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## OUR FIRST RINGERS' MEETING

ON November 1st, All Saints' Day, my wife Joan and I attended our first ringers' meeting. Being complete novices in the art of change-ringing (we are struggling with what, to us, are the intricacies of Grandsire Doubles), we did not quite know how we should fare in the company of 20 or so proficient ringers.

Our first surprise on opening the church door was the sight of George. George has visited our tower occasionally to assist our two patient instructors. Generally he has been garbed in an old sweater over an open-necked shirt and baggy trousers. On this occasion George's six feet three inches were immaculate in a well-cut suit with knife-edge creases, snow-white shirt, and restrained tie. Obviously, we thought, a monthly meeting is some occasion! We were quite right, and our first has left its impressions.

Perhaps the chief of these was that of Charlie, who regularly week by week, aided by Harry, the Guild secretary, comes and patiently (usually) teaches us. Often on practice night have our clashes and faulty striking made him wince and groan. But on this occasion we saw him absolutely, wholly, completely and utterly in his element, his face flushed with pleasure, as he called several touches of really well-struck Stedman with some of the good ringers. If anyone lives for bell-ringing it is Charlie, and we can never thank him enough for coming each week to instruct us, especially as we are not very promising material.

Then there was Harry, who travels about a dozen miles to get to our tower on practice nights, where we see him as a rather quiet but very helpful assistant to Charlie. On the occasion of the meeting we saw him for the first time in action. Unobtrusively, but very efficiently, he guided the meeting on an even keel. Rounds for beginners, something spliced for the experts, the Vicar thanked and put in the picture as regards the service, a touch of 120 Grandsire for novices like Joan and I, the president of the Guild welcomed, six for Bob Minor—Harry managed it all.

On the arrival of the president, who to us was just another ringer, a voice hissed in our ears: 'Here is the

president!' The words were said with such respect that Joan felt she ought to curtsy, and I had a ridiculous impulse to grab a bell-rope and ring wildly, for just at that moment no one was ringing and Harry was organising ringers for rounds. It seemed all wrong that the president should walk into church and find a silent tower.

George is a man of parts. This was brought home to us at the meeting, for his rather sleepy expression completely belies a very active brain, a fact we speedily realised as we saw him ably conducting a most joyous ring in several complicated methods. Then, too, surprise of surprises, he turned organist for the service, playing with feeling and expression.

The service was one which left a definite impression. The whole company sitting at the front of the church, the words of the hymns (new to us) set to familiar tunes, the prayers, and the Ringers' Prayer in particular, and by no means least, the Vicar's talk, so well chosen for the day.

As tea was in the village hall, a furlong distant, and the bells were up, it was decided to lock the church. Joyce, one of our band, pushed the huge key into the lock and there it wedged itself. Not one of us could either tease it out, or coax it to turn. So the Vicar stayed on guard, to be relieved in due course by the verger who, during his spell on duty managed, by some process known only to himself, to extract the key from the lock; thus all was well.

Although we knew the members of our own band, and Sydney and Tony from a neighbouring tower, there were inevitably many whom we had not seen before, who yet left their mark. The tall man who helped his even taller young son in one or two touches; the young married couple who rang together and looked as if they had always done so; the girl in the black frock whose expression when ringing was so completely composed that one thought nothing could ever ruffle her calm; and the two 12-year-olds who were both so shy of ringing before so many, and yet who managed so well.

These impressions, and many more, contribute to our happy memory of our first ringers' meeting, which has left us with only one regret. Why, oh why, did we not take up bell-ringing 20 years ago, when in our 'teens?

JOAN AND TERRY ROBERTS.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

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

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 8
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. .. 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. .. 11
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 8
CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*JOHN K. SMITH .. .. Treble	†BRIAN DAWSON .. .. 6
*VERONA C. NAYLOR .. .. 2	†PETER FOSTER .. .. 7
RHODA HEMMINGS .. .. 3	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 9
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 5	EDWARD J. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.'

Rung for the tenth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*WALTER AVERY .. .. Treble	‡DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
GEOFFREY HARRISON .. .. 2	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 7
ARTHUR FOXALL .. .. 3	§E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 8
†SHEILA WALLACE .. .. 4	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 9
ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 5	†L. JOSEPH YOUNG .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. GLENN.

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters. § 25th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

RONALD BARLOW .. .. Treble	ROBERT ARROWSMITH .. 5
WILLIAM P. DEANE .. .. 2	ALAN D. STEELE .. .. 6
*RACHEL SMITH .. .. 3	PHILLIP S. WHALLEY .. 7
*JOHN NIXON .. .. 4	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

\* First peal of Major.

RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 5
*DIANNE LAWLESS .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 7
*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4	HARRY RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to David Priestley.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 6
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, senior.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. Treble	*ALBERT W. A. LEGETT .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
*LEONARD B. SCOOT .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

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

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
*ALAN J. FROST .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

T. B. Worsley's.	
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS .. .. 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 6
JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	DAVID YOUNG .. .. 7
HAROLD LONYON .. .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

Rung in memoriam of those killed in the two world wars.

**CHURCH CLOCKS**NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND  
INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRSEXISTING HAND-WOUND  
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**MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's variation No. 2.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.
G. STEDMAN MORRIS.. .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 5
JOHN W. RAWSON .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. .. 4	ROLAND W. PROUDMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

*AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. .. 6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung to mark the 626th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

**DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Tues., Nov. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

*AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 5
*JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 2	*DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 3	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 7
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* First peal of London. First of London for the Society by a resident band.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Rung to celebrate the retirement, after 50 years' service as beadle at this church, of Sidney W. Freemantle.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	ANTHONY H. BATES .. .. 5
MARGARET THOMPSON .. .. 2	DAVID WIGHT .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS .. .. 4	ALLEN D. RIVERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5008 GOLDHANGER COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALISON M. MANN .. .. Treble	BERNARD C. MANN .. .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 2	ROY K. DUESBURY .. .. 6
HARRY R. APPLETON .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
First peal in the method, which is No. 282 in C.C.C. of Plain Major methods.

**OXFORD.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Oxford Society.)

*On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	CHARLES COLES .. .. 5
FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 2	FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 6
PHILIP H. TOCOK .. .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 7
BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

Rung on the eve of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

**PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

BEN S. THOMPSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE A. KINDRED .. .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. .. 2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. .. 6
MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 4	PETER KINDRED .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

Rung to congratulate the Rector (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) upon his appointment as Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the assistant curate (Rev. John Fellingham) upon his appointment as Rector of Coltishall with Great Hautbois, Norfolk.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 ICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

BRIAN BLADON .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

**BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
ROSALINE A. FARLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. .. 5
JOSEPH L. STANIER .. .. 2	HARRY EDGE .. .. 6
LEO EVANS .. .. 3	ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. .. 7
HAROLD G. THOMAS .. .. 4	FREDERICK W. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in 1951.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also in honour of the tenth birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

**BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.*

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method; each bell does all the work of each method.

*PATRICIA REEVE .. .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 2	ALEX E. MARSH .. .. 6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR .. .. 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 7
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

\* First peal.

**ICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

58—58. 14—58—36. 14—14. 38—34—58.

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's C4/6.



CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.  
WILLIAM H. HARFORD .. Treble JAMES DANIELS .. 5  
\*WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 2 †WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 6  
THOMAS YEOMANS .. 3 WILLIAM DARE .. 7  
GEOFFREY MARCHANT .. 4 †D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

\* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together.  
Rung as a first anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard N. Pressly, of Smethwick, Staffs.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GLENDIA ROWLEY .. Treble G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 5  
\*ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. 2 ERIC YOUNG .. 6  
HAROLD ROBERTS .. 3 WILLIAM TALBOT .. 7  
ALBERT LAWTON .. 4 WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

\* First peal 'inside.'

