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THE VALUE OF GRANDSIRE

By DAVID E. HOUSE.

MR. D. J. MARSHALL'S letter on "Grandsire" ("R.W." p. 859) deserved a reply, but I feel Mr. Southwood has left much of Mr. Marshall's argument unanswered. Mr. Southwood implies that so long as striking is good, the method rung is immaterial, yet the recent letters of P. J. Wycherley and C. Crossthwaite show that many ringers show concern for the quality of the methods they ring, even if they are not sure how to discern this quality! While it does little harm for us to be reminded of the more basic issues of ringing, there are undoubtedly good and bad methods, and Mr. Marshall is attempting to discriminate between the two.

In doing so, he confuses two separate questions—the value of Grandsire as an introductory method and the value of the method itself. The first question has received constant attention, and I wish to add nothing to the usual arguments. Plain Bob is more obviously useful in the learning of many of the more advanced methods, including Surprise, but I have yet to be convinced that those who fall by the wayside in the early stages of ringing do so because of Grandsire, rather than the difficult step from rounds to changes, a transition often attempted with inadequate instruction and supervision.

This is the only positive aspect of Mr. Marshall's criticism, and it comes from his misguided generalisation "the ringing of a plain method today should be a 'stepping-stone' from the plain-hunt to Surprise... the beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no relation to Surprise." Such a statement implies that the plain method itself is of no value, but is merely to be used as the basic material through which more complex methods may be learned, and may be left behind as soon as Surprise has been mastered. I would prefer to think of the process of learning as the gradual extension of one's repertoire, always using experience gained from the simpler methods, which nevertheless retain their own value. A hymn tune is less complicated than an operatic aria, but the good musician sees this as no reason to belittle its quality or value.

Although progress in method-ringing provides much of the fascination of ringing and is an indication of the well-being of the Exercise, I feel that there is also a place in our ringing for methods mastered long before, rung simply to produce a glorious sound. That others are of the same opinion is shown by the frequent choice of Stedman as a service touch at meetings, often when the band is quite capable of ringing spliced. The music of odd-bell methods is completely different from that of even-bell methods, though not necessarily less pleasant. There is much good music to be had in the shortest touch of Grandsire Triples, which can be called round or extended

absolutely as desired. I can think of no other method which can be exploited to such good effect and yet maintains such a degree of simplicity. The band faced with either Plain Bob Major or Grandsire Triples in its service ringing can make only one good choice. Grandsire Caters is of even greater note, possessing many of the beauties of Stedman Caters with the extra quality of a coursing order sustained from front to back in each lead. Music here does not come only from a few odd changes at lead ends, but continues throughout whole leads. Peals of Grandsire Caters, with many outstanding compositions available, need never be dull, and the ringer whose ears remain deaf to this music possesses a strange sense of values.

Whilst many ringers enjoy ringing Surprise methods, this is no reason to gear the whole of our ringing to it. Much can be done with the simpler methods, even Grandsire, which need not be entirely reserved for beginners. If we were to ring only those methods with a direct bearing upon Surprise, we should be much the poorer for neglecting Grandsire and Stedman. We should endeavour to preserve, and even widen, the rich variety of methods at our disposal, even if each and every one does not prove to be of some obvious use in learning the next one. It would be a one-sided and, therefore, incomplete ringer who rang only Surprise methods, a condition to which, I trust, Mr. Marshall does not aspire.

GRANDSIRE—A WASTE OF TIME

By NORVING

THE first thing I said after reading Mr. Marshall's letter was "What a load of rubbish." The late George Gilbert would have said "Anyone can ring Surprise, but it takes a good ringer to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples."

What a pity it is that we have in the Exercise ringers—so called—who fail to appreciate the years of patience and hard work of our forbears, who discovered and gave the ringing world its first methods.

Jasper Whitfield Snowdon's enlarged edition of "Grandsire," published in 1905, consists of 240 pages, so I presume that in the opinion of Mr. Marshall this valuable book contains 240 pages of rubbish. I very much doubt if Mr. Marshall knows sufficient about the method to form an opinion anyway.

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A TOWER THAT BREEDS LEADERS



Oswestry Parish Church is distinguished in having no fewer than four Ringing Masters concurrently in its Sunday service band. Pictured left to right are: Harold Hughes, Master of the St. Oswald Society, whose father was Master before him; Roger Powell, Master of the University of London Society; Roger Morris, Master of the Shropshire Association and a member of the Central Council; and Derek Williams, Master of the University of Bristol Society.

RINGING ON NATIONAL SERVICE

Mr. R. J. Cook, of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Beddington, contributes to "Morgan's Magazine," the house journal of Morganite Carbon Ltd. and associated companies, an interesting article on bellringing. While the article gives an outline of the principles of our art, it is largely a personal narrative. Mr. Cook is on the staff of Morganite Carbon Ltd.

When his practices were interrupted by National Service, Mr. Cook states that he found himself in Scotland, some 30 miles from the nearest tower. He adds: "But when I managed to get over one week-end I found the same welcome which is extended to fellow ringers everywhere. I was even invited to spend the week-ends with these new-found friends, and thus managed to get away from Army life much more than I could otherwise have done."

Of his own tower, which has 20 ringers of ages from 13 to 60, he writes: "We have been fortunate in having a very good band of ringers there for the last few years, but we always make sure that we have several beginners coming along to replace those who move away or retire. This is the only way to keep the bells ringing and to ensure that the fascinating and enthralling science of campanology will continue to flourish."

OLDEST COMPLETE RING

Are the three bells (tenor reputed to be almost a ton) in the tower at Saxton Parish Church, near York (close to the A.1 at Aberford), the oldest cast by one founder? They were all cast by a John Danyell of London in 1468 and are still believed to be in their original framework. Turned by Gillett and Johnston in 1937 and fitted with a chiming mechanism, they now hang silent owing to the weakness of the tower which awaits repairs.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

THIS year's reunion took the form of an experiment. Whereas in previous years the Society has visited the home county of a nucleus of its members, this year the whole of the Society travelled up to Leicester.

The majority of Ravers journeyed up on the Friday evening and rang either at Wigston Magna or St. Margaret's, Leicester. Later, some, in spite of the Master's scorn, visited a Chinese restaurant.

The first tower on Saturday was Aylestone, where the Society was met by Mr. A. James Poynor. A respectable course of London Major came round and thus set a standard which was raised continually over the week-end. The delightful five at Blaby came next, where a course of Carter's (which, according to tower blackboards, seems very popular around Leicester) was rung. At South Wigston eight spliced was scored, and many of the tenor ringers finished with skin missing from their knuckles due to a low clockcase beam.

After lunch, visits were made to Oadby and the two Leicester towers of All Saints' and St. John's. At the former city tower more spliced came round, whilst at the latter an enjoyable half-course of Yorkshire Royal was achieved as well as some good touches of Caters. At Belgrave, appropriately, a course of Belgrave was rung.

The annual dinner was at Rowans Hotel and a feature was a taped message from Ron Russ, which included recordings of Australian bells and ringing. Suitable replies were added to the tape ready for posting back to Ron. A message was also received from Merrilyn Chambers, of Perth Cathedral. Social activities followed until midnight.

After early service ringing at Enderby, members joined the local bands at St. John's and St. Margaret's, Leicester. Kirby Muxloe was the first tower after lunch. It was here that Chris Clarke circled the church twice and then looked behind the organ before he found the

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Syston District

The annual general meeting of the District was held at Syston on January 8th. During the afternoon the eight bells were kept ringing until 4.15 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wall, conducted Evensong. Tea was served in the Red Cross Hall.

Opening the business meeting, the chairman thanked the Vicar, Mr. Holmes (the organist) and the ladies who had prepared tea. He also welcomed the Ladies' Guild, all other visitors and the Billesdon ringers. For most members Billesdon is probably the most difficult tower to get to as it is on the far edge of the District.

The secretary (Mr. M. D. Barsby) reported that 1965 had seen 12 new members. The average attendance at Saturday meetings was 27.3. At the evening practice meetings the number was variable but they were achieving their aim. It was interesting to note that other parts of the country were now holding these. Concluding, he urged members to support their new officers and encourage the younger ones since they would eventually take responsibility.

The Ringing Master reported a rather hectic year. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise, most of the work having been done in Plain Bob and Grandsire. A feature had been in teaching learners and in this respect ringing plain hunt was not a waste of time. It was hoped that 1966 would see further progress. One very evident fact was that they had exported several able ringers. District membership at the meeting was increased by nine, the Vicar of Barrow-upon-Soar being made an honorary member.

Election of officers: Chairman, Mr. J. Morley; secretary, Mr. F. Faulkner; committee, Mr. M. Kirk and Mr. M. White. The election of Mr. Faulkner is unique since he is the first Syston District secretary to come from a three-bell tower. Within a short space of time he has become proficient in ringing on both six and eight bells and has rung peals on both numbers.

A programme for 1966 was accepted.

Mrs. P. Staniforth thanked the retiring officers on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. The retiring chairman thanked all those who had turned up and rang at his wedding the previous Saturday. The vice-president Mr. Cook was welcomed by the president.

