedral Peal Attempt

The peal attempt for Grandsire Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, November 29th, failed after four hours' ringing due to one of the ringers having to give up. The ages of the band in this attempt extended from 17 to 70. This, our correspondent states, was the third attempt. The two previous attempts at the Cathedral came to grief, he believes, through a miscall and broken clapper respectively.

Conducted First Peal

The paragraph in Belfry Gossip concerning Mr. D. Fenton conducting his first peal at Bramley, Leeds, has brought forth an interesting coincidence. Mr. J. S. Eastwood of Walsall, Staffs, learned to ring at this tower under the late Mr. G. W. T. Holgate, and writes: 'I also rang and called my first peal (Kent) at this tower in February, 1927, this being the first peal on the eight bells installed in 1924 and am now the sole survivor of the band at the time of the installation.'

Another Youngster Launched

Shortly before her 12th birthday, Frances Dodds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dodds, of St. Albans, rang her first quarter to Grandsire Caters, at St. Clement Danes', London, on November 29th. Comments father: 'Young Frances is now launched on the "slippery slope".' Few young ladies have started their quarters in such a distinguished company. Happy birthday, Frances!

Aubrey's Birthday

The band who met at Buckfast Abbey on November 28th to attempt a peal of Grandsire Doubles in order to complete the circuit in the method on the bells were doomed to disappointment as the bells had to be called around at half way owing to indisposition of one of the band. Those who rang, however, were entertained to a birthday tea by Mr. A. L. Bennett afterwards, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Oddfellows' Peal

That great and enthusiastic Oddfellow, Mr. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, will read with interest the honour conferred on Bro. Eric Roughley of Davenport, Stockport, during his year as Provincial Grand Master of the St. Helens District. Fellow Oddfellows rang a peal to mark the occasion at Chelford, Cheshire. Participating were two Past Provincial Grand Masters and also a Past Grand.

Relief

Fear, the scare of the bare passage.
The tall hard walls and the empty
Echoingly hollow stair
Leading down from the boom
Of the bells above.
The shadowless passage harsh
In the glare of the staring light,
And the swinging weights
Here, there; there, here.
The fear throbbing from the walls
And swelling out the narrow passage.
Then the opening door,
The warm brightness, the joy of it.
Recognition.

'WIMBLEDON.'

Churchill Surprise

The ringing room at Westerham is on the ground floor open to the church. Members of the Kent County Association were therefore somewhat overwhelmed on arriving to ring in a new Surprise method for Sir Winston Churchill's birthday to see powerful television lights set up. The peal was started in the full glare of the lights and some five courses had been rung before the lights and other equipment were finally removed and the ringers were allowed to complete the peal under more normal conditions. An excellent peal was rung and we understand some readers may have seen shots of the ringing on ITV before the peal was completed.

Sir Winston's country home is at Chartwell in the parish of Westerham and the ringers of Kent were anxious to pay a worthy tribute by ringing a new method. Mr. John Mayne had kindly looked out a suitable method and had confirmed that the name Churchill had not been previously used. Thanks are due to the new Vicar, Canon A. Chapman, and the local ringers for their enthusiastic co-operation.

Ringers' Wedding at Bridport

Unfortunately, and contrary to several reports in the local press, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, attempted at St. Mary's, Bridport, on October 31st, was not successful. The occasion was the wedding of Miss Valerie Hallett to Mr. Michael Stone, of Bridgwater, and the attempt was made by ringing friends from Bridgwater and Ebbw Vale. Bridport ringers rang immediately before and after the wedding service. After a honeymoon in Scotland, the couple were welcomed to their new home near Bridgwater by a quarter peal of St. Clement's Minor on the bell of their 'home' tower at Wembdon.

Will Ring at Christmas

We have received a cheery card from Mr. W. B. Kynaston of Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, stating that he is now out of hospital and going on very well. While it is a case of no tower bell ringing yet, he hopes to do a bit before Christmas.

For Records Committee

Another fine achievement has come from Yorkshire. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in thirty-six methods, the most methods to be rung to a peal of Royal. Congratulations.

From Rounds to Stedman

Meeting short for their peal attempt of Stedman Triples at Dorchester Abbey, on Nov. 28th, Douglas Exon was summoned from his baker's rounds to ring the Tenor. He had only time, so he puts it, 'for half a fruit loaf,' before starting the peal. While all precede their peals by rounds, Doug Exon's experience might be without precedent. At any rate the peal was a success and Doug was duly thanked.

Earliest Hastings Stay

Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth, writes concerning the peal of Minimus on the four bells at Stockton-on-the-Forest that the bells were equipped with the Hastings stay in 1896 by Taylor's. Are there any other rings with such a fitting fitted earlier than 1896?

The Alexandra Ring

The peal of Stedman Caters rung at the former Imperial Institute on November 14th was only the fifth peal on the Alexandra ring of bells which were installed in 1895 to be rung on Royal and State occasions. The last peal, also Stedman Caters, was rung by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on April 23rd, 1924, to mark the opening of the British Empire Exhibition.