A 16th wedding anniversary peal for Elizabeth and Harold Roberts.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

VICTOR SAVAGE .. Treble DAVID HOARE .. 5  
EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 2 FREDERICK SAVAGE .. 6  
\*ERIC C. WADMAN .. 3 VICTOR ROBERTS .. 7  
ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 4 GWILYM SALMON .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. (C.C.C. No. 14).

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

\* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.  
RAYMOND OVERY .. Treble JAMES H. LILLEY .. 5  
GEORGE APPS .. 2 ERIC H. KNAPP .. 6  
JAMES JEFFERY .. 3 WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. 7  
FREDERICK GODSMARK .. 4 REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Rung in honour of Mr. George App's 50 years' membership of the above Association, and for over 53 years a regular ringer at this church.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr.

ROGER MAHER .. Treble ROGER LEIGH .. 5  
NORMAN SMITH .. 2 GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6  
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 3 DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7  
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4 NEIL D. LOMAS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for St. Luke's Fellowship Campaign, 1958.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

LESLEY HAWES .. Treble BRIAN BLADON .. 4  
MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 2 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5  
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 3 PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

Rung in association with, and in thanksgiving for, the dedication of two trebles at nearby Feltham.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

\*ERIC ROBERTS .. Treble GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4  
JOHN B. BENNETT .. 2 CHARLES V. CATTELL .. 5  
†BERYL AYRIS .. 3 ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

\*CHRISTOPHER SCOTT .. Treble TERENCE RANDALL .. 4  
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2 \*DAVID EMMERSON .. 5  
DUNCAN MCNEIL .. 3 RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.  
Rung for the festival of All Saints by the Sunday service band.

WING, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, viz.: 14 Plain Bob, 15 Plain Bob (April Day variation) and 13 Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. Treble ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 3  
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 2 GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE P. ADAMS .. Treble GEORGE W. BUCKLE .. 4  
\*GEORGE LOVE .. 2 EDWARD HOWSE .. 5  
†MARY MADDISON .. 3 †BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

\* First peal in four methods. † First in four methods 'inside.'  
‡ 350th peal.

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## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 4
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 5
	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

G. COLIN JACKSON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. .. 4
J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 2	*PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. .. 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. .. 3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice on the 40th anniversary.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOREEN M. GIBBONS .. Treble	† ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 4
*JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 5
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

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

## EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. .. 4
THOMAS J. GUNDY .. .. 2	IVOR G. JONES .. .. 5
AUBREY J. PROBERT .. .. 3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. GUNDY.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ALEC T. DENSON .. .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 4
GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Mary Marriot and Donald E. R. Knights (Ely District secretary) on their engagement.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. .. Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN .. .. 4
COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 3	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung open to the memory of Mr. F. W. Keddie, who died recently. Mr. and Mrs. Keddie restored and augmented these bells in 1947 as a memorial to their three sons, who lost their lives in the last war.

## HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

A. CHARLES MORRIS .. Treble	J. THOMAS GWILT .. .. 3
ANTHONY A. UPTON .. .. 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS .. .. 4

\*SYDNEY J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. S. Windmill, who was inducted on November 3rd.

## BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. .. 4
MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Mabel Vessey, of this parish.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

RAYMOND G. SMITH .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4
DENNIS LAUD .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

## FRYERNING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 45 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and St. Clement's; 107 changes of method.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. .. 3	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* 25th peal on the bells (conducted 22). † 100th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Essex Association, and by all the band.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT .. .. Treble	EDWARD ASHCROFT .. .. 4
ROBERT LARKEY .. .. 2	HARRY POYNEK .. .. 5
JOHN LUNHAM .. .. 3	WILLIAM DEACON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

Rung as a compliment to Sydney Flint for his 80th birthday.



## BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; (2) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob.

MARY C. PAYNE .. .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## BRINKWORTH, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DR. C. GUY ROWORTH .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 4
PETER MINCHIN .. .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
CHARLES G. JONES .. .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal of Minor. 25th as conductor. First peal on the bells.  
Rung as a welcome to Robert James Harrin, nephew of the ringers of the second, born November, 1958.

## COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,*

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents (C.C.C. Nos. 52, 48, 50, 34, 51, 29 and 28). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*GRACE M. BEARDOW .. Treble	ANDREW R. CARTER .. .. 4
†JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS .. 2	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 5
*KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th as conductor. First peal by the Society.

## GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, comprising seven 120's: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) London and Wells; (4) York and Durham; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham and Berwick.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

MRS. J. W. HAW .. .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	JAMES W. HAW .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	*RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Sangster.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE LIMES, STATION ROAD,*

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3—4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DOWSE.  
First peal of Major on handbells by all the band. First as conductor.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,*

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

## HALF PEALS

**BROMSBOROUGH, GLOS.**—On Nov. 8th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. Smith 4, C. Phillips 5, J. J. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. J. Roberts, captain of Newent tower for 50 years.

**WAPLEY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell 1, M. Webb 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delany 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first half peal ever rung on these bells, and the first half peal by all the band.

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.**—On Nov. 8th, 2,592 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Naylor 1, Elizabeth Grime 2, Joan Gray 3, R. Bowden 4, A. Cleaver 5, F. Mack 6, J. Gilbert 7, P. Gray (cond.) 8.

**BABBACOMBE, DEVON.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Stephens 1, H. C. Spencer 2, Miss M. Russell (first quarter) 3, P. A. Lock (first quarter) 4, W. J. Harvey 5, D. J. Roberts 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, A. J. Garbett 8. For Evensong on eve of All Saints' Day.

**BROXBOROUGH, HERTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Cornhill 1, W. Mumford 2, A. Radley 3, A. Langridge 4, D. Hammond 5, L. Radford 6, J. Towers (first as cond.) 7, J. Luxon 8. For harvest festival.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett 4, Cherie Payne 5, W. A. Riddington 6, H. W. Woolven (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleton 8. For Evensong.

**CHELSFIELD, KENT.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Smith 1, Jennifer George 2, J. Pannell 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Monica Horseman 1, K. Prime 2, E. J. Goldstone 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hulme 1, Jill Mayes 2, Sheila Percival 3, Mrs. A. Craven 4, J. Church 5, G. Mayes 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. For patronal festival Evensong.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Holway 1, C. Webb 2, C. C. Turner 3, J. Manley 4, W. Webb 5, C. J. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, R. Lee (first 'inside') 4, B. Thomas 5, I. D. Davies 6, E. Carter 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled with 7, 6, 8 covering for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

**DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): G. Case 1, J. Dean 2, J. Hughes (cond.) 3, G. Parting 4, D. Clays 5, J. Tilston 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**EAST CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. Cobb 1, Freda Phillips 2, J. Peacock 3, H. Best 4, K. Prime (first in method as cond.) 5.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen Thorneycroft 1, Betty Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. Booth 4, G. Mansfield 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First quarter by treble. Rung half-muffled.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Painter 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, A. W. J. Appleton 3, L. G. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, A. Day (cond.) 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, F. W. Ellis 8. For harvest festival.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Johnson 1, Christine Ford 2, M. C. Austin 3, E. Treagus 4, A. Buswell 5, P. Richardson 6, R. Borsberry 7, M. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 5 and 7. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Body (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, A. Buswell 2, Shirley Parsons 3, Christine Ford 4, S. T. Ford 5, P. Richardson 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For evening service.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HESTON, MIDDLEX.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, G. W. Golding 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, W. W. Webb 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Ruch 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, A. Grant 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**KNOWLE, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. E. Tallis (first quarter) 1, E. E. Hewlett 2, A. A. Upton 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6, A. Nix 7, A. A. Tingle 8. Longest length 6 and 8. Rung on the anniversary of the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, in accordance with the age-old custom of the tower.