After closure of the meeting, ringing continued in the tower.

belfry door. Next, to Groby, where many could not believe their eyes at the sight of such a slim tower. At Ratby the Society was met by the Rev. Peter Blackman. London and Pudsey were tapped out as well as a short touch of Erin, which by popular request was not called by Ted Venn (see "Ringing World" Vol. LXI, page 879). Finally to Markfield for service ringing.

Thanks go to the organisers, Jennifer Sceeny and Ted Venn, and to the incumbents, tower captains and local ringers for giving the Society permission to ring and for meeting the touring ringers. Many new members were introduced at the reunion, including Peter Heritage, who had a large part in keeping the party going.

S. R. B.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth A. Webb 1, M. Brain (first "inside") 2, D. M. Smith 3, E. Owens 4, K. G. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: G. Muncey 1, Ann Chettle 2, Brenda Dixon 3, Gillian Wilce 4, B. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Priestley 7, T. Smith 8.

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RINGING IN SCHOOLS

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

SCHOOL activities are today wider in scope than ever before. Ringing has come to the fore as a recognised school activity during the last 30 years, and the number of schools taking to it is constantly increasing.

It takes longer to become a competent ringer than to shine at cricket or football, so ringing in schools does not always maintain quite such a consistent standard as some other activities. Even so, some schools have had a good band of ringers for several years. The founding and maintaining of a school ringing society depends on a keen ringer coming to the school, as master or mistress, or as boy or girl.

Gresham's School has had some remarkable ringers in recent years. The present ringing tradition there began about five years ago, under the leadership of Mr Billy West, of Holt, captain of Wiveton ringers for 40 years, and through whose energy Wiveton bells were rehung in 1932. Boys used to make (and still make) the journey to Wiveton to practise the art.

PAUL CATTERMOLE'S ENTHUSIASM

Then, as recently as January, 1964, Paul Cattermole, of Old Buckenham, came to Gresham's as a student master. His enthusiasm for ringing was so infectious that in the one term he was there he collected a number of boys together, rehanging with their help the silent bells at Bale nearby, and started a tradition of ringing among Gresham's boys and Bale residents which continues today.

He soon discovered that Holt Church possessed two bells hung for proper ringing, and taught Gresham's boys the elements of managing a bell there. Some of these boys have become really brilliant ringers. Last year Paul Roods-Jones, Richard Bower and Peter Mackley were ringing peals on hand-bells in a remarkable variety of methods—a most unusual achievement at their age. The first two are now in London; Mackley is still at Gresham's.

With all this going on in Holt, a proper ring of bells there was an obvious necessity. How was it to be acquired? Norwich, alas! has the grim distinction of possessing in its city churches more silent bells than any other English town. The five at St. Margaret's were never rung. So four of them have been acquired by Holt, and Taylor's, of Loughborough, are carrying out a scheme of rehanging and adaptation, as a result of which Holt will soon possess a delightful ring of six bells, which will be dedicated at a special service on Sunday evening, February 6th. We look forward to a ringing tradition being established there amongst Gresham's boys and local people led by Billy West.

Meanwhile a keen ringer is joining the staff of Great Yarmouth Grammar School. We look forward to his enthusiasm spreading there. The keen and competent band of ringers at St. Nicholas' will warmly welcome Grammar School people to ring with them, and this should open a new chapter in the cultural activity of Great Yarmouth.

TYPICAL

This is typical of what is happening elsewhere. To quote a few examples at random—Winchester College, the only public school with its own ring of bells, has a highly competent band of ringers amongst the boys; they ring both on their own bells and at the Cathedral.

Shebbear College, Devon, has a keen band of 30 ringers, who are helping to rehang Shebbear bells and who travel widely in the neighbourhood to ring elsewhere. Radley College boys ring at their parish church, and on July 3rd, 1964, rang a quarter peal together with boys from Groton School, U.S.A.—the first time that English and American school-boy ringers have rung like this together. (I am indebted to Mr. King, of Wentworth, for some of these details.)

Blackburn Grammar School boys ring at Blackburn Cathedral and the cathedral

schools at Bristol, Worcester, Hereford and Truro each have members who ring at their cathedrals. Whilst ringing at Worcester recently with a master there—himself an Old Norvicensian—we deplored the fact that Norwich boys cannot do the same, as Norwich Cathedral bells have not been rung since 1761. Perhaps one day we shall have bells worthy of our great church, and of the restoration it is undergoing, and the happy connections between cathedral and school may extend to the belfry!

DEDICATION

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.

Ringers from Birmingham and Lincoln as well as Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire attended the opening of St. Peter's, Nottingham, bells. The bells had been rehung in a new frame and augmented to twelve by Messrs John Taylor. Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. Oldham were present at the dedication by the Rector, the Rev. Canon A. Inglis. Also present were the churchwardens, Mr. S. Stockdale and Mr. C. E. Cox, as well as local ringers. The opening rounds were rung by Mrs. S. Foskett, Miss A. Henson and Messrs. W. Exton, S. Foskett, F. Gobey, R. Inglis, D. Ingram, V. Jennison, J. Oldham, D. Stainsby, F. Salter and P. Taylor.

It was good to see Mr. Fred Salter, who until recently was Ringing Master at St. Peter's, leading the bells off in the opening rounds. He has been a ringer at St. Peter's for over 40 years but during the cold weather he is obliged to stay indoors.

Ringing continued until Evensong and then again afterwards. The bells are rung each Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. but practices have not yet started. D.S.

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DUBLIN STUDENTS AT LIVERPOOL

A small band of homeward-bound Trinity College, Dublin, students spent an enjoyable day in Liverpool. The tour really started when the party left the North Wall to mount the gangway of "The Munster." On boarding we were given a warm welcome. One of our members had arranged visits to the engine room, the bridge and the wireless room. Then it was time for bed and the ladies found hot-water bottles and apples in their bunks.

At Liverpool Station Anne Freeman met us and escorted us to our first tower—St. Peter's, Woolton. Several other Liverpool University students joined us to ring a touch of Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

Carefully packing ourselves into Terry Fitzgerald's car, we moved to the Cathedral, the highlight of the trip. There we were supported by local ringers for rounds, Bob Major, Grandsire Cinques and a bob course of Kent Royal. The visit left us with many never-to-be-forgotten memories.

After a quick lunch we went to Birkenhead Church and rang St. Simon's, Bob Minor, Kent and Cambridge quite happily in spite of three missing stays.

At Tuebrook we rang Kent and Single Oxford. Then a fleeting visit to St. Francis Xavier's, followed by a good ring at St. Nicholas', where we joined the resident band for their practice. Ringing finished with Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus.

To complete the day we were pleased to entertain Terry at the "ringers" pub. Also we would like to thank Jeff Fox for arranging the trip. We look forward to seeing the Liverpool ringers in Dublin. H.H.

Letters to the Editor

"TOWER CAPTAINS" COURSE

Dear Sir,—May I assure Mr. Sam Scattergood that the guest lecturer (myself) at the recent week-end course at Lea Green Youth and Adult College, Derbyshire, was not misinformed as to the status of the ringers attending. The course was for tower captains and instructors, but no one on the course made claim to any status whatever, so far as I was aware. We all met as fellow ringers in an effort to enlighten each other on ways and means of stimulating progress and improvement in ringing at just such struggling towers as that to which Mr. Scattergood belongs.

The organisers of the course, themselves extremely competent ringers and officers of the Derby Association, are keen to improve Sunday service ringing in their area, and this course was just one phase of their efforts towards this end. It is important for potential tower captains, if need be, to make themselves competent in many aspects of ringing (teaching, conducting, maintenance, leadership, etc.) and we can learn much from each other. I learned some new ideas at Lea Green as I do on every course I attend, and Mr. Scattergood would do well to note this. We cannot rest on the glories of the past and on other people's endeavours, but must make our own contribution for continued success.

As regards the date of the course (Remembrance Sunday), the organisers probably had little choice except to take the date offered by the College. There is great pressure by a multitude of organisations on the accommodation such colleges offer. I probably had farther to travel than most, but had ample time to get back to my own church to ring in a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters prior to Evensong.

The important thing arising from Mr. Scattergood's letter, and my reason for replying, is to emphasise that the course was a commendable and well-organised effort at promoting an improvement in service ringing. I hope it will be the first of many in the area and can recommend ringers seeking help and guidance to attend any future such courses.

I hope Sam will take a new look at things and attend the next course. I am sure he would enjoy himself and find it to the advantage of himself, his tower and to the mutual benefit of ringing in North Derbyshire. — Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

BEAUTY OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I was amazed that an undergraduate at a well-known seat of learning in a democratic country and a member of a democratic Exercise should seek to condemn a peal of Grandsire Royal as "a sheer waste of bells, time and effort."

Surely the ringers involved were the best judges of that, and I cannot help but feel that the last paragraph of David J. Marshall's letter was in the worst possible taste.

May I venture to suggest that the writer would prefer a "police" state, where groups of people are no doubt told what to do with their own time?—Yours sincerely,

EDMUND MALIN.

