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IN THE FOOTHILLS

By the Rev. J. G. M. SCOTT

ALMOST any visitor to North Devon knows Combe Martin; no motorist who has ever been there can possibly forget Countisbury and Lynmouth; but once you leave that coastal road you're in one of the least-frequented parts of the county—the Exmoor foothills running up from the lush meadows of the Taw valley to the fearful desolation of The Chains. Here are isolated churches beside lonely farms and neater, more clustered villages huddled round a church on a hillside, places with musical names like Stoke Rivers and Swymbridge, Berrynarbor and Martinhoe, Loxhore and Traveller's Rest. The speech here is distinctly different from other Devon accents, if one's ear is tuned to it; the people are hardy and hard-working; they have to be, or they wouldn't stay alive. This is the part of Exeter Diocese which comprises the Deanery of Shirwell, taking its name, as often happens, from a village which has no other distinction to mark it.

This isn't top-notch ringing country, though there are some good sixes in the area; of the towers in the Deanery only one, Swymbridge, right on the Deanery border, gets into the North Devon Six-Bell; and perhaps that is why, some years ago, the Shirwell Deanery Ringers' Festival came to fade out.

This was a pity, for the local Deanery Festivals are the foothills from which spring the peaks—the Down St. Marys, the West Downs and West Alvingtons and Widecombes of call-change ringing. So it was a lucky chance that brought into the Deanery a parson who though not a ringer is filled with interest and enthusiasm for the art. He was doubly fortunate in finding in Bratton Fleming, his new home, a parishioner who combines a passion for ringing with a passion for traction-engines — and traction-engines are the Rev. Harold Tucker's first and greatest love. With the firm support of George Tribe and the rest of the Bratton Fleming ringers, and the help of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, who is Rector of Shirwell, Mr. Tucker revived the Shirwell Deanery Festival, and the obvious place for it to go this year was to Bratton Fleming.

About 700 feet up on the slopes of Exmoor, Bratton is one of the larger villages in the area, with a good number

of houses nestling round the church. The church itself had a great deal of loving care lavished on it just at the wrong moment in architectural history—the late 19th century—but its towers stands up strong and well proportioned. The bells are a beautiful 13-cwt. six, some by Taylor and some by Mears; they are tunable and mellow, and they go like so many tops.

There wasn't much doubt about how the competition would go as far as the shield was concerned; Swymbridge have been for some years among the best six bands in Devon, and as the competition was limited to towers within the Deanery it would need some very dire shipwreck to keep them out of first place. They made no mistake about it, with a peal which marked 23 faults against the 61½ which was enough to get Shirwell into second place. Goodleigh came third, followed by Berrynarbor, Bratton Fleming, Arlington and last of all the predominantly method-ringing band from Combe Martin, who very sportingly "had a go" though without any experience in competitions.

After the service there was ringing for all-comers, and although, through the Festival's coinciding with the Devon Association's annual meeting, not as many of the real experts came as had been hoped, the standard was in general very high, and the fine bells were kept tapping round to very good purpose.

Whether they involve a competition or not, these local festivals remain a most important element in call-change ringing, and it is to be hoped that the Shirwell Deanery ringers will keep this one going, so that perhaps before long another band from the Deanery may join Swymbridge in the Big League.

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AN EXPERIMENT WITH APPROVED SCHOOLBOYS

WE hope that, in a few weeks' time, there will appear in "The Ringing World" a quite undistinguished quarter peal of Bob Doubles. It will read like any other quarter rung in any other country tower throughout the year, and it will bear the footnote "First quarter for the tenor ringer. Rung as a farewell from his fellow ringers on leaving the district." And no one but his fellow ringers will know that the tenor ringer was a boy from an approved school.

The story of this quarter started 18 months ago when our Rector was approached by the headmaster of our local approved school. Could some of his boys learn to ring? The Rector in turn approached our tower captain, who went along to the school one evening and gave a short talk on tower bell ringing. The following week the first six volunteers attended practice night in the company of a master. The first thing which struck me was how adult these 16- and 17-year-olds looked. To begin with they sat and watched us ring call changes and Doubles and then each, in turn, rang a bell "one stroke" with our captain. This, of course, was productive of much merriment on the part of the others, but it also served to give us an indication of who was going to be quick on the uptake. It was obvious from the outset that one lad would quickly master his bell, and it transpired that his brother was a ringer and that Michael had attended practice with him although as a visitor only. After this initial visit followed a month on a tied bell, our devoted captain giving a complete evening a week to these boys on their own. At the end of this time they were ready to be incorporated into the general practice night, and by this time the potential of each lad had started to emerge. Out of our six original boys we had a good cross-section of the characters which grace any tower. There was the "cocky" one, the diffident one, the one who couldn't care less about his handling, the one who would never make a ringer in a thousand years, the nervous one who would have died rather than admit that he was terrified of his bell.

WELL WORTH WHILE

It was argued by some that to teach these lads was a waste of time, since at the very longest they would only be with us for a year. But this charge was soon vindicated when the first of the boys became proficient enough to come and ring for Sunday service. Soon we were having three additional ringers on a Sunday morning (some of the lads who lived close enough went home), and if this had been the only result I personally would have thought that the experiment was worth its while.

These lads were the ideal age to teach to handle a bell, and were soon full of self-confidence. Being first in the tower they were soon pulling a bell up, and we became accustomed to arriving for service and practice ringing to find all the bells "up." Then came the day when Michael distinguished himself by throwing the tenor over—an accident which the other five did not allow him to forget for about a month.

Of course, the inevitable day came when the first boy left us and went "on licence," and one by one the others followed suit, until in January of this year we were left with one boy only from the school. He was the lad who at the outset had been extremely nervous, but as we were able to devote more time to him he blossomed out and became a very presentable handler. He was the first

boy whom we asked to be allowed to take to a meeting with us, and he acquitted himself very well on eight bells, having only been accustomed to six at home. Poor Tony, he was quite foxed by all the talk of Bristol and Stedman! Of our original six, two progressed to ringing "tenor covering," and I think could have managed a quarter peal had we been able to arrange one for them. Well, "one little nigger boy"—would this be the end of the experiment? Not a bit; before Tony left us there appeared Bill (with a face like an angel and the disposition of an imp) who in four weeks was ringing rounds confidently on his own. There followed in a few weeks two more lads (one of whom suffered a slipped disc—not from ringing!—after a couple of weeks and so left us). Then another two of identical Christian name, which was productive of much confusion initially.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

In May all were safe as houses on the end of a rope, and we asked if they could all attend a District meeting with us. This was the first of quite a few outings throughout the summer, and we were surprised at how well these lads, juvenile delinquents all, integrated with the other teenagers. It soon became obvious that six had been too many, and that four from the school was a much better number to cope with at a time. Six boys had been inclined to be a bit "cliquey," but four mingled in with our own band very happily. We have a predominantly feminine band, and as you can guess we have had the odd budding romance which has faded as soon as the boy concerned has returned home.

When I take boys back to school after a Saturday meeting I am always asked by their fatherly house master, "Well, and did they behave themselves?" and the answer to date has always been "Yes, of course." They have never been anything but a pleasure to take out for an afternoon's ringing and, although they profess to hate their school uniform, always look neat and presentable in their navy blazers, blue shirts and grey flannels.

Well, the four have now dwindled to one again, and last week the deputy head came to practice to ask our captain if he would take any more boys. He has elected to have three more, and so next practice night we will start again—introducing a lad to the basic skills of handling a bell, and watching him develop and blossom both as a ringer and as a personality.

Our last experienced lad is now ringing "tenor covering" quite competently, and we very much hope to get him through a quarter peal before he leaves us. This will give him a sense of personal achievement and also, we hope, provide a goal for the boys coming after him to attain.

THE FOLLOW-UP

And has it all been worth it—teaching boys who you are aware will only stay with you for a year? I would say "Yes" on three counts. Firstly, the short term one. We gain from this scheme at least three additional Sunday service ringers. Secondly, the long term one. As each lad leaves school I ask him for his address and try to put him in touch with a band near his own home. I am under no illusion about the number who will immediately continue with ringing (to date I think it is only one out of the nine who have gone home on licence), but I say "immediately" advisedly. When these boys

return to their normal background the majority of them are going to be afraid that their family and friends will consider church bell ringing "cissy." But what of the future? Maybe in three or four years' time a 20-year-old, more mature and with a mind of his own, will hear the bells go up for service or practice night, and feel once again the attraction of ringing. It is with this in mind that we have tried to take them outside their own tower and show them more of ringing and the people who practise it.

And the third count? A much more subtle one. I am hard put to define it and can only call it "character training." I was asked by one of the masters recently to name the boys whom we have had ringing. He pondered a moment and then smiled and said: "Well, there must be something in this ringing lark; not one of those lads has been in trouble again since leaving school." Of course, this is partly accounted for by the fact that all our ringers are "hand picked" by their house master, and are lads whom he is reasonably certain will behave themselves in company. But in addition to this I cannot help feeling that the voluntary discipline of ringing is good for these lads, as well as giving them a glimpse of an activity which the majority of them did not know existed. We will certainly not see the fruits of this experiment, but if it means one more lad with a little more stability, or one more tower with a regular Sunday service ringer, it will have been worth while.

RESCUED FROM A DUNGEON

Exeter Guildhall's Ancient Bell Visible Again

In the year 1456 William Duke, Mayor of Exeter, provided the city's Guildhall with a bell, which was cast at the Exeter foundry at a cost of £1 13s. 4d. Inscribed with the words "Celi Regina me protege quæso ruina" ("Queen of Heaven, protect me, I pray, from ruin"), in small black-letter script, the bell was hung in the Guildhall at a cost of 9s., and later had a bell-cote built for it when the building was reconstructed in 1484. Whether it was used simply as an alarm bell is not certain, but an order from the Mayor and Corporation in 1466 commanded "Every inhabitant when the Common Bell is Ronge to come with his Weapon and to attende the Mayor and his officers."