**LEIGH SINTON, WORCS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Sidwell (first quarter) 1, A. C. Boxley 2, J. Ranford 3, F. Merrick (cond.) 4, W. Sidwell 5, C. Deakin 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clark 1, S. C. Easter 2, M. J. Edwards 3, I. R. Pantom 4, R. J. Harrison 5, F. White 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. T. Parker 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Oct. 19th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, Miss N. G. Williams 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, Miss N. G. Williams 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**PLUCKLEY, KENT.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob: C. T. Hillis 1, J. J. Batchelor 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, K. Burbidge 4, J. R. Cooper 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. Rung for the pageant of the prayer book.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): J. Peacock 1, Monica Horseman 2, F. Neate 3, C. Kortright 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, F. Phillips 6.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cornick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Dr. C. A. G. Ward (first 'inside') 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. Cornick 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Perry.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Weeks (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, F. E. Roberts 4, G. West 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bains 1, A. Hewitt 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, M. Lings 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, S. Bircham 8. Rung to celebrate the baptism of Richard Carl, son of the conductor and Mrs. Judd, christened this day.

**SHARESHILL, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, J. B. Webb 2, J. Doiman 3, J. B. Perkins 4, C. M. Smith 5, J. H. Allen (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Miller 1, S. G. Peck 2, R. Channon (first 'inside') 3, J. Perrett 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion, the celebrant being the Bishop of Willesden, who held a Confirmation the previous day at which H. Miller and R. Channon were confirmed, also the brother of the ringer of the 4th and the sister of the conductor.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. Fellows 1, Jill Tembs 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, A. D. Fellows 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, M. T. Sprackling (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Ingram (first on 10 bells) 1, R. C. Chapman 2, G. Ingram 3, A. J. Print 4, V. B. Hunt 5, L. Hallett 6, C. R. Steed 7, F. C. Lyne 8, J. L. Findon (cond.) 9, E. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled by regular service ringers, on the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, for Remembrance Day.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Chapple 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, Miss V. Hart 5, D. Muttum 6, H. Reed (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**TODMORDEN, YORKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,380 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, P. Scholfield 2, H. Sutcliffe 3, R. Cryer 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first of Triples 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Borer 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, P. Borer 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Sung Eucharist. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. W. Gray 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

**WANDSWORTH, SURREY.**—On Nov. 16th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pearce Higgins (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth (first on eight) 2, Miss D. Robinson (first of Triples) 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, G. Harvey 6, W. Wilson 7, H. W. Barrett 8.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, B. W. Metcalfe 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**WARWICK.**—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Price 2, W. Collett 3, H. Huxley 4, W. S. Oakley 5, K. S. Hohl 6, W. H. Male (cond.) 7, P. Faulks 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Oakley 1, G. Aldhouse 2, W. Collett 3, W. H. Male 4, R. J. Edden 5, H. Huxley 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Price (cond.) 8, F. G. Lyne 9, W. Clement 10. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**WENDOVER, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Eyre 1, B. Evans (first 'inside') 2, Monica Barrett 3, J. Young 4, R. Wright (first as cond.) 5, D. Stone (first quarter) 6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, Susan Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, E. Jacobs 8.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Snell 1, P. S. Whalley 2, Rosalie Mitchell 3, L. Whalley 4, Rachel Snell 5, J. Nixon 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, A. D. Steele 8.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 2, S. Petter 2, Miss B. Mayers 4, F. Cherryman 5, K. Newman 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, C. A. Slyfield 8. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): Miss B. Drake (first quarter) 1, W. Drake 2, R. Wilson 3, P. L. Westerman 4, W. J. Kinchin (first as cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For patronal festival.



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The new church at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill, Sussex, has given an order for a ring of six bells costing £2,000. The 60ft. bell tower, now being constructed, should be completed this year. It is hoped to have the consecration in the spring. The training of a band of ringers is being planned in a neighbouring church.

Congratulations to Leeds University Campanological Society on ringing their first peal.

The local band at Willesborough, Kent, have so far rung over 100,000 changes for service ringing this year.

Advice from a Yorkshire ringer: 'Never shout at a ringer who owns a car. He may come in useful some time.'—From 'The Belfry.'

The band who rang in the in memoriam peal at Wetherby, for Mr. Percy J. Johnson, included four of his pupils. The two first-pealers have been ringing for over 40 years.

After the peal at Acle on November 8th, rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 86th birthday, the band were, as usual after this annual event, hospitably entertained at 'Hollycroft.'

The band who rang the peal at Wing, Rutlandshire, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Wing, for entertaining them to tea afterwards. This was the first peal on these bells since November, 1931, and probably only the third rung there.

The ringers of the peal at Berrington, Salop, desire to thank the Rev. R. H. Hill and local ringers for their hospitality. Swindon ringers have a similar acknowledgment to make to the Rector of Brinkworth.

The first peal on the bells of Ashbourne Parish Church since 1923 has been accomplished. It was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt (Stedman Triples) failing through a shift between a well-known Derbyshire lady ringer and a well-known College Youth!

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast service on Sunday, December 7th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, from Constantine Parish Church, Cornwall, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. O. Mossop), and the preacher will be Canon J. E. Fison, of Truro Cathedral.

Another veteran in a birthday peal is Mr. Sydney Flint, who rang the treble for his 80th birthday at Aughton, Lancs.

Official weight of Market Bosworth tenor, given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., is 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. Controversialists please note (the same as in the Guide).

By ringing the fourth at Pakefield on November 13th, Mr. A. W. Bird, of Gorleston, 'circled the tower.' The peal was Mrs. E. T. Chapman's first of Major. Congratulations, Ella! You rang very well.

Mr. E. G. Buck, Northern District secretary of the Herts County Association, makes a welcome return to peal-ringing after his recent operation, with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Barkway on November 1st.

For some time past, Mr. George Goodman has been teaching beginners at Putney and other towers. The first signs of success became evident during the quarter he arranged at Wandsworth. All credit to them!

While the peal was in progress at Burton-on-Trent, on November 15th, an I.T.A. television unit was busy at a dog show in an adjacent hall. The ringers hope that viewers had a background of bells, as the ringing was for a national event—the tenth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The bells of Christ Church, Shankill, Lagan, Co. Armagh, will represent Northern Ireland in this year's Christmas Day broadcast. They are a fine ring of eight with a tenor of 22 cwt.

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## THE PHANTOM PEAL RINGER RIDES AGAIN

THE scene is the village of Amport, in Hampshire; the time, the witching hour of midnight on the first Friday in November. Hallowe'en has come and gone; the countryside lies dark and silent as the grave.

But hark! Do ghouls still walk? What ghostly music fills the air? The villagers stir restlessly in their beds and fearfully recall old legends of yesteryear. Can it be the dreaded phantom ringers?

At Amport R.A.F. Station the sergeant of the guard wakes with a start, the hairs of his scalp tingling. He dons his carpet slippers with shaking fingers, stumbles to the door and listens unbelievably. Are the ancient tales true, or has 'B' Flight broken out again? In any event this is a matter for the civil police, and the sergeant does not hesitate; he dials '999'.