Penkridge.

MOST APPRECIATED OUTSIDE THE TOWER

Dear Sir,—I wonder which methods are most appreciated outside the tower—Surprise or Grandsire. Probably Grandsire, as it is usually better struck.

"The beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no resemblance to Surprise." This statement from Mr. Marshall's letter, as well as being complete nonsense, is giving the beginner the false impression that the only methods worth ringing are Surprise. The result of this is plainly heard inside and outside the tower as they struggle through their Cambridge or Yorkshire, usually terminated with a few minutes of "firing" and then discouragement as they realise they are unable to ring or strike it.

I do not condemn Surprise, but surely plain methods deserve the merits which they contain, one of which is to teach good striking without having to concentrate so much on the method. Surely our aim should be perfection in the most musical methods, many of which are Surprise, but Grandsire, too, can produce first-class music.

As regards Grandsire as an even-bell method, very unkindly described as "rubbish," I suggest an experienced band would not ring a peal of this, thinking it were a waste of their time. So why not come down to a more reasonable level, Mr. Marshall, not every ringer is able to ring and strike Surprise well immediately, so why not something a little simpler (but still musical) to help him on his way?—Yours faithfully,

ROGER E. PECKHAM

A Grandsire Ringer.

Keymer, Sussex

"BILL" BOTTRILL

Dear Sir,—As you know where I have been for three weeks, including Christmas, I know you will forgive me for being late with my correspondence relating to "Bill" Bottrill, whom I have known for a long time. The results of the correspondence, including "Bill's," is that he must be a very sick man who has got himself sadly out of proportion. I have always been impressed by Bill and can fully sympathise with him.

I have taken a few hard knocks in my time, but have always come up smiling; the worst, I think, was when the late Tom Groombridge jun. wrote in "The Ringing World" that my criticism of peal grabbing was like a street organ grinder criticising Dr. Thalban Ball playing a Bach fugue (he really meant the organ grinder's monkey). Eventually we found there was little or nothing in our differences and we resolved them. When Tom passed on I wrote to "The Ringing World" and asked if it were possible to love someone one had not seen. I got the answer from that beautiful hymn "O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love."

So Bill, don't, for goodness sake, give up your "Ringing World" after all these years—you could not possibly live without it. Forget all that is past and, although late, start afresh; get back "home"—where you so rightly belong—and I am sure everyone will forgive and forget and you will soon "whole pull right."—Yours faithfully,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

B.B.C. CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. Claude Rush, in which he states that it was a very good programme but immediately begins to criticise almost every effort, I agree with him in his first statement, for I have always thought that an octave produces sounds better than any number above.

Now Mr. Rush, I leave all the others except one to their own respective towers' thoughts. I am a little concerned about the reference to the cartwheel of the six at St. Calixtus, West Down, in which he states was "so very, very regular," and then "open leads would have made a great improvement, improved the 'tune' and cancelled the monotony."

I beg to let Mr. Rush know that as he has never heard Minor cartwheel as is rung by the Halifax and Barnsley Association companies in their competitions, he has never heard monotony cancelled and a better "tune" with open leads.—Yours faithfully,

Friezeand.

JOE BURGESS.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Rush's comments on the Christmas Day broadcast, I can only say "I wish he would get his values in perspective." The sheer impertinence of suggesting that the call change band of West Down should have rung with open leads staggers me. May I suggest that Mr. Rush spends his next holiday in Devon, listening to the local bands ringing. He may then not be so indignant towards our West Country friends.

For me, the ringing from West Down was the best I have heard on the air. As for the remainder of the towers, good ringing was spoilt by bad recordings. Why don't the chosen towers record their own ringing and submit it to the B.B.C.? I am sure we would hear a great improvement.—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge.

G. E. THODAY.

Dear Sir,—I made a tape recording of the Christmas bells broadcast. On reading Mr. C. Rush's letter (page 8) I played it through again and I wonder how he dares to suggest that open leads would have improved the ringing from St. Calixtus', West Down. That kind of ringing needs no improvement, and many towers would do well to emulate the striking of these ringers.

I never cease to be amazed by the number of ringers who regard open leads as the only way to ring. For eight to twelve bells it is the most satisfactory way, but for six bells it is just one of the ways. Cartwheel is the other, and whilst most ringers will express a direct preference for one or the other a direct comparison between the two is irrelevant.

I have rung in Yorkshire, Co. Durham and Kent. I have rung both open leads and cartwheel and though I prefer open leads I have found that a band experienced in cartwheel ringing can usually produce better striking on six bells than a band experienced in open leads can.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTINE M. SAVILLE.

Westerham, Kent.

GOOD STRIKERS

Dear Sir,—In appreciation of Mr. Garner's letter ("The Ringing World," January 7th), I would like to add three more names to his list—Harry Parks, John Cooper and Mark Marshall. When they used to come to Wye for a peal, which was quite often, I always got a great thrill.

The ringing was also appreciated by the late Rev. N. Wells, who was then our Vicar. I only wished I could have been as good a ringer to have been ringing with them. Their ringing was always of the very best.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM N. CURTIS.

Wye, Ashford.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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IN MEMORIAM AND OBITUARY

WILLIAM JUDGE

On January 2nd after evening service a very happy hour was spent in the famous belfry of Kidlington, it being the occasion of the dedication of two peal boards—one to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill and the other to William Judge, to whom eulogies can be written, but only to interest ringers, and not 'he world. William Judge was a ringer at this church for 60 years and for many of his later years he was foreman and taught dozens of youngsters, many of whom went away and became well known. His most famous pupil was, of course, his brother Walter, to whom he gave sound advice when ringing commenced after the lads came back from the 1914-18 war.

Walter became the leading light of the Oxford Guild and in fact for some years the most prominent conductor in the Exercise, and, talking to him the other evening, one realises the foundation of his success was due to his brother Bill; Walter, thank God, knows that.

The writer can speak of 40 years' pleasant acquaintance with Bill, and there is one peal in particular of which he was very proud—Stedman Caters at Magdalen College, Oxford, called by Walter. In this peal were several well-known ringers at that time—Ernest Morris and his brother George, C. T. Coles of London, and the writer's "dear old dad," and Bill was as good a ringer as any of those on the floor.

Members of the congregation and several of his old friends and young ringers who knew him only by name met in the tower to give thanks for the life of this good old country ringer. A hymn was sung and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on hand-

bells by Walter Judge 1-2, V. Griffen 3-4, W. Hibbert 5-6, Frank White 7-8. After the final Blessing the bells were magnificently raised in peal, and two courses of Bill's favourite method, Stedman Triples, were admirably struck. Then a ring for everyone and a course of Cambridge Major and the bells were lowered, and thus ended, as stated above, a very happy (not sad) hour. W. H.

MR. E. A. ETHERIDGE

Guildford has lost its oldest ringer by the passing of Mr. Edward Allen (Ted) Etheridge on Christmas Day at St. Luke's Hospital. He was 84. He was associated with St. Nicolas' Society, joining about 1905, and was secretary about 1911. When membership of the Society began to dwindle he was always waiting on the town bridge below the tower in case enough turned up. He was cheerful and encouraging and well loved.

The funeral service was at St. Nicolas' Church on December 31st. There was half-muffled ringing to his memory at the same church on January 11th.

MR. REUBEN SANDERS

As one of the younger generation, having known Reuben only in the last ten years, I would like to express the gratitude of all young ringers he had taken an interest in, and by his example and personality shown how easily good striking can be attained and heavy bells rung. Many of his peal performances are famous, including 50 peals on the tenor at Southwark Cathedral. In his later years he derived equal satisfaction from the quarter peals he rang in for Sunday services. We shall all miss his cheery and dependable presence in the belfry. A. E. B.

HOVE TOWN HALL BELLS

In the early hours of January 9th, fire gutted the Town Hall at Hove, Sussex, leaving an empty shell. Although at the time of my visit the ruins were unapproachable, the central tower appears to be completely burnt out. The clock and carillon machinery have been destroyed and it is improbable that the chime of 12 bells, tenor 36 cwt., by Gillett and Bland, have survived.

As a period piece the Town Hall will be irreplaceable: architecturally, it is no loss, being designed by Alfred Waterhouse in 1882, in his most brutal red brick Gothic style. S. E. A.