At some time between that day and the present the bell's canons were broken, taking a piece of the crown with them; during the last hundred years it vanished from human ken, until last year an inquisitive ringer, checking up on Ellacombe's "Church Bells of Devon," inquired after it of the constable in the office beside the Guildhall door and was told it was under the floor. The constable very kindly opened a trap-door and procured a ladder, and the ringer going down the ladder to see a bell for the first time in his life, found it alone in a large, dark and very dirty hole, covered in cobwebs.

The town clerk, on being asked why the city kept one of its most ancient possessions in a dungeon, consulted with the surveyor; the surveyor had the bell released from distance vile, removed the ancient bolts which still remained fixed through its crown, cleaned it and had it put in a place where it can be seen if not rung, and where it can tell the "inhabitants" of Exeter that the Mayor and his officers care about their ancient history.

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CENTENARY OF A SOUTH WALES PIONEER

DECEMBER 5th saw the hundredth anniversary of the birth of John W. Jones and brought to those who knew him a reminder of the life and work of a figure who influenced change ringing in South Wales for more than half a century.

At his death in 1956 J. W., as he was affectionately known, left all his ringing books, including a complete set of "Ringing Worlds" from the first issue, to the Llandall and Monmouth Diocesan Association, of which he was a founder member and its general secretary for almost 50 years.

To mark the 100th anniversary of his birth, and to perpetuate his memory, it was decided to install a permanent memorial at the Church of All Saints, Newport, where he was leader for 47 years. The memorial planned was an oak bookcase to house his books together with the "Ringing Worlds" which the Association had undertaken to have suitably bound. The bookcase in oak is beautifully made and is the work of Mr. Donald G. Clarke, provided entirely at his own expense, and surmounted by a suitably inscribed plate. It is undoubtedly a labour of love and will be a lasting tribute to the memory of the man who taught him to ring.

At a service conducted by the Vicar and attended by ringers and friends from all parts of both dioceses, the treasurer of the Association (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) dedicated the memorial and in the course of an interesting address which covered the full range of J. W.'s activities we were left in no doubt of the great part he had played in the advancement of our art in South Wales.

A COUNTY CRICKETER

He was a cricketer of no mean ability, and had played for Monmouthshire. Like another Jones boy much in the news of late, he was a fast left-arm bowler who could bowl lobs when required, and had done so in a county match. He was also interested in Rugby football, and when Newport and Cardiff were playing either home or away there would be no ringing on those days. At such times he enjoyed entertaining his friends at Newport Conservative Club, and if those two stalwarts Fred Atwell and Charley Greedy happened to be around it was not long before they would be engaged in fierce argument on some topic or another.

He learned to ring at Caerleon during the latter part of the last century, and moving to All Saints, Newport, when the church was being built, found that it had already been decided to install a set of tubular bells, but that was not for him, and the authorities were soon talked into having a proper ring of eight. He remained leader at this tower for 47 years, and perhaps the greatest tribute to his leadership is that he taught and maintained a full band during the whole of that period, ringing twice each Sunday and never failing to attend the morning service. In later years one could only marvel at the energy he produced to climb the precipitous Barrack Hill to his home, but he was active beyond his years, and his unbounded enthusiasm never allowed him to flag.

He was elected Master of his Association in 1898 and again 50 years later, in 1948. He was general secretary from 1899 to 1945, and his genial rotund figure—the bowler hat and unfurled umbrella—became a familiar landmark at meetings and dedications up and down the country. It was his proud boast that during his secretaryship he did not miss a single Central Council meeting, and as a College Youth he had an unbroken run of attendances at the annual dinner.

During his lifetime he amassed around 600 peals, well over half being for his native Association, but it is certain that he laid no claim to fame, no name synonymous with perfection here, his peals were of the "bread and butter" variety to ensure progress and continuity.

WORK FOR NEW BELLS

He was methodical in everything he did, and undoubtedly his greatest work lay in his ability to persuade church authorities in the course they should take in the provision

NINETY-THREE YEARS JOINT SERVICE



It is hard to speak of oneself. That is why Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, of the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, can hardly themselves laud a joint 93 years' service to Coton belfry! This proud fact came to light when, in tribute to their long work for tower and church, they were asked to combine in opening their church's Christmas fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish started ringing at Coton in their youth and stuck to the ropes with conspicuous results. Mr. Beamish, currently the second only lay-president of Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, has been captain at Coton from 1950, and is a past Ringing Master of the Guild.

He has rung in 2,000 towers in the British Isles and Eire, and belongs to numerous Guilds, including the Ancient Society of College Youths and National Police Guild (he served as a Police War Reserve).

Together they have built up a handbell tuning band and have been heard on radio.

of bells. It is on record that he was responsible for getting completely new rings of bells installed at Caerphilly, Llanbradoc, Pontypridd, Penarth, Radyr, Usk and, in 1913, the fine Taylor ten at St. Woolos', Newport. It was a bitter pill for him when in 1939 the work of augmenting this fine ten to twelve was given to another firm, for he was the complete Taylor fan.

Perhaps his crowning glory came just before World War II, when his advice was taken all the way in the provision of the new bells at Ebbw Vale, for where will you find better? Here, too, he suffered his greatest disappointment, being responsible for the loss of what would have been the first peal of Stedman Triples when the bells were in the last course, but the story of that failure has been told in more colourful terms.

Those who were privileged to ring in the peal marking his centenary, particularly those who knew him, must have felt as I did, that he would have approved it all—the ringing, the opportunity given to the grandson of an old friend to attempt his first peal, the composition (for it was he alone who gave the necessary encouragement to learn and call it) and, lastly, the method, for though Stedman was his first love it was an axiom of his never to despise Grandsire. By his personal example he leaves a feeling of inadequacy, and a conviction that his life's work is a memorial far greater than anything we can erect.

D. G. C.

At Coton they have rung their way through the times of five bishops, six vicars, 22 curates and 12 churchwardens!

Mrs. Beamish served the Coventry Guild for 25 years as honorary secretary and then treasurer. Their only daughter, Margaret, who took to the bells at Coton at the age of seven, is a ringer at Bishopstoke, Hants, and is honorary treasurer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Her husband is tower captain and chairman at their local church.

Mr. Beamish's 91-year-old mother is an honorary member of the Coventry Guild. As president, his ambition is to see Coventry Cathedral bells rehung for ringing, and at the recent Guild dinner he challenged the Guild to find the wherewithal (£7,000) by way of a national appeal.

As befits the length and variety of their service and their dispositions, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish are widely known inside and outside bellringing and enjoy the love and respect of numerous friends everywhere.

E. M.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight at Wellington Parish Church when the annual general meeting of the Taunton Branch was held there on December 4th. Some 55 members and visitors were present, the latter coming from the Dunster and Bridgwater Branches, Sampford Peverell and Camborne. The Guild Office was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd), assisted by the curate (the Rev. A. J. Eyles), himself a ringer. Wives and mothers of the local ringers had prepared an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, and the Branch chairman (the Rev. D. Morey, Vicar of St. Mary's, Taunton) presided over the business meeting which followed.

Mr. A. H. Reed, the hon. secretary and treasurer, presented the annual report and balance sheet, and eight new members were elected including Shirley North, the eight-year-old daughter of the captain of Wellington tower. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev. D. Morey; vice-chairman, Mrs. E. M. Williams; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. D. North; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. N. Maggs. Some handbell ringing by the Branch experts preceded further ringing on the tower bells.

Letters to the Editor

FIRST AMERICAN PEAL

Dear Sir,—With regard to your comment that the late Mrs. Shurcliff was probably the first citizen of the United States to ring a peal, Morris ("History and Art of Change Ringing," page 538) says of the peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in 1850, that it was rung by seven Englishmen, "an American being engaged to ring the tenor." On page 312 of the same book, however, the tenor is shown as being rung by Richard Dodd and John Davey, presumably both Americans. I am not sure where the names were obtained from, but the other information almost certainly came from the reminiscences of James Hewett, of Gosport, one of the band.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PILGRIMS AND SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—I have received many requests to organise a coach or car Pipe's Pilgrims' tour of Scotland in 1966 or 1967, but I know so little of the country that I would be grateful for advice on the ringable bells, names and addresses for permission to ring, beauty spots, routes and hotels.

Information such as the best time of the year for the visit and dates of national events would also be valuable.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

"Easta," Grundisburgh,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

"TOWER CAPTAINS" COURSE

Dear Sir,—One is inclined to wonder if the guest lecturer at the recent event at Lea Green was deliberately misinformed regarding the status of the people attending, and how many actual tower captains were present; certainly not the one from Chesterfield Parish Church.

For this meeting to be held at the week-end including Remembrance Sunday, thereby taking ringers from their own towers when the bells are to be rung muffled, seems to be very short-sighted, especially when the information and knowledge imparted could just as easily have been obtained by asking pertinent questions at any monthly meeting of a Society or Association.

This sort of thing seems to be a case of making much ado about little or nothing.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD,
Ringing Master, Chesterfield.

MR. JOHN CHILCOTT'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I use your columns in order to thank all those members and friends who associated themselves with the presentation made to me upon relinquishing office as secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The handsome cigarette lighter I received will be a constant companion and the accompanying cheque will be used to procure some domestic memento which will give pleasure to both my wife and myself.

Gentlemen, thank you all very much. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHILCOTT.

Hawley, Camberley.

THE NET AT BREAKING POINT

Dear Sir,—Our belfry was getting short of ringers, through marriage, university, etc. We tried all sorts of ways to get recruits— notices and later a full-page article in the parish magazine, notices given out by the Vicar from the pulpit and at the local Church school. No recruits—and by the spring we were often only able to ring once on Sundays instead of our usual twice.