Meanwhile, at the village church, six phantom ringers are conferring with the Rector, who justifiably points out that, although the bells are theoretically fully muffled, they will have to be made a lot quieter before any midnight peal-ringing takes place. Our phantoms can only agree and, as no more muffles are available and the ascent to the bell chamber appears hazardous in the extreme, they reluctantly decide to abandon the attempt and to go on to the next tower.

As certain phantoms sit yawning in their chariot, waiting (as usual) for the phantom tenor king, a Ford car chugs out of the darkness and halts beside them. The following conversation ensues:—

Police Sergeant: 'Good morning!'

Phantoms (in chorus): 'Good morning, officer!'

Police Sergeant: 'Is this the church?'

Phantoms: 'Yes.'

Pause for suspicious glances on both sides.

Police Sergeant: 'You haven't just been in there by any chance, have you?'

First Phantom: 'Er . . .'

Second Phantom: 'Umm . . .'

Third Phantom: 'Yes.'

Police Sergeant (triumphantly, rattling handcuffs and twirling moustache): 'Ah-ha!'

Posse, comprising sergeant, constable and military policeman, pile out of the car and surround quaking phantoms.

Some little time later, explanations having been forthcoming and the full names and addresses of all of our heroes duly noted ('Yes, that's it, officer, Arthur Patrick, my 2,342nd tower, no doubt you've heard of Loughborough . . .') the party made tracks for Abbot's Ann, where attempt No. 2 was scheduled to start at 3 a.m. Arriving two hours early, some time was spent in rendering the muffling as effective as possible without making the bells completely inaudible, and a start was eventually made at half-past one. Winchendon Place Bob Doubles ran smoothly to a successful conclusion, and our spirits rose appreciably.

We slept in the car until breakfast-time (6 a.m.), when we received a warm welcome from the proprietor of the local transport cafe and were brought back to life by bacon, eggs and coffee.

### PEP-PILLS!

Seven o'clock saw the party adjusting ropes at Broughton in readiness to attempt the first peal on the bells. Pep-pills were much in evidence here, and those who used them are able to present a very favourable report on their effectiveness: no doubt their use will soon be banned by the Central Council. The steady seven were duly rung on these pleasant bells.

On to Lockerley in brilliant sunshine, where Bill Deason met us looking disgustingly wide awake and sporting a new hat which the late

R. Hood would have been proud to own. It was apparent from the size of the feather that an ostrich was shivering somewhere. Four methods were rung at a stately pace on these musical but somewhat noisy bells.

Lunch was waiting at the village inn, and we sat down well satisfied with our total of three out of four so far, and every prospect of scoring the remaining three to set up a new record.

However, this was not to be. At Sherfield English, where Chris Kippin joined us, Cambridge Major had been tapping along in fine style for nearly two hours when a conducting error put paid to our hopes; a sad disappointment, for this eight certainly rates as one of the most musical in Hampshire.

Over tea it was decided by a majority that the two remaining attempts should still take place, and the party consequently set off for Stockbridge to try for another 'first on the bells.' However, a broken treble rope brought the ringing to a premature conclusion in the third extent. No more luck came our way at Goodworth Clatford, where permission had kindly been given to ring the bells unmuffled from 9 p.m. until midnight; a mysterious fire-up in Cambridge Minor ended the day's ringing.

In spite of the apparently unsuccessful outcome, most of the band were well satisfied with what had been achieved, particularly as the standard of striking had never fallen below good throughout the day, and it is hoped that another attempt will be made in the not too far distant future.

We extend our grateful thanks to seven kind and co-operative incumbents (especially those who gave permission for us to ring at somewhat unusual hours); to all the local ringers who met us; to the phantom tenor king who kept us all awake and was 'not a bit tired but just irritable' at the end; to Geoff Dodd for his customarily impeccable arrangements; and most of all to Dave Hawkins for his fortitude in driving nearly 200 miles without sleep between Friday evening and Sunday morning, ringing three peals, losing divers others and still getting us safely home. R. L.

## IRISH ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S 75th BIRTHDAY

Many greetings were received on November 7th by Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. These included messages from Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Central Council, Mr. F. E. Dukes, the Irish Association, the three District secretaries of the Irish Association on behalf of their members, and many towers.

On November 8th a company representative of the Irish Association assembled at Holywood to ring a peal in honour of the birthday. Included in the band were Mr. Harry Ellis, Limerick (Southern District), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Eastern District), Messrs. H. Brown, T. J. Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart (Northern District), Messrs. W. Hall, W. A. Patterson and F. E. Fagg (Belfast churches). Unfortunately, after 50 minutes' ringing, the attempt failed due to a trip. A quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was then rung by W. Hall 1, H. Ellis 2, F. E. Fagg 3, H. Brown 4, W. A. Patterson 5, Miss Stewart 6, J. T. Dunwoody 7, F. E. Dukes 8. Afterwards Mr. Pratt joined in ringing several touches.

Tea followed at the Parochial Hall, where Miss Stewart produced a birthday cake with '75' figured on it. Congratulatory speeches followed from Messrs. Dukes, Dunwoody, Ellis and Patterson in appreciation of Mr. Pratt's services to the Association. Mr. Pratt suitably replied.

## ARCHDEACON OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

THE seventh annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 8th, when there was an attendance of 101. This figure was limited by the amount of available accommodation; many applications for tickets had to be returned.

For the first time since this annual dinner was inaugurated, the function received civic recognition through the attendance of the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Cclr. and Mrs. F. Harrison. Another distinguished visitor was the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve), who was accompanied by Mrs. Reeve. Other visitors included the Vicar of Walsall (Rev. V. S. Nicholls) and Mrs. Nicholls, Dr. A. S. Lavelle (Vicar of Wednesbury) and Mrs. Lavelle, the Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Evans, Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtman and Miss Harrison. The Society's popular president, Ven. W. A. Parker (Archdeacon of Stafford), was in the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Stafford, the Dean of Lichfield, the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. G. Peers, jun., of Tamworth.

Following a good meal came the toasts, the first of which, 'Church and State,' was proposed by the Mayor of Walsall, who said what pleasure it gave him and the Mayoress to be present that evening. It was essential that the Church and the State work in complete harmony together.

In reply, the Vicar of Walsall stated that Walsall was fortunate in having a man like Cclr. Harrison, who displayed his sterling Christian qualities not only as a churchwarden but in his civic duties also.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' the Bishop of Lichfield spoke of his appreciation of the work done by ringers throughout the diocese Sunday by Sunday. He was pleased to know that the Society had a large number of young members, and he appealed to those present that evening to maintain the traditions of the Society in the future.

Replying to this toast, Miss Annette Frost, a young ringer from Penn, said that while ringers obviously got pleasure from their ringing their main satisfaction should be in the service they were rendering to the Church.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. G. Darlington, of Wednesbury, who said how delighted he was to see the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall and the Bishop of Lichfield and Mrs. Reeve giving the dinner their support.

In reply, Mr. A. Wynne Evans, of Wolverhampton, speaking as a non-ringer, said how impressed he was with the spirit of goodwill which obviously existed amongst ringers.

Mr. Bennett (lay secretary) then thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for so efficiently taking the chair. Thanks were also expressed to the artists for their services. Entertainment which followed was provided by Major B. Pearson (conjurer), Miss Margaret Hyde (soprano), with Mr. K. Wood (accompanist) and Mrs. E. Drew and Miss M. Roden, from Claverley Dramatic Society.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, E. E. Speake and H. Howell.

During the afternoon ringing took place on the 12 bells at Walsall Parish Church.

In the quarter peal rung at Llantrisant (page 739), the Kerleys who were ringing consisted of a father, two sons and a grandson.



