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## PROGRESS!

**T**HROUGHOUT the first half of its span this twentieth century has been an age of progress. Travel by land, sea and air has improved and science seems bent on providing even more speedy means of going from one place to another. Records have not however been confined to machines, for athletes of all countries have improved the achievements of their predecessors.

Neither have advances been confined to the field of speed. Medical science has produced much for the general benefit of mankind, whilst research and experiment have in many directions lightened human labour and improved living amenities. All in all one can say that man to-day has much for which to be thankful.

In ringing also time has not stood still, and much earnest work by some who have interested themselves in our complicated art and science is evident in the increased range of methods and compositions now available to ringers themselves.

Despite all the improvements and developments which many have followed from their commencement and as many accept without thought as part of our daily life, one thing at least remains without change—the method of ringing a bell.

Frames and their constructions have been developed, cannons have disappeared to be replaced by headstocks and bearings have been improved, but the actual method of ringing is as it has been for centuries. The sally still 'bobs' as of old, and even the most competent of ringers break stays.

Time was when every belfry in town and countryside had its full complement of ringers and some to spare, but now it is sad to have to say in this 'Ringing Isle' many bells are silent and the Church's call to worship is unheard.

Many reasons are put forward for this decline in the number of recruits. Blame is placed on alternative attractions in the form of the cinema, radio, television and the better organisation of activities for young people. Again one hears of the general drift from the Church, and this is a matter which has for some time been exercising the minds of our ecclesiastical dignitaries.

Two aspects of the problem of obtaining recruits undoubtedly are here to stay and it would be interesting to learn how these have been faced throughout the country.

The first of these problems is National Service. At the age of eighteen a promising ringer is becoming a useful member of a band. In many cases the enforced interrup-

tion of instruction and the companionship of his fellow ringers, coupled with the training schedule and what has long been known as the 'exigencies of the Service,' are often more than enough to result in his losing contact with ringing.

Wherever the young National Serviceman is posted a church is never far away, and all units have their padre. One wonders how many tower masters take the trouble to write either to the local incumbent or to the padre telling them about the boy and his interest in ringing and asking for their help in putting him into touch with nearby ringers. Much could be achieved and all for the cost of a stamp and a few minutes writing a letter. How does one find the nearest church? All churches and incumbents are contained in Crockford's Clerical Directory, to be found at all public libraries, and if this source is not available the padre is sure to know.

The second problem to the dearth of recruits is one for which it is more difficult to find a solution. To-day a boy's education extends beyond normal school years, and in many cases young men are studying for years the better to fit themselves for their particular job. Homework when a boy is at school and evening classes when day school life is ended seriously affect a boy's leisure and are matters to which no thoughtful person must place any obstacle. It is usual to find several members of a band attending different courses on varying evenings, thus making extremely difficult the fixing of a practice night suitable to all. Scientific improvements are compelling young men to seek more and more knowledge of their particular profession or craft, and the position is one for which one cannot see any easement.

Thus then appears the picture of present-day ringing so far as concerns new learners and what must be our ultimate aim—the ringing of every church bell in our land morning and evening every Sunday. There are, of course, towers with excellent bands, but these must be exceptions to the general position, for we have recently read of ringers in London who ring at several churches each Sunday.

These few thoughts were engendered by the series of articles setting out the first part of the manual of the proposed College of Campanology. What place in our Exercise does the proposed college hope to fill? Has it any answer to the problems outlined and, if so, what is its solution?

It was intended to deal with these questions in a general review, but the pen has wandered far afield and the rest must await next week.

R. S. A.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| BERTIE A. CORNELL .. .. Treble | BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. .. 7 |
| CHARLES F. SAYER .. .. 2       | ROWLAND TYSOE .. .. 8      |
| HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 3        | WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. .. 9  |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4    | *JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 10 |
| ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 5        | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 11   |
| WALTER AYRE .. .. 6            | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM,

\* First attempt for a peal on 12 bells. First 12-bell peal as conductor and first attempt to call a peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROYDON DAVIES .. .. Treble | WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. .. 7  |
| DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 2   | GORDON T. PETERS .. .. 8   |
| ALBERT J. ADAMS .. .. 3    | JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 9      |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. .. 4  | JOHN HILL .. .. 10         |
| JAMES E. PRIOR .. .. 5     | FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11 |
| ARNOLD BRUNTON .. .. 6     | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Treble | JOHN S. MASON .. .. 6     |
| WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 2 | THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7 |
| F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3     | JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 8     |
| MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 4  | JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 9  |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5      | WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Composed by F. DENCH

Rung in honour of the eighth birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Treble | RICHARD KENDALL .. .. 6   |
| *JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .. 2    | BRIAN BLADON .. .. 7      |
| ARTHUR J. SMITH .. .. 3     | DEREK P. JONES .. .. 8    |
| †JUNE GLADMAN .. .. 4       | *JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 9 |
| RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5     | PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor  |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble | *PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. .. 6 |
| NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 2    | *GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. .. 7   |
| *HAROLD HAMER .. .. 3      | *STEPHEN L. PARRY .. .. 8    |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 4  | SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 9    |
| †PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5    | NORMAN SMITH .. .. Tenor     |

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERIC NAYLOR .. .. Treble   | *GWILYM SALMON .. .. 6    |
| LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 2  | RONALD G. BECK .. .. 7    |
| *GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 3 | EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 8 |
| FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 4    | HENRY J. SANGER .. .. 9   |
| RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 5   | DAVID HOARE .. .. Tenor   |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Royal. The ringer of the third has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                        |                              |                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dexter's Variation.    | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble  | WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 5 |
|                        | GERALD JOHNSON .. .. 2       | ALAN HOUGH .. .. 6      |
|                        | JOHN RAWSON .. .. 3          | FRANK K. MEASURES .. 7  |
| *CECIL E. CARR .. .. 4 | WILLIAM R. PROUDMAN .. Tenor |                         |

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* 100th peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5   |
| RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. 2     | NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 6     |
| CHARLES H. MOORE .. .. 3     | GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7     |
| THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4     | ARTHUR G. BASON .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Heawood's silver wedding.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble | BRIAN TOMLINSON .. .. 5   |
| MRS. G. S. MILLS .. .. 2   | ROGER LEIGH .. .. 6       |
| PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. .. 3  | SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 7 |
| NORMAN SMITH .. .. 4       | JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BEXLEY, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                       |                            |                          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dexter's No. 2.       | PETER P. BROWN .. Treble   | EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 5 |
|                       | MARY R. ANDREWS .. .. 2    | JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 6   |
|                       | *BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON .. 3 | DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 7 |
| †D. MARY WARD .. .. 4 | ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. Tenor |                          |

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal on eight bells and in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

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## BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SURREY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble | SIDNEY FOSKETT .. 5       |
| ERIC BOOTH .. .. 2            | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 6 |
| GILLIAN REA .. .. 3           | ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 7      |
| DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 4         | FRED PRICE .. .. Tenor    |

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells, the actual date being Saturday, November 21st, 1906.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble | *FRANK G. OLIVER .. 5       |
| *ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 2        | *JAMES H. EDWARDS .. 6      |
| †BRENDA M. BALLS .. 3          | HARRY J. MILLATT .. 7       |
| URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4          | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal 'inside.'

A farewell peal to James H. Edwards, who is leaving the district for Bedford.

## CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *W. JOHN PHIPPEN .. Treble | DAVID HOARE .. 5           |
| †RICHARD J. CRAGO .. 2     | †GWILYM SALMON .. 6        |
| ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 3        | †DONALD E. LEE .. 7        |
| †ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 4    | EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. The first peal on the bells since recently being rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

## DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. Treble | FRANK V. GANT .. 5        |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 2       | *JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6      |
| C. RONALD SMITH .. 3        | CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. 7 |
| *LIONEL S. WOODS .. 4       | HARRY TURNER .. Tenor     |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to Lionel S. Woods.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5     |
| CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2 | ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6        |
| MURIEL REAY .. .. 3       | GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7          |
| JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4      | FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALEX. RICHARDSON .. Treble  | *ROBERT SMITH .. 5          |
| MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2 | ALAN MCFALL .. 6            |
| COLIN DEWSNAP .. 3          | WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 7       |
| ERIC SIMPSON .. .. 4        | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS ('R.W.', 9/11/56).

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

\* First peal of Major and in the method.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble | RONALD H. DOVE .. 5    |
| *DOROTHY HOGG .. 2         | FRANK RAYMENT .. 6     |
| MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3    | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7 |
| ARNOLD COLE .. .. 4        | IRVIN SLACK .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| LOUIS WILLDERS .. Treble  | GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5 |
| JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2    | GILES C. GALLEY .. 6    |
| NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3       | GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7  |
| JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4 | GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor  |

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. Treble | DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5   |
| *JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 2         | LEONARD STILWELL .. 6   |
| *GEORGE FRANCIS .. 3           | WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7  |
| THOMAS E. SONE .. 4            | WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since being rehung on ball bearings.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER .. 5      |
| FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2         | THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 6    |
| RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 3           | WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 7 |
| CHARLES H. MOORE .. 4           | HENRY TOOKE .. Tenor     |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

A 52nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Underwood. Mr. Underwood, an honorary member of the Association, was elected to the Parochial Church Council in 1922 and Vicar's Warden in 1929.

## BORDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 18, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| *ANTHONY D. BAX .. Treble | ALBERT J. DUNK .. 5     |
| JOSEPH GRENSTED .. 2      | RALPH BIRD .. 6         |
| EDWARD C. BARTON .. 3     | CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 7   |
| TERENCE BARTON .. 4       | GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor |

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a token of appreciation of Mr. Ray Huntley for his many good works for this parish, before a service in his honour.

## BRENCHELY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble | THOMAS E. SONE .. 5        |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2      | ERNEST J. LADD .. 6        |
| *EDWIN BROMLEY .. 3           | WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7      |
| *COLIN A. TESTER .. 4         | ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor |

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carter, of West Malling, on the birth of a son and heir the previous day.



## LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES W. FORDER .. .. Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5       |
| H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 2   | STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 6 |
| *JOHN KINDRED .. .. 3        | ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 7    |
| *EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4    | *PETER KINDRED .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble | ALFRED RUSHTON .. .. 5     |
| *JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 2  | *BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 6    |
| ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 7 |
| RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4    | PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor   |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association.

The conductor's wedding anniversary peal.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Nov. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *FRANCES A. BROWN .. Treble | HAZEL L. HANCOCK .. .. 5     |
| E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 2       | ROY COLLINS .. .. 6          |
| GEORGE TALBOT .. .. 3       | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. 7    |
| EUNICE A. HILEY .. .. 4     | ROLAND W. MORANT .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Major.

In memoriam James Fisher Dodson, late captain of the local band, who died on November 8th.

## LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| LEWIS J. BATLEY .. Treble  | MICHAEL AUSTIN .. .. 5       |
| MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL .. 2  | †C. RONALD SMITH .. .. 6     |
| *VALERIE K. HESTER .. .. 3 | CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7  |
| CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. 4  | JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

## NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| PETER M. GILES .. Treble | A. NEVILLE BROWN .. .. 5     |
| *CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2  | *EDMUND P. CROWDY .. .. 6    |
| KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 3   | J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7    |
| DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 4  | ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. No. 1).

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STANLEY SHIPP .. Treble | *DONALD E. K. KNIGHTS .. 5  |
| JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 2  | †GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 6  |
| GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 3 | TONY HOWARD .. .. 7         |
| T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4 | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TONY HOWARD.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Nov. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 TEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST H. KILBY .. Treble | ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5          |
| *MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2  | THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6        |
| JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3     | ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7       |
| JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 4    | †RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 150th peal. † 100th peal on these bells. The first peal in the method, which is Byfleet Surprise with 2nds place lead-end.

## ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES H. EDWARDS .. Treble | *ROY DUESBURY .. .. 5        |
| MRS. L. D. MILLS .. .. 2   | ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 6      |
| *BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3  | LESLIE D. MILLS .. .. 7      |
| ALLEN W. CANDSAL .. .. 4   | HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. Tenor |

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Farewell peal to the treble ringer.

## CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE F. BURTON .. Treble  | CHARLES COLES .. .. 5      |
| *PHILLIP F. COOMBER .. .. 2 | *JOHN J. BENFIELD .. .. 6  |
| DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 3    | REGINALD H. JARVIS .. .. 7 |
| *L. GRAHAM PITTAWAY .. 4    | ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor   |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Major.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. Treble | RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 5        |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 2   | WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6       |
| REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. 3    | WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 7    |
| *E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4   | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* 50th peal for the Sussex Association. The ringer of the fifth has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

## FROME, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble | PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 5     |
| †EUNICE D. OVEREND .. .. 2   | †DEREK P. JONES .. .. 6  |
| TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 3     | DAVID J. KING .. .. 7    |
| †ALAN F. LEE .. .. 4         | ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

\* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. † 175th peal.

## MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ROYSTON WILMORE .. Treble | †GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5     |
| ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2      | *ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 6     |
| H. LESLIE WYKES .. .. 3    | F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. .. 7    |
| JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. .. 4    | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle' and is the first person to do so.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| K. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. Treble | TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. . 4      |
| *CAROLE EUSTACE .. .. 2       | GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH .. 5 |
| *PETER WATSON .. .. . 3       | DEREK TAYLOR .. .. . Tenor   |

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

BROMFIELD, SALOP.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROSEMARY BRAY.. .. Treble | LESLIE EVANS .. .. . 4     |
| JEAN HUTTON .. .. . 2     | DESMOND FERGUSON.. .. 5    |
| ALBERT E. JONES .. .. 3   | WILLIAM MAPP .. .. . Tenor |

Conducted by DESMOND FERGUSON.

First peal as conductor.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *HERBERT BROWN .. .. Treble | ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. 3 |
| ARTHUR E. BROWN .. .. 2     | STANLEY A. BROWN .. .. 4 |

C. WILLIAM BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *THOMAS H. ONIONS.. .. Treble | ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. .. 4     |
| BRIAN R. JONES .. .. . 2      | RICHARD F. DAVIES .. .. 5     |
| JOHN COLLEY .. .. . 3         | DENNIS A. PASSENT .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES,

\* First peal away from the tenor.

Rung for the dedication of the church.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Childwall, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WALTER AYRE .. .. Treble | WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. .. 4      |
| *JOYCE GOOD .. .. . 2    | KEITH GOOD .. .. . 5          |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. .. 3  | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH GOOD.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| MARJORIE LEGG .. .. Treble | MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. .. 4  |
| GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 2    | F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. 5     |
| *MONICA E. FRAY .. .. . 3  | WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung as a farewell to Howard Collings, of Uphill, who was joining H.M. Forces on National Service.

LITTLE MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| COLIN J. B. TAYLOR.. .. Treble | ROBIN A. HODGSON.. .. 4       |
| *SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. .. 2      | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 5     |
| *DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. . 3      | *PETER R. SANDERS .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.

\* First peal in nine Minor methods.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and three Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *JANET EVANS .. .. Treble | LEWIS CORDELL.. .. . 4      |
| †WENDY BOWAK .. .. . 2    | †JOHN MCPHAIL .. .. . 5     |
| HARRY KING .. .. . 3      | WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. B. F. Adeney.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

One Morris's 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| IVOR HUGHES .. .. Treble | CHARLES H. WEBBER .. .. 4    |
| GORDON WALFORD .. .. 2   | *DENNIS A. PIKE .. .. 5      |
| GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 3  | CHARLES E. BAKER .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

\* First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, the tenors never reversed in 5-6.

Tenor 7 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *PATRICK SEWRY.. .. Treble | *PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT (15) 4 |
| GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 2    | FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5      |
| PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER.. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor   |

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first complete peal rung in this method (C.C.C. P.28).

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, two of Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| D. HENRY METTAM .. .. Treble | G. LEONARD THOMPSON.. .. 4  |
| HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. . 2    | *WALTER WESTON .. .. 5      |
| WILLIAM R. PARKER.. .. 3     | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln.

WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *JOAN E. BAKER .. .. Treble | FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. 4  |
| SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. 2  | DAVID W. JAMES .. .. 5    |
| LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 3    | BRYAN S. COPE .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.

\* First peal on a working bell.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Richard E. Gilby, former ringier at this church and sexton for 38 years, interred at Weldon this day.



## HANDBELL PEALS

## CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At B26, GIRTON COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 1—2 | W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 5—6     |
| C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 3—4 | *P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 7—8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

## A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| *VALERIE WILLARD .. 1—2  | JOHN THOMAS .. 7—8         |
| MRS. J. THOMAS .. 3—4    | *DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 9—10 |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5—6 | *VIVIEN BARNES .. 11—12    |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: Mrs. D. J. Marshall.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

## FOUR PEALS IN A DAY IN HAMPSHIRE

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 q. 14 lb. in G sharp.

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| PETER NASH .. Treble   | *ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 4    |
| A. PATRICK CANNON .. 2 | HAROLD P. REED .. 5       |
| *GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3 | J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung in memory of Mr. L. Webb, late captain of the local band.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Treble | HAROLD P. REED .. 4        |
| PETER NASH .. 2            | MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 5      |
| GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3      | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in six methods on the bells. 100th peal of Minor as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5     |
| REGINALD W. REX .. 2        | PETER NASH .. 6           |
| J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 3       | HAROLD P. REED .. 7       |
| ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 4       | MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

The quickest peal on the bells.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Lord Portchester, of Highclere.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4     |
| ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 2       | J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 5     |
| PETER NASH .. 3             | MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal of Minor on the bells. The conductor has now rung 500 different bells to a peal.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Mosedale 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning (first as cond.) 5, B. Bradley 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ASHBRITTON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, J. Smith 2, S. Bristow (cond.) 3, H. Bristow 4, Miss F. Norman 5, W. Baker (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Mr. F. W. Brice and Miss M. Hurford.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, W. H. Trueman 2, Ann Pettiford (first in method) 3, J. Manners 4, B. Shepherd 5, A. Peake (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. North 1, M. W. Stephenson 2, Miss B. Stephenson 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, J. V. Lonsborough 5, R. A. Beale 6, H. W. Woolven 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila M. Clifford (first quarter) 1, W. Martin 2, W. Trinder 3, L. Trevor (cond.) 4, H. Hill 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GORSEINON, GLAM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thomas 1, A. Jones 2, G. Thomas 3, R. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins (cond.) 5, R. Davies 6, J. Swankins 7, G. Thomas 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. Pilgrim 1, A. W. Bird 2, R. J. Darch 3, R. Gibson 4, J. Saunders 5, E. T. Chapman 6, E. J. Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Hulbert, who were leaving Halesworth.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Funnell 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, G. Becey 3, F. Becey 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sybil Tonkin.

## QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hoskins (first of Triples) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, C. E. Brown 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, J. D. Kape (cond.) 4, N. Cornwall 5, D. Cornwall 6, A. E. Cox 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniss 1, S. A. Hill 2, A. Eaton (first 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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LAMBETH, S.E.—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. Wyatt 2, J. Ward 3, F. Ranson 4, L. Bailey 5, C. W. Otley 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, D. R. Randall (first on eight) 8. For evening service.

QUEDELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Wixey 1, C. Wixey 2, M. Ling 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, G. P. Green 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, W. C. Wixey (first on eight) 8. First in method by all the band. Rung for the wedding of Miss C. J. Ely and Mr. K. C. Meek.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Dickens (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, J. Butler 3, A. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. A. Bartlam 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Highley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, L. W. Bullock 5, F. Ranson 6, P. J. Hutchings 7, D. Randall 8. For Evensong.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Thornley (cond.) 1, A. Thornley 2, W. Walker 3, B. Houlst 4, P. Knights 5, P. Lemon (first quarter covering) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, A. G. Leahy 3, F. C. Love 4, G. W. Barton 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Bob Major: B. Holland 1, G. R. Hiner 2, F. Brunt 3, B. Heppanthal (first quarter) 4, R. Birch 5, S. Wright 6, T. Cutts 7, H. Mortemore (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. James 1, J. Baldwin 2, W. Gray 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, D. Southam 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Sylvester, a member of the band.



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

The nomination meeting was held at Stoke-next-Guildford on November 24th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and mainly Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung until the service. Mr. Roland W. Morant officiated and gave an unusual address.

The tea and meeting followed, and out of the 31 ringers present only a few were from the District, four towers being represented. The meeting, with the Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) in the chair, was short, the retiring officers being renominated.

Ringling in the evening was at Stoke and Holy Trinity, and apart from a course of London and Bristol the methods were mainly Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman to suit the large number of young ringers. Ringing ended with a good lower on the back six at Holy Trinity.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

The North Herts District met at St. Nicholas', Stevenage, on November 24th, and the eight bells rang from 3.30 p.m. until the service, taken by the Rector, the Rev. E. Cordingley. Mr. M. Eldridge accompanied on the organ. An ample tea was provided in Dr. Gullick's home, and the business meeting was held there after some handbell ringing.

Two non-resident life members—Mr. and Mrs. E. Munday, of Flitton, Beds—and a ringing member, Rev. G. Heath, of St. Andrew's Stevenage, were elected. The next District meeting will be in February at either Royston or Baldock, the special method being Hitchin Surprise.

Ringling began again, and the methods ranged from rounds to Hereward Bob, the special method, and Superlative Surprise. J. S.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

A quarterly meeting of the Sussex County Association (Eastern Division) was held at Hailsham on November 24th. At the business meeting Mrs. B. Percy (wife of the general secretary, who was unable to be present) was elected to the chair. The most lively discussion of the afternoon centred on the published agenda of the forthcoming special general meeting re finance.

The meeting also elected several new members and approved the list of meetings for 1957 prepared by the divisional secretary. Following the usual practice, this list included one unaffiliated tower.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. E. Breed, the local captain, for making the excellent tea arrangements, and Mr. F. Beeney (a ringing member of the Association) for accompanying at the organ the somewhat lusty singing.

Ringling during the day catered for all present, including a good percentage of young ringers. It varied from rounds to Double Norwich C.B. Major, with a short break during the evening for the traditional daily curfew bell.

H. R.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch was held on November 24th at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester. Sixty-one members and friends attended this function and had a pleasant evening's entertainment. Thanks are due to Mr. Harry Newman, who made all the arrangements, and also to the various speakers, most of whom spoke at very short notice.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****Meeting at Earls Colne**

In typical November weather, 43 members of the Northern Division met at St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne, on the 17th. This church stands close to the main road from Colchester to Halstead, and has a large west tower which contains a good ring of eight with a 15 cwt. tenor in F.

The Vicar (Rev. B. A. Whitford), who conducted the service, welcomed the members to Earls Colne, and his address was based on Devotion, Discipline and Dedication.

Tea was prepared in the school dining hall, and Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, presided over the meeting. One new member from Stisted was elected, and the next meeting, which will be the annual District, will be held at Coggeshall on January 26th. Members were reminded that nominations for the District officers must be sent to the secretary one month before the meeting.

The collection at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 4d.

Mr. L. Mills was congratulated on his teaching at Bures where he started from scratch in 1950, and now they can ring London Surprise Major.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, Mr. W. Arnold and Mr. B. Smith (organist). The various methods rung during the afternoon and evening on the tower- and handbells were by members from Bures, Braintree, Halstead, Pebmarsh, Kelvedon, Witham, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Stebbing, Harwich, Bocking, Colne Engaine, Stisted, Coggeshall, Goldhanger, Colchester and Newmarket.

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A peal of some interest is the 5,000 Little Bob Maximus by Mr. G. W. Debenham, rung at St. Albans. According to the sources at our disposal this is the first ever 5,000 of Maximus rung. Ten peals of Little Bob Maximus have been rung—all 5,016 except one (5,104). There have been one peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob (5,040), three of Duffield Maximus (all 5,040) and four of Forward Maximus (three 5,040 and one 5,088).

On November 25th the local band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London, rang their 30th quarter peal on the bells this year—a good example of Sunday ringing.

Members of the Reading University Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Wargrave on November 24th as a compliment to their Master on her engagement.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Dunkerton on November 1st, Mr. Richard J. Bowden, of Bristol, has rung peals in the method from Doubles to Cinques.

Now 75, Mr. J. Wells, who since the age of 12 has been closely connected with Kimpton, Herts, church as a choirboy and ringer, has rung his first quarter peal. He has several 720's to his credit, but hitherto has been unsuccessful when attempting a quarter peal.

Ringers in North-East Essex learnt with regret of the forthcoming departure from Colchester of Mr. J. H. (Jim) Edwards, who is going to live at Bedford. He learnt to ring on the five at Little Horkesley (destroyed in the Blitz), and shortly after the last war joined the St. Peter's, Colchester, company, where he made rapid progress in Surprise Major ringing. His many friends wish him well in his new appointment, and hope that he will continue his ringing activities in the Bedford district—he will be a big asset to any tower he joins.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

It has just come to light that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott participated in the call-change festival at Ashburton on Michaelmas, and rang the seventh in 'Doctor Miner's Mixture.' Afterwards he was presented with a certificate which 'the Mixture' achieved. Gratified with the honour bestowed on him Mr. Scott remarked that the certificate will probably be the only one to hang on the wall of a private house as distinct from finding a place on the wall of a ringing chamber!

For general guidance.—Peals and quarter peals cannot be rung half-muffled in memoriam to an individual and at the same time as a birthday compliment to a ringer.

A Claines (Worcester) householder recently succeeded in his application for a reduction in rates. His chief complaint was the bells on Sundays and peals which lasted six hours!

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. C. E. Gregory, for many years captain of Blewbury, Berks, tower. To his memory a quarter peal was rung on November 19th.

At Bures, Suffolk, a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on November 20th for a special service to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the coronation in Bures of Edmund, K. and M.

Twelve peals have now been rung at Frome, as far as is known. Five of the seven peals of Triples while the bells were on plain bearings needed two men for the tenor (31 cwt.). Since then she has been turned in four times—by A. P. Cannon in 1938, E. J. Chivers in 1953, David Hoare in 1955 and now by Roger O. Fry, general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association. The peals are these: Stedman Triples, 1890, 1907, 1926; Grandsire Triples, 1902, 1913, 1919, 1930, 1954; Bob Major, 1955; Cambridge Major, 1953; Double Norwich, 1938 and 1956.

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# NEWARK HONOURS DELIGHTFUL MYTH

## The Gopher Dinner

THE fourth annual Gopher Dinner of the Newark Parish Church Ringers' Society was held at the Clinton Arms Hotel, Newark, on November 16th.

The Dinner this year marked the 60th anniversary of the formation of the present local Society. The Society was, however, an original subscriber to *The Clavis*, and as long ago as 1816 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the tower by the local company, and there is strong evidence to support the view that the Society dated back to the 18th century, and that after a somewhat chequered existence towards the end of the last century was given a new constitution in 1896. That year was a landmark in the history of the Society, which throughout this long period rendered much voluntary service to the church and borough.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. J. H. Jennison, an old member, who recalled the happy days he had spent in the belfry and the comradeship he had enjoyed, and he wished the Society continued success.