Finally I wrote a letter of appeal to the local Scoutmaster, Guide Captain and the leader of the Youth Club, advising them that we would be having a special "open" evening at which anyone who was interested could come and watch, ask questions and find out what it was all about. Two turned up— one the brother of one of our ringers, who was going to learn, anyway, as he was now 12, and the other a girl who was very interested but didn't think she had the time as she was taking G.C.E. next year. Another disappointment.

The next day was June 30th, Balance Day for bank clerks, and I was late arriving at practice. I opened the door to find the belfry apparently swarming with strange youngsters. The girl of the night before had approached her headmistress (of a nearby girls' school) and persuaded her to give out a notice at "Prayers" to the effect that our belfry was in danger of falling silent if recruits weren't found. Six girls came along, plus the brother of the ringer, plus the ex-head-choirboy and his sister, plus a friend of a ringer—ten recruits in all.

We started them off on a separate night, with three bells tied, and I have never seen such keenness and competition to learn. One girl dropped by the wayside, but two more girls and three young boys have been added, making 14 learners! All but the two latest recruits can handle their bells competently in rounds, and most of them still insist on coming to the Tuesday tied-bell practice as well as the Wednesday open practice, so I have started them off on plain hunt on handbells—one bell each.

One girl is a Methodist, but as our morning service is early, she is happy to ring for this before going on to her own church. But I did get a bit worried when one evening the Vicar came to chat to the learners (as he quite often does) and remarked to one of the girls that he didn't recall seeing her before. She replied that that was quite possible as she was a Roman Catholic. He smiled and told her that we were all broadminded, and everybody was quite happy—particularly as she assures me that she can ring for both services on Sundays.

However, looking at all these keen youngsters, it can be quite frightening. Am I going to let them down now that they are reaching the stage of change ringing? However are we going to manage to teach this to them all? It is going to be more difficult than the first steps.—Yours, etc.,

RUTH FOREMAN,
Captain, Hendon Tower.

LONDON'S OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent has omitted the bell at the Hall of the Skinners' Company which appears to be a 12th century casting.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes.

ROPE EXPERIMENTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence about bell ropes, I would agree with most of what Mr. R. H. Duke writes, except for his paragraph about four-strand ropes.

I would not recommend them, they are more expensive, much harder to splice, I don't think they will last longer, as, in the trade, we reckon four-strand breaking strains to be 11 per cent. less than three-strand.

The following are the strains of most sizes used for bell ropes:

	3-Strand	4-Strand
1½ in. cir., ½ in. dia.	14 cwt.	12.5 cwt.
1½ in. cir., 7/16 in. dia.	17.5 cwt.	15.5 cwt.
1½ in. cir., ½ in. dia.	21 cwt.	19 cwt.

I have tried some experiments with different types of rope, where the atmospheric conditions dry the ropes very quickly.

First I used Terylene; this was spliced in about three to four feet below the garter hole; this has been in use for over three years now, without signs of wear. There was some stretch at first, but most of this was pulled out after a few peals.

I am now trying some very lightly steam-tarred Italian hemp for the whole of the top end of the rope, and up to now this is proving quite satisfactory with no more attention other than occasionally moving in the garter hole.—Yours faithfully,

E. N. HARRISON.

Fenham.

SECURING ROPES TO WHEELS

Dear Sir,—To anyone not conversant with securing ropes to wheels I offer my method:

Assuming one is to change a rope from one already hanging, commence downstairs by making a sheet bend knot with loop of old rope and top end of new one, leaving new one coiled ready on a clean floor in such a way as not to kink, then go up aloft. Undo old rope and pull out through garter hole and commence coiling up old rope, bringing the new one with it. Temporarily tie new rope to something handy, afterwards disposing of coiled up old rope by bell chamber door or hatch, away from the dirt.

Feed new rope through garter hole and get comfortably astride the headstock, sitting on one's cap brought for the purpose! Commence pulling up slack rope until companion in ringing chamber signals that the bottom end of sally is on a level with his nose, assuming he is of average height. Bring rope round the bell side of the arm spoke and secure with half hitch around the further high spoke of wheel returning free end back along and above the now anchored rope.

Commence square lashing turns round high spokes, working upwards until with about four feet of rope left free commence frapping turns round the bound work through the "eye," finishing with a running clove hitch. By starting the frapping turns the same side as the half hitch, one will be able to tuck the trailing end down the resultant hollow enabling the last few inches of rope to be brought out from the bottom and be trapped under the rope coming from the garter hole. Ropes fitted like this can be adjusted in a trice with no loss of temper.—Yours sincerely,

Swindon. PETER MINCHIN.

GREATEST NUMBER OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Doubles rung at Waterford on November 20th was a statement of fact, not a question.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Dublin.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

MR. T. J. LOCK'S OTHER TOUR

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Lock for his reply concerning his tour of the Fens. In reciprocating it is my sincere hope that previous remarks have not been misinterpreted as being opposed to the integrity of the organisers of the peal, nor the ringers of the church at which the peal was rung. I accept that the peal was rung in good faith.

Mr. Lock's admirable explanation of the remarkable plans entailed when arranging tours are, I feel, worthy of emulation. I suppose all prolific peal ringers are, first and foremost, desirous of recording efforts, viz. first in tower, first in method, etc., in the accustomed manner, not that I believe there is anything wrong with that. Some ringers are very considerate and take pains to avoid trouble. Yet there are those who evidently care not at all for encouraging repercussion and hostile public reaction, which can, and has on occasions, descended in one way and another upon the ringers of the church in which a peal has been rung. Even the most carefully planned peal can have degrading trends public-wise, for people are ever becoming increasingly sensitive to what they consider to be unnecessary noise.

If I may, by way of illustration, I would resurrect recollections of a certain arrangement—vastly inferior to Mr. Lock's—by a band of touring peal ringers several years ago, the organiser of whom applied at the last moment to the incumbent, who, incidentally, displayed little or no interest in his bells or ringers, seeking permission to ring a peal. It transpired that the clergyman had no idea that a peal would last in the region of three hours. In this instance the peal, which began without pre-knowledge by local ringers, broke down shortly before its planned termination, and for the following two or three months the church bellringers underwent considerable embarrassment on the occasion of practices and other events and were well nigh obliged to postpone further practices for an indefinite period. Individuals from nearby houses even entered the church in an endeavour to prevent them from ringing. At another church near Fenland a peal was allowed to take place at a time when it was glaringly obvious that to do so would be inviting hot coals on the heads of those concerned. Consequently heavy pressure was brought to bear upon the incumbent, with the result that ringing activities were severely curtailed. These two examples will surely support my assertion that it is a simple thing indeed to jeopardise efforts by local bellringers by ill-conceived consent to long-length ringing of bells when circumstances forbid.

I was particularly drawn to the comment in the write-up of Mr. Lock's Fenland tour, in which the curator of Wisbech Museum "strongly protested." One visualised by that remark an irate man "doing his nut" beneath the clamour of the bells. I may be wrong, but it seems to me this comment was inspired to some degree by a sense of detached amusement. It would, perhaps, have been better to have omitted that from the report. A single objector may not evoke much attention, but I felt that it should be realised by those who participated in that

peal that objectors were not confined to the Museum alone.

As an employee of a group of newspapers, one of which received and published several objectional letters, I can assure Mr. Lock that in this instance, as in others, the matter was not prolonged, and that the letters were published as they were received without embellishment, as are all letters, provided they are not unsavoury. The same unbiased attention would be given to any reply on behalf of the ringers and bells. The fact remains there were objectors and all citizens in this land possess the right to criticise, both verbally and in writing.

I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Lock's party received a most cordial welcome by Wisbech ringers. The writer has, on numerous occasions, been privileged to witness and receive similar attention.

It is not my intention of entering a joust with Mr. Lock or any other person and trust it will not be so, but I cannot help wondering as to how those objectors, some of whom expected the Vicar to apologise, would interpret the message instigated by a branch meeting, when the bells would in all probability be rung spasmodically for four or five hours. It is very doubtful that they would be aware of the difference between bell-ringing and pleasure-ringing for they are now "poised," as it were. It is logical, therefore, to assume that further applications for peal attempts at this church, or any other church in similar circumstances, by touring teams, individuals and by the Association, will receive a thumbs-down indication.

I think any ringer will agree there is a world of difference between the ringing of peals, and "sample" ringing. There are at least two aspects to any problem and I think one does well to bear each and all in mind. Alas, extremes, however creditable in the pursuing of our pleasurable and unique craft, can all too easily give rise to thorns of discontent and hostility in the hides of the uninitiated.

My best wishes to Mr. Lock and his friends and to the ringers at Wisbech St. Peter's Church.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Visiting ringers from as far afield as Burton-on-Trent and Heckington (Lincs) were present when the Chesterfield District met at Old Brampton on November 20th. Under the supervision of Mr. C. J. Hughes, ringing to suit quite a wide variety of tastes took place on the pleasant 12 cwt. six.

After an excellent tea in the George and Dragon, a short informal meeting was held, during which Mr. M. Buckmann (Chesterfield) was elected a member. Advance notice was also given of next year's annual dinner, which is to be held in Chesterfield on February 19th, members being advised to make early applications for tickets.

The meeting was concluded by the District chairman, Mr. D. Cooper, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Old Brampton, the Rev. A. B. Gordon, who was unfortunately in hospital with pneumonia, to Mr. J. Arkwell of the local company for making the arrangements, and to the landlady, Mrs. A. Broadbent, for providing the refreshments. M. P. P.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY IVE

With much regret we report the death of Mr. Harry Ive, a member of the band at St. Martin's, Ruislip, for nearly 50 years. He had a heart attack about three weeks ago and was taken to Hillingdon Hospital, where he died on November 30th.

The funeral was at St. Martin's on December 6th, a large congregation attending. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service at the church and before cremation at Ruislip.

Harry had rung several quarter peals, but only one peal—Grandsire Triples at Pinner. He was a thatcher by trade and there are several examples of his work on the thatched houses of Middlesex and the surrounding counties. He was also a well-known member of the Ruislip Bowling Club. He will be sadly missed in St. Martin's belfry. May he rest in peace. T. C.