## 'CAMPANOLOGY'—Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

SOME of your older readers may remember one of our short-lived ringing papers—'Campanology.' No. 1 was published on September 16th, 1896, and it appeared every Wednesday, price one penny, until No. 26 on March 10th, 1897. Its proprietor was William Bedwell, who had a printing and stationery business in High Street, Lewisham. He was also at that time hon. secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association.

When the Master at St. Margaret's, Westminster (Mr. William H. Hewett), opened his box in the ringing chamber recently, I saw a set of this journal, and Mr. Hewett was good enough to lend them to me. I found them so interesting that I have made these notes of items which I think may be of interest to others of your readers.

The editorial in the first issue set out Mr. Bedwell's 'plan of campaign.' 'For the benefit of our colleagues in the provinces who may be arranging to visit the Metropolis we intend to publish a list of dates, times and places of meetings for practice in London and its environs.' And he did—every issue up to the last had such a list. Visitors to London nowadays would, I am sure, find a similar list useful. We have, I know, Dove's Guide, but that cannot, by its nature, be always up to date. The provinces could also claim to have similar help and it may be, therefore, that a list published every two or three months would suffice.

The next point in his plan of campaign reminded me of recent editorial decisions about anonymous correspondence. 'We have resolved,' he wrote, 'not to admit any contribution which does not bear the signature of the writer.'

And the next, if it were possible today, would bring joy to the hearts of Association treasurers. 'Notices of meetings will be inserted gratis, thus effecting a saving of expenditure to many Associations—a departure which we feel assured will be generally appreciated.'

### J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

I personally was thrilled to see that the very first peal reported—Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich—contained the name of my own teacher, J. Armiger Trollope, who rang the second and composed the peal.

An article entitled 'A country ringer's experiences in the belfry of Westminster Abbey' gave the editor a chance to ride one of his bobby horses—as will be apparent from later extracts also. There were six bells at the time; the floor was unsafe, and Nos. 4 and 5 went so badly that only 'set changes' were rung. 'Ringing goes on, but with frequent intervals for rest.' But they had to spread a newspaper over the seats because of the dirt. 'Part of the carpet [?] was regularly supplied by the pigeons and other birds.' On reaching his native village the writer of the article resolved to get the Central Council to present a humble petition to the Abbey authorities headed 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.'

In addition to an illustrated article on St. Margaret's, Westminster, which probably accounts for the preservation of these numbers in that belfry, issue No. 2 has an article on peal books by J. Armiger Trollope. To those who knew him as probably the most able historian of bells and ringing that the Exercise has had, his suggestion that Associations which were

hard up should not spend their money on ornamental peal books must seem strange. I wonder if he would have repeated this 50 years later. He made, of course, the valid point that the early peal books were invaluable, but that in days of printed annual reports, available to all, a better use could be found for Association funds.

In this number was started a page of compositions. Peals of Treble Bob Major from 5,024 to 8,128 were given and, what may well have been a hit at rival publications, it was stated that 'the greatest possible care is taken to examine all peals before being inserted in this Journal, by which we hope to avoid the annoyance and disappointment which has often occurred by the publication of false compositions.'

Note for A.P.C. An advertisement said: 'All bell-ringers should have Hovis bread—cures indigestion.'

No. 3, in its editorial, stresses the necessity for the tuition of young members, and makes the statement—still very true today—'Of what avail is all the study and knowledge of seven Surprise men without the eighth?'

Among the peals published were 11,328 London Surprise Major in 6 hours and 6 minutes at Drayton, Berkshire, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the band, and a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tilehurst, in which Miss Alice White took part. An illustrated article was about St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the composition page, Grandsire Caters.

No. 4 has an illustrated article about St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, with its crooked spire. On reading that when the ten bells (24½ cwt.) were opened in 1820, six peals were rung in two days, one is not surprised that the spire is crooked!

### COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER, 3s. 6d.

In No. 5 appears the first of a series of advertisements for the 259th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, price 3s. 6d. For the 321st, this year, the price was 18s. 6d.

Members of the Middlesex Association will be interested to know that No. 6 contained a report of the seventh annual meeting of the Association at Southgate, at which a committee was set up to consider with the South and West Middlesex Guild the desirability of uniting as Districts of one County Association. The Middlesex secretary at that time was Mr. A. T. King, and it is a sign of the times that whenever his name appears in a report of a touch or quarter peal he always gets 'Esq.' put after his name.

(To be continued)

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The nomination meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Egham on November 15th, attracted 46 ringers. Among those present were the Master of the Guild, Mr. C. W. Denyer, the general secretary, Mr. S. Russell, and his assistant, Miss R. Hyde.

Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to a well-struck course of Cambridge. The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. C. Strong).

After the usual excellent tea, provided by local ringers, Mr. C. W. Denyer took the chair for the business meeting. Nominations for

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY VISIT LONDON

Members of the O.U.S. and their friends, etc., 14 in all, left Oxford on the 9.7 a.m. express on November 15th on the first stage of their outing. Robin Hodgson, an ex-Master, joined us at Paddington. At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, we were met by Mr. Fox and Roger Keeley, who had done much of the arranging on our behalf, and who was to be our guide over London. The magnificent bells were soon heard to Grandsire Caters; the band, which was certainly not overlaid with experience, performed creditably here as elsewhere, and before we reluctantly made our way westwards, Stedman Caters and a half course of Cambridge Royal had been rung, besides a course of Plain Bob and three leads of Kent Royal.

After lunch the first objective was St. Olave's, Hart Street. A little difficulty was experienced at first on this light eight, but before long some good, if not perfect, striking was heard, Dermot Roaf had escaped from the clutches of 'the other place' by this time, and Ruth How and Rodney Meadows also joined us. Several standard methods were rung here besides a short touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

We were lagging a little behind schedule by the time we reached St. James', Clerkenwell, and so we shortened our time to 45 minutes. The bells are rather difficult to ring for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that they are rather deep set. Notwithstanding this difficulty, the best ringing of the day, a course of Yorkshire, was done here.

After this the O.U.S. had to cross London to Pimlico. Here we found that two of the bells had 'run dry' and had to be oiled before we could ring. This limited us to the inevitable three leads of Bristol and Kent, while Dermot was made to apply his mathematical brain to calling a 63 of Stedman. Further reinforced by Jim Cook and Shirley Rymer, we went to St. Margaret's, Westminster, to be joined by one or two of the London University ringers. Mr. Sanders stood in for some Cambridge Royal, and provided an object lesson to some aspiring O.U.S. members on how to handle a heavy bell. Again Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and to finish the day's ringing the Society rang a half course of Yorkshire Royal, which was easily the best 10-bell ringing of the day and ran very close to the Yorkshire at Clerkenwell.

Most of the Oxford party arrived home before midnight, but the Master was grateful for the fog which enshrouded him as he climbed into his college at 2.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Our grateful thanks are due to Roger Keeley; without his help there could have been no outing—certainly not an outing which was as successful and enjoyable as this was. J. H. P.

District officers for 1959 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; assistant R.M., Mr. J. King; District secretary, Mr. J. King and Miss E. Loveland; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd; executive committee, Mr. T. Luxford. Two new junior members from Egham were elected.

Mr. B. C. Stirland warmly thanked the District for the wedding present made to him and his wife. Members were very pleased to see them both again.

The general secretary reminded the District of the importance of sending in reports of meetings to the 'R.W.' The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Shepherd. R. C.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Nicholas Davies makes both interesting and sad reading—interesting as providing useful information concerning unringable towers in this county, and sad because they are unringable—or reputedly so!