Mr. W. L. Exton, the deputy Master, in reply, recounted the past year's activities, and stated that five quarter peals had been rung for service since the last Dinner. He spoke of the 'Down Your Way' programme a few years ago when the Gopher legend was featured and the present Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby, mentioned that Gopher was lost in a fog on the Great North Road in the approaches to Newark and was guided to safety by the sound of the bells.

That version of the story, said Mr. Exton, did not find favour amongst a section of the public, and letters poured in averring that Gopher was lost at Langford, Muskharn, Kelham and Farndon Fields. Further, that he lost his way in the forest, or in a fog, and was saved from robbers, from falling into the River Trent and from the marshes. There was even controversy about the spelling of his name, and no one knew what year or century he was lost. Of course, the story was a myth, but a very delightful one, and the Society still rang in his memory for a period of six weeks, commencing the twelfth Sunday before Christmas.

## THE THREE P's OF RINGING

Mr. Exton commended the three P's of ringing—patience, practice and perseverance—and stated that ringers were judged by what they put into ringing and not what they took out.

The toast of 'The President' was given by Mr. D. N. Sellars, who mentioned that last year the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, had stated that at his induction service he had purposely chimed himself in 21 times so that people would know he had come to stay. Mr. Sellars remarked he now had only another 20 years left!

The president, in reply, spoke in very appreciative terms of the services performed by the Society.

'Past Members' was proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, the Master, who stated that a Society was what its members made it. In the course of time traditions and customs were developed, and if the development had been on the right lines esprit de corps automatically followed.

Members came and went. Some stayed over a long period—others flitted across the scene. Succeeding members stood on the shoulders of former members and the wealth of experience

that had been so hardly won was made freely available to those who followed.

And so it was with their Society whose links had been forged by a long list of members throughout the past 60 years. He called to mind many past members now deceased, and commented upon various individual members representing a cross-section in the life of the Society. The old members still with them had a vital contribution to make in the life of the Society. Many of them had put aside ringing, but the Society still needed and valued their moral support and encouragement.

Before he came to the actual toast, the speaker went on, he wished to say a word or two about a man who in his prime dwarfed all his fellow members. He referred to Mr. E. C. Thrale, whose influence on the Society had been incal-

## Archbishop With Kent Ringers



A happy picture at the Kent County Association dinner of the Archbishop of Canterbury presenting Mrs. F. M. Mitchell with a framed picture of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, their church for many years. Behind stands her son, Mr. F. A. Mitchell.

To the regret of the company, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who is now 78, was not well enough to attend the dinner. His services to the Kent County Association have been conspicuous. When Mr. Mitchell had completed 25 years in senior office—17 years as secretary and treasurer and eight as treasurer—his great service was recognised by a presentation of a cheque for £50.

Last Easter, because of age and indifferent health, Mr. Mitchell finally relinquished active office (he is now a vice-president). The Association dinner was regarded as an appropriate moment for the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

The picture was specially taken by a 'Kent Messenger' photographer, and we are indebted to this newspaper for the above illustration.

culable. A member—and still an active one—for 60 years, and Master for 40. A man of strong character; a keen disciplinarian; an accomplished ringer and conductor. He pursued his path resolutely and turned neither to the right nor the left. His motto could have been 'Service' if he ever thought of a motto. By sheer personality and doggedness he kept the band together and the bells ringing for services week in and week out, year in and year out.

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## FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

ALTHOUGH four peals in a day have been rung at least five times before, it is still sufficiently uncommon to be worth attempting again. It was for this reason that Mr. G. K. Dodd, of Highclere, Hants, decided to get together a band from his own county, with additions from Berkshire and Surrey, to make an attempt on November 17th. All four peals were successful, and this was the first time that this has been achieved in Hampshire. Four of the company rang in all four peals, and three of them rang in three peals.

Three of the party arrived on Friday evening, November 16th, to stay the weekend with Geoff. Dodd and his wife Sylvia, and two others appeared early on Saturday morning.

A 6 a.m. rise was necessary to enable an early start for Cambridge Minor at East Woodhay at 7.13 a.m., and the first peal of Minor on these quiet bells came round at 9.52 a.m. While ringing the last 720, a lady appeared through the curtains, asking who was in charge. Fears of a stoppage were soon dispelled when the lady turned out to be the Vicar's wife, inviting us to coffee after the peal! The Rev. E. W. Ormerod welcomed us at the Vicarage, and the refreshment was much appreciated. At the next tower, Woolton Hill, Malcolm Cloke was waiting for us, having spent some time adjusting the ropes. Six methods were duly rung on a noisy ring, beginning at 10.43 a.m. and finishing at 1.22 p.m. The Rev. and Mrs. S. Culverwell kindly provided a sandwich lunch, which was quite sufficient to keep us going.

Mr. Reg. W. Rex was waiting for us at Highclere to enable us to ring a good and fast peal of Cambridge Major, starting at 2.43 p.m. and finishing at 5.23 p.m.

A very nice tea, provided by Mrs. Dodd, senior, was much appreciated and put us in good trim for the last attempt. This was at Burghclere, and the Vicar, the Rev. C. Legard, welcomed us in the church. He had asked that the bells be fully-muffled to avoid any complaints. Five methods were well ring, starting at 6.37 p.m. and finishing at 9.16 p.m., the first Minor on the bells.

At the finish of the peal the band were rather sorry that a fifth attempt could not be fitted in, as all felt very fit! The band are very grateful to the various incumbents for granting permission for the use of their bells, and to those who kindly provided refreshment.

To prove they had plenty of energy left, Geoff. Dodd and the writer rang another peal on Sunday at St. Mary Bourne, and believe themselves to be the first ringers to score five peals in two days in five different towers.

Altogether a very successful and enjoyable weekend, and the party thank Geoff. Dodd for his excellent arrangements, and his wife, Sylvia, for her kind hospitality.

A. P. C.

decade after decade. He literally kept the Society in being despite two world wars. That was a stupendous achievement.

In reply, Mr. Thrale related several anecdotes connected with the past 60 years, and wished the Society continued prosperity.

'The Visitors,' who included many friends from the Nottingham District and from Southwell and North Muskham, was proposed in delightful vein by Mr. F. W. Midwinter and replied to by Mr. C. W. Towers. J. W. R.



## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

Lewisham District held their annual District meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, when just over 50 ringers, representing 14 towers, attended. The service in church was preceded by ringing, superintended by Miss M. Andrews, District Ringing Master.

The bright and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Murray-Walton, who warmly welcomed his congregation to his church, in process of being so magnificently rebuilt. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, read the lesson. The well-chosen hymns were sung lustily, thanks largely to the inspiration of the organist's accompaniments.

The local ringers and friends arranged an attractive, substantial tea in the Church Institute, at which the Vicar presided. Before leaving to attend to other duties, the Vicar reiterated his welcome, and hoped the members would again visit Bromley at not too distant a date.

Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) presided at the business meeting at which nine ringers were elected members of the Association, and the election of one member was ratified. The chairman read a letter from Mr. I. Emery, of the local band and connected with the belfry there for 69 years, apologising for his absence.

A report of the past year's activities, read by the District secretary, was adopted. Arising from this report, Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) informed the meeting of the disturbing state of the tower at St. Margaret's, Lee, and of efforts being made to ensure the continuance of a ring of bells there. Mr. Dafters was warmly thanked for his work in connection with this matter.

Officers for the ensuing year were all re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. District secretary; Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters, District representatives, and Miss M. Andrews, of Bexley, District Ringing Master.

St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, was chosen for the next meeting on January 26th.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers and their friends, the organist and the chairman, ended the business meeting.

### Ashford District

A good attendance encouraged the new officers of the Ashford District at Bethersden on November 17th. Approximately 37 ringers and friends sat down to a good tea which had been arranged by Mr. Harry Jarvis and was served by the local lady ringers.

Canon McMichael, who welcomed the ringers in the absence through illness of the Vicar, conducted the service. Mr. Garner was at the organ, and the lesson was read by the new Ringing Master, Mr. John Cooper.

After a short business meeting members adjourned to the pleasant ringing chamber, where ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor was continued until 9 o'clock. C. T. H.

The new bells of North Stoneham will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Newcastle Cathedral was lost after 3 hours and 10 minutes. Some of the band, however, had a compensation with a peal of London Surprise Major.

### 'Plain' is Deleted

*It has been decided to discontinue the addition of the word 'Plain' to the title of peals and quarter peals of Plain Bob on all numbers of bells, thus reverting to the traditional usage.*

*This is in accordance with a resolution reaffirmed by the Central Council in 1955, part of which states that the Council is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.*

*Will all concerned please note.*

### PEAL RINGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The peal at Ecclesfield reported this week was not uneventful. The tower door had been locked and the key left on the inside, but during the second 720 the ringing chamber door opened and a man walked into the belfry, removed a key from a hook and disappeared as strangely as he had come.