MR. THOMAS METCALFE

With regret we record the death on December 3rd of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, of Dalton-in-Furness. He was a ringer at Dalton for 65 years and a stalwart Sunday service and practice ringer all his career. He rang 32 peals and conducted one.

A lifelong member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade he was superintendent at Dalton from 1923 until 1948; also treasurer of the same until his death. For many years he was a member of the R.A.O.B., in which he attained the degree of R.O.H. "Old Tom," as he was known, will be sadly missed.

Ringers from a wide area rang Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters for the funeral service and later a peal of Bob Major was rung to his memory with the bells half-muffled. Mr. Metcalfe is survived by two sisters, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. W. W.

MR. HARRY WAND

With the passing of Mr. Harry Wand on December 4th at Market Overton, Rutland, the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild has lost three of its oldest members in six weeks. Harry was at the funeral of his friend, Albert Scott, only the Saturday before he died, and the news of his passing came as a great shock. Although Harry had reached the age of 87, he was still smart and erect, not looking a day over 70.

Most of his ringing was around the Bourne district between 1900 and 1930. He then moved to Market Overton, where ringing was quiet, but he seldom missed a meeting of the Southern Branch, and also attended most of the Saturday night practices.

The funeral service took place at Market Overton on December 8th, the Guild being represented by Mr. L. Blanchard and Mr. F. Hubbard. Cremation followed at Loughborough. In the evening a quarter peal of Doubles at Market Overton came to an abrupt end when a rope broke in the tenth extent. The ringers were five of his friends, W. Marsh 1, C. Wade 2, H. Burill 3, F. Hubbard 4, L. Blanchard 5. C. W.

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 11, Sanderson Road, on Dec. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew 1—2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4, S. J. Pardoe 5—6. First half peal for the Society of Royal Grammar School Youths. Rung by a present pupil band.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen, on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. J. Hiller (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, M. C. E. Hodge 2, C. I. Rowson (first of Yorkshire) 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, R. M. Heywood 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6, A. P. Foster 7, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 8. For and during the Abingdon School Confirmation service.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Remembrance Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods) 1, 3 leading: J. Cuss 1, T. Gilligan 2, J. Oliver (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Read (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, L. Foote 8. Correction.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, Miss M. White 2, R. Stone 3, Miss S. Wood 4, B. Gambrell 5, C. Chennell-White 6, B. Walton 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3 and 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grand sire and Plain Bob: Mr. Blake 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, C. Kortwright 4, J. Lot 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert Brain, father of John Brain, interred this day.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Buck 1, E. Buck 2, F. Fearn 3, D. Salisbury 4, M. Orme 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, R. Castledine 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8.

BAMPTON, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Nelson 1, E. Wills 2, R. A. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, G. R. Mordaunt (cond.) 7, R. Wharton 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, L. Foster 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, A. Lockwood 4, Miss A. E. J. Lester 5, J. J. Prentice 6. Half-muffled.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Penny Kift 1, Mrs. B. van Asselt 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. First in method 1, 3 and 4.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Bew 1, Wendy Treble 2, R. Newton 3, P. Treble 4, Kathleen Powell 5, A. W. Bond 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, A. V. Sheppard 8. For the Feast of St. Nicholas.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grand sire): Carol Hedges 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, P. G. Lock 4, J. G. Edson 5, P. M. Edgson 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. S. E. C. Whitcombe.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Dec. 5th, 1,316 Grand sire Triples: J. Keddie 1, Angela Hawes 2, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 3, Gillian Breatley (first of Triples in the method) 4, M. Gilbey 5, A. Tyler 6, M. Zobel 7, J. T. Parsons 8. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. with the best wishes of the band to Pauline Bligh-Cheesman, for a speedy recovery from illness after a recent accident.

BRYANSTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand sire): Judith A. Robertson 1, R. J. Cooles 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, L. Perrins 6. For Advent.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: S. Price (first quarter) 1, Sandra M. Pitman (first in method as cond.) 2, M. T. L. Griffiths-Jones (first "inside") 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphere's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: F. C. Farnsworth 1, Miss F. Templeman (first "inside") 2, T. C. Phillimore 3, D. W. Grimwood (first quarter) 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, N. P. Press (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: K. Mumford (first away from tenor) 1, Anne Pickering 2, D. G. Blows 3, G. Coldman 4, J. W. Priest 5, P. J. Privett 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: A. P. Foster (cond.) 1, E. Wills 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. Wharton 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6, B. Wakefield 7, F. J. Nelson 8.

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grand sire, Plain Bob): D. A. Wills 1, F. Williams (first of mixed Doubles) 2, J. West 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack (cond., 100th quarter peal) 5, A. E. Knight 6.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Wooler 1, D. R. Manton 2, Pauline Hillson 3, G. Holman 4, D. W. Manton (cond.) 5.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: F. Oatley 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, G. Willmott 3, J. Metcalfe 4, R. Miles 5, H. Roach 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Gully.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, V. Stevens (first "inside") 2, Peggy M. Butcher 3, A. W. Fuller (cond.) 4, D. Slater 5, M. J. Sale 6. Rung on her 20th birthday to celebrate the engagement of Miss Peggy Butcher and Mr. Patrick Penfold. Also an 11th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Slater.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingerwater 5, H. Scott 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Rung for Confirmation. Also to mark the occasion of the gaining of degree of M.A. by Mr. John Thorley.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples (on the heavy eight): T. H. Wilson 1, H. W. Jones 2, Miss E. A. Sadler 3, C. J. Reede 4, R. A. Vere Hodge 5, W. T. Farrell 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. George. A wedding compliment to Miss Marilyn Bernard Smith and John Porter.

EAST CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: G. F. Edmans 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, J. Linnell 5.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,344 Grand sire Triples: P. Grindle 1, T. Stephens 2, M. Smith 3, Mrs. A. Bruten 4, R. Stephens 5, G. Ward 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, D. Bruten 8. First quarter 1 and 3. In memoriam John W. Jones.

FROXFELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mary White 1, R. A. Stone 2, D. J. White 3, K. A. Tipper 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, B. Pink 6. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Dawson 1, Mrs. D. Surman (first "inside") 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. With the congratulations of the band to Michael Adey, on gaining his degree. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (36 variations): R. Adey 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Osbourne 3, D. Surman 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, J. Dawson 6. For Matins.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Preston, sen. 1, Miss N. Gillilan 2, T. Winderam, jun. 3, R. Preston, jun. 4, T. Winderam, sen. 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, J. Mossop (cond.) 7, M. Johnson 8. First of Plain Bob 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Davis 1, Miss E. Hearnshaw 2, D. Kinman 3, B. Bateman 4, T. Wylie (first as cond.) 5, J. Arkwell 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: S. Wells (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Mary Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, J. H. Napper (cond.) 5, C. J. Garlick 6, A. H. Webb 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, R. Corke 2, Miss M. White 3, R. Stone 4, Miss S. Wood 5, B. Cambrell 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: A. Warren 1, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Dianne Gazeley 4, M. Pavitt 5, D. Rothera 6, R. Hardy 7, R. Moore 8. First on eight bells 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. Kitson 2, H. Johnson 3, S. Bowyer 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, D. Wright 6. Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. F. W. Heath (Rector) and Mrs. Heath.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): E. Wills 1, R. Wharton 2, R. A. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 7, A. P. Foster 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Derrick (first of Minor) 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, M. H. Whittell 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Roger L. K. Whittell, and for St. Edmund's Eve.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand sire, Plain Bob): R. Hawkshaw (first quarter) 1, A. B. Cooper 2, K. Kirk (cond.) 3, G. K. Smith 4, F. C. Hobson 5, M. J. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service, at which the daughter of the treble ringer was confirmed.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. C. Bowen (first of Treble Bob) 1, Ann Barr 2, Lucy Smith 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. W. Bowen 5, J. Chamberlain 6, M. W. Fairey 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 4 and 5.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grand sire): G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, G. Orchard 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, H. Stopps 5, W. H. Yates 6. For Matins.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand sire): Carol Hedges 1, P. M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. G. Lock 6. Rung on the day of the wedding of Newbold ringer Allen J. Bellamy to Miss Sandra Towell at St. Matthew's Church, Rugby.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, Miss S. Davis (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Hearnshaw (first quarter) 3, J. Arkwell 4, T. Wylie 5.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: D. M. Hughes 1, A. N. Hoar 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read (cond.) 4, Prisca Hornby 5, Kay Tremear 6. In memoriam Canon Bland, M.A.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hackley (first of Major) 1, Joyce Grainger 2, E. Roughley 3, G. R. King 4, D. A. Davenport 5, J. Bell 6, G. R. Gardner (cond.) 7, K. R. Davenport 8.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and St. Clement's): G. W. Holland 1, G. F. Edmans 2, M. Jamieson 3, R. A. Vickers 4, A. H. Wood 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand sire): R. H. Fincher 1, C. W. Pilkington 2, J. Smalley 3, G. R. Hiner 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5, D. Burling 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, A. J. Slade 3, D. Hawkins 4, H. Duncan 5, M. C. Austin 6, I. L. Dear 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening this day of Richard Edward Cobb.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Wills 1, A. P. Foster 2, R. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, R. Wharton 5, F. J. Nelson 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. Rung silent and non-conducted. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wood (first quarter) 1, H. V. Booker 2, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 3, K. Leach 4, H. White 5, A. R. Wood 6. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Claire E. N. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: L. E. Hawkins 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, E. E. Norris 3, J. R. Price 4, R. W. Price 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, N. G. Knee 7, C. M. White 8. Rung before Evensong, as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Double Bob and Single Oxford): C. York 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, A. E. Cox 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: J. Hinton 1, D. R. Morris 2, D. R. Sayes 3, R. Sheppard 4, R. Adams 5, D. Beacham 6, P. Catermole (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Bishop Goodman. Rung on the "middle eight" before Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: S. Sharland 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, F. Williams (first of Grand sire Triples "inside") 3, G. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, D. A. Wills 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Nigel D. Shepherd.