The bells are now rung on eight dates each year and, for several years past, bands for these occasions have been arranged by Mr. William J. Rawlings. It was appropriate, therefore, that the recent peal enabled Bill to complete his first century and congratulations were extended accordingly.

100 Peals on Crawley Bells

On November 14th, Mr. Alf Bull of Horley, Surrey, rang his 100th peal on Crawley bells and Mr. W. Beeson, of Cranleigh, his 50th. (See page 807.) The first of the 100 was Worcester T.B. on Oct. 3rd, 1920, and Messrs. Bull and Beeson are the sole survivors. The time taken for both peals was the same — 3 hrs. 5 mins. After the peal a splendid tea was provided by Mrs. Jennings. Photographs were produced by George and there were many reminiscences. To the peal not a few footnotes could have been added as 'In memoriam Oliver Sippets and other members of the 1920 band.' Also for 'E. G. Talbot, the friend we miss so much,' writes John Euston. Over half of Mr. Bull's 100 peals were in Surprise methods and were mainly under the conductorship of Mr. Sippets.

A Prittlewell 21st

A popular member of the Prittlewell tower is Miss Janet Rowe and her 21st birthday on November 23rd was marked by a peal on the 22nd. On her birthday at the Prittlewell tower practice she was presented with a present on behalf of the band by the Master, Mr. Bernard Sadler. Afterwards everybody went round to her home where plenty of good eats and drinks were available—a truly happy birthday. Janet is now going to live in London. Prittlewell ringers wish her well and hope she will find a happy tower to receive her.

The Arcscott Family Does It Again

Congratulations to the Arcscott family, who are scattered about the Bath and Wells area. There was another family reunion on Nov. 14th at All Saints' Church, Merriott, Somerset, when a peal of Minor was rung. This is the second peal in recent years.

Christmas Issue

Our Christmas issue with a special message from Canon C. Carew Cox, former Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will appear next week. Our popular feature, Christmas Greetings, will also be included and we have already received messages from overseas. We are hoping that the following issue will be on sale before Christmas Day. This will be printed on the Monday. Because of the time lag over Christmas mails, will secretaries wanting Notices inserted in the issue of December 25th please forward as soon as possible. If uncertain of arrangements use the word 'provisional.' It is not too early to send these Notices for New Year's meetings in at once. Finally, Notices may be phoned Guildford 5311.

TOWER BELL PEALS

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WEEK-END

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

George T. Cousins Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	†Peter Bridle 6
*Michael J. Hobbs 3	D. John Hunt 7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 4	Gordon W. Land Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* Has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major. † 75th of Surprise.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

ALMONDSBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

George T. Cousins Treble	Philip M. J. Gray 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	James R. Taylor 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*D. John Hunt 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.
* 200th peal of Major.

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

OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*David A. Burt Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Gordon W. Land 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
†Michael J. Hobbs 3	†Antony R. Kench 7
Cliff Richards 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 25th together.

BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

George T. Cousins Treble	Anthony R. Peake 6
*Cyril A. Wratten 2	Peter Bridle 7
Brian Bladon 3	Patrick J. Bird 8
Antony R. Kench 4	*George E. Thoday 9
†Gordon W. Land 5	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by N. Bennett. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.'

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Don C. Exell Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	James R. Taylor 7
Jennifer M. Taylor 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Don C. Exell.

First peal on the bells since 1949.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARROW GURNEY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary and St. Edward, King and Martyr.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Gordon W. Land Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	Antony R. Kench 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	George E. Thoday 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

First in the method as conductor.

CONGRESBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

Cliff Richards Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor 6
Cyril A. Wratten 3	D. John Hunt 7
George T. Cousins 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SOUTH KENSINGTON, London, S.W.—On the Alexandra Ring of Bells in the Queen's Tower of the former Imperial Institute.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

John Phillips Treble	John Chilcott 6
Charles H. Kippin 2	Wilfred Williams 7
John H. Lott 3	James Phillips 8
William T. Cook 4	Michael P. Moreton 9
William J. Rawlings 5	John H. Crampion Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung as a compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles, on his 16th birthday anniversary.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5201 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

Kenneth J. Minchinton .. Treble	Enid L. Roberts 6
*Robin G. Turner 2	Ronald K. Russ 7
†Harold E. McDonald 3	Thomas W. Goodyer 8
†William B. Pitcher 4	Brian R. Cox 9
†C. Hervey Bagot 5	†David J. Bleby Tenor

Composed by Brian Downes.

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

* First peal in Australia. † First on ten. First peal on the ringing bells.

The band would like to associate the name of George W. Pipe with this peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	John H. Gilbert 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	Don C. Exell 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
James R. Taylor 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

MERRIOT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

B. S. C. Arscott Treble	F. C. Arscott 4
M. R. Arscott 2	L. H. Arscott 5
C. H. J. Arscott 3	R. F. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by R. F. Arscott.

A family peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KILLMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5 and 6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11½ cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Philip Mehew Treble	Bernard G. North 4
Terry R. Hatchett 2	David R. Saunderson 5
George E. Bonham 3	George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

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

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5 and 6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	George E. Bonham 4
George W. Massey 2	Philip Mehew 5
Terry R. Hatchett 3	Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by Bernard G. North.