Mr. Davies asks for information on two towers in particular. As regards the 6-bell tower of Sandhurst, these bells, hung in a massive 14th century western tower, were augmented from five during the 1930's. They were rung up to the beginning of the last war, but suffered from neglect during the war and after. To the best of my knowledge, there is very little wrong with the bells that could not be remedied by a few hours' work with spanner, etc. At present, the tenor cannot be raised, as it is striking the frame—this could, of course, be easily remedied—and I expect that the other five would take quite a bit of ringing. Even so, when compared with the condition of the recently reopened Hampshire tower of Sydmonton (actually the 'go' of these reputedly unringable bells is quite fair!), no one, I am convinced, would be prepared to include Sandhurst as a genuinely unringable tower.

St. Margaret's, Rochester, is rather different. Here again, the pleasant-toned light eight, which are hung anti-clockwise in a good 15th century west tower, were rung up to the outbreak of war. The frame and fittings are, I understand, in very poor condition indeed; in addition, about a quarter of the ground floor ringing chamber is now blocked by a large heating stove, and at least two of the ropes would now fall on top of this stove. Even were the bells in good ringing order, it would be quite impossible to ring them under present conditions. The only possibility would be a ringers' gallery, installed at the level of the sill of the west window, or slightly higher—even then, the ringers standing over the stove would no doubt have rather a warm time!

I fear that Mr. Davies' information about the other towers is only too correct, although, with him, I am very much inclined to doubt whether all the reputedly unsafe towers are really so. Personally, as regards Mr. Davies' local tower of Kennington, I have heard many well-known ringers in the Ashford area say that the story of the unsafe tower is quite untrue, and, although I have never inspected the bells myself, I am inclined to agree. However, only an inspection by a qualified bell-hanger could decide one way or the other in this and the other 'unsafe' towers in the county, and I trust that this may one day take place.

Finally, there is one more unringable tower which Mr. Davies has not mentioned, and this is—unlike some of the others—a genuine case. The tower in question is Chislet, where the heavy ring of six has, I think, not been rung within living memory. Happily, in this case, restoration is in progress, and the bells are now in process of being rehung by Taylors. I believe it is hoped that they will be in good ringing order by early in 1959.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Fordcombe, Kent.

## FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett is correct: Caversham Major was accidentally omitted from the MS which I submitted to the Editorial Office. A peal of 5,040 was rung at Caversham on July 15th, 1913, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The method was first published as Washbrook's Surprise Principle, but this name was later changed to Caversham Major.

The peal of Maidstone Major at Wakefield was reported as '5,760, being the extent of 120 courses, with 1, 7, 8 fixed'. A further 5,760 was rung at Borden, Kent, in 1813, followed by 5,856 (122 courses) in 1814. Thus we have a course of 48 changes, and I fail to see how this could fit in as a hunt-controlled method. It was therefore included in the list of Principles.

Cox's Caters was reported as 'a peal of Caters on Cox's Principle on December 7th, 1845, in 3 hours and 45 minutes, composed and conducted by John Cox.'

There is no complete list of all first performances. In 'History and Art', Mr. Morris made improvements on the C.C. list of 1923, which list was incomplete in many ways. Since the publication of 'History and Art' early performances in other methods and also some earlier dates have come to light. Only by publishing in 'The Ringing World' everything known can we hope to arrive at something like a complete list. If someone sees a mistake in the lists, or notes an omission, I hope they will not sit back and say, 'That list is incomplete.' Instead, like Mr. Barnett, they should put pen to paper and send details to 'The Ringing World.' In this way we might arrive at a complete list of First Peal Performances. The absence of such letters appears to indicate that the lists so far are complete and accurate.

Mr. R. I. Shepherd has sent details of Aston Major, which is the same as Handsworth, but the 12 places are moved to 34.

Caversham	Aston
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 5 4 6 8 7	2 1 4 3 5 6 8 7
2 3 1 4 5 8 6 7	1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8
3 2 1 4 8 5 7 6	2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7
2 3 4 1 5 8 6 7	1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8
3 2 4 1 8 5 7 6	2 1 3 4 5 6 8 7
2 3 1 4 8 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8
3 2 4 1 5 8 7 6	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 3 4 1 8 5 6 7	
3 2 1 4 5 8 7 6	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
3 1 2 5 4 7 8 6	
1 3 5 2 7 4 6 8	
3 1 5 2 4 7 8 6	
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	

3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6

Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

## THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—I would be most grateful if Association secretaries when sending in their replies to the Central Council inquiry on Sunday service ringing would include a copy of their latest annual report. These reports are very useful for providing some of the background information about Associations which we will need in submitting our committee's report to the Council.—Yours, etc.,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Bristol.

## ANOTHER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—The Exercise may be interested to hear of the formation of another University Society—the University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers.

An enquiry at the beginning of term revealed that there was a sufficient number of ringers to start a Society, and this resulted in the formation of the Guild, with a membership of 16, including three absolute beginners.

We are indebted to the Vicar, and tower captain Mr. Ditcher, of Ranmoor Church, for the use of the ten bells there on Tuesday evenings for weekly practices.

There are also plans for occasional Saturday afternoon meetings, and the first of these was held at Bradfield on October 18th. During an enjoyable afternoon, several methods were successfully rung on the six bells.

It is hoped that a tour may be organised next summer, and also joint meetings with other university Societies arranged.

The number of universities now without a band of ringers is very small, and Sheffield is no longer among this number.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. RANK, Hon. Sec.

84, Duncombe Street,  
Walkley, Sheffield, 6.

## ST. MARGARET'S, ROCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Re Kent's unringable bells, I would like to submit the following to Mr. Nicholas J. Davies:—

St. Margaret's, Rochester, has a ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt. in G.). The bells were originally a ring of six, and I believe they were augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnston. The dates of the back six are as follows: Treble 1790, 2nd 1884, 3rd 1790, 4th 1621, 5th 1624, tenor 1884. There have not been many peals rung here. It is a left-handed ring with a draught of about 30 ft. with no guides. I believe the Rev. F. E. Robinson called Stedman Triples here, and I think Frank Bennett and A. H. Pulling have both called peals here. The bells are musical, and I have rung in three peals here—two of Kent T.B. and one of Grand-sire (the last peal on the bells, February 14th, 1948).

The bells need rehousing, new ropes and fittings, but finance and lack of ringers is the trouble. The bells at Wouldham are a ring of six by Mears (tenor 13½ cwt. in G.). They were rung about two months ago for the induction of a new vicar by the ringers from Meopham, Kent.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS,  
Steeple keeper, Rochester Cathedral.

## RE PEALS FOR ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Upchurch on August 2nd, sent in by me, is a three-method peal of Doubles. If Mr. Blagrove thinks April Day Doubles is not a method I would refer him to Mr. E. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (page 377); also to the Central Council's Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods, No. 14. Unfortunately, the Extreme Single is not given, which is a bad end of St. Dunstan's Doubles. These methods for 5-bell ringers are older than I am (64), and all methods of Doubles are taken from the three—Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Stedman.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

(Correspondence continued on next page)

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## LETTERS—Continued

## WOMEN RINGERS OF 18th CENTURY

Dear Sir,—Recently it was stated that 'the greatest change in ringing in the last 60 years has been the introduction of women to the belfries,' and one has been led to believe that before that period the lady ringer was non-existent.

What, therefore, is one to make of entries like these, which occur in the churchwardens' accounts for this parish?—

1781. 'For ringing—Hanna Young 10/-, Ellen Withead 4/-.'

1790. 'Hanna Young, for ye ringers, 6/-.'