POLICE GUILD A.G.M. WITHOUT PRESIDENT

FROM the report of the annual general meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers, held at Hereford on September 25th, we understand that a shadow was cast on the proceedings by the absence of the president, ex-Sgt. C. Willmington. The news was announced during coffee at the Town Hall as guests of the Mayor, Cdr. Sam Beaumont, that three of the members, including the president, had been involved in a car accident near Oxford and would not be able to complete the journey. Mr. Macartney, Chief Constable of Hereford, told the gathering that he had made inquiries with the police at Oxford and that the injuries were slight.

Ringling took place on the ten bells at the Cathedral, where the Guild was welcomed by the Dean, a great-nephew of Sir Robert Peel. Western A.T.V. were present to take action pictures, and it was not easy to ring Grand-sire Caters with a set of arc lights shining in the eyes of each ringer in turn.

There was quite a distinguished gathering at the luncheon at the City Arms, where the guests included the Mayor and Mayoress, the Dean and Chief Constable. Mr. T. Butler, the immediate past-president, deputised for Mr. Willmington and despite short notice did the job exceedingly well.

He also presided at the business meeting and upon his suggestion the meeting decided to send a letter of sympathy to the president and his colleagues. P.C. R. Holt, the secretary, in his report stated that one peal had been rung by the Guild during the year—Grandsire Triples at Farnworth. Membership was now at its highest for several years. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. G. T. Cousins for making local arrangements. The report was adopted and coupled with it was a vote of thanks to the secretary. The audited balance sheet was approved.

The officers elected were: President, Ex-Sgt. Willmington; secretary, P.C. R. Holt, auditor, P.C. E. Francis; Central Council delegate, Ex-P.C. N. Bagworth; committee, Messrs. T. Butler, J. Rawson, G. Amor, J. Smith, N. Bagworth, C. Knight, A. Pearce and W. Dowse.

Eight new ringing members were elected, and Mr. Macartney, the Chief Constable of Hereford, was elected an honorary life non-ringing member.

A spring meeting is to be held in Oxford in 1966. The annual general meeting will be at Lancaster on Saturday, September 24th.

Following the annual general meeting, ringling took place in and around Hereford and was followed by a social evening at the City Arms. It was generally agreed that it had been an enjoyable day despite the bad weather. Forces represented were: Liverpool, Lancs County, Manchester, Metropolitan, Cheshire, Gloucester, Hereford, Leics and Rutland and Somerset.

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LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1. Miss A. Rayner 2. Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3. H. P. Yates 4. R. P. Brotherton 5. R. Gemmel 6. For Family Communion.

DERBY ASSOCIATION'S FIRST RINGING COURSE

THE Derby Diocesan Association limited its first ringing course, held at the Derbyshire Youth and Sports Training Centre at Lea Green, Matlock, to tower captains and instructors. The lecturers were Messrs. N. Chaddock, D. J. Marshall, D. R. Carlisle and G. A. Halls.

Following an interesting and, at times, entertaining handbell session on the Friday night, the course proper got under way on the Saturday with a most enlightening lecture on teaching bell control by Mr. Chaddock, at the end of which even the other lecturers had learned a thing or two! In quick succession the value of call changes in teaching and learning plain hunt, etc., were dealt with by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Carlisle before the final lecture of the morning, during which Mr. Halls showed how to write out touches and conduct.

After dinner Mr. Chaddock's next lecture was on the tower captain's duties and responsibilities, most of which provoked considerable discussion, as did Mr. Halls' second talk on conducting, the emphasis being on proof. Many of the points discussed were demonstrated later on the pleasant octave at Crich, but the most outstanding demonstration of the day occurred later that evening when in just over a quarter of an hour Mr. Chaddock had taught the college principal to ring the treble unaided to a touch of Bob Minor!

All too soon the next day's lectures on methods, their structures and ways of teaching and learning them together with the most important but difficult task of achieving good striking, had been and gone and the final lecture on bell maintenance, odd-struck bells and problems of sound control was being delivered by Mr. Halls. After such a worthwhile and successful week-end our grateful thanks are sincerely extended to the lecturers and the college authorities for their forbearance, particularly with regard to the handbells which never seemed to stop ringing!

M. P. P.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Yatton on December 4th, when the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. E. B. Wilkes. Tea was served in the Church Hall by ladies from the local company, and the Branch chairman took the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary reported a Branch membership of 1977, a drop of six on the previous year. Subscriptions from all but two towers had been received. The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary, D. G. Yeo; reporter, J. Brain.

Mr. P. Allen, of Ubley, was elected a member. After discussion it was resolved that the dates of quarterly meetings should be changed, as at present the interval between the annual general meeting and the April meeting was too long. The next meeting will now be in March (Wrighton, subject to permission) and thereafter at three-monthly intervals.

Practice meetings, Barrow Gurney (January) and Winford (February). Striking Competition, Kingston Seymour.

After votes of thanks ringing was continued until shortly after 8 p.m. J. R.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Derrick 1. A. R. Walters 2. S. Christian 3. R. W. Lockwood 4. N. F. Whitell (cond.) 5. F. H. Mussett 6. For morning service.

MORTON, Lincs.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Minor (Single Court, Cambridge Surprise): W. R. Marsh 1. C. T. H. Bradley 2. C. Wade (cond.) 3. J. F. Hubbard 4. J. W. Haw 5. C. L. Blanchard 6. In memoriam Albert E. Scott, ringer at this church, who died November 23rd and whose funeral took place prior to the quarter peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With a peal of Triples at Warwick on December 4th Mr. Ian C. Maycock completes the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Owing to increased business commitments, Mr. T. Bird is not seeking re-election as District Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

Owing to an unfortunate accident necessitating 12 stitches in his left thumb, Mr. Allan J. Butcher was regrettably unable to take part in the quarter peal rung for his daughter's engagement.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has a promising recruit in Miss Tessa Hollis, the 15-year-old daughter of the Vicar of Rotherham, who rang her first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 2nd.

"Belfry News" is not to cease publication. In response to the "outcry of protest and regret" it is to be published quarterly and distributed at each quarterly meeting. The new editor is Mr. "Tombstone" Hughes, to whom articles and gossip should be forwarded.

We are asked to state that the Appleton Handbell Ringers do not consist of Alf Webb, Harry White, George Bishop, Cliff Garlick and Miss P. East. The regretted substitution of a bracket in place of a comma in the report of the North Berks' dinner (page 820) creates this wrong impression.

London University Society have established a fine record of service ringing at St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, during term time, when there is generally a quarter peal for morning service. Latest we have received are 1,280 Doubles (five methods) on December 5th, and 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor on December 12th. Both were conducted by R. D.

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SEVENOAKS BELLS DISMANTLED

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have started work on the dismantling of the eight bells at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, Kent. The bells are to go to the foundry for the recasting of the sixth and retuning of the remainder. They are to be rebung in a new iron frame. This also involves the provision of a new floor under the bells and at the same time the church clock will be converted to electrical operation and some repointing is to be done to the tower. An appeal is out for over £4,000, of which over half has been raised.

In recent years some £40,000 has been raised in the parish for the restoration of the church roof after a disastrous fire in 1948, the provision of a new Rectory, and renewal of the church heating system. Plans were in hand earlier for a start to be made on the work to the bells but this had to be deferred for some two years when an emergency repair to part of the church floor had to be undertaken. Any contributions to the bell fund will be gratefully received by Mr. P. A. Corby, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Many ringers in Kent will have seen an article in the Christmas issue of "Kent Life," the pictures for which were all taken a few months ago in Sevenoaks belfry. Ironically, the article talks of the association of bellringing and Christmas and the New Year, but of course the bells in the pictures will not sound at Christmas time until 1966.

FORGOTTEN BELLS

The quarter peal rung on November 21st on the bells of St. Michael's, Linby, Notts, was a credit to the occasion but an even greater credit to Mr. Eric Moss, whose efforts to have the bells rung have been undaunted. For a long time Eric, a non-ringer, has thought that these bells should be rung, and two years ago he set out to investigate the state of the bells and to find ringers. He found a band of ringers at nearby Calverton but, alas, they had to report that the four bells were unsafe for ringing as the headstock bolts and straps were badly corroded and ringing would certainly have finished them off.

As chief mechanical engineer at Linby Colliery, Eric was not discouraged. He listed all the jobs necessary to put the bells in order and with a small group of friends set about the repair work. Many Saturday afternoons were spent making a complete set of headstock fittings, a set of rope pulleys and half a wheel for the third to replace a section rotted by water dripping through the leaking roof.

All the parts were carefully assembled and a ringer was called in to try the bells. After minor adjustments they were made just about ringable in time for the miners' annual thanksgiving service and the quarter peal rung before the service was very well-struck considering the "square bearings" which they had been unable to correct.

Linby bells were recast and rebung in 1823 and rung regularly until the early 1930's. They may have been missed by "Dove" and forgotten by ringers, but at least one group of local residents does not intend to allow them to die. D.S.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DINNER

A company of 67 members and friends attended the St. Albans District dinner on December 4th at St. Michael's Manor. Roast turkey was included in the menu and Mr John Cull was the toastmaster.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Roger Brown, District secretary, proposed the toast of "The Church," to which Mr. Andrew Bradley, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, gave a very lively reply.

"The Association and St. Albans District" was proposed by Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, who reminded the District that although things are often smooth on the surface, it is far from so underneath. Mr. Brian Barker, president of the Association, replied, and in spite of certain intentions ended up by saying a few kind words about the District!

Mr. Gerald Penney, the District Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors, and then the company heard Messrs. Fred Ellis, Trevor Hawkins and Malcolm Pettit ring some carols on handbells.