Some half-an-hour later he reappeared, walked across the ringing chamber, round the rope circle, eventually sat down on a bench behind the tenor and took out a packet of cigarettes! The conductor politely asked him to leave the belfry. It turned out that he was a frustrated clock winder who had another key to a door from the church. He was in an aggressive mood and promptly entered into a lengthy argument with the conductor, only leaving when he learned that ringing was expected to continue for another two hours and that the band had every intention of ensuring that it would continue for that time.

Despite the fact that half the band had very little experience in peal ringing, the peal was successfully brought round with only a temporary disturbance of the ringing. E. H. E.

### Christmas Greetings

*Our seasonal feature, 'Christmas Greetings,' whereby members of the Exercise send their good wishes to ringing friends, will appear in our issue of Friday, Dec. 21st. The charge is 4s. per insertion of 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.*

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## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Shortly after 7 a.m. on Sunday, October 28th, the six bells at Kingston Seymour were ringing for Holy Communion service, on the occasion of the Chew Deanery Branch's visit for their bi-annual Corporate Communion. Twenty ringers were present at Communion, when the celebrant was the Rector (Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands). After the service breakfast was provided by Mrs. Norton in the Village Hall. Towers represented were Wrington, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Yatton, Kingston Seymour and Clutton, with visitors from the Axbridge Branch (Bleadon and Uphill). Votes of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Norton concluded the sociable breakfast-table conversation.

A very well attended practice meeting of the Chew Branch was held on the six at Tickenham on Nov. 17th. The bells were kept ringing in methods to suit all from 5 o'clock until 8, and ringing included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and about half a lead (!) of Oswald Delight. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. H. W. Knight, the Branch Ringing Master.

## YATTON RINGERS IN DEVONSHIRE

On October 10th the mail train with its reserved coach was specially stopped at Yatton for the main party, who found that eight who were to have joined the train at Bristol were missing. Further ringers were picked up en route to Devon, and on leaving the train at Totnes the stationmaster caused further concern with a message that two more had been left behind at Taunton (one of these was supposed to be our organiser, who was still with us!). A check showed none missing, so we set out to ring on Devon's heaviest eight.

At the advice of the local captain, two extras were put on the back end for rising, but this was not found really necessary at our speed as compared with the quick, energetic rises of the 'call-changers.'

After refreshments we journeyed by coach through the Dart valley to ring at Ashburton, where the lights went out and stayed out during a heavy storm. A couple of miles brought us to Buckfast Abbey, where a slight delay gave an opportunity to look round this interesting building. Here our youngest ringer 'chimed' the Bourdon.

After tea came Bovey Tracey with its somewhat lighter eight. The church was much admired and of special interest was a beautiful modern copy of Hunt's 'Light of the World.'

As often happens on outings, the heaviest ring came last; this time with no doubt—Exeter Cathedral. With plenty of help on the back end a creditable rise was made on the back ten, this being the first attempt to the knowledge of Mr. Wreford, who met us here.

A return to British Railways and almost all activity stopped at St. David's station, while handbells were rung on the platform. Further handbell ringing with happy company made the journey home seem very short.

Ringings on the tower bells ranged from rounds on 12 to Grandsire Cinques. Thanks are extended to all connected with the towers we visited and to Mr. Bert Price for so highly organising the outing (even the tickets were specially printed).

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate Dr. Richard Price on his letter concerning the self-styled College of Campanology. I feel sure that he has expressed most clearly the opinions of many ringers who have successfully trained much-needed recruits for the belfry without all the much-padded and verbose instructions for the 'belfry schoolroom' which the Manual proposes. I also would be most interested to meet—it would have to be in about five years' time. I would think—a beginner whose keenness and interest in ringing has managed to survive this appallingly stiff and formal course.

Concerning the whole affair, I find myself in full agreement with Mr. P. A. Corby. There can be only one body which is competent to sponsor a scheme of this type if it is to be recognised nationally—the Central Council; and if Mr. Corby makes his proposition at next year's meeting I, if still a member of the Council, shall certainly give it full support. There have been, and still are, many informal schools of ringing—the St. John's School of Ringing at Bristol is an example—but none of these has seen fit to set itself up as the one great authority in the teaching of ringing. If the possession of a College 'Diploma' is now considered as essential before one can be considered a reasonable ringer and fit to teach others, then one can only assume that all the great ringers and instructors of this country are to be reckoned unqualified!

Incidentally, I wonder whether any of our Portsmouth friends would care to give us their opinions as to the organisation which is rising in their midst. One assumes that the belfries of the Cathedral or St. Mary's, Portsea, are being used for the instruction of trainees, and it would be most interesting to hear something from the leaders of these towers—including some statistics as to the number of broken stays, etc.—or is this an indelicate question . . . ?—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough.

## QUOTING SCRIPTURE

Dear Sir,—I see Y.-B. is quoting the scriptures; perhaps Habakkuk i, 5 (quoted in Acts xiii, 41) would be a little more typical, and no doubt an opponent will cite I Cor. v with emphasis on 'Put away the wicked man,' or, perhaps more to the point, suggest that if ringing is ordained of God it needs no Y.-B. to help. Bible quoting is too easy to be really worthwhile except in a really fundamentalist world.—Yours sincerely,

DERMOT ROAF.

Christ Church, Oxford.

Note.—Habakkuk i, 5: 'Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you.'—Ed.

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. York-Bramble's letter, it is unfortunate that the *chapter* of his Biblical reference is omitted. Is it possible that the *Book* referred to is not the 'Acts' but that he intended to use Deuteronomy 28, vv. 38 and 39?

If so, may we hope that—although the nibbling is taking place—the sequel will not be the same?—Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

Willesborough, Kent.

Note.—Deut. 28, v. 38: 'Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.'—Ed.

## DIPLOMAS AND BADGES ?

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest, and sometimes amusement, the recent letters published in 'The Ringing World' with respect to the College of Campanology and the arguments for and against its survival, and have realised that too much attention is being paid to the opinions of prominent ringers and not enough to the back-of-beyond ringers and the not-so-well-known ringers.

In his last letter ('R.W.', Nov. 23rd) Mr. A. York-Bramble states that amongst the people directing future activities of the College there are 11 members of the Central Council. Does he mean by this that we have got to resign ourselves to the fact that the College is established as having the backing of the majority of ringers? The fact that the Central Council representative of a Guild or Association is interested in the work of the College is entirely irrelevant as to whether its work will further the development of good ringing, or not. Incidentally, I wonder how many of these 11 people have made it known to the Guilds which they represent on the Central Council that they are backing the College, and how many still keep it a dark secret until they see which way the wind is going to blow?

May I also express an opinion on the suggestion of Mr. N. Champness ('R.W.', Nov. 23rd). Is it necessary for a ringer to wear a badge to tell everyone how proficient he is?—that, to my mind, is just egotism. When a ringer visits a tower for the first time he is invariably asked what he is able to ring—that's the belfry etiquette; surely, unless he is dumb, he is able to say what he can ring without having a badge to prove it. I agree that it would encourage the youngsters to attain a higher level of proficiency, but wouldn't it have the same effect that the diplomas, etc., of the College of Campanology are likely to have in the future, namely, 'Only holders of a Diploma or "silver bell" are permitted to ring here'?

In closing, may I point out to Mr. York-Bramble that if he thinks that this letter is long-winded, etc., will he please remember that it's not everyone who has regular practice at submitting letters to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. SMITH.

Leicester.

P.S.—It was remarked at a gathering of ringers a little while ago that the Cathedral System of training ringers was to teach one and to 'pinch' six. Food for thought? J. A. S.

## BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, Mr. F. A. Cluett, of Gravesend, we should like to point out that the bat which appeared in the advertisement to which he refers is not a local resident. When the artist requested permission to sketch our bell chamber he did enquire whether we could also provide the bat, but although we suspect their existence we were unable to induce one to appear whilst he was at work.—Yours faithfully,

D. COLGATE.

Sevenoaks.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. A. Cluett, a bat did appear in the belfry at Worpleston. I was, at the time, just learning to ring a bell down when the other ringers present drew my attention to a bat which had descended the chute of the bell I was attempting to lower, and was circling round my head. Being rather tied up in knots I did not look up until my bell was safely downwards, but then, alas, the bat had disappeared, so I still haven't seen a bat in a belfry.—Yours, etc.,

ANN M. COX.

Guildford, Surrey.

## CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING.

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to J. T. D. for his leading article, and with him I agree the time has come when some thought might be given to this question.

I do, however, wonder whether, as a body, we are quite clear of criticism on one point. Whilst we deprecate the 'lordly air of condescension on Sundays, etc.,' do we not somewhat condone this by accepting ringers as 'unattached'? I may be sticking my neck out here as there may be good and sufficient reasons why some ringers register as such, although I must admit I can see none.

Is it wrong to suggest that ringers who enjoy the art should at least realise some degree of loyalty and take a little of the responsibility by attaching themselves to their own or other suitable tower? Surely this is not expecting too much. After all, someone has to keep the towers, bells and ropes fit for their use. If this form of membership was abolished it would, I think, be one step toward the realisation of the sentiments expressed by the final paragraph of J. T. D.'s admirable article.