A PROMISING START

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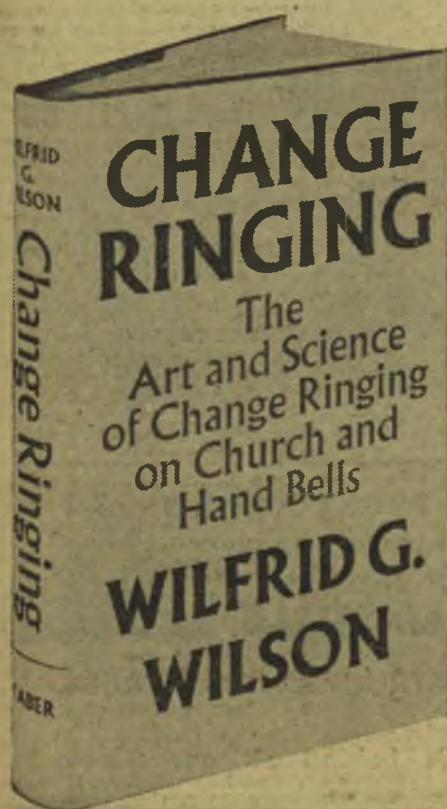
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SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 18th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Raithby 1, P. Raithby 2, Anne Parry 3, Linda Wilkinson 4, J. Coates 5, A. Gilbert 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, D. Chambers 8. A 90th birthday compliment to H. Turner, who learned to ring at this tower in 1875.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: R. Rayfield 1, C. H. Macve 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, J. Preston 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, C. H. Macve 4, J. Preston 5, T. Lewis 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Brook (first attempt) 1, Stella Rice 2, Wendy Morris 3, Valerie Mephram 4, Pamela Gough (cond.) 5, Ann Sharpe 6. Rung to celebrate Harvest Festival.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and April Day): K. W. Eaton 1, G. A. Edwards 2, J. R. Scott (cond.) 3, T. E. Trickett 4, L. A. Perry 5, L. J. Meredith 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Smith 1, D. Thorpe 2, Mrs. M. Addy 3, S. Brook 4, D. McLean (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. McLean 6. First quarter Bob Doubles by all.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stocker 1, R. C. Kift 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, Janet Pyke (first in method) 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, L. Rundle 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Collinge 1, H. M. Williamson 2, Julia Collinge 3, Penny Kift (cond.) 4, K. Rundle (first in method) 5, R. C. Kift 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Parker 1, C. Quartley 2, R. Quartley 3, B. Carter 4, G. Carter 5, P. S. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, G. B. Davis 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. With best wishes to Mrs. Strangeway, for a speedy recovery after a recent operation.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (two methods): A. Lathall 1, W. French 2, E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, A. May 4, P. Maynard 5, A. Coley 6. Half-muffled in memory of W. Pateman, whose funeral took place this day. He served his church faithfully as organ-blower and caretaker of the church grounds for 36 years.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. J. Beeching (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Ravner 4, B. Watts 5, T. H. Fagg 6. For 8 a.m. Communion.

CHARING KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Robbins 1, Diana H. Bradford (first of Minor and "inside") 2, P. J. Bagshaw (first "inside") 3, J. L. Anderson 4, P. J. Bradford 5, R. N. Bagshaw 6.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Galloway 1, Ann Blatcher 2, P. Lane 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, J. S. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, P. Lane (first of T.B. "inside") 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Festival of Nine Lessons. Also on Christmas Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Wright (first of T.B.) 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Hinde 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Heather 1, G. Charman 2, R. Youdale 3, Leslie Warner 4, H. Arthur 5, N. Stacey 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. J. Berry 1, W. J. Cross 2, Miss J. D. Phillips 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. K. Prately 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. H. Holloway, a lay preacher and chorister for many years.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie Radley (15, first quarter) 1, H. J. Radley 2, W. S. Smith 3, C. V. Cade 4, P. C. Pitchforth (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung in commemoration of the golden wedding of Mr. J. Cheatham, former tower captain, and Mrs. Cheatham. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Radley 1, C. V. Cade 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith (cond.) 4, P. Coddington 5, P. Burton cover. Half-muffled for passing of 1965.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boulthée 1, Miss R. Tailby 2, Miss R. Gay 3, P. M. Evans 4, A. J. Jobson 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: Miss R. Gay 1, R. J. Parker (cond.) 2, K. H. Mildred 3, R. A. Clarke 4, P. M. Evans 5, A. J. Jobson 6, J. R. White 7, G. C. Paul 8. By Birmingham University Society. Both for Evensong.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Abbott 1, J. J. Hawes 2, M. M. Hawes 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, P. Woolven 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Miss R. M. Morse 1, Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 2, Miss M. N. Haslum 3, A. Howard (30th quarter as cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, F. M. Sheldon 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (16 variations): Mrs. B. Surman 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, J. Dawson 6. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Tonkin 1, Miss R. Earl 2, Miss V. Mephram 3, Mrs. C. Baldock 4, Miss K. Rivett 5, Miss J. Percy (cond.) 6, Mrs. B. Percv 7, Mrs. M. Elphick 8. Rung for the Ladies' Guild.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, D. Wilson 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. Blackwood 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. W. Farnsworth 1, D. W. Camm (cond.) 2, R. J. Marchbank 3, M. Camm 4, G. Faulkes 5, D. C. Camm 6. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): H. W. Farnsworth 1, T. Taylor (cond.) 2, D. W. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, G. Faulkes 5, E. Gregory 6, D. I. Camm 7, D. W. Bannister 8.

HEVER, KENT.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Imogen Wedd 1, Cheryl Chessman 2, R. Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Hayes (cond.) 5, G. Chessman 6. Rung by Chiddingstone ringers as a farewell to Gavin Chessman, leaving for Hendon Police College.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Negus 1, J. Sanderson 2, W. Pye 3, G. Lilley 4, B. Pratt 5, B. J. Couzens 6, E. W. Pye (cond.) 7, L. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. W. Ward.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Bentley 1, A. J. Hough 2, C. J. Jones (cond.) 3, J. Statham 4, G. Green 5, N. Davies 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Avery 1, D. Sears 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. Hazell 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Smith 1, D. Sears 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Weakes 4, C. Hagger (first as cond.) 5, W. Avery 6. For a united carol service.

LINBY, NOTTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: T. Eborall 1, D. Surman 2, G. A. Dawson 3, S. Humphrey 4. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Player 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, H. E. Blacker 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, P. W. Holroyd 6. Rung in memory of Miss U. Luce, good friend to the ringers.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson (first of Minor) 1, A. Palmer 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For the Christmas Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Fraser 1, S. Taylor (first of Major) 2, Penny Mant (first of Major) 3, M. J. Soper 4, P. Cuckson (first as cond.) 5, C. King 6, T. Pink 7, C. Ward 8. For evening service.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Judge (first quarter) 1, D. Grimwood 2, F. C. Farnsworth 3, J. Keeler (first of Doubles) 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, W. Edps 6.

PADURRY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Elkerton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, A. Thatcher 6.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. L. Dunster (first quarter) 1, C. F. Longridge 2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3, T. Bleathman 4, W. T. Perrins 5. Also same date, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. T. Perrins (cond.) 1, C. F. Longridge 2, N. Lewis (first quarter) 3, T. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge 5.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Gasson 1, S. Halliwell 2, A. Cansdale 3, P. Sadler 4, B. Sadler 5, D. Sloman 6, H. Fumringer 7, P. Sloman (cond.) 8. Rung for Blessing of Crib for Christmas Tree service.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, Margaret M. Lewis 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, E. G. Whitfield 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8. For morning service.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Double Court and Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, E. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, L. Wright 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Shackell 1, Susan Harber (first "inside") 2, Gwen Bidgood (cond.) 3, Christine Lucas 4, Rev. R. C. Lucas 5, Mark H. Jackson (first quarter) 6.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Salisbury 1, A. Johns 2, D. Watlers 3, A. Watlers 4, R. Underwood 5, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 6. Also on Jan 1st, from midnight to welcome the New Year, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts 1, A. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 3, R. Underwood 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 5, M. E. Lewis 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. W. Belshaw 7, R. J. Cann 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. First of Caters 3 and 7. For Evensong.

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SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Foster 1, J. K. Ward (cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, B. T. Lister 4, A. J. Glass 5, G. R. Shedden 6, D. P. Hilling 7, F. R. Scott 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. S. Croft (first on six) 1—2, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 3—4, Madeline M. Croft 5—6.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O. Haslam 1, R. D. Smith 2, Rev. I. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 4.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. H. Mastin (cond.) 1, R. Reed 2, S. G. Elsey 3, D. Feek 4, A. K. Phillips 5, G. Mann 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Bradford.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. Tremere 1, Prisca Hornby (first of Plain Bob) 2, Kay Tremere 3, K. Sansom 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Stripp 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, J. W. V. Sinfield (cond.) 6, W. F. Gladman 7. For Midnight Communion, and the 70th birthday of the ringer of 7.