The rest of the evening was under the direction of Mr. Martyn Jordan, M.C. for after-dinner entertainment. After Martyn had warmed the piano up and then organised a couple of games, we heard more tunes rung on handbells before joining to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

A hearty vote of thanks was given to all concerned, particularly Martyn, and most of all to Miss Christine Rimmer—without all her hard work this very enjoyable and successful evening would never have taken place.

J. A. F.

NOTTINGHAM'S RING OF 12

St. Peter's, Nottingham, church bells have been rebung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor with the addition of two trebles to make a ring of 12. Work in the belfry is almost complete but the installation of the new electric clock and clock chiming apparatus and redecoration of the ringing chamber will take some weeks. There will be no ringing on the 12 until work on the tower foundations is complete. The bells will be dedicated on Christmas Eve.

REDRUTH'S RINGING FAMILY

Six brothers and sisters ring at Redruth Parish Church. They are the children of Mr J. H. Southwood, whose home is at Redruth Churchtown, almost within the shadow of the tower, states "The West Briton." They are Catherine (21), Margaret (18), Charles (16), each with seven years' ringing experience, James (13) with about three years' experience, Clare (12) two years', and Megan (11) with under one year's experience.

BARTON-LE-CLEY OUTING

It was a cold, windy day when Barton-le-Cley ringers met outside Olney Parish Church for their half-day outing. Six towers in the corners of Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire which fringe Bedfordshire were visited. Those before tea were Olney, Stoke Goldington and Piddington, and after tea Newport Pagnell, Woughton-on-the-Green and Simpson. Thanks are accorded to Mr. and Mrs. O. Mann for arranging the outing, and all incumbents.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL DEDICATED

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, there was a goodly gathering of ringers on November 27th for the dedication of a memorial tablet to the late Frederick M. Mitchell, secretary and treasurer of the Kent County Association from 1928 to 1947, treasurer until 1956, and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1932.

The service was preceded by a touch of 504 Stedman Triples rung by members of the Kent County Association. The Rector, the Rev. K. C. Sturt, conducted the service and, at the request of Mrs. Mitchell, who unveiled the tablet, dedicated it using the following prayer:

"In the faith of Christ crucified we dedicate this tablet to the glory of God and in memory of Frederick M. Mitchell. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"We beseech Thee O Lord, that all who read the words of this tablet may know that it commemorates one who served Thee in many ways; and that as Thou gavest him the grace so to serve Thee, so Thou wilt give them the inspiration to offer their lives for Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

As the procession, which consisted of officers of the Kent County Association and the College Youths, Mrs. Mitchell and family and clergy, returned from the west end of the church, where the memorial is placed, the Nunc Dimittis was sung. The Rev. Peter N. Bond offered the prayers and the Rector gave an inspiring address on "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The service was followed by a touch of 504 Stedman Triples rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by the kindness of Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, other members of Mr Mitchell's family and friends.

Short speeches were made by Mr. J. Willis (vice president, Kent County Association), Mr. J. Rock (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths), Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. P. A. Corby (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) and the Rev. K. C. Stuart (Rector of Milton).

The Kent County Association Committee met after tea but other ringers present visited Swancombe, Northfleet and Gravesend as well as Milton, and a happy party met at the Mitre, Gravesend, until a late hour.

The tablet was fixed by Mr. G. J. Butcher, and all present were pleased to congratulate him on his labour of love and to thank him for being the inspiration behind a worthy undertaking which culminated in a most pleasant occasion which will long be remembered.

KEELE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S FIRST PEAL

To mark the dedication of the chapel at Keele University by the Bishop of Lichfield in the presence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, Keele University Society of Change Ringers rang their first peal—one of Minor in three methods. It was conducted by Philip Gay, who has done much to place the Society on a sound footing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.	
Percy Stone Treble	Ernest J. Gower 5
Selwyn H. Dearden 2	John W. T. Taylor 6
Hubert G. Summers 3	*Edward Holdsworth 7
*Ian C. Maycock 4	James L. Garner-Hayward Tenor

Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.

* First peal of Triples and in the method. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also rung with best wishes to the recently retired secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.	
Gillian M. Hussey Treble	*David J. Gay 5
Gillian M. Brearley 2	D. John Hunt 6
Diana M. Chapman 3	James R. Taylor 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
Richard W. Sweet Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Philip M. J. Gray 6
Diana M. Chapman 3	Jon C. Slater 7
Alan Tubb 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Norwich, London, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge.	
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in E.	
Robert D. Bellamy Treble	George E. Thoday 4
Jack S. Dear 2	George E. Bonham 5
Robert L. Piron 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mary and Ruth Elmes, of Wareham, Dorset.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Boniface.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.	
*Leon A. Perry Treble	Frank R. Morton 5
*Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	John E. Brough 6
*John R. Scott 3	Frederick S. Sutton 7
†Gerald Parsons 4	*Leonard J. Meredith . . Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.	
*Patricia A. M. Halls Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	Burley P. Morris 7
George L. Roobottom 3	Douglas Derbyshire 8
Clive Thrower 4	David W. Friend 9
George Clift 5	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung to mark the consecration of the new Suffragan Bishop of Repton earlier this day in Westminster Abbey.

REPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wystan.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
George L. Roobottom Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
*John Dean 2	Denis R. Carlisle 6
John K. Smith 3	Peter Marriott 7
*Clive Thrower 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung to mark the consecration of the new Suffragan Bishop of Repton.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael, Bishopwearmouth

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
*Steve Wells (Grey) Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) 5
Brian Redgers (John's) 2	Lawrence R. Pizzev (John's) 6
†Polly Kyme (Mary's) 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) 7
Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 4	*Wm. G. Wilson (Chad's) Tenor

Composed by J. Thorpe. Conducted by William G. Wilson.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the day of the Society's annual dinner.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.	
Philip Mehew Treble	Anthony K. Fortin 4
George E. Bonham 2	John Meredith 5
Robert L. Piron 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Plain Bob, Surfleet, St Clement, Kent I.B., Double Oxford and Cambridge.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.	
Rosemary A. Frith Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Yvonne A. Murray 2	*James L. Towler 5
Anne Edwards 3	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.	
John C. Slater Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Richard W. Sweet 2	James R. Taylor 6
*Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Alan Carveth Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 200th peal

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On W.d., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Michael J. Stanley Treble	†Maurice A. New 5
*W. Bertam Kynaston 2	†Trevor N. J. Bailey 6
†William A. Theobald 3	*Anthony R. Peake 7
Brian Bladon 4	†Richard A. G. Ingles . . Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First of Major in the method. † First in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. in E.	
*Heather Walters Treble	Michael J. Thomas 6
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Malcolm M. Powell 7
Michael D. Trigg 3	Peter J. Joyce 8
John H. Taylor 4	Robert C. Kippin 9
David J. Forder 5	*Alan J. Luxford Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal on ten bells.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Nov 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.	
Malcolm M. Powell Treble	Brian J. Luff 6
Jennifer M. B. Cook 2	Charles H. Kippin 7
David J. Forder 3	Tom Page 8
Peter J. Joyce 4	David E. House 9
Michael J. Thomas 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First of London Royal for the Guild.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

J. Keith Ward Treble	Edward R. Venn 6
Brian J. Luff 2	Frank W. Lewis 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth 8
David P. Hilling 4	Robin G. Leale 9
Michael Hatchett 5	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
Dennis G. Blows Treble	Alan D. Elsmore 5
*Jill M. May 2	*Douglas A. R. May .. 6
Roy Collins 3	E. John Wells 7
John F. M. Maybrey .. 4	Dudley P. Elsmore Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Triples in the method.
For the centenary of the raising of the tower.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Harold S. Peacock .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
J. Stuart Hutton 2	C. Michael Orme 6
Jack S. Dear 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas 7
J. Richard Castledine .. 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

KIMPTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

John G. Cull Treble	David E. Rothera 4
Christine M. Rimmer .. 2	Eric Edmondson 5
Roger D. R. Brown 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Simon Brown.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Ann Jenner 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Ralph Bird 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

*Jack L. Higham Treble	†Geoffrey Cunliffe 6
Lawrence Walmsley .. 2	*Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
*John Ascroft 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 8
Betty Fauch 4	Stanley Walmsley 9
Cyril Crossthwaite 5	†Gordon Singleton Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Stanley Walmsley has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

John A. Ascroft Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
Jane Reynolds 2	Frank Reynolds 6
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
*Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Roger Barnes Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band.

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

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Jane Reynolds Treble	†Alan Wilde 5
Joyce Grainger 2	Philip Mason 6
*Dorothy Mason 3	Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 7
Roger Kendrick 4	Dennis Latham Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First as conductor.

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

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.	
Albert Greenhalgh .. Treble	†William H. Riddle 4
*Allan Keen 2	Roger I. Kendrick 5
†Thomas Hobson 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in two Minor Methods. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor "inside." Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SYSTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

R. Kingsley Mason .. Treble	Bernard S. Payne 5
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Roland H. Cook 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Charles Severn.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Wendy Daw 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Dennis R. Woods 3	Cyril L. Burrell 7
Edwin T. Chapman 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

First in the method by all the band. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GOSBERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four Morris' 240's, four Price's 240's, and 26 extents (10 callings).	
Norman Hutchesson .. Treble	Frederick Derry 4
Norman B. Favargue .. 2	James H. Musson 5
J. Edward Brown 3	William B. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A token, of esteem to Mr. Albert E. Scott, interred this day at Morton. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 720's of Plain Bob and five of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck .. Treble	T. A. Relf 3
F. W. Pinchbeck 2	J. R. Holmes 4
H. R. Woods Tenor	

Conducted by H. R. Woods.

Rung in honour of the consecration, this day in Westminster Abbey, of the Suffragan Bishop of Grantham, resident at Stoke.