I'm afraid I do not quite see eye to eye with him regarding footnotes, as I do not think quite as many peals are footnoted for Patronal Festivals as it would lead us to suppose. To my mind, far too many mundane events are made the subject of a peal. Perhaps, one day, who knows, we may see a conductor take his courage in both hands and footnote a peal 'To the glory of God.' After all, that's one of the main reasons why the bells are where they are.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

## PRIVETT'S SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns let those interested know that the bells of Privett Church, near Petersfield, are now silent owing to the state of the stonework of the tower. As many will remember, this church stands on the top of a high hill, and although less than a hundred years old, weathering in such an exposed position is extensive. Most of the damage is around the louvres at bell chamber level.

The cost of repairs is £400 and the local ringers are appealing for help to get the work done. Privett is little more than a hamlet, and the money cannot be completely raised in the parish in time to prevent further decay.

If anyone has rung there or has any association with the parish and they feel they can contribute to the fund, their donation, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. D. Pearce, churchwarden and secretary of ringers, 35, Church Cottages, Privett, Alton, Hampshire.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES E. BASSETT (Hon. Sec.),

Alton and Petersfield District.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Southampton.

## SPliced ERIN AND STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Triples in these two methods was rung at Bushey, Herts, on August 26th, 1939, by the Hertford County Association, and was conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore. The composition was J. W. Parker's No. 1 and contained 3,960 Stedman and 1,080 Erin with 300 changes of method. Mr. Harris, please note.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

Hon. General Secretary,  
Herts County Association.

St. Albans.



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## PART I.—CATHEDRAL SYSTEM

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#### 149. Some Faults in Instruction.

Again, this is not an exhaustive list, but is fairly typical of what is, unfortunately, too general in ringing training. The appendix has been compiled as an aid to those who, while conscientious, yet find their training scheme to fall short of expected results. (All these points are covered in the Manual.)

1. Neglect to give a clear and interesting introduction to the whole subject.
2. Failure to appreciate pupil's type and treat accordingly. (Treatment not flexible.)
3. Neglect to follow a planned course of instruction, with modification for pupil types, as necessary.
4. Illogical arrangement of subject matter.
5. Poor presentation and lack of illustration.
6. Failure to stimulate and maintain interest.
7. Omission of salient steps (often thought to be rather too 'pernickety'), e.g., rope approach, orientation, proximity, stance, etc., which steps actually often make or mar a ringer.
8. Failure to check every fault and instantly. (Over 30 common.)
9. Neglect to ask and invite questions of the pupil.
10. Failure to train pupil's ear from the beginning.
11. Allowing 'bell to ring pupil' as soon as he can be left solo, instead of bell balancing.
12. Allowing pupil to attempt 'open' ringing in concert (in rounds, for example) before he has acquired real bell control. (At least 80% pulls 'balanced'.)
13. Failure to stress PRECISION of striking from first ringing in concert, and to use the ear *principally*.
14. Failure to teach the elements of method ringing before beginning a set method.
15. Attempting to teach without the co-operation of the more experienced ringers in the later stages, no matter whether teacher or ringers are to blame. (Refs, of course, to towers where there are ringers.)
16. (A general criticism of the tower band.) Waiting until the band is one short, before starting recruitment and training of beginners.

[End of Part I of the Manual. Contents of remaining six Parts were indicated in Article 18 of Section II.]

## OBITUARY

### CANON J. HUGHES

The Chester Diocesan Guild has lost a good friend in Canon J. Hughes, for 22 years Vicar of Rostherne. A faithful parish priest who went about doing his job in this country village, he was always ready to welcome ringers, and on the occasion of the last visit of the Stockport Branch to his church he conducted the service although he had been instructed by the doctor to take things easy.

He was laid to rest in Rostherne churchyard on November 14th, when the service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies, Bishop of Stockport. The bells were rung half-muffled and the evening before an 'in memoriam' extent of 'Bob Minor' was rung by R. Smith 1, Miss A. P. Brown 2, Mrs. C. K. Lewis 3, A. R. Elkins 4, A. J. Brown 5; C. K. L.

# AN AUGUST HOLIDAY IN DEVONSHIRE

ON August 18th a grey coach left Windsor, and as it passed through the towns of Slough, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Marlow and Reading it acquired, as a tramp steamer does, a very mixed cargo!—the freight being ringers of both sexes between 17 and 70 years young.

Heavy traffic and tank transporters combined, and we arrived at Sherborne Abbey about a quarter of an hour before the time we should have been leaving for Exeter. Thanks to the local ringers who met us, and the authorities at the Abbey, we were allowed to ring after a service ended. We did not do justice to this grand ring of bells, however. Probably the hurried nature of our visit had something to do with this.

We reached Exeter, our headquarters for the week, in time for tea before making our way to the Cathedral for the monthly practice.

## SUNDAY AT TEIGNMOUTH

On Sunday the party assembled at St. David's to ring for service at 10 o'clock. Some went to St. Mark's Church, others to St. Thomas', and rang for services at 11 o'clock. After this ringing a good percentage stayed to the services. In the afternoon the coach conveyed the party to Teignmouth. Here the afternoon passed very quickly as swimming, walking, eating, boating or just lazing in the sun was indulged in. Ringing in the evening took place at St. James' Church. Cambridge Major is quite interesting to ring with the congregation passing through the rope circle as they enter the church. Later on St. Michael's bells were rung for the holiday-makers' service at 9 p.m.

Monday's programme started with a visit to Broad Clyst, a lovely eight. Some fairly good rinying, not a good fall, and a teeny-weeny bit of belfrymanship! At Silverton a lady came to the church for peace and quiet. She didn't mind the bells but she objected to some people walking very quietly round the church! Tiverton bells were much admired.

In the afternoon Culmpton, Bradninch and Ottery St. Mary were visited. Our 10-bell ringing was poor, but at Ottery St. Mary we made amends for this with some really good stuff, followed by a lovely tea. In the evening we broke a rope at Clyst-Honiton and caused its successor to moulder badly. After straying into a farmyard we found Sowton Church.

Tuesday's start from Queen's Hotel was delayed by a brewer's dray which blocked our way. Eventually, we made haste to South Molton. The rise here was led by a local ringer. His advice not to hang about too long had such an effect that a rocket-like rise resulted. Fairly good, too, as was the ringing and the lower. Pilton bells were rung as we made our way to Bideford and lunch.

At Bideford we had a long wait for a local ringer who hadn't turned up, before the verger would allow anyone to enter the belfry. A good lower in peal here. At Northam a stay was bent by a young gentleman, whose enthusiasm for pulling up waned after this event. More key hunting at Great Torrington, but a good rise, ringing and fall when it was eventually found. Crediton, our last call, has a nice heavy ring of eight, and also a fish and chip shop, judging by the number of people eating this delicacy on the homeward run!

The very pleasant bells of Moreton Hampstead Church were rung on Wednesday morning as we journeyed towards Tavistock. The tenor clapper at Tavistock had broken a few days before so we did not experience the pleasure of the full octave. Minor and Triples on the front seven had to suffice. Buckland Monachorum was the next tower on the list. Between here and Compton Gifford we wandered off the beaten track. This resulted in our coach taking

us up a very narrow road with hairpin bends and high stone banks on each side. Rise, fall and ringing were all quite good at Compton Gifford; then on to St. Maurice, Plympton. The course of London here must surely have been the slowest on the bells. An irate lady living close to the tower expressed, in very plain, lucid language her opinion of bells and ringers! Ashburton bells were available after tea.

## A THUNDERSTORM

Early rising must have upset some of our folk on Thursday, because although the rise and fall were fairly good, most of the ringing was poor. The fault was not in Chudleigh bells but at the end of the ropes. At Kingsteignton form was regained and striking improved. An early arrival at Wolborough came as a mild shock to all the occupants of the coach. At Totnes we received a watery welcome from the clerk of the weather. The welcome in the tower, the bells and ringing more than compensated for the thunderstorm. When we left Totnes the coach showed that it resented being left out in the rain and poured a few gallons on to the folk under its sunshine roof. Practice with the local ringers at Heavitree, preceded by Paignton bells and Upton, Torquay, made a very satisfying finish to the day.

Friday seemed to have arrived very quickly. We had a fairly long run to Hatherleigh. From here we went to Holsworthy, where the bells were ringing as we arrived. The bells here are quite famous, and an organ voluntary has been composed on the airs played on them by a carillon. Ringing not very good here. Then Stratton bells were enjoyed before going to St. Stephen's, Launceston. Two people rang in the first touch here, hurried to view some carved pew-ends in another church the other side of the town, rushed back to the coach, having walked between one-and-a-half and two miles. Imagine their surprise when they found that the place selected for providing tea was about 20 yards from the church they visited! After tea we had the real pleasure of ringing Lifton bells. A lovely mellow ring this. Our coach then wandered by way of a very narrow road again to Okehampton. This road joined the major road close to the church, but just before the two met a sharp bend and a drop of five or six feet made things difficult for the driver. It looked impossible to get so large a vehicle round the corner, but our driver rose to the occasion and manoeuvred out on to the road amidst applause.