TROWELL, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Starbuck 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, P. J. Church 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, S. Humphrey 5, R. A. G. Inglis 6. First on tower bells 1 and 3.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire S.M.: E. C. Buckley 1, Sheila Staley 2, F. E. Coales 3, D. G. Pearson 4, R. J. Cowley 5, P. M. Flecknev 6, M. J. Staley 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johns 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, L. Dovey (first in method "inside") 4, H. Willett 5, P. Robertson 6, M. Boskett 7, W. Finch 8.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): R. Nalliah (first from "cover") 1, D. Hunton 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): R. Nalliah 1, A. King (cond.) 2, D. Hunton 3, M. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, A. Beaumont 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,360 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. H. Cherry 1, M. King 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont (cond.) 4, D. Hunton 5, A. Beaumont 6. Also on December 31st, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): I. Johnson 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, D. Hunton (first in 11 methods as cond.) 4, A. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung to ring out 1965 prior to the Watchnight Compline. Also on January 2nd, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): Miss E. Snell 1, M. King 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong, as a welcome to 1966, and to congratulate the ringers of 1 and 6 on their engagement.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. T. Haynes (first of Minor) 1, J. A. Waterworth 2, S. J. Wight 3, P. A. Teal 4, N. W. Castle 5, J. Gray (first as cond.) 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stoter 1, J. White 2, Mrs. B. Baldwin 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, I. P. Stoter 5, H. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter 8. Rung after a peal attempt failed.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Heawood 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, P. R. Keough 5, G. W. Elmes 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 8. For Epiphany. First quarter of Surprise Major by an entirely local band.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen J. White 1, K. A. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, B. R. Walton 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. J. White (cond.) 6.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): F. Yarrow 1, B. B. Hullah (cond., P.B.) 2, D. F. Murfet (cond., Cambridge) 3, G. Markwell 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Willis 3, N. D. Shepherd 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. C. Knight 8. A wedding compliment to Valerie Tanton and Donald Bailey.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, W. Rice 3, M. Hebden 4, S. G. Smith 5, R. Rice 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Parsons, a former ringer.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The day's ringing which preceded the annual dinner on November 27th got off to a wet and windy start. Romsey Abbey was the first tower and after braving the perilous ascent everyone enjoyed ringing there. The sun came out as we crossed the toll bridge to Eling, the next tower, so that the drive through the New Forest to Lymington was very pleasant. After a short break for lunch the convoy of three cars and minibus set off for Milford-on-Sea. From there we went on to Hordle, Brockenhurst and, finally, to Lyndhurst, where we were warmly welcomed by the Vicar and where the service was held.

The dinner was held at the Montagu Arms, Beaulieu. Canon Felstead, the president, performed his duties as master of ceremonies with a lively flow of highly amusing and appropriate jokes. The meal itself was generally pronounced splendid and all the speeches were entertaining and not a minute too long. David Forder proposed "The Church," which was answered ably by the Rev. John Arnold, the University chaplain. Miss Heather Walters proposed a toast to "The Visitors," which she did with great charm. She expressed the Guild's satisfaction to see so many friends there, past members, local ringers and members of other Universities. Chris Kippin replied on behalf of the visitors and proposed a toast to "The Guild." The Guild's Master, Michael Trigg, replied, reviewing the Guild's activities during the past year and his plans to make the coming year a record one in the history of the Guild.

Altogether the day was a great success and thanks are due to Peter Joyce and Michael Trigg for making it so. J. E. F.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

According to a Press report in a local newspaper the next Central Council meeting will be held at Bath on Whit Tuesday.

The sum collected by Dulwich Handbell Ringers last Christmas was £350, and not £250 as stated on page 8 (January 7th issue).

Miss Ann Brewer, who rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llangarron, Herefordshire, on December 18th, is believed to be the first Ross woman to ring a peal.

The Syston District's new secretary, Mr. F. Faulkner, comes from a three-bell tower. He has, however, rung peals on six and eight bells.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Malcolm Melville is in hospital at Nottingham. Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to him, especially from members of Great Adventure II.

We are indebted to Mr. Gordon A. Halls for "The Ringing World" advertisement for new readers which appeared on page 19. It is his idea and, what is more, he bears the cost. May he have a bumper result.

A quarter peal attempt at Sturry, Kent, was nearing its conclusion on January 2nd when a "well meaning" choirboy flashed the lights and left the ringers in darkness. The quarter was unavoidable fired up. The choirboy's excuse, "just testing."

The Bath and Wells Association band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Evercreech on December 18th would like to thank one of their members, James Topp, of Frome, for the composition especially composed for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

A pleasing coincidence took place at the Maidstone District meeting at Wrotham on January 8th. Forty names were submitted for tea and there were exactly 40 present, although it was noted that all whose names had been sent were not present.

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500 PEALS RUNG AT ST. MARY'S, WILLESDEN

The first peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden, a peal of Minor in seven methods, was rung on August 1st, 1892, conducted by C. W. Tucker. Twelve peals of Minor were rung before 1913, when the bells were augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank. The first peal on the eight was Grandsire Triples, on January 8th, 1916, conducted by Harry Kilby.

The following are the peals rung: Fourteen Minor; 10 Grandsire Triples, 11 Stedman Triples; 9 Bob Major, 12 Double Norwich Major, 2 Double Oxford Major, six other plain Major methods, 11 Kent T.B. Major, 7 Oxford T.B. Major, one of Oxford and Kent Spliced T.B. Major, 1 Duffield Major.

Three hundred and fifty-nine of Surprise Major have been rung in 212 different methods (130 new methods) and 57 peals of Spliced Surprise Major from two to twelve methods, which include all the work for all the bells in each method from two to ten methods.

The following have rung over 50 peals on the bells: A. Cutler 325, T. J. Lock 270 (conducted 11), A. J. House 204, J. R. Mayne 199 (123), C. E. Lankester 198, G. W. Critchley 127 (21), R. F. B. Speed 119 (69), Claudia A. Critchley 110, Joan Beresford 100, D. Knox 90 (15), C. W. Roberts 82 (63), J. Hill 71 (11). Out of the old band who were ringing peals before the last war, G. M. Kilby rang 177, Harry Kilby 164 (9), J. A. Trollope 90 (31), G. R. Pye 80 (14), William Pye 64 (46), C. T. Coles 62 (26), C. V. Ebberson 59, all of whom have now passed on. L. H. Bowler rang 80 peals, T. A. Francis 51, James Bennett 51 (5) and M. Hodgson 50. Four hundred and seventy-five peals were rung for the Middlesex Association.

ALICK CUTLER.

ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA

When so many London towers are silent, or three-quarters silent, it is good to record that St. Mary's, Battersea, now has a thriving and largely local band. The bells are a complete octave cast at Thomas Janaway's Chelsea foundry, just across the river, in 1777. Quaint in tone they go well, having been completely overhauled by Taylors in 1938.

The Monday practice has been becoming increasingly popular, and many have learned or advanced their change ringing under the watchful eye of Mr. Ernie Dodds, Ringing Master. Although there is always room for more, Battersea is fortunate in the help given by experienced ringers from outside, especially Mr. Monty Meyer, and in the keenness of its secretary, Mr. Bob Cooles, who spends much time and energy in organising Sunday and other ringing.

Sadly, a quarter peal attempt by Battersea "regulars" for the Sir Walter St. John's School carol service on December 21st was halted by outside interference after some 20 minutes' good ringing. The band stood as follows: Sandra Thexton 1, Jean Henderson 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Rev. A. Clayton 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. Monty Meyer and Laurie Way especially are thanked for giving up their lunch-hours at short notice to enable Grandsire Triples to be rung instead of Minor.

YORK'S ANCIENT RING OF SIX

The recent correspondence on the oldest ring of bells should not be allowed to lapse without the mention of the six bells hung for ringing at the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies in York. Formerly the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Nicklegate, the building was restored to its present use after the war and with it were the six ancient bells hung in a quaint bell turret. Only two of the bells are dated but it is known approximately when the others were cast. The dates of them are as follows: Treble, 17th century; 2, 14th century; 3, 1633; 4, 16th century; 5, 15th century; tenor, 1408. They are hung in a new framework much lower down and are rung from the ground floor.

When the St. John's College Bellringers' Society was formed in 1963 these mainly silent bells were taken over. Unfortunately about a year ago supporting buildings were demolished and the Director of the Institute forbade ringing until fresh support to the walls could be given. Let us hope that the ancient, although not very musical, ring of six will once again be able to be rung.

NEWARK'S MISS CHILTON

Newark Parish Church is justly proud of 19-year-old Margaret Chilton, who was taught to ring in this church in 1958. When she rang her 100th peal at Mansfield Woodhouse in September last year, she was the youngest girl in the county to achieve this distinction. But her greatest ringing success to date is the peal of 135 Doubles methods/variations at South Collingham, which established a new record, far exceeding that set by Hambledon of 113 methods in 1960. Other peals she particularly treasures are Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. German's Abbey, Cornwall; Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham; and Stedman Cinques at Southwell Minster. Margaret is employed by the National Provincial Bank Ltd. at Newark. We feel certain that many ringers, in addition to Southwell Guild members, will follow her career with great interest.

HYMN TO ST. ANTHONY

Founder of Monastic Life. First Saint associated with sacred bells. Circa A.D. 325. Words: Percy Amos. Music: E.H. 212

Today we raise the anthem strain,
A Holy One from Egypt came;
A call from God to hold and lead,
His flock the bread from Heaven to feed.
His garnered corn the fruitful vine.
The consecrated bread and wine
The flesh crucified for sin we tell.
The pierced side the springing well.

The Saintly Anthony's faithful guide,
The cross on which our Saviour died:
In prayerful retreat his Lord he found,
A sacred hand the Sanctus sound.
The still small voice Angelic call,
The ear to hearken one and all;
At sacramental feast, at Litany,
Resounds the priestly Tantony.