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

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.	
Michael W. Crowder .. Treble	George E. Feim 4
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	W. Arthur Crowder .. 5
Ronald Chafer 3	Jack Bray Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

In memoriam Canon H. Thackray, many years Rector of this parish and president of the North Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.
Rev. Ivor J. Richards .. Treble	Leslie F. G. Bainham .. 5
Donald G. Clift 2	Donald G. Clarke 6
*David Phillips (15) .. 3	James L. Fitzgerald .. 7
Trevor M. Roderick .. 4	Jack James Tenor

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

* First peal.
Rung for the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones, who was leader at this tower for 47 years and general secretary of the Association from 1899 to 1945.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 *Sheila J. Salkeld .. Treble .. 5
 Jacqueline S. King .. 2 .. 6
 Reuben S. Clench .. 3 .. 7
 David J. Hughes .. 4 .. Tenor
 *Richard W. Owen .. 5
 David Pike .. 6
 David J. King .. 7
 David L. Taylor .. Tenor
 Conducted by David J. King.
 * First peal. † First peal "inside." Fastest peal on the bells.
 Rung for the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul.
 On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.
 R. Fraser Mack .. Treble .. 4
 V. David Jenner .. 2 .. 5
 P. Ann Freeman .. 3 .. Tenor
 Julie Lethbridge .. 4
 David F. Moore .. 5
 Malcolm A. Phillips .. Tenor
 Conducted by David F. Moore.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
 On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.
 Derek Fowles .. Treble .. 4
 Jeffrey Britchford .. 2 .. 5
 *Peter A. Ruch .. 3 .. Tenor
 Peter J. Woodgyer .. 4
 David G. Pickett .. 5
 William S. Deason .. Tenor
 Conducted by William S. Deason.
 * First peal "inside"
 A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodgyer,
 married at the Church of St. Mary, South Harting, Sussex, on November 27th, 1915.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NORTON-LE-MOORS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
 On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
 W. H. Pickett .. Treble .. 5
 P. Phillips .. 2 .. 6
 G. Fothergill .. 3 .. 7
 J. A. J. Jack .. 4 .. Tenor
 D. Bennett .. 5
 O. Williams .. 6
 J. M. Jack .. 7
 J. L. Shenton .. Tenor
 Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. L. Shenton.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.
 *Robert C. Woodward .. Treble .. 5
 *Ann Harris .. 2 .. 6
 *Peter Woolven .. 3 .. 7
 *John G. Hallett .. 4 .. Tenor
 †Richard C. L. Brown .. Tenor
 Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
 * First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method for the Society.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John W. Coleman, Ringing Master of the Society.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINFARTHING, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Nov 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.
 Wilfred G. Saunders .. Treble .. 4
 William Clover .. 2 .. 5
 Thomas E. Spight .. 3 .. Tenor
 Henry Tooke .. 4
 Frank C. J. Arnold .. 5
 H. William Barrett .. Tenor
 Conducted by H. William Barrett.
 A birthday compliment to Frank C. J. Arnold.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 Being extents of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.
 James W. Forder .. Treble .. 4
 H. William Barrett .. 2 .. 5
 *Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3 .. Tenor
 J. Barry Pickup .. 4
 Godfrey G. Walpole .. 5
 Nolan Golden .. Tenor
 Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First of seven Surprise Minor.
GARBOLDISHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 Charles H. Blake .. Treble .. 4
 William Clover .. 2 .. 5
 Henry Tooke .. 3 .. Tenor
 Thomas E. Spight .. 4
 Wilfred G. Saunders .. 5
 Frank C. J. Arnold .. Tenor
 Conducted by Frank C. J. Arnold.
 First peal of Minor as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Fri., Oct. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. in E.
 *Vanessa Rodrigues .. Treble .. 5
 F. John Nelson .. 2 .. 6
 *David R. Baxter .. 3 .. 7
 *G. Robert Mordaunt .. 4 .. Tenor
 *Andrew J. Howes .. 5
 *Geoffrey K. Cook .. 6
 *Antony P. Foster .. 7
 *Roger M. Heyworth .. Tenor
 Conducted by F. John Nelson.
 * First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
 Tenor 16 cwt. in E.
 James E. Godman .. Treble .. 5
 G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2 .. 6
 Roger M. Heyworth .. 3 .. 7
 Andrew J. Howes .. 4 .. Tenor
 Victor R. Fox .. 5
 Frank Absolom .. 6
 Robert B. Blond .. 7
 Douglas Exon .. Tenor
 Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
 Rung for the wedding of Margaret Thewlis (a ringer at the Abbey) to Mr. David Whitton, of Oxford.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
 On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BLOXHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.
 Frederick W. Soden .. Treble .. 5
 Eric Sutton .. 2 .. 6
 D. Kay Adkins .. 3 .. 7
 Sydney M. Bailey .. 4 .. Tenor
 William Birmingham .. 5
 Giles R. Shedden .. 6
 Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
 Alan R. Pink .. Tenor
 Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.47). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 The first peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's B.71/3).

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
 Anthony D. Smith .. Treble .. 4
 Mrs. A. D. Smith .. 2 .. 5
 *Robert M. Ashman .. 3 .. Tenor
 †Graham J. N. Colborne .. 4
 Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 5
 Frank W. Lewis .. Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * First peal on an "inside" bell. † First of Minor in three methods.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In four methods, being one extent Double Court, two each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
 *William J. Atkins .. Treble .. 4
 Walter Ayre .. 2 .. 5
 Susan E. Williams .. 3 .. Tenor
 Peter W. Harper .. 4
 D. Joseph Goodman .. 5
 Keith D. Waples .. Tenor
 Conducted by Walter Ayre.
 * First peal attempt, belongs to local company. 475th peal as conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

James F. List Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
*Frederick W. Soden .. 2	*D. Kay Adkins 5
Peter G. Holden 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 50th peal together. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band except the conductor.

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

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Edward C. Turner .. Treble	*Robin D. Hutchfield .. 4
† J. Richard Poole 2	Andrew J. Howes 5
‡ Melvyn J. Hillier 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Carol A. Long (13) .. Treble	Marie R. Cross 4
*Catherine A. Salter (15) 2	Daphne J. Pollard 5
*J. Mary Eyres (14) .. 3	C. Jeffrey Jones Tenor

Conducted by Daphne J. Pollard.

* First peal.

Rung as a thankoffering for the work of the Rev. R. S. Brutton, Vicar of Radley, 1957-1965, and also for the life and work of the late Vicars of Radley, John Vincent Pixell (1941-1957) and Canon T. H. Liddiard (1916-1929), both of whom died during 1965.

HORSPTH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Dec. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*Brenda Arnott Treble	† Ian Ross 4
*Cherry Withell 2	‡ Paul Lucas 5
Christine Baker 3	Tom Smith Tenor

Conducted by Tom Smith.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First "inside."

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EAST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

F. John Nelson Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2	Roger M. Heyworth 5
Rodney A. Yeates 3	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in the following 55 individual plain course methods: Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, Reverse St. Simon, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Martin, Reverse Winchendon, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Ockham, Broughton, Chesham, Merton, Slapton, Rugby, Chipstead, Oakley, Iteningfield, Hascombe, Thornborough, Longford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Raveningham, Dorton, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, Reverse New Bob, St. Alphege, Westminster, II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Stedman, Grandire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Peter Tombs Treble	Brian Bladon 4
Derek J. Carr 2	Anthony R. Peake 5
Derek Dancey 3	William E. Gearing Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Most methods rung for the Guild.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

J. Albert Morrey Treble	Frank Beech, jun. 4
Ernest C. Morrall 2	Roger A. Brewin 5
Richard Farnsworth .. 3	George E. Morrall Tenor

Conducted by George E. Morrall.

Rung for the Golden Jubilee of the Toc H, of which there is a branch at Edgmond.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Harold Stevenson Treble	Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
Frederick Derry 3	Albert Foster Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day, and also as a tribute to the conductor's parents.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. SHENSTONE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods/variations: 1,200 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 960 Grandsire, and 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B minor.

Margaret L. Ellwood .. Treble	Audrey F. Birch 3
Janice McDonald 2	A. Paul Sheldon 4
Clive M. Smith Tenor	

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the five new bells.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. Ray Williams, due to be inducted, December 9th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 26 methods. viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge. Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (6) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlewood Delight, (7) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, 94 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	Colin F. Loke 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most Minor methods to a peal for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

A belated silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kersey.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.19.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Marian Balkwill Treble	William H. Jackson 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 6
† Elizabeth Zass 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Michael J. Bangham .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Bangham.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

John C. Baldwin Treble	Albert W. Bond 6
*Beryl Baldwin 2	Douglas P. Snowswell .. 7
Angela M. Wright 3	Michael J. Bew 8
John R. Norris 4	Bernard J. Stone 9
Catherine M. Powell .. 5	Bernard G. North Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Bernard G. North.

* First peal of Royal. Rung with best wishes on the engagement of Catherine Powell and Michael Bew, by friends and members of the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Frank H. Hicks Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
John A. Howard 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
W. Arthur Riddington .. 4	David S. Osenton Tenor

Composed by R. M. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	*John A. Howard 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
David S. Osenton 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Frank H. Hicks 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robin G. Leale Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Alan E. Bagworth 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	David P. Hilling 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

BOSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Elizabeth W. Smith .. Treble	Ernest Treagus 4
Anne M. Smith 2	Philip Stevens 5
E. Winifred Keys 3	Barry J. Davis Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Rosalind and George Leslie Smith, members of the local band.

AMBERLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of (1) Kennington, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) St. Simon, (4) St. Martin, (5) April Day, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Grand sire. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Elizabeth W. Smith .. Treble	E. Winifred Keys 3
Michael J. Wake 2	Philip Stevens 4

Barry J. Davis Tenor
Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal of Doubles.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman and Andrew Davis, father and brother of the conductor.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-

Vincula.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores, 12 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Edna M. Everest Treble	†Roger E. Peckham 4
*James D. Nelson 2	Raymond P. Wood 5
†James M. Hills 3	†William E. Purick Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

VERYAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Symphorian.