1808. Jan. 9. 'Mary Totty, for ringers' allowance, 9/6.' MARY S. SMITH (Mrs.). Heswall, Cheshire.

## HOSPITAL MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I have just been discharged from the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Deanport, Plymouth. As a subscriber to the 'R.W.' from No. 1, naturally my 'R.W.' was brought in to me. I had read it through and dropped it on a chair by my side. A staff nurse passing through the ward stopped, looked down at it, and a conversation something like the following took place.

'Hallo, a ringer?' 'Yes! Are you?' 'No, but Father is.' 'Where does he ring?' 'Croydon.' 'Do you know any of the Croydon ringers?' 'Yes.' 'Then you must know Mr. Fred Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Oatway?' 'Oh yes, quite well.'

'Father' is, I think, Mr. Abbot; I don't know the staff nurse's name, as she is married. I asked her to pass on my compliments to the ringers mentioned. She also knew quite well Mr. Sangwyn, of Bridgerule, N. Devon.

During my stay in hospital (five weeks) I was much comforted by visits from Mr. Harry Thomas (chairman, South West Branch, Devon Guild), Mr. Tom Myers (Plymouth) and Mr. Will Lavers (Plympton), and several members of the craft.—Yours truly,

Liskeard, Cornwall. W. G. HISCOTT.

## REDEDICATION

## Desborough, Northants

The rededication of the bells of St. Giles', Desborough, took place on November 19th. The bells have been retuned, refitted with new wooden wheels, back-stays and slides, and remounted with totally-encased ball-bearings.

The ceremony was performed by Canon G. F. Turner, R.D., president of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, and other clergy taking part were the Vicar (Rev. T. R. Bonsey) and the Vicar of Loddington (Rev. G. Dolman). In the procession the cross was carried by a ringer, David Loake.

The ringers who rang rounds after the rededication were Miss Gwenyth Dimbleby, Miss Sonia Feakin, Mrs. A. Loake, Messrs. H. Tailby, G. Wright, D. Loake, B. Foster and B. Yeomans.

After the service, members of the congregation were invited to refreshments in the Hall, while visiting ringers from Rothwell, Corby, Weldon and Kettering joined the local band to ring Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Little Bob Major. All agree that a fine job of work has been done—the noise in the belfry is almost down to zero, and the sound outside is also reported to be greatly improved.

It is a great credit to the band that the work was carried out as economically as possible, and that all the money for it has been raised or promised.

On the gift day £600 was given—an example of generosity towns of greater population and wealth might follow. It is hoped that a grant from the Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund will be made.

## GOSPEL OAK BELLS RING AGAIN

There are only six 6-bell towers in the county of London, and all of them have been unringable for some years. In a survey of these towers recently undertaken it was found that the most likely one to be made ringable again was that of St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. The bells had been silent for 8½ years, and inspection showed that while the frame and fittings were basically sound, a lot of work had to be done to make them usable again.

This work included the fitting of a completely new wheel to the third, the checking and lubrication of bearings, sliders, clappers, etc., and the repair of wheel rims and spokes. The ropes were fortunately in good order, except for one which had been pulled up into the belfry and left lying around the broken wheel exposed to London's grime. This rope was rejuvenated by being washed, sally and all, in strong detergent solution, with a remarkably satisfactory result.

On Saturday, November 15th, a band from St. Matthias', Richmond, assisted by a ringer from Somerset on a visit to London, went to the church and rang the bells for the first time after their long silence. The tone was most pleasing and the 'go' excellent. To the great delight of the Vicar (Rev. Leslie St. Aubrey), who has given his wholehearted support to this amateur restoration effort, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

Those responsible for this restoration think there must be many rings in the country which could be restored and made ringable again at small expense by ringers sufficiently enthusiastic to do the work themselves, especially in towers where financial stringency precludes a professional restoration. At any rate, they are now turning their attention to other 'unringable' bells in London.

The writer would like to place on record his thanks for the help and advice, freely given, which he has received from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also supplied the necessary new parts.

D. J. N. S.

## OBITUARY

## THE REV. S. A. GIDLOW

Visitors to Goodworth Clatford, Hants, will regret to hear of the death of the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Gidlow, on November 8th. On that day he set out to meet a visiting peal band, but it was doubtful if he ever reached the church as he was found lying at the end of his drive and died on his way to hospital. The peal attempt was unsuccessful.

Mr. Gidlow was a ringer, and practised the art until ill-health prevented him from climbing the belfry stairs. Nevertheless, he kept in close touch with ringers, and until 1953 was chairman of the Andover District. Many outing parties and visiting peal bands will remember the teas he and Mrs. Gidlow generously provided at the Vicarage.

When Mr. Gidlow was inducted to the living in 1936, Goodworth Clatford had only three bells, although there was a frame for six. He resolved to set about raising the extra money. In the next year, for the Coronation of King George VI, two new trebles were added, and a third bell was the gift of the Iremonger family. A number of peals have since been rung on the bells.

The funeral service was on November 13th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. Dean 1, Cherry White 2, Hazel White 3, B. Grainger 4, A. G. Smart (conductor) 5, W. Mulford 6. It was the first quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

## MR. REUBEN WRIGHT

The death occurred at his home at Theberton, Suffolk, of Mr. Reuben Wright at the age of 89 years, following a heart attack. It was only in July of 1957 that Reuben gave £1,000 towards the restoration of Theberton bells and tower, costing £1,800. After the funeral an attempt was made to ring a half-muffled peal on Theberton bells, but came to an end in the fourth extent. Ringers taking part were R. Peck 1, J. Pilgrim 2, A. Pipe 3, E. Pearce 4, A. Bridges 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6.

## MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. F. B. YATES

On October 26th, during morning service at King's Norton Parish Church, a bronze tablet to the memory of Frank Bertram Yates, a former churchwarden and noted Birmingham industrialist was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Ashford) in the presence of a large congregation. Those present included Mrs. Yates and members of the family; Messrs. Frank E. Haynes and Albert Walker represented St. Martin's Guild.

The Vicar in his sermon paid a moving tribute to Mr. Yates' services for many years, his raising of £2,000 for restoration of the church, his gift of two treble bells, increasing the ring to ten bells, and his services as a bell-ringer.

The tablet reads as follows:—

Frank Bertram Yates. Born 23rd January, 1877. Died 4th March, 1957. Ringing Master 1924–1926.

Mr. Yates was a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild and gave two treble bells to Birmingham Cathedral, increasing the ring to 12 bells.

A. W.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The November meeting of the Luton District was held at Dunstable on November 15th. Ringing commenced on the Priory bells at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the new Rector (the Rev. C. Maconochie) conducted a short service. Tea was held in the Priory Cafe. There was no business meeting. Over 40 ringers attended the meeting and during the evening the ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

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## A WEEK IN LINCOLNSHIRE

(Continued from page 764)

It was westward on Thursday to Eagle, Swindon, Norton Disney, Bassingham, and to the heaviest six of the week at Brant Broughton (tenor 23½ cwt.). Once more we crossed into Notts to Coddington, where the treble was without a stay, and so to Newark for lunch. Back again into Lincoln to Claypole (bells out of tune), Hough-on-the-Hill, Honington, Barkston, Barrowby and Denton, where we had considerable trouble with the clock hammers. Having time to spare, we entered into Leicestershire, only to find that Croxton Kerrial bells were at the founders'. Bert was persuaded to go without his tea, and we had a ring on the merry six at Eaton. Eastward bound to the Somerset-type tower at Great Ponton, a minor five and the heaviest-going five of the week, and Ancaster. Then to Fulbeck for a touch of Fulbeck Bob Minor, before joining the local practice night at Leadenham, where the Vicar rang with us.