First peal in the method by all the band, except the ringer of the second. First in the method on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Ann Worboys, by special request of Mr. T. R. Hatchett.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*J. A. Harrison (Sidney) Treble	†K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	6
*C. M. Press (King's) .. 2	†V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 7	
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 8	
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 9	
*R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 5	†S. C. Walters (Pembroke) Tenor	

Arranged by J. M. H. Hunter.

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Sir Winston S. Churchill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*James S. Baker .. . Treble	A. Doreen Edwards .. . 6
Yvonne Hughes .. . 2	George A. Packer .. . 7
Paul J. Atkins .. . 3	Frank R. Morton .. . 8
Ivor R. Nichols .. . 4	Roy Worrall .. . 9
*Gerald Parsons .. . 5	Clifford A. Thomas .. . Tenor

Composed by G. Hayward.

Conducted by George A. Packer.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a 30th birthday compliment to Clifford A. Thomas.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
(Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Sister Marian Forrester, Palatine Lodge (Blackburn) .. . Treble	
Bro. Eric Roughley, Prov. G.M., Benevolent Lodge .. . 2	
Bro. Thomas D. Roughley, P.G., Benevolent Lodge (Rainford) .. . 3	
Bro. Harry Callwood, Dixon Lodge (Chelford) .. . 4	
Bro. Ernest Pimlott, P.P.G.M., Dixon Lodge .. . 5	
Bro. Thomas P. Barlow, P.P.G.M., Hope of the Village Lodge .. . Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. Ernest Pimlott.

Rung as a compliment to Bro. Eric Roughley, during his year of office as Provincial Grand Master of the St. Helens District.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

John E. Anderson .. . Treble	William Davidson .. . 5
M. Elaine Murcott .. . 2	James Crowther .. . 6
Jennifer Sceney .. . 3	Eric N. Harrison .. . 7
Andrew G. Craddock .. . 4	Michael Maughan .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Tues., Nov. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.	
Donald F. Mufet .. . Treble	Brian D. Threlfall .. . 5
*C. Gay Williams .. . 2	†John G. Gipson .. . 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. . 3	Derek E. Sibson .. . 7
Geoffrey Pearson .. . 4	William J. Ridgman .. . Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Spiced. † First of four Spiced.

Rung to mark the birth of a son, Simon, to Jane Anne and Geoffrey Pearson.

BURWELL, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

John G. Gipson .. . Treble	*Ian Munro .. . 5
Geoffrey Pearson .. . 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. . 6
C. Martin Press .. . 3	Derek E. Sibson .. . 7
*John Rank .. . 4	Brian D. Threlfall .. . Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam Harry Sharp, of Wilburton, who died on November 15th, aged 90.

LONGSTANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*Terry R. Hatchett .. . Treble	Brian B. Hullah .. . 5
David R. Sanderson .. . 2	George E. Bonham .. . 6
Mary E. Edwards .. . 3	Bernard G. North .. . 7
Peter Woolven .. . 4	Philip Mehew .. . Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* 25th peal.

Rung with felicitations as a 90th birthday compliment to Sir Winston S. Churchill, and also a birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 4th.

MELBOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

E. Jane Sibson .. . Treble	Derek E. Sibson .. . 4
C. Martin Press .. . 2	John G. Gipson .. . 5
Geoffrey Pearson .. . 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. . Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb in E.

Joseph C. Woolley .. . Treble	David J. Marshall .. . 5
Edward F. Gobey .. . 2	Harold Taylor .. . 6
David W. Friend .. . 3	Gordon A. Halls .. . 7
Denis R. Carlisle .. . 4	Ian M. Holland .. . Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Peter Sloman .. . Treble	Philip Sadler .. . 5
Janet Rowe .. . 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 6
Bernard C. Sadler .. . 3	Michael J. Hallett .. . 7
Jack Belcham .. . 4	Alfred J. House .. . Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Rowe.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Peter G. Brown .. . Treble	David E. Belcham .. . 4
Michael J. Hallett .. . 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 5
Ian R. Panton .. . 3	Philip J. Rothera .. . Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

First peal of London Minor by all, and on the bells.

BROOMFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	Ian R. Panton .. . 4
*Marion R. Panton .. . 2	Peter G. Brown .. . 5
Howard Egglestone .. . 3	James L. Towler .. . Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Court, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	George N. Orman .. . 4
Mrs. R. J. R. Orman .. . 2	Edward E. Davey .. . 5
Arthur G. Button .. . 3	Alan R. Andrews .. . Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Nov. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Patricia J. Laycock .. . Treble	William T. Beeson .. . 5
E. Jane Sibson .. . 2	*Stanley G. Ponting .. . 6
*Yvonne Edwards .. . 3	Derek E. Sibson .. . 7
Edgar R. Rapley .. . 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. . Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of five Spiced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe .. . Treble	†Alec W. Fry .. . 6
Cyril S. Jarrett .. . 2	†David S. Osenton .. . 7
Thomas E. Sone .. . 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. . 8
*Alexander Waddington .. 4	Robert W. Hinde .. . 9
†Monty W. Gilbert .. . 5	Bernard F. L. Groves .. . Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

BENENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Monty W. Gilbert .. . Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. . 5
*Hilary E. Martin .. . 2	†Norman R. Mattingley .. . 6
Robert W. Hinde .. . 3	David S. Osenton .. . 7
Reginald E. Lambert .. . 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. . Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major 'inside'.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson Treble	*Jeffrey J. Fox 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	*Peter J. Wycherley 8
Tudor P. Edwards 3	Derek Butterworth 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	Neil Bennett 10
*Margaret E. Fort 5	Basil Jones 11
*Pauline P. Partington 6	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Cinques.