First sung at Matins on January 17th, 1965 (St. Anthony's Day) in St. Peter's Church, Westo. Favell, Northants. The tune to it is known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate."

DORSET BELLS PEALABLE

After an hour or two of work "up top" on the ropes, bearings, etc., bands drawn chiefly from the Avon Valley were able to put two of Dorset's Warner sixes through their first peals last month. The bells of St. Mary's, Long Cichel, are normally rung twice a year and date from 1863, except for the tenor (12-12½ cwt. in G), which was cast by John Wallis of Salisbury in 1621. Wallis's bells, incidentally, are still plentiful in Dorset and, although generally thinner than this one and rather rough castings, most of them are excellent in tone and tune (notably Cheselbourne and Sturminster Newton tenors).

After 102 years with apparently no major—and precious little minor—attention, Long Cichel bells go remarkably well and a good peal of Plain Bob was rung in 2 hours and 42 minutes on December 10th. The bells are rung from the ground floor without rope-guides, and the ringer of the 4th has to stand in the main doorway to the church!

St. Martin's Church, Bryanston, was built by the second Viscount Portman in memory of his parents and stands on the site of the old mansion in a lovely parkland setting. The grand ring of six, one of Warner's best (tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat) was cast in 1898 and hung in an iron frame for eight. It is a pity that his lordship did not complete the octave; there is little hope now that two trebles will ever be added. The boys of Bryanston School pack the church on Sundays but have not as yet formed a ringing society, so the bells are seldom rung. For their age and weight they go remarkably well but they are exceedingly noisy in the ringing room and the peal here was inevitably harder work than that at Long Cichel. Three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob were rung in 3 hours two minutes on December 18th. C. J. N. D.

GROTON IN SUFFOLK

The last peal to be rung during the Great Adventure II was Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Groton, U.S.A. In the issue of January 7th Mr. Russell Young, of Groton School, has published two principles on nine bells, which no doubt will be investigated by some experts.

Groton is a Suffolk village, 14 miles west of Ipswich and 63 miles north-east of London. From this place John Winthrop emigrated to America and became Governor of Groton, Mass., 1630-1649, establishing the township. A party of six persons celebrated the writer's 90th birthday with the host of the Fox and Hounds, Groton, Suffolk. G. E. S.

A DEVON ACHIEVEMENT

With a visit to Denbury on December 29th Mr. Frank D. Mack completed ringing on all ringable rings of five or more bells in Devon, a total of 352. There are 20 rings at present declared unringable, which he will no doubt visit as soon as the opportunity occurs. His first Devon tower was Hartland in 1952, and it has been the privilege of many fellow ringers, experienced and learners, to help him score the remainder, sometimes on organised tours and sometimes on a short notice round-up of his own tower members. Congratulations, Frank, and the best of luck in your next target, which it is understood might be Dorset. Frank's tower total, incidentally, is 1,249. D. A. W.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WESTMINSTER, London.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster.

On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt.	
John Phillips .. Treble	John D. Rock .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	Rodney B. Meadows .. 6
Alan J. Frost .. 3	Michael P. Moreton .. 7
John Armstrong .. 4	John H. Crampion .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
Rung to commemorate the inauguration of the 900th anniversary year of the consecration of Westminster Abbey (1065).

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Jewry-next-Guildhall

On Thurs. Dec 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb in E flat.	
John D. Rock .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth .. 5
John H. Crampion .. 2	Michael P. Moreton .. 6
John Armstrong .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 7
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 4	Philip A. F. Chalk .. Tenor

Composed by Anton R. Kench. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb in E flat.	
Percy H. Hull (Glaston Branch Secretary) .. Treble	
George W. Massey (Association Peal Secretary) .. 2	
Arthur H. Reed (Taunton Branch Secretary) .. 3	
*Alan F. Lee (Bath Branch Secretary) .. 4	
David G. Yeo (Chew Branch Secretary) .. 5	
Eric Naylor (Association Treasurer) .. 6	
Roger J. Fox (Ilchester Branch Secretary) .. 7	
†William H. Kingcott (Association Adviser on Church Bells) .. 8	
John H. Gilbert (Central Council Representative) .. 9	
Gwilym Salmon (Association General Secretary) .. Tenor	

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Eric Naylor.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal.
Rung by officers of the Association to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

YEOVIL Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon. Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb	
Eric Naylor .. Treble	Ronald G. Beck .. 6
*Diane M. Chapman .. 2	Thomas E. Setter .. 7
S. Arthur Read .. 3	Gwilym Salmon .. 8
†David A. Burt .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. 9
*David Orledge .. 5	John H. Gilbert .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.

HUISH EPISCOPI, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
Frederick Sandy .. Treble	George Prescott .. 5
Walter S. Rice .. 2	George W. Massey .. 6
Edgar T. Skipsey .. 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 7
Sydney G. Smith .. 4	David Gale .. Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott

First peal in the method by all except conductor. First in the method as conductor.

SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.	
Michael Rose .. Treble	†Jonathan Rose .. 5
*Christopher R. Jenkins .. 2	†Richard C. Taylor .. 6
*Sheila Y. Hallett .. 3	Sidney G. Smith .. 7
†John Sheppard .. 4	Gwilym Salmon .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Tues. Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.	
*Christine J. Mitchell .. Treble	†John G. Hobbs .. 4
*Peter J. Devrell .. 2	George J. Hawkins .. 5
†David C. Hawkins .. 3	*Brian Sarll .. Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Owen.

On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb in E flat.	
Arthur Gibbs .. Treble	Robert L. Piron .. 5
Ronald J. Sharp .. 2	Stephen Ivon .. 6
Alfred E. Rushton .. 3	C. Edward Jeffries .. 7
Keith H. Fleming .. 4	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivon.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Dec 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp	
Alfred E. Rushton .. Treble	John W. Sinfield .. 5
Dennis Knox .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 6
*Christine A. Smith .. 3	Alan J. Frost .. 7
Diana M. Frost .. 4	Stephen Ivon .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivon.

* First peal of London Surprise. Dennis Knox has now "circled the tower."

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in D	
Alfred E. Rushton .. Treble	*Robert R. Churchill .. 5
Kathleen A. Rivett .. 2	Robert L. Piron .. 6
Martyn J. Marriott .. 3	Stephen Ivon .. 7
*Keith H. Fleming .. 4	Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stephen Ivon.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

MAULDEN Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp	
Philip Mehew .. Treble	Martyn J. Marriott .. 5
Kathleen A. Rivett .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	C. Edward Jeffries .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp .. 4	Stephen Ivon .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivon

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

On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 6 lb in G.	
Avril Ivon .. Treble	Keith Fleming .. 5
Anthony H. Smith .. 2	Robert R. Churchill .. 6
Martyn J. Marriott .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

On Tues. Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in F	
Stephen Ivon .. Treble	Keith H. Fleming .. 5
Ronald J. Sharp .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 6
Kathleen A. Rivett .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton .. 7
Martyn J. Marriott .. 4	C. Edward Jeffries .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivon.

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

On Sat. Dec. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.	
*George E. Thoday .. Treble	George E. Bonham .. 4
Peter Woolven .. 2	*Philip Mehew .. 5
Robert E. Bellamy .. 3	C. Martin Press .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal together

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

On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.	
David G. Carr .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 4
Audrey R. Alexander .. 2	Alan S. Smith .. 5
Verna Rix .. 3	Martin Major .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Also for the Yorkshire Association).

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Tues. Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.	
Richard D. Gibson .. Treble	John S. Rank .. 5
*Robert Hawtree .. 2	Christopher C. Brown .. 6
F. Charles Hobson .. 3	Ronald Ducker .. 7
Howard C. Palmer .. 4	Ian G. Campbell .. Tenor

* First peal of Major. Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.
Composed by J. Reeves.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Peter C. Randall Treble	†Anthony J. Cox 4
Stephen F. Royal 2	*Robert W. Sherriff 5
*Shirley E. Jones 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

SNITTERFIELD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Shirley E. Jones Treble	*Stephen F. Royal 4
*Anthony J. Cox 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Percy C. Randall 3	*Robert W. Sherriff .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in six Doubles methods by all the band

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Mikaela Erik Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Tom Page 6
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*Martin Camm Treble	†David W. Camm 5
*Vivian Cheetham 2	*Eric Gregory 6
*Doreen Land 3	Trevor Taylor 7
†Gordon Faulks 4	*David Ashley Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. † First in method.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. E. C. Smith, Vicar of Ripley, who is to be inducted at the Parish Church, Aston.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford T.B. (seven different callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*John Arkell Treble	†Barrie Bateman 4
Gladys Richardson 2	Malcolm P. Phipps 5
†Timothy Wylie 3	Alex. Richardson Tenor

Conducted by Alex. Richardson.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents (10 callings) and one 240 of Grandsire and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Carol A. Beresford .. Treble	*David Ashley 4
Trevor Taylor 2	†Eric Gregory 5
David W. Camm 3	*Martin Camm Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

* First peal † First peal "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Dorothy M. K. Drury-Lowe.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Rev. Frederick Ross .. Treble	James Crowther 5
Iris Thomson 2	William Davidson 6
Rodney A. Yeates 3	Michael Maughan 7
John E. Anderson 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

With best wishes from the band to Mary Prophet and D. Graham Hall, who were married at Blaby, Leics, on January 1st.