## 'TWICE MORE'

Eastwards on Friday to four close towers—Nettleham, Welton, Scothern and Dunholme—where we achieved a course of Beverley Surprise. Then on to Wragby, where two incidents occurred. Philip's rope caught on a clock case and caused some confusion, and when lowering the bells, Dick, unusually on the treble, got about half way down and called 'Twice more,' missed, caught, and all rose some way off the floor. Legbourne was the last tower before lunch in Mablethorpe, after which we rang at the parish church, on a very good six.

North to Saltfleetby All Saints', only to find the tower to be unsafe and the bells fixed with strings tied to the clappers. At Saltfleetby St. Clement's the vicar kindly left us some refreshment. Waltham's proved to be a very good six, but at Laceby the tower was in scaffolding. On to Ulceby, Caistor with its long, steep stairway, Claxby, where the locals made a recording of our ringing, and to the lightest six of the week at Bigby (tenor 6 cwt.). Finally to Broughton once again, successful this time in finding the sexton at home. These fine six in a Saxon tower are well worth a return visit.

## THE RUTLAND FESTIVAL

On Saturday we joined the many visitors to the Rutland festival, and were pleased to meet friends from Bedford. Joe E. G. Roast had now joined us and was somehow squeezed into the car. On our way down we called at the new five at Waddington, Skillington and Colsterworth. We then rang at the available towers in Rutland, to mention just Oakham, Greatham, Cottesmore and Belton as being outstanding.

The Lincoln ringers were most helpful in arranging for us to ring at the four towers in the city on the Sunday morning, especially as we were privileged to ring on the excellent 12 at the Cathedral, also on the eight at St. Giles', and the two sixes of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's. After lunch we found the Nocton tower captain at home, and obtained the key to ring. On to Ashby-de-la-Launde, where the bells were described as 'rough but ringable,' and where the fourth ringer was well rung by his bell. Then to the last two Lincolnshire towers at Great Hale and Helpringham, before heading south to call at Clenchwarton, Norfolk, for evening service. Our last ringing came at Ingham, in Suffolk, where our spare rope proved useful on the tenor.

So on bidding farewell to Philip at Ardleigh we once more arrived at Chelmsford station, but this time to part, with 1,273 miles behind us, and 111 towers in seven counties and 21 different methods to our collection. One cannot thank Ivan enough for all his work in correspondence, Dick for his excellent driving, and Bert for keeping the party amused; also to all incumbents and local ringers who either met us or permitted us to ring—in fact to everyone who helped to make this week so enjoyable.

T. R. R.

## QUARTER PEALS AND SKITTLES IN SOMERSET

November 8th proved an excellent day for ringers from the Bridgwater and Nailsea area to attempt quarter peals.

A start was made at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, where D. E. Cobb conducted a successful quarter peal of Bob Major, the striking being of a high standard. At 11 a.m. Portishead was searched for coffee, but only one café was found, which was full. The party then divided and went to Easton-in-Gordano and Portbury. Cambridge was unsuccessful at Easton but at Portbury a good quarter of mixed Doubles, conducted by M. Horseman, was brought round in excellent time.

By this time thirsts were worked up and we retired to a sandwich lunch at the Black Horse, Clapton-in-Gordano. After lunch, numbers rose and quarters were attempted at Clapton and Weston-in-Gordano and East Clevedon. Bob Doubles conducted by K. Prime at East Clevedon was the only successful method. Thirty members sat down to an excellent tea at Nailsea Parish Room. At 6 p.m. further quarter peals were attempted at Backwell, Congresbury and Nailsea, but these met with no success.

At about 8 p.m. the pre-arranged skittles match took place in the Ring o' Bells, Nailsea, where the Bobs beat the Singles in a spirited encounter. The top scorers were Herbert Hardwidge and Ruth Gaunt. The evening was brought to a successful conclusion at about 10 p.m. by a spirited rendering of the Ringers' Song.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On the recently overhauled bells of Elland, the Guild held a successful meeting on November 8th attended by 36 ringers, most of whom were of the younger generation. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. An enjoyable tea was followed by a business meeting at which the Rector (the Rev. H. Eastwood) presided. Four new members were elected, and it is hoped to hold the annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church in January. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe and acknowledged on behalf of the local ringers by Mr. P. Birkett. A short handbell session followed the lowering of the bells in peal at 9 p.m.

## YATTON RINGERS VISIT BIRMINGHAM

On November 8th, Yatton ringers and friends again embarked upon a late outing by rail, this time visiting the Birmingham area. We were met by Messrs. George and Henry Fearn, who guided us to St. Chad's for our first pull. A short break for lunch followed, and we were then accompanied by Henry Fearn to the other towers by coach while George Fearn left us for yet another peal attempt.

Ringling took place at Erdington Abbey and the Parish Church. Next came Sutton Coldfield with bells more comparable with our Somerset's heavy rings, and here almost the whole of our large party managed to get into the larger ringing room at the same time. At Lichfield Cathedral our start was unfortunately greatly delayed. However, tea (which was well worth waiting for) was postponed, so that we could ring these lovely bells, which were the only ones we had the opportunity of rising and lowering in peal.

A race back to Birmingham for a late pull at St. Martin's finished in a big disappointment, as a service still in progress made it impossible for us to ring. 'Many thanks,' however, to those who had arranged the programme and endeavoured to keep things running smoothly. Ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

A short break for refreshment and it was time to say goodbye to the relatives and friends we had met and start our journey home, once more arriving 'very late.'

R. D. S.

## MR. JOHN A. ACRES' 500 PEALS

Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, who commenced to ring in 1938, has now passed his 500th peal. These have been rung in 56 different towers (142 at Loughborough Bell Foundry) with 261 ringers.

His tower bell peals total 357 (conducted 6) and are: Doubles 4; Minor 16; Triples 42; Major 20; Surprise Major 186; (36 different methods); Spliced Surprise Major 3; Caters 11; Royal 3; Surprise Royal 26 (nine different methods); Cinques 14; Surprise Maximus 30; Spliced Surprise Maximus 2.

On handbells he has rung 143 (conducted 47) made up of Minor 5; Triples 8; Major (including Surprise) 96; Caters 7; Royal 22; Cinques 5.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—No practice on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, owing to a special service.—A. H. Smith. 3432

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Annual tour, March 28th-April 3rd, will be in Cambridge. All members and friends welcome. Full details from Dermot Roaf, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. 3431

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## MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3384

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3412

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3356

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3391

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at Bethnal Green. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nearest station Bethnal Green, or 'bus from Liverpool Street to St. Matthew's Row. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3341

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3367

**NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY** and **SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. All welcome. 3372

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.—W. Butler, Hon. Sec., Windsor 1484. 3590

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3359

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Advanced practice, St. John's, Crawley, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Rutland. 3354

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 1st, at 7 p.m. 3399

**BRISTOL CATHEDRAL.**—The dedication of Bristol Cathedral bells will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, service commencing 7 p.m. At the request of the Dean, the Branch Ringing Master has selected a band to ring after the service, but a Branch meeting will be held there in January, when all ringers will be welcomed.—A. Bennett. 3406

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 3416

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Nailsea (6) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Divine Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3410

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea must be notified for to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3409

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrod (6) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, please, to the Rev. MacWilliams, The Vicarage, Harrod, Beds.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3435

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 3397

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Dec. 3rd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 3357

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual general meeting at Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd to Mr. R. W. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 3326

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3415

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, St. Mary Redcliffe. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Canteen, Guinea Street. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 3405

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome! Names by Dec. 3rd to F. Newton, Lyncroft Cottage, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos.



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Fairford, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Dec. 4th to Mr. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington.—Wenban, Branch Sec. 