LANCASTER.—At the Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Nicholas M. Newby Treble	Herbert Rainford 6
James E. Burles 2	*Stanley Anderton 7
*Pauline Turner 3	Alan Capstick 8
*Wilfred Bolton 4	William Wall 9
Bernard Moss 5	Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor

Composed by H. J. Jucker.

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the Lancaster University, and for the inauguration of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra as chancellor.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt

Robert J. Warrilow Treble	Basil Jones 6
Alan Sharples 2	Alan Mcfall 7
Derek Yates 3	William H. Dowse 8
John Worth 4	A. Peter Whitehead 9
Alan A. Potts 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by John Worth.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 24 methods, being 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 192 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmsore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite Treble	Ernest Bennett 5
Jean M. Pailing 2	Richard J. Parker 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite 3	Norman Smith 7
James H. Pailing 4	Walter E. Wilkinson Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all, and for the Association.

Rung in memory of Laurence J. Williams, of Church Kirk.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Iikeston Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

David Vincent Treble	Harold Worrall 5
*Pauline Turner 2	Albert Greenhalgh 6
*Margaret E. Fort 3	Sydney Osborne 7
James Cunliffe 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by E. C. Gobey.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of T.B. † First of Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

William J. Root Treble	Malcolm E. Wade 5
Monica M. Jelley 2	Brian S. Chapman 6
Jack P. Kesterton 3	Russell S. Morris 7
Derek M. Sawyer 4	John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

HELMSHORE:

x 38 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3458 x 16 x 38. 2nd's place i.e. 142.

SIMONSTONE:

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 38 x 34 x 38.12.36.14.58. 2nd's place i.e. 135.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Harry Baldwin Treble	Harold Judd 5
John Hall 2	C. Aubrey Harrison 6
Ronald Chafer 3	Jack Bray 7
Michael W. Crowder 4	Philip Barnes Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

Rung to mark the completion of the reconditioning of the organ in this church, and a compliment to the organist, Mr. G. W. Moody.

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

On Wed., Nov. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Septimus Neave Treble	*John H. Parker 4
Arthur Pashley 2	John Hall 5
W. Arthur Crowder 3	Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise.

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

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble	Jack Bray 4
Ronald Chafer 2	John Hall 5
*Septimus Neave 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside'.

A farewell to the Rev. Mr. Evison, who has accepted the living of Binbrooke, Lincolnshire. Also in memoriam J. V. Hepworth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Bootle Delight, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Barbara G. Dale .. Treble	Roger W. Powell 4
Diana M. Frost 2	*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
Alan J. Frost 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal 'inside.' Most Minor methods as conductor.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Keith Scrimshaw .. Treble	†Clive Calton 5
Brian A. Tomlinson .. 2	David J. Baker 6
*Mary Browne 3	Robert J. Warrilow .. 7
†John Gander 4	Basil Jones Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.

Rung as a belated wedding compliment to John and Nancy Soanes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESLEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5038 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Alick Cutler Treble	*John Hill 5
Joan Beresford 2	*G. William Critchley .. 6
*Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	*Jack S. Dear 7
*Dennis Knox 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Nov. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Reginald W. Rex .. Treble	Ronald C. Christopher .. 5
John Pares 2	Arthur Sayers 6
Henry Lawrenson 3	William Butler 7
Walter Hunt 4	Geoffrey D. Weston Tenor

Composed by William Shipway.

Conducted by William Butler.

Rung to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the casting of the back six.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 16 six-scores of Grandsire, and three 240's of Grandsire.

*Caroline Stuart Treble	†Mandi McCallion 4
†Lesley Kinston 2	†David C. Midgley 5
G. Arnold Moore 3	William Watkin Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal. † First in these two methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Valerie Mitchel.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain, St. Martin, St. Simon, Winchendon and St. Nicholas. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles H. Blake Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 3
C. Frank W. Phillips 2	H. William Barrett 4

Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung for the birth of a grandson, Leslie, of the treble ringer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	Anthony D. Sansom 5
Barbara M. Butler 2	Christopher J. Groome 6
*David Floyd 3	Christopher C. Clarke 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Sir Winston S. Churchill.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Helen J. Howes Treble	Andrew J. Howes 5
Angela Ayres 2	Frank Absolom 6
*Geoffrey K. Cook 3	Robert B. Blond 7
John Pladdys 4	†Douglas Exon Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First peal of Triples and Stedman. † First on eight bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	Clifford J. Garlick 5
Harry L. Bishop 2	Michael Bishop 6
George W. Bishop 3	John H. Napper 7
Alfred H. Webb 4	Leonard F. Cox Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
POTTERS PURY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (2) Westminster and Allendale, (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (4) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York, Berwick and Beverley, (7) London, Wells and Cuncestrate, with 108 changes of method.