WHICKHAM, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*C. Duncan Davis Treble	James Crowther 4
Andrew G. Craddock .. 2	Rodney A. Yeates 5
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Oswin.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

James Crowther Treble	Eric N. Harrison 4
Rodney A. Yeates 2	Michael Maughan 5
William Davidson 3	*Rev. Frederick Ross .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 250th peal. First peal on the bells since 1937.

HEIGHINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

C. Duncan Davis Treble	James Crowther 4
Rodney A. Yeates 2	Michael Maughan 5
Andrew G. Craddock .. 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

*George E. Bonham .. Treble	Derek P. Jones 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
Jack S. Dear 3	*George E. Thoday 7
John G. Gipson 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.

On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Kent T.B., and two each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Edmund W. Wagstaff .. Treble	Robert L. Bellamy 4
Ralph Chapman 2	George E. Bonham 5
John Meredith 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. sharp.

J. Richard Hough Treble	Donald F. Murfet 4
Michael J. Dyer 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
Henry C. Foster 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	John Clark 5
Anne Edwards 2	Ian Foster 6
Yvonne A. Murray 3	James A. Towler 7
Peter G. Brown 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

Malcolm M. Powell .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Peter J. Joyce 2	Brian J. Luff 6
*Beryl R. Simpson 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of London Major.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 92 lb. in E flat.

*Beryl R. Simpson Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	David P. Hilling 6
Robert C. Kippin 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	†Peter A. Smart Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (Ten-Part, No. 3).

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples and 25th peal.
First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1965.

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

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Westminster, Netherseale, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, York and London.

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Peter J. Joyce Treble	Brian J. Luff 4
Tom Page 2	J. Keith Ward 5
Stanley G. Ponting 3	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGARRON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Deinst.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*Ann Brewer Treble	John J. Webb 4
Frederick W. Oakley 2	Frederick E. J. Reynolds 5
Reginald I. Brewer 3	Raymond A. Brewer Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. J. Reynolds.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor, it being 30 years since he rang his last peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. W. Gouling, on his institution.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SANDRIDGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B.

Walter Ayre Treble	Keith J. Walpole 4
David E. Rothera 2	Eric Edmondson 5
A. Trevor Hawkins 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1-4) Grandsire, (5-6) St. Simon's, (7-22) Plain Bob, (23-26) Grandsire, (27-42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

J. Stewart Hutton Treble	Robert L. Bellamy 3
Peter Woollven 2	*George E. Bonham 4

George E. Thoday Tenor
Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 75th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Christopher M. Webb .. Treble	†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	‡D. Paul Smith 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	‡Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ 25th peal of Minor.
Rung for Christmas.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Hilary F. Pardoe Treble	A. J. Martin 5
J. M. Elaine Dixon 2	Ronald Kenrick 6
F. John Nelson 3	Roger M. Heyworth 7
G. Robert Mordaunt 4	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Avril Ivin Treble	Stephen J. Ivin 6
Joan Beresford 2	W. Leslie Weller 7
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 8
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Edmund Malin 9
Ronald J. Sharp 5	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

David J. Hopkinson .. Treble	Denis A. Frith 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Thomas A. Relf 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	Roland W. Morant Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G

Frank C. J. Arnold .. Treble	Henry Tooke 4
William Clover 2	H. William Barrett 5
Paul Cattermole 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Spliced Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Spliced Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Henry Tooke Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
William Clover 2	Paul Cattermole 5
Robin Churchill 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

John Hill Treble	Edward R. Venn 5
David P. Hilling 2	Frederick R. Scott 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 4).

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

Rung in memory of W. H. B. Wilkins.

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

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Hatchett .. Treble	Anthony D. Sansom .. 5
Frederick R. Scott .. 2	J. Keith Ward 6
Edward R. Venn 3	John Hill 7
Brian J. Luff 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Ipswich, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt, 3 qr. 27 lb.

Ronald J. Snack Treble	George E. Bonham .. . 4
*Anthony K. Fortin .. . 2	George E. Thoday .. . 5
Walter J. Ayre .. . 3	Philip Mehew .. . Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal of seven Surprise.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

GREAT MILTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, in E.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues Treble	Paul A. Brand .. . 5
Roger M. Heyworth .. . 2	Anthony P. Foster .. . 6
G. Robert Mordaunt .. . 3	M. Roger Ashmore .. . 7
Richard Wharton .. . 4	Stephen Iviv .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Iviv.

First peal of London Surprise by all except the conductor.

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 27 cwt, in D.

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

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb, in E flat.

Stephen Iviv .. . Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis .. . 6
Diana M. Frost .. . 2	Patrick I. Chapman .. . 7
Alan J. Frost .. . 3	Richard F. B. Speed .. . 8
Anne B. Speed .. . 4	Peter Border .. . 9
Richard O. Humphries .. . 5	Arthur Gibbs .. . Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Stephen Iviv.

TOWCESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, Primrose, Hexham and Berwick, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) York and Durham, with 79 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. . 7
Muriel Reay .. . 2	Martin D. Fellows .. . 8
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. . 3	John C. Eisel .. . 9
*Roderick W. Pipe .. . 4	George E. Fearn .. . 10
Michael J. Fellows .. . 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . 11
Maurice G. Ingram .. . 6	Clifford A. Barron .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus. Tenor 31 cwt, 21 lb, in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Edward W. Colley .. . Treble	John R. Insley .. . 6
Martin D. Fellows .. . 2	John C. Eisel .. . 7
Roderick W. Pipe .. . 3	Norman J. Goodman .. . 8
Marilyn C. Smith .. . 4	Clifford A. Barron .. . 9
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. . 5	George E. Fearn .. . Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. J. Balmforth, who was inducted as Vicar the previous evening.

Tenor 17 cwt, 34 lb, in E.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Merrin Hutchings .. . Treble	*Ray Aldington .. . 5
J. Alan Ainsworth .. . 2	Norman J. Goodman .. . 6
Muriel Reay .. . 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. . 7
Graham C. Paul .. . 4	George E. Fearn .. . Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 11).

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 6 cwt, 29 lb, in B flat.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb, in D.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Philip N. Tubbs .. . 5
Frank L. Harris .. . 2	Ronald N. Marlow .. . 6
*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 3	†Lewis F. Cobb .. . 7
†William T. Perrins .. . 4	Robert C. Kippin .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal.

MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 21 lb, in E.

Eric J. Hitchins .. . Treble	David J. Orledge .. . 5
Norman G. N. Knece .. . 2	Laurence E. Hitchins .. . 6
Edgar C. Shepherd .. . 3	Charles F. Andrews .. . 7
George W. Massey .. . 4	Frederick S. Slatford .. . Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Iviv.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

A compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. White, of Corsley, on the birth, this day, of a daughter. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles F. Andrews, and to Mrs. Hilda M. Massey, wife of the conductor.

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).

*Jonathan H. Nibbs .. Treble	Frederick S. Slatford .. . 4
Edgar C. Shepherd .. . 2	††Norman G. N. Knece .. . 5
David L. Nibbs .. . 3	†James W. Abbott .. . Tenor

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knece.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr. 5 lb, in F.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor 16 cwt, in F.

Norman G. N. Knece .. Treble	Leslie E. J. Hawkins .. . 4
Edgar C. Shepherd .. . 2	†Christopher M. White .. . 5
*George W. Massey .. . 3	†Gordon Ledbury .. . Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* Completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LENTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Simon Humphrey .. . Treble	*John Eborall .. . 5
John R. Pratchett .. . 2	*M. Bas' Smedley .. . 6
Peter R. Humphrey .. . 3	George A. Dawson .. . 7
Richard A. G. Inglis .. . 4	Susanna Poppleston .. . Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal of Triples. † First "inside." First of Plain Bob Triples by all the band. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A 21st birthday compliment to David Aldridge

OCKBROOK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two 1,440's and three different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Christopher Starbuck .. Treble	Richard A. G. Inglis .. . 4
Susanna Poppleston .. . 2	John R. Pratchett .. . 5
Simon Humphrey .. . 3	George A. Dawson .. . Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal attempt. Rung on Holy Innocents' Day. A birthday compliment to Richard Inglis

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb, in E.

Judith M. Corby .. . Treble	Andrew J. Corby .. . 6
E. Jane Sibson .. . 2	Peter Beresford .. . 7
Ann Jenner .. . 3	Derek E. Sibson .. . 8
Susan M. Smith .. . 4	Stanley Jenner .. . 9
Roger W. Powell .. . 5	Dennis Beresford .. . Tenor

Arranged by Philip A. Corby.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th, and also on the bells and for the Association.