After ringing at Okehampton we returned to Exeter for the last night of the tour. Mr. Barker, on behalf of the company, expressed our thanks to Mr. Cox for organising such a happy week in a county so rich in really good rings of bells. Mrs. Barker then presented him with a set of door chimes and a biscuit barrel. Tony replied, and then the company were entertained by some tune- and change-ringing before dispersing to quench their thirst.

On the homeward journey ringing took place at Chard, Queen Camel and Bramley. To incumbents and local ringers we express our sincere thanks.

During the week between 1,200 and 1,300 steps were climbed. Our skill at embarking and disembarking increased, but for sheer speed we can never hope to equal some of the non-ringers on the way to their meals! W. L.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Pryke 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, M. T. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, W. A. Perry 6, P. Mayle 7, F. Kemp 8. **STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 31st 1,440 Childwall Bob Minor: P. Sewry 1, P. Bellamy-Knight 2, Miss V. Horton 3, G. Halls 4, F. Lowe 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all. For All Saints'-tide.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob): Wm. Smith 1, R. Peck 2, J. Pilgrim 3, A. S. Pipe 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. S. Bedford 6. Rung for evening service and to honour the 90th birthday of Mr. T. E. Pilgrim, M.B.E., who was churchwarden for 30 years.

**REDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Cooper 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Miss K. E. Weller 3, J. S. Pink (first asc.) 4, Miss J. M. Winchester 5, M. Williamson (first of Caters) 6, J. F. Galyer 7, M. Chilcott 8, E. G. Talbot 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Evensong.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. O. Abell 1, P. D. Wells 2, O. Castleman 3, J. P. Kesterton 4, R. Barrow 5, N. O. Abell 6, A. W. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Talent, churchwarden of Belgrave.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Jean Jones 1, Mary Andrews 2, Judith Cox 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, R. G. Rayfield 5, C. H. J. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day.

**BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints): H. J. Edmunds 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, R. Daniels 3, N. Line 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joshua J. Partridge, for 30 years a ringer at this church.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Turner 1, M. H. Williams 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, M. Edmonds 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading alternatively): E. Turner 1, M. Edmonds 2, H. Preece 3, J. Hale 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, T. E. Hiddins 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Also for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, L. Simmonds 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. A. W. Wright, a ringer at this church for over 35 years.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, A. C. Baker 2, D. J. Hunt 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Dart 1, A. C. Baker 2, V. J. Williams 3, D. G. Mayell 4, J. Hunt 5, A. A. Hillier 6, F. Skidmore (cond.) 7, R. G. Hooper 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for Family Communion.

**BROCKWORTH, GLOS.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Crawley 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, P. Clarkson 3, R. Fry 4, G. Norman 5, A. Lynall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Brian Green, aged 19 years, sacristan, choir member and bellringer at this church.

**BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett (cond.) 5, G. M. Rouse 6. For morning service.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lemarie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris (first 'inside') 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, Mary Carnochan (first 'inside') 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, P. Morris 8. For Evensong.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, N. Price (first quarter) 4, M. Vernon 5, W. Johnson 6, M. E. Brown 7, M. Clarke 8. In memory of Mrs. Beatrice Seal, donor of the bells.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. Bourne 1, Miss J. S. Evans 2, Miss E. A. G. Grime 3, A. F. Lee (first in method) 4, R. E. Coles 5, W. H. Thompson 6, D. J. King 7, R. O. Fry (cond.) 8.

**DEENE, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss R. Morgan 1, G. Bush 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, J. Haw 6. Rung before the christening of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brudenhall's twin sons. After the service 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): J. Strange (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell 2, C. Philpott 3, J. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. For Evensong.

**ELTON, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Miss J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, R. Stretton (cond.) 2, K. Faulkner 3, P. Sewry 4, M. Durov 5.

**EPPING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (cond.) 1, M. Osborne 2, C. Moore 3, R. Moore 4, C. Morris 5, J. Aldridge 6. Rung half-muffled for British Legion service of remembrance.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Jacobs (first quarter) 1, G. Privett 2, Miss R. Sturgess 3, J. Stevenson (first 'inside') 4, A. Sturgess (cond.) 5, G. Miles 6. Rung for 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Privett.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newson 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, F. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6, G. Curl cover. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. N. Veitch) on retirement.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Seldon 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, J. Salway 3, D. Callard 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Trott 1, D. Mitchell 2, E. R. Ropley 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, B. W. White 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 and first by local band.

**KIMPTON, HERTS.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. A. Carter (first quarter) 1, E. Edmondson (cond.) 2, R. Hand 3, J. G. Cull 4, D. L. Cull 5, J. Newbold 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Pauline) to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Wells (aged 75, first quarter) 1, J. Gatwood 2, Mrs. H. Pries 3, J. G. Cull 4, E. Edmondson (cond.) 5, R. Saunders (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Nix 1, J. Lightfoot 2, E. Wilmott 3, A. Upton 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6.

**LONDON.**—At Westminster Abbey.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, A. Walker (cond.) 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Piistow 4, A. B. Peck 5, C. J. Watts 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8. Rung immediately after the unveiling of the statue to Field Marshal J. Smuts.

**LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.**—On November 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, W. Bird 2, H. Eacey 3, M. Solley 4, J. Kindred 5, P. Kindred 6, R. Coates 7, A. Coleman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. L. Whytehead, a former Rector.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gilbert 1, W. Welling 2, Miss K. North 3, A. Cross 4, B. Lister 5, G. Cousins 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs (first quarter) 8. For patronal festival.

**MARTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Rendell 1, W. E. Turner 2, G. W. Rendell (jun., first quarter) 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, A. S. Atyeo 7, W. Turk 8.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): N. Anne Lepper 1, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 2, Jill M. Lane (first in two methods 'inside') 3, Angela M. Houchin (first 'inside') 4, J. A. Etherington 5, D. A. R. May 6. Longest length for 1 and 6. For Confirmation.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Claden 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, G. Blake 4, B. G. Burton 5, K. Wood 6. For Confirmation service.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Werrett (first quarter) 1, R. Day 2, A. Pound 3, I. Werrett 4, R. Dixon 5, W. Hitch 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Forward 1, S. A. Scott (first 'inside') 2, D. Sinms 3, J. Dart 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For service and also as a birthday compliment to Alan Scott.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Kingston 1, R. Monk 2, J. Ribbons 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Hancock 6. For Remembrance Day, and also as a farewell to D. Wright who was leaving for National Service.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Goodey (first quarter) 1, A. R. Tysoe 2, C. F. Sayer 3, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 4, T. J. Southam 5, N. V. Frost 6, G. W. Debenham 7, A. E. Ewer 8. For evening service.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Secker 1, Miss P. Rowe (first of Minor 'inside', aged 11) 2, M. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt 4, Miss J. Secker 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Ancient Society of College Youths. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Smith 1, W. Theobald (cond.) 2, M. Rowe 3, H. Howson 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

**STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, G. Atkins 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5. First quarter on the bells for 26 years. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon Marshall, who has been a sincere friend of the Towcester branch, and is leaving to take up an appointment with the Missions to Seamen.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Marion Macfarlane 1, D. H. White 2, Sheila Benwell 3, H. Collings 4, T. K. Price (cond.) 5, F. Paramore 6. For the coming of age of the ringer of the third.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cozens (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. W. Gray 8. Also 1,260 Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Miss N. Hales 3, Mrs. D. Neal 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dale 1, J. H. Kirby 2, D. Cubitt 3, P. Woodward 4, W. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, J. E. Kirby 7, H. Naylor 8. Rung to mark the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss R. A. Gower 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope 6. For morning service. Also 1,296 Oswald Delight: Miss B. Philpot 1, Miss R. E. Gower (first in method) 2, C. T. Hills 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancelfield 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. W. Housden 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, G. A. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung by the officers of the Ely District on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, H. Cox 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, J. Tomsett 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, A. Bagworth 8.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking (first of Major) 1, J. Warner 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. S. Butler 4, C. Burton 5, J. Parker (first quarter) 6, E. W. Briant (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. M. Payne, a former vicar of Witham, who was interred this day at Worth Matravers.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Clover 1, W. Clover 2, R. Appleton (first 'inside') 3, R. G. Loft 4, C. H. Moore 5, T. E. Spight 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, J. R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS

### BARSHAM, SUFFOLK

On November 3rd a party of teenage ringers from Beccles, Barsham, Norwich and Mulbarton spent an enjoyable afternoon ringing in Norwich.

Owing to the fact that the eight bells of St. John-de-Sepulchre were found to be unobtainable at the last moment, the party proceeded somewhat ahead of schedule to the Church of St. George-in-Colegate (6, 9½ cwt.).

These bells were very much admired for 'go' and tone. Ringing here consisted of 'Queens' and call-changes, and some well-struck courses of Plain Bob Doubles were brought round on the back five. A course of Grandsire came to an abrupt end two changes before the bells should have come round. A method of rather doubtful composition, invented at Barsham's last practice night and named 'Barsham Bob,' was rung. Before we left we rang a course of Doubles on the front five to satisfy the treble ringer's passion for Minor fives.