Barry E. Saunders Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
Graham C. Paul 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Roger W. Smith 3	*James Linnell Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 100th peal. First of 30 Spiced Surprise for all the band.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

†Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble	Frank L. Harris 7
Edgar C. Shepherd 2	*Gwilym Salmon 8
James E. Daniels 3	John Hartless 9
Michael J. Best 4	*Edward J. Chivers 10
Philip N. Tubbs 5	Ronald N. Marlow 11
Lewis F. Cobb 6	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal of Maximus. † 100th of Surprise.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
Eric E. Speake Treble	Clive M. Smith 5
Lucy Smith 2	Richard J. Warrow 6
*Marlene E. Townsend .. 3	Edmund Malin 7
Jeffrey B. Webb 4	Roy K. Mowforth Tenor

Conducted by Edmund Malin.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bernard Cecil Robinson, formerly choirmaster, and secretary of the Parochial Church Council for over 20 years.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Gillian R. Parsons Treble	Dennis Randall 6
John Chilcott 2	David E. Parsons 7
Frank E. Darby 3	John Hill 8
Raymond E. Finch 4	Michael V. Chilcott 9
John Schofield 5	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung to welcome Helen Ruth, daughter of Michael and Kathleen Chilcott.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

E. Jane Sibson Treble	*David Smith 5
*Edgar R. Rapley 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
William T. Beeson 3	*Derek E. Sibson 7
*Robert Wake 4	*W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., Nov. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Leonard Stilwell Treble	*George Francis 5
E. Jane Sibson 2	Ronald F. Diserens 6
Patricia Diserens 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	*W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

George Francis Treble	Leonard Stilwell 5
Michael J. Wake 2	Henry C. Weaver 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Philip Stevens 4	Robert Wake Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Robert Wake.

First peal as conductor of Major. Treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wake.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 36 methods, being 240 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Rutland and Yorkshire, and 120 each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Banbury, Belgrave, Bromsgrove, Clifton, Coalbrookdale, Enniskillen, Goldsborough, Haslemere, Inveraray, Leek, Limerick, Lindsey, Marsden, Mirfield, Oakham, Ossett, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Selby, Shrewsbury, Staffordshire, Sunderland, Wembley, Whitby, Wrexham, Yeovil and York, with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Neil Donovan Treble	Vernon Bottomley 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Gordon Benfield 7
W. Eric Critchley 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton 8
Donald H. Niblett 4	John N. D. Chaddock 9
J. Henry Fielden 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Donald H. Niblett.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The most methods rung to a peal of Royal.

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HALF PEAL

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Fursdon (longest length) 1, Miss M. Russell 2, A. L. Bennett 3, B. Shingler 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, Rev. D. P. Angold 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of third.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Katharine M. Guy 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. Godfrey 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Goulter (first of Stedman) 1, Kaye Lynas (first of Stedman) 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher (first as Stedman as cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, D. J. Bieby (first of Stedman Triples) 7, R. A. S. Adams 8.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Kingston 1, Pauline Kingston 2, Daphne Webb 3, Della Langton (first 'inside') 4, R. W. Smith (cond.) 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, A. Mayes (first in the method) 2, P. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton 4, L. Hughes 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, M. Orme (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA.—On Nov. 22nd, at City Hall, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. B. Pitcher 1, C. H. Bagot 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, R. G. Turner 4, G. W. Heyes 5, R. K. Russ 6, G. Dickens (first of Major) 7, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): B. J. Vitter 1, A. Hicks (cond.) 3, L. Cooksey 4, J. M. Swift 5, C. F. Pilbeam 6, C. Verdon 7, R. A. Vitter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bishop Crabbe, who died October 22nd.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. F. Hills (first quarter) 1, Sheila I. Smith 2, D. G. Carr 3, F. H. Briscoe 4, P. G. Smith 5, A. S. Smith (cond.) 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stubbs 1, Sally Buchanan 2, B. Ridges 3, Janet Somerville 4, P. W. Darby 5, J. O. Freeman (first as cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Martin 1, S. Brown 2, D. Hunns 3, S. Armstrong 4, R. Peckham (first of Triples) 5, J. Norris (cond.) 6, V. Sheppard 7, R. Walters (first quarter) 8. By friends and pupils of Harry Stallham, died Nov. 29th, 1963.