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

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell .. . Treble	Tom Page .. . 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. . 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. . 6
David D. Smith .. . 3	George Francis .. . 7
*Christopher M. Godfrey .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. . Tenor

Composed by Stephen Iviv.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Rung as a farewell to Chris, Bunny and Richard Godfrey, who are to spend the next 18 months in Ghana and Nigeria.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LUDGATE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F

*Yvonne Edwards Treble	*Derek E. Sibson 6
*Jessie M. Kippin 2	*John S. Barnes 7
Joan Beresford 3	*Maurice J. Butler 8
*Ronald F. Diserens 4	*Thomas H. Francis 9
*Robert C. Kippin 5	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
Roderick W. Pipe 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
James Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
John R. Insley 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	*Joseph Warr 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming 6
Martin D. Fellows 3	John C. Eisel 7
Gerald C. Hemming 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

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

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	Geoffrey Westwood 5
Gerald C. Hemming 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 6
Martin D. Fellows 3	John C. Eisel 7
Yvonne Edwards 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

The conductor's 25th peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

ROWLEY REGIS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

Robert Edwards Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 6
J. Keith Ward 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Edward W. Colley 4	John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(and the Sheffield and District Society).

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

John Bryant Treble	Roger Lumley 7
Geoffrey Bryant 2	Norman Chaddock 8
Richard E. Price 3	*Neil Donovan 9
J. Henry Fielden 4	Ian Holland 10
John J. L. Gilbert 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Barry Sullivan 6	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick Pipe.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

(and the Sheffield and District Society).

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Contains 4,320 Plain and 864 Little, 186 changes of method and 159 calls.

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Elsie Chaddock Treble	*David Nichols 6
*Tessa Hollis 2	*Michael Meadows 7
Richard E. Price 3	*Neil Donovan 8
John N. D. Chaddock 4	*Stuart Armeson 9
*Malcolm Phipps 5	Norman Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Spiced Plain and Little Bob.

GOOLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Graham K. Smith Treble	John S. Rank 5
Richard D. Gibson 2	Howard C. Palmer 6
F. Charles Hobson 3	David S. Johnson 7
Ian G. Campbell 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in five methods for all except the conductor.

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

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Stephen R. Munday .. Treble	Frederick A. Munday .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Alan E. Hartley 7
Vernon Bottomley 4	S. Barry Schofield Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Court and Double Court, (4) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Ian G. Campbell Treble	*John S. Rank 4
*F. Charles Hobson 2	*David S. Johnson 5
*Ronald Ducker 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in 20 methods. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Stephen Ivin 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.

On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall 1-2	†Robert B. Smith 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

Giles B. Thompson 9-10

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of T.B. Royal "in hand." † 25th peal of Royal "in hand."

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Kathleen Pilsbury and A. Peter Whitehead, also for Miss Eileen Fearn and J. Richard Castledine.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents Grandsire, 14 New Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
*Kevin Price (cond.) 5-6	

* First peal in three methods.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*Dorothy Nicholls 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5-6	

* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At No. 36, Long Street.

On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon 1-2	Alfred Ballard (cond.) .. 3-4
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Michael Vernon 5-6

The ringer of 5-6 now completes Stedman "in hand" from Doubles to Cinques.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer, of Nuneaton, on their 19th wedding anniversary.

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MARRIAGE

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Branch committee meeting will be held at Wooburn, Saturday, January 22nd, 3 p.m. Ringing (8 bells) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Miss Hague. 8261

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 5th, in Jesus College. Ringing from mid-day onwards at Oxford towers. Tickets (27/-) and programmes from A. P. Foster, St. John's College, Oxford. 8265

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), January 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8270

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Branch practice at Old Cleeve (8), January 22nd, 7 p.m. 8329

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Annual meeting, Sawley, January 22nd. Bells 3-8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. — D. J. Marshall. 8269

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, January 22nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Special method: Double Norwich. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8297

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. — J. Fox, Hon. Sec. 8286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 2.45-3.45 p.m.; All Saints' (6), Huntingdon 3.45-4.15 p.m. Service. All Saints', 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6), St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea. — Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8303

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch. — Meeting at Slimbridge, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Dursley, Glos. 8308

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to Miss A. Sweeney, The Flat House Farm House Farnham, Surrey. — D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 8284

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishop's Stortford District. — Annual District meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business at Old House Café, Windhill. Ringing in the evening at Little Hadham. Names for tea essential and to be sent to Mr. A. Richardson, 55, Northolt Avenue, Bishop's Stortford. — D. H. K., Dis. Sec. 8295

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Annual meeting, Grantham Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in church 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 and 6 p.m. — F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch. — Annual meeting, January 22nd, at King's Sutton. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Astron, King's Sutton, Banbury. — A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 8249

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Grove House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8267

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting follows. Names for tea must be received by H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge. 8259

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service. St. Michael's Church. 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8306

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Bells available after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 8307

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 8315

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 n.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me by Monday, January 24th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. Saturday, January 29th, Hereford Cathedral (10) Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m. Application for tea to Rev. H. C. Sell, Fownhope Vicarage, Hereford. 8325

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin on January 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, by January 26th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8311

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe, 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8288

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting. Monmouth, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by January 24th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 8306

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—A.G.M. at Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Free tea. Please support your Branch at this, our annual meeting, meeting. Branch practice now Mondays at 7.15 at Farnworth. (Note change of tower).—Thornley, Sec. 8303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M. Grimsby, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby, by Thursday previous.—C. A. H. 8294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—First meeting in 1966 at Newhall on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 8263

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Paulerspury on January 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M., St. Edmund's Northampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8257

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting. Calne, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 8326

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—A.G.M., January 29th. East and West Retford available afternoon and evening. Service (East) 4.30. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall) to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 27th. Babworth may be used by complete six-bell teams. 8278

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. at Prittlewell, January 29th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Meeting after tea, followed by evening ringing till 9 o'clock. 8253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Southwark Cathedral. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Chapter House. Cathedral bells in evening. Names for tea to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Combined Branch practice, Wootton, Wednesday, February 2nd. 7-9 p.m. 8304

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on February 5th. Usual times. Names for tea to Dr. L. P. Mackie, Rana House, Wellesbourne. Special methods: St. Clement's and Killamarsch T.B. 8308

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, February 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. T. Hodgson, 10, North View, Aspatria, by Wednesday, February 2nd. 8311

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Old Hill (8), Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by February 2nd.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8304

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 5th, at Leatherhead. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please. 8262

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, February 5th. St. Leonard's bells available in the afternoon and St. Mary's in the evening. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, by February 3rd. 8328

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on February 5th. St. Clement's (6) 3-5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Business meeting and ringing St. Mary Quav's (6) 6 p.m.—A. E. J. L. 8278

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leeds District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th. Ringing arrangements: Bradford Cathedral (10) 10.30-12.30; Guiseley (8) 11.30-1.30; St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) 2-3.30; Drighlington (8) 3-5; Birstall (8) 4-6; All Saints', Pontefract (8) 5.30-7.30; St. Giles', Pontefract (10) 6-8. Any inquiries to John L. Riley, Leeds University Union, Leeds 2. 8320

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Howlett, Hill Cottages, Saxlingham, Norwich, (NOR 62W), by Wednesday, February 2nd.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8307

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, February 5th. Ringing 10.30-11.45 to be arranged: 12-1.15 Southwark Cathedral (12); 1.30-2.45 Cornhill (12); 3-4 St. Mary-le-Bow (12); 4-5.15 Cripplegate (12). Dinner at Church House Restaurant 6.30 for 7 p.m. 8331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 5th, West Bridgford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, Tel. 89537.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, February 5th. Bells (12) from approx. 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.30. Ringing after. Names for tea to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, by Wednesday, February 2nd, please.—L. F. Cobb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8297

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Peter Crook sen. in hospital at Bolton on January 16th. Funeral Thursday.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, January 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. M. Smith, 223, Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 6334

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Berkhamsted, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8336

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m. Terminus Café, Town Lane, Carisbrooke, after meeting.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, February 5th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Important meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea essential to Secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fance Road, Peterborough. 6333



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BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Hieght 1, N. Hieght 2, K. Clippson 3, M. Hawkins 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Morgan 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, D. H. Walters (first of Doubles) 5, Gwyn Thomas (first quarter) 6. For St. Stephen's Day.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: J. Mitchell 1, Renee Sturges 2, Gillian M. Boyd 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, Jennifer M. Tyack 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, G. F. Miles 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass.

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): R. W. Sherriff 1, R. M. Andrews 2, J. J. Spraggett 3, T. G. Hill 4, J. F. Thorne 5, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 6.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Randall (first quarter) 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, P. C. Randall (first as cond.) 3, S. F. Royal 4, A. I. Cox 5, G. W. Randall 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Annette Taylor 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. First in the method "inside" for 3 and 4. For morning service.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Griffiths 1, Mrs. R. Ferris 2, Miss W. Hoddinott (first "inside") 3, E. C. Crewe 4, T. Holmes 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. S. Rice (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, M. G. Dodson 2, G. Jones 3, R. W. Rice 4, G. Hebden 5, C. J. Horne 6. First of Stedman Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dorothy Huggins 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Kay Tremmer 3, L. A. Tremmer 4, D. M. Hughes 5, J. Huggins 6. For carol service.

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