The short journey to the church of St. Michael-at-Coslay proved comparatively silent as the organiser produced some extraordinarily bulky home-made toffees (?), guaranteed to silence the most voluble member of the party for at least ten minutes. The glue-content of this type of sweet is obviously very high.

On arrival at St. Michael's we deemed it expedient to leave the front two of the eight (14 cwt.) unraised, as these bells have a 'reputation.' The tenor bell proved a source of amusement to a certain individual who rarely rings a bell weighing more than 6½ cwt. (Barsham tenor). Call-changes and Bob Doubles were successfully rung on these fine-toned, if somewhat rough-going, bells. Having descended to the body of the church, an agonised wail was heard from the ringing chamber. It was discovered that the most diminutive ringer had been inadvertently locked in. After this incident the party went their several ways.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the clergy and to our organiser T. N. J. B.

### BOLSOVER

On November 3rd Bolsover Parish Church ringers, with friends from Chesterfield, Warsop and Worksop, enjoyed a half-day outing.

Mr. J. W. Cotton very kindly arranged for ringing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Netherseal and Overseal. The coach was delayed in Nottingham by the University Rag procession, but Mr. Beardsmore patiently waited to welcome the visitors at Ashby, and the bells were soon raised in peal. Methods rung included Bob Major, Double Norwich, Little Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

At Netherseal a meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was in progress, and the two parties were provided with tea in the local Village Hall. Mr. W. H. Curzon welcomed the visitors and made friendly reference to former stalwarts from the Chesterfield District, including the Knights family and John Flint. Mr. Cooper suitably replied and thanked the ladies for the splendid arrangements made for tea.

By arrangement with the members of the Midland Counties Guild the visitors were able to make good use of the bells at Netherseal whilst a business meeting was in progress. Miss Joan and Mr. Peter Beresford, of Lichfield, were invited to ring with the party at Netherseal and later at Overseal, where ringing continued until nearly 8 p.m. The two light rings were pushed along at a merry pace to methods which included Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

On the way home an excellent dinner was enjoyed at the Highfields Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and the coach eventually reached Bol-

sover in the early hours of Sunday morning. The members wish to express thanks for the kindness of all who so readily assisted with the arrangements for this outing and a previous one in Lancashire in June. A. B. C.

### EWELL, SURREY

The Ewell outing this year took place on the day commemorated as the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was therefore fitting that the ringers of St. Mary's should visit on this day five churches in Oxfordshire, each one also dedicated to St. Mary.

Our arrival at Henley-on-Thames 20 minutes early gave us time to explore the church with the Vicar, who had been inducted only a few days before. He made the 60 of us very welcome. By 9 o'clock we were ringing this fine eight (tenor 21½ cwt.), while from the top of the tower others were admiring the excellent view.

Another very pleasant 20 miles brought us to Thame, where we found the large church with its big square tower abounding in interest. In the centre of the chancel stands a huge white marble tomb with effigies of Lord Williams, of Thame, and his wife. There are eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.), and being easily accessible we took the opportunity of having a look at them. Coming to Banbury, 30 miles on, we had a very satisfying lunch before visiting our only 10-bell church of the day, the quaint red-sandstone edifice with its huge round tower, dominating the town and appearing at first sight more like a town hall or museum.

The pièce-de-résistance was our next call—Home Farm, at the small village of Balscott. Here we found the lightest ring of six in the world, cast in 1952 (tenor 1 cwt. 21½ lb.). The bells are hung in a small outhouse adjoining the kitchen and are partly visible from outside. Peals of laughter filled the farmyard when we first caught sight of them and the diminutive rope-ends hanging in the confined space below. Having left the spacious tower at Banbury only 15 minutes earlier, the contrast did seem comical. More laughter was caused when first attempts at ringing were made; we couldn't even ring them up!

Mr. Jarvis, our host, who had been looking on at the futile efforts of the experts, showed us how to do it. Calmly taking a rope in each hand, he rang up treble and second; similarly with 3/4, followed by 5/6. After a time, when they had recovered from their amazement, some of the party began to make a fair show; but even then, just as you thought you had mastered the technique, you found your bell involuntarily lowered!

We had left the Chilterns at Thame: this part of the county, bordering on the Cotswold Hills, we found most beautiful as we travelled on to Witney, where tea was waiting. Ringing at the church followed and was greatly enjoyed. A truly magnificent 156 ft. spire surmounts the cruciform church, which occupies a commanding situation, overlooking the green and the town to the north and spacious meadows to the south.

Bampton, 600 years famous for its horse fair on August 26th and Morris dancing on Whit Monday, is justly proud of its beautiful church. Like that at Witney, it is cruciform and has a spire 170 ft. high, with wonderful flying buttresses supporting large figures of saints, most impressive in the gathering dusk. The once coloured and gilded stone reredos is 600 years old; the three-storied Easter Sepulchre is 15th century. We rang these splendid bells for a long time, finally groping our way out in the dark.

The 70 miles return journey gave us time to ponder on the things we had seen and heard and enjoyed, until one coach became wedged against the parapet of a narrow bridge across a stream. With this adventure and subsequent nocturnal meanderings we arrived at Ewell at midnight, a 17-hour day. J. E. B.

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### DEATHS

COOLIDGE.—Suddenly on November 25th, 1956, Thomas William Coolidge, of 31, Somerset Buildings, Churchway, Euston Road, N.W.1, aged 83 years. Member of College Youths, 1895–1956. Funeral, East Finchley Cemetery, December 3rd. 9390

PANNELL.—On Nov. 30th, 1956, at his home, 9, Long Gardens, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, George Edgar Pannell, aged 75 years, a past member of the Essex Association. 9406

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Annual business meeting for Chesterfield District. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell.—A. B. Cooper, H. Denman.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Handley, The Haven, 34, Vicarage Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge. 9377

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea in George and Dragon. Names to E. Turley, Lower Farm. Annual dinner, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names as soon as possible to A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel.—C. A. Bassett. 9369

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9352



**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Strettham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 9296

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).**—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. 9311

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley. 9335

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashted, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in Schoolroom.—A. H. Smith. 9312

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter. 9376

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. 9357

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Augustine, Kilburn (Kilburn Bridge end of Maida Vale), Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 9345

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—Rededication, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church: frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Mulbarton.—Dedication of the Rev. Heard Memorial by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. 9349

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Practice at Caversham St. Peter's, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 6 p.m. Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th, 1957.—R. G. Burton. 9386

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.—Dedication of two trebles and rehanging bells by the Bishop, Saturday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. 9354

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4.15 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6.15 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, for those who send names to Mr. Kendall, 43, St. Margaret's Avenue, Luton.—Kenneth G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9383

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9401

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9404

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (8), at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 9403

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Short service. Tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9393

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9382

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells just been rehanging and retuned by Mears.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9392

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cnelttenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Dec. 11th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9392

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Woodchester, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Dec. 12th to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9405

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 15th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss S. Corke, 41, Coronation Road, Aldershot.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9399

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 13th, to Miss D. Kent, Chittlebirch, Staplecross. 9385

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, Dec. 15th, 3 p.m. Afternoon ringing only. Meeting in tower 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9407

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Waterfoot on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9388

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Manchester Cathedral, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. and following Evensong. Nearby cafés. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9402

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. Beniston, 157, Hall Lane, Whitwick. 9394

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Inn.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9396

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 15th; 45th anniversary of the District, 1911—1956; St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Further ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting and service, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Damerham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged for those who send names by Dec. 11th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9340

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Preshute, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 9398

**SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Reunion, Saturday, Dec. 15th, Bell Inn, Nottingham. Ringing arrangements: Radcliffe, 10 to 10.30 a.m.; West Bridgford, 11 to 11.45 a.m.; Bulwell, 1.45 to 2.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Mary's, Nottingham, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 8s. 6d., available from A. E. Hartley, Shoreditch Training College, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 9380

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—District Meeting, Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for all who apply to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 9387

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Reigate, Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Mary's bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Meeting follows. Bells till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to Miss B. Saggars, 28, Clarence Walk, Redhill. 9319

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Mr. F. G. Weller, 14, Church Street, Uckfield.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9395

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Rededication of Cheriton bells on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 2.45 p.m., by Bishop Lang, tea to follow. Tichborne available after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to P. Dickinson, River Bank Cottage, Cheriton.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 9397

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Calverley on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in the Old Hall Café at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower. Names for tea to Mr. D. Thorp, 6, St. Stephen's Road, Calverley, near Leeds, no later than Thursday, Dec. 13th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9355

**ESSEX.**—The dedication of a new treble bell will take place at Goldhanger on Monday, Dec. 17th, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome. 9384

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Preliminary notice.—The annual meeting of the District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12th, in Guildford. There will be a social evening for which tickets are now available, price 1s. 6d., from Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. Please bring your friends.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9381

**FULHAM, S.W.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: A. Walker 1, H. Miles 2, W. Paley 3, B. K. Lunn 4, K. Marks 5, T. Look 6, G. G. Salmon 7, S. H. Dearden 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

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