BRINDLE, LANCs.—On Nov. 20th, 1,380 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, W. H. Hunter 2, G. Mee 3, D. Marsden 4, L. Walmsley 5, J. E. Summer 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Blackledge, a ringer at this church for many years.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Retter 1, Miss V. Look 2, J. Salway 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rooke (first quarter) 1, Hilda Oakshett 3, F. H. Gates 4, P. J. Spice 5, R. T. Newman 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, Sally L. Behenna (covering) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Mary-the-Great, on Nov. 4th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: R. M. Damerell 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, C. H. Rogers 3, J. M. H. Hunter 4, K. J. Darvill 5, S. P. Darvill 6, C. M. Press 7, G. H. Jones 8, K. J. Triplow 9, S. C. Walters (cond.) 10, B. D. Threlfall 11, F. C. Hobson 12.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew-the-Great, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. J. Darvill 1, K. J. Triplow 2, P. M. Wilkinson 3, C. M. Press 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, J. A. Harrison 6, S. C. Walters (cond.) 7, C. H. Rogers 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. C. Walters 1, C. M. Press 2, J. B. Cooke (first 'inside') 3, R. M. Damerell 4, K. J. Triplow 5, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Templeman 1, Raphael Sinden 2, G. Neilson 3, B. J. Luck 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, D. A. Chapman 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. F. Davies 8. First on eight bells 1 and 3.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Look 1, R. Woodley 2, Mrs. R. Woodley (first in method) 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, A. Tapley 8. For Evensong.

DEFFORD, WORCS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. C. Berry 1, J. Firkins 2, J. E. Whittall 3, R. J. Adams 4.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Wilkinson (first quarter of Minor) 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, Doreen Metcalfe 3, P. Vincent 4, J. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eunice D. Overend 1, D. G. Massey 2, D. T. H. Robertson 3, W. H. Mills 4, P. Bray 5, G. W. Massey 6, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung following Confirmation service.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Slight 1, G. J. N. Colborne 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. W. Watson 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, H. R. Woods 6, D. R. Baxter 7, D. J. Hopkinson 8. First of Triples 2 and 7. For Remembrance Sunday.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Taylor 1, L. V. Morriel 2, L. Mutter 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, P. C. D. Head 6. For the conductor's birthday.

HUNTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, C. Webb 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, C. C. Turner 4, W. Webb 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, J. Real 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. D. Bellamy 1, J. S. Rank 2, P. Woolven 3, G. E. Bonham 4, B. G. North 5, D. R. Sanderson 6, J. G. Gipson 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, E. Coulsdon 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney C. Smith, a chorister at this church, interred this day.

KILBRUN, LONDON.—1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, London, Rutland, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire): Miss C. Carpenter 1, A. N. Stubbs 2, L. R. H. Smith 3, D. A. H. Bennett 4, Miss C. C. Macnair 5, D. T. Darby 6, R. N. Harris 7, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 8.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Desborough (first quarter) 1, Diane Angell 2, F. J. Lee 3, Helen Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, D. C. Price 6. For Parish Communion service.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,470 Double Court Bob Minor: D. A. Bedford 1, B. M. Barker 2, R. W. Picton 3, P. W. Harper 4, R. J. Picton 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Paget (first quarter) 1, Barbara Sawden (first quarter) 2, G. Cox 3, Merryin Hutchings 4, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 5, R. Hutchings 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lawrence on the birth of a son.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. White 1, H. Corney 2, Miss M. Roden 3, R. Burbury 4, K. Gardiner 5, F. Tomlin 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. Thanksgiving for diocesan golden jubilee.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, B. L. Marks 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, A. Neilson 6. For consecration of Bishop of Dover.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Billings 1, J. Mace 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, H. Heath 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, D. Comley 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss V. Luce, on the eve of her 90th birthday.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Frost (first of Major) 1, Mary Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, M. Radcliffe (first 'inside') 4, D. Barraclough (first of Major) 5, A. Keen (first of Major) 6, A. Ward 7, M. Young (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Canon A. Jowett, installed this afternoon as Dean of Manchester Cathedral.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): I. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, P. Thompson 3, E. P. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, T. Brighton 6. First in nine Doubles methods 2, 3 and 6.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Williams 1, R. Hosking 2, H. Boyce 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, J. M. Hughes 5, R. Powell 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rhys Asher 1, J. M. Hughes 2, Lynda Williams 3, R. Hosking 4, H. Boyce (cond.) 5, J. Locke 6. For Sunday morning service. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Lynda Williams 1, E. N. Thomas 2, R. Hosking 3, H. Boyce (cond.) 4, J. M. Hughes 5, E. Morris 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, W. P. Blake 2, B. Williams 3, J. Brain 4, S. Lewis 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Bateman 1, Miss A. Collet 2, J. H. Firkins 3, A. I. Lloyd 4, J. Attwood 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6, A. C. Berry (cond.) 7, E. W. Bick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Bramford, churchwarden and church worker for 32 years.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Minor (College Single Reverse and Plain Bob): H. J. Culpin 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. J. Nice 4, R. H. Rogers 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. E. Rothera 1, R. A. Yeates 2, G. C. Paul 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. Tomlin 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6, D. Ellisdon 7, R. J. Moore 8, P. J. Rothera 9, D. Hewitt 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Katharine Burchall 1, Grace Burchall 2, Anne E. Bateson 3, Beryl N. Reed 4, Margaret E. Chilton 5, D. Parsons 6, A. E. Chilton 7, C. W. Reed 8, W. N. Brown 9, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 10.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sarah Goodbody 1, B. Vickers 2, R. Cowley 3, E. Buckby 4, T. Smith 5, D. Pearson (cond.) 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Thomas (first quarter) 1, Valerie Vincent 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At the Campanile, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shepherd 1, A. A. Jopp 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, I. Lloyd 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, Miss R. Porter 6.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Mathers 1, Iris E. Piper 2, Janet I. Porter (cond.) 3, H. Rodmell 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, C. R. Robinson 6. A compliment to H. Rodmell on his 85th birthday.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Giles 1, Valerie E. Mellish 2, K. G. E. Wannell (cond.) 3, W. F. Bye 4, J. D. Walker (first 'inside') 5, R. Berry 6.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDx.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothea Robotham 1, Anne Horsford 2, D. E. Rothera 3, R. A. Yeates 4, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, R. J. Moore 6. For Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Trethewey 1, B. J. Sautelle-Smith (first quarter) 2, Mary Carveth 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, D. Burnett 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, A. J. Davidson 8. Rung immediately before lowering the bells for rehanging.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. L. Coles (14) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Shirley A. Cox (13) 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, D. A. Burt 5, J. H. Thompson (12) 6, I. P. Cox (13) 7, M. J. Hawkins (14) 8. First in three methods by all except 4 and 5. To welcome Rev. John Johnson as Vicar and Mrs. Johnson.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Cynthia L. Ward (first quarter) 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, J. D. Clarke 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Elizabeth Zass (first of Stedman) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, A. Bagworth 4, M. Bingham (cond.) 5, Judith Geiringer 6. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth Zass (first of T.B. Major) 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, Alison Mann 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, Deborah Hopkins 6, M. Bingham (cond.) 7, A. Bagworth 8. In memory of J. F. Kennedy, late president of the U.S.A.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): W. Vince 1, D. Whitaker 2, Miss J. Spreadbury 3, W. Wainwright 4, M. Medley 5, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 6. First extent Single Oxford 2, 3 and 4. A second birthday compliment to Andrew, son of the conductor.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 15th, at All Saints Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Cattermole 1, A. P. White 2, D. G. Franklin 3, M. R. Ashmore 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, T. A. Grundy 6. For Matins, by members of the King's School Society of Change Ringers.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdom 6. First in method by all the band. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