On Wed., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Barbara J. Duck Treble	Derek A. Trethewey .. 4
Frances M. Rickard 2	Alan Carveth 5
Arthur F. Burley 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First six bell peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Gillian A. Leale 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
Brian J. Luff 3	Robin G. Leale 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed

Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

John J. Stanier Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
Denis R. Morris 2	Gerald C. Hemming 8
R. George Morris 3	David Beacham 9
Geoffrey J. Hemming 4	Michael J. Fellows 10
M. Roger Ashmore 5	George E. Evenden 11
John C. Eisel 6	*Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by David Beacham.
* 500th peal for the Association. Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

John C. Perkins Treble	Ralph Harris 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	Leonard Mills 6
Joseph D. Johnson 3	Anthony J. Brazier 7
Mrs. J. Thomas 4	Joseph E. Newman Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Albert Hughes, ringer, tower captain and chorister at Norton Church, and Mrs. Hughes, on celebrating their diamond wedding.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew,

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 1,568 Bristol, and 3,520 London, with 55 changes of method

Martin D. Fellows Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
John C. Eisel 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
George S. Deas 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 8

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St.

Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part No. 13. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*Andrew Jopp Treble	Reginald Woodyatt 5
†Arthur D. Sayer 2	Walter H. Raxter 6
†Martin C. Powell 3	Allen Morgan 7
Arthur A. Jopp 4	Fred G. Pugh Tenor

Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* First peal on eight bells, aged 12. † First in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Michael J. Denton Treble	Harold C. Schofield 4
Susan Jackson 3	Adrian B. Boorman 5
Ronald H. Dove 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAMMAS ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, 42 changes of method.

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

First peal in the methods.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

This is the first time four handbell peals of Major have been rung in one day.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FULMER ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents, 42 changes of method.

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

First peal in the methods.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Believed to be the first peal rung with "Titum" pairs of handbells.

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OLNEY ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents, 41 changes of method.

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

First peal in the methods.

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HARRISON. — To Dorothy Mary (née Heap) and Peter Roger, on November 30th, 1965, a son, Richard John. 8183

ENGAGEMENT

DEAN—VINCENT. — The engagement is announced between Robert John Dean, younger twin son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dean, Puckington, Ilminster, and Barbara Margaret Vincent, only daughter of the late Mr. R. Vincent and Mrs. L. Vincent, Ilton, Ilminster. 8188

PERSONAL

Will Mr. J. Cunliffe, formerly of 27, Dobb Brow Road, Westhoughton, please notify the Editor of his change of address as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned, marked "Gone away."

But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.—St. John 1, 12.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings to all old friends and new and plenty of good ringing throughout 1966—A. J. PITMAN, 25, Taylor Avenue, Lillington, Leominster Spa. 8177

Warmest good wishes for Christmas and for 1966 to all fellow ringers. — GILBERT THURLOW, The Close, Norwich. 8203

MISCELLANEOUS

12 in. L.P. RECORD of selected parts from record peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung at Birmingham Cathedral. 45 mins. playing time. 46/- post free. Record Tokens accepted.—Ainsworth, 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Birmingham. 8204

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POSTPONED

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting postponed to January 29th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8193

MEETINGS

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brighouse Parish Church, Saturday, January 1st. Teas provided. Method to learn: Double Norwich. 8151

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at St. Michael with St. Paul's, Broad Street (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Abbey (10) available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by December 30th at the latest.—Alan Lee, Sec. 8194

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashcott, Saturday, January 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service (Holy Communion) 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea would be an advantage. 8206

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Southam on January 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing as usual. Names for tea as soon as possible to Bob Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Special method: Bristol.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8161

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely, Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8202

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton (8), January 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting follow. Names to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous. 8178

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A.G.M., Presteigne, January 1st. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, December 30th, to H. L. Hatfield, Dis. Sec., Tan House, Presteigne. 8209

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, January 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Wednesday, 29th, at the latest, please.—W. H. D. Hon. Dis. Sec. 8175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, January 1st, at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names for tea to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, not later than December 30th. (Phone 824857).—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 1st, St. Mary's, Twickenham (8) 3-4.45 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Isleworth (10) 6.15-7.30 p.m., followed by the District Committee meeting, to which each tower should send one representative. Names for tea to Mr. P. Bevington, 17a, Heatham Park, Twickenham. Would all towers please submit details of all 1965 quarter peals as soon as possible. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8199

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. P. Jones, 66, Boundary Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, December 29th. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8191

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice, Saturday, January 1st, Stony Stratford. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8187

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A.G.M. at Raunds on January 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering. 8170

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30 on January 1st. Ringing at Cathedral (12) 3 o'clock and St. Martin's (12) after the meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 8190

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, Devizes, three towers. Service at St. John's 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Weeks, 1, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, Wilts. 8146

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, January 1st. Bells 2.30. Service (Holy Communion) 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before December 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8189

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 1st. St. Marie's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3.—J. Seager, Hon. Sec. 8185

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells from 3 p.m. No teas.—S. Adams., 8181

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at East Grinstead (8). Bells 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 3815. 8186

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by January 4th, please.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 8208

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Brentwood, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Sitch, 182, Priests Lane, Shenfield. 8197



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HEREFORD GUILD—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by January 6th latest, please 8168

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincents Lane, Addington, West Malling.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8198

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Syston (8), Saturday, January 8th, 3.45 For further details of ringing arrangements see **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Syston District).—S. E. Chesterton, Dis. Sec. 8176

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 to 4.30 and 6 till 8 p.m. Meeting 4, Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes.—R. Earl.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 and 7-9. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15, followed by meeting Shrub End and St. Leonard's also available 2.30-4 and 7-9. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 8195

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD Southern District

In spite of the atrocious weather, over 25 sat down to a very good tea at the Stuart Hall, Sketty, for the annual general meeting of the Southern District on December 4th. Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers had provided for a larger attendance, but there was not much left when all had finished. Mr. Barry Couzens thanked those responsible.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dudley White, who based his address on the reason for bell ringing Ringing throughout the day was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, and included Surprise.

The business was soon disposed of, with the Rev. Dudley White in the chair. Both the District secretary, Mr. J. A. Hoare, and the District auditor, Mr. T. M. Roderick, were re-elected.

Mr. Michael Thomas expressed sympathy with the Vicar, who is in hospital, and wished him a speedy recovery. Two new members were elected. Votes of thanks concluded proceedings.

Next meeting: Aberavon (subject to permission). J. A. H.

QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. H. Gould 1, A. Newton 2, Judith Soten 3, P. Newton 4, Joyce Barton 5, R. E. Barton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, D. A. Cornwall 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, on Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. L. Pardoe 1, S. J. Pardoe 2, Christine Telfer 3, Susan Elliott 4, J. A. Sturrock 5, J. G. White 6, R. A. Yeates 7, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. R. C. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempell 2, F. W. Bird 3, V. Grigg 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. In memoriam Emmeline Mary Scrutton.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (5th covering): Valerie S. Hook (11) 1, Catherine A. Salter 2, Marie R. Cross 3, J. Mary Eyres 4, Margaret S. Allen (12) 5, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5 at first attempt. For the induction of the Rev. R. S. Bruton as Vicar of Sonning. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): P. R. Daws 1, Miss D. J. Pollard 2, D. P. Sturge 3, D. J. H. Salter 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, J. Jones 6. Rung silent. A farewell to Rev. R. S. Bruton, who is leaving the parish, and to D. P. Sturge who is leaving after being secretary of the Radley College Campanological Society for 14 years.

The Snowdon Scholars' Society of Young Change Ringers held a reunion dinner-dance to celebrate their 20th anniversary on December 4th at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Mr. Gordon Benfield, founder president, was the chief guest. He expressed his delight in discovering that the Society was still flourishing and was extremely pleased to see so many old and new faces.

He recollected that the idea to form a Society for people under 25 was evolved at St. Chad's, Headingley, at the time when he and a few of his fellow ringers travelled from tower to tower on bicycles. Explaining the origin of the Society, Mr. Benfield said that after their first meeting a letter was sent to Miss Margaret Snowdon requesting permission

to name the Society after the Snowdon family. This was duly granted. Mr. Benfield produced a document he called a Magna Carta. This was the letter to Miss Snowdon and it was presented to Mr. Shaw, president of the Society, to be retained as a memento of the first meeting. He concluded by proposing a toast to "The Snowdon Scholars," wishing the Society a prosperous future.

Miss Olivia A. Marshall replied, with a vote of thanks to the guests and all who had helped her in arranging the celebration. Dancing and games followed and a very pleasant evening was had by all. O. A. M.,

Reading left to right: Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. G. Benfield, Miss O. A. Marshall and Mr. M. Shaw. [Photo: T. J. Carter.]

SURREY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The nomination meeting of the Northern District took place at Putney on November 27th, when over 50 members met in the newly-decorated ringing room for an hour's ringing before the service, which was led by the Vicar.

Mr. Tom Lock judged the Association's second handbell striking competition. Beddington were judged to have the least number of faults, with Croydon and Putney taking second and third places respectively. The young band from Kingston upon Thames, ringing Plain Bob Major, although having most faults, were highly praised by Mr. Lock for a most determined effort.

The endeavours of the local band in overcoming the bread strike resulted in not only providing a good tea, but also being able to give away a fine selection of cut and uncut loaves to those who had been less fortunate. The main business before the meeting was the nomination of officers to serve on next year's committee. A further hour and a half's ringing ended the day, with methods ranging to four-spliced Surprise Major.

Next District meeting: A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, January 29th.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cooper 1, P. Rodenhurst 2, B. Hancox 3, A. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. Hancox 5, J. Hancox 6. A wedding compliment to Judith Walwyn and Frederick Butler (ringer) married at St. Peter's this day.

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ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): F. W. Blatch 1, Miss J. E. Hills 2, Miss E. D. Mason 3, T. G. Hull 4, Rev. P. N. Bond 5, S. Bahadur (first quarter) 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band to Shanti Bahadur, who will shortly be leaving the district.

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