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TOMLINSON.—On December 1st, 1964, at 370, Whalley New Road, Blackburn, Ellen Hannah, the dearly beloved wife of Arthur Tomlinson, in her 83rd year. 5896

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TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my devoted husband, Norman Arthur, who passed away December 16th, 1963. Ever in my thoughts, sadly missed by his wife, Phoebe. R.I.P. 5912

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no Sunday morning service ringing open to visitors on Sunday, December 13th next, or practice on Monday, Dec. 14th, both owing to special services. 5762

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Sat., Dec. 12th at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 5871

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Annual meeting at Huntley, Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. Beck, Huntley Rectory. 5890

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom Common, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss A. Gibson, 4, Ridgeway, Epsom, Surrey. 5811

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—December meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Names to Mr. B. Baker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—R. Sheppard.

LANCS ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 12th, at Emmanuel, Everton. Ringing 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. J. H. Mayoh, 30, Carstairs Road, Liverpool 6. 5889

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting Dec. 12th at Hugglescote. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Church schoolroom. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, Leicester. 5747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone, Saturday, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m., tea 4.45 p.m., in the Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. A. M. Cox, 54, Abbotts Road, Humberstone, Leicester. 5911

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Saturday, December 12th, St. Leonard's, High Street, Shoreditch, 3.4.15 p.m., St. John at Hackney 5-6.15.—V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 5909

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting Wolvercote, December 12th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m.—A. J. Adams. 5906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting Linslade, December 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m., service 3.30 p.m. 5901

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. David's Cathedral, Sat., Dec. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Buckland, 9, The Pebbles, St. David's, Pembs.—R. Warburton. 5874

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ellesmere, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells at 3 p.m.; service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whitehead, Beech House, Birch Road, Ellesmere. 5898

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Dec. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 5870

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Western and Northern Divisions on Sat., Dec. 12th, at Pulborough (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea at the Rose and Crown at 5 p.m. Essential to notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 5856

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening meeting at Fakenham on Wed., Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available from 6.30.—C. Tovell. 5883

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, December 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 16th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5902

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, December 19th. Bells (8) 4 p.m., service 5.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 5915

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Rugby on Saturday, December 19th (evening only). Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. 5893

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at North Wingfield, December 19th. Bells available from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Evensong at 6.45 p.m.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 5900

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby on December 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 5897

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Downham Market, Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) 2.30, service 4.30. Names for tea by 17th please, to Mr. E. Mastin, St. Edmunds Road, Downham Market. 5908

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, December 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 8 p.m. Names for tea to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (No name no tea.)—M. A. Coburn. 5907

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 19th. 6 p.m. at Great Glenn.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5917

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly at Old Alresford, Dec. 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to J. Huggins, 3, Green Close, Old Alresford, Hants. 5865

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Snaith (8), Sat., Dec. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Old Grammar School, Snaith at 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. Carlton bells (6) available 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Buses run hourly from Selby and Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guildford District's nomination meeting on December 5th at Womersley and Bramley attracted representatives from nine towers. A nomination was received for each office. Mr. W. Savill, of Stoke, was proposed as Ringing Master, but made the request that Mr. L. Hunter, who was absent owing to illness, should be urged to reconsider his decision not to stand again for this office. The new hon. secretary and treasurer is Mr. J. H. Payton, who is now tower captain at Chidfold.

OBITUARY

MR. GORDON LEE

On October 18th, the Billesdon ringers received the tragic news of the death of Mr. Gordon Lee at the comparatively early age of 38. Although he had not been well for a few weeks, his death came as a great shock.

Gordon was a very reliable, regular service ringer and his presence will be greatly missed.

The bells were rung half-muffled in his memory on the following Thursday evening after the funeral. J.J.P.

MIDLAND COUNTIES FIRST DINNER IN LIVING MEMORY

THE first dinner of the Midland Counties Guild in the memory of any living member was held at the Midland Hotel, Burton-upon-Trent, on November 18th, and over 70 members and friends from the counties of Stafford, Derby, Leicester, Warwick and Salop attended. It is hoped to make the event an annual fixture.

Unfortunately neither the president, Mr. Ben Worthington, of Pontiland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, nor the Vice-President, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, Vicar of Burton, could attend and Mrs. Griffiths, the wife of the latter, presided.

The toast of 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. D. J. Leach, of St. Paul's, Burton-upon-Trent, who said there was a close and deep association between the Church and the State—a closeness which was apparent in everyday life. The campanologist derived great satisfaction from bell ringing and because of its close association with the Church, the spiritual aspect gave full meaning to any labour demanded of bell ringers.

In what is termed a material world we have knowledge of what is meant by the welfare state and the practical facilities obtained. Old Age Pensions, medical attention and other government legislation in which care was given to the children were examples but the full effects of these benefits could not be measured in their entirety unless people had the moral support of the Church.

Nothing was perfect, he said, and in these days where one reads of violence and other matters which contravened man-made laws, there could only be expected improvement in both worldly affairs and the domestic issue providing advantage was taken of the spiritual and moral uplift which could be gained from the Christian Church.

The Rev. T. Villiers replied and said that the Church was not dead despite what people said but there was a restlessness which was a healthy sign of an active Church. He emphasised that this restlessness must be directed into the right channels so that people could be brought to realise fully the importance of God.

He instructed the bell ringers to carry on ringing, for as people heard the bells ring out they knew there stood a house of God as a continual reminder that God was among his people. He said if they worked together—and he was sure they would—they would provide a country where both body and soul were cared for.

The toast of 'The Midland Counties Guild' was proposed by Mrs. T. Pryce, the wife of the auditor to the Guild and long standing member of St. Modwen's, Burton. Mrs. Pryce pointed out that this was the first time members and friends of the Guild had gathered together for a dinner and she hoped it would not be the last. She pointed out that the Guild needed the full support of all its members and also welcomed new ones. It was most important for the bell ringers to show their loyalty and let people know there was a Church there, and it was alive.

Replying to the toast Mr. G. Roobotham, a member of both Sudbury Parish Church and St. Paul's, Burton, said the old Midland Counties Association was formed about 1875 by the present president's grandfather, Mr. W. H. Worthington. After quite a long life, that association was dissolved and the present one formed and from what information he could obtain this was indeed the very first annual dinner of either Guild or Association. He was very pleased to see so many people present and thanked the bell ringers, widows and/or widowers (Saturday afternoon and evening or perhaps two evenings per week) for faithfully supporting their partners. He also thanked the honorary members and many other friends of the Guild for attending on this occasion.

After dinner entertainment was provided and included some excellent handbell ringing by Kingsbury ringers, led by Mr. G. H. Lane. R.A.B.

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Watford District Awakes

A very well attended meeting was held at Rickmansworth on November 28th. This was very heartening as it followed a general meeting the previous month to discuss the future of the District. It appears, however, that the District is far from dead but has just been asleep.

The awakening was enjoyed by all who attended. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Spiced Surprise Major. At the meeting it was decided to hold a practice meeting at Bushey on January 9th and a full meeting at Elstree and Aldenham on May 1st. Evensong was attended after the meeting and ringing followed up to 8 p.m.

During the evening we had an influx of members from the Western and St. Albans Districts who were feeling the effects of a football match in the afternoon. This influx led to an impromptu darts tournament in the nearby hostelry, but the writer is unable to report the result as he left after the defeat of the home District. G. W. S.

ITCHEN COURT BOB ROYAL

5040 by F. H. Dexter

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LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Luton District.—Meeting Toddington, Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Thursday, 17th, to Mr. I. Pett, The Square, Toddington. Westoning bells after 6 p.m. 5921

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Intending visitors please note. As from the New Year the local band will be making quarter peal attempts on the first Sunday and third Tuesday in each month. 5918

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Repeat twice omitting bracketed calls.
Rung at Barnes on January 10th, 1964.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Johnson 1, R. Garratt 2, R. Green 3, R. Court 4, D. Carr 5, M. Stanley 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, R. Inglis 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 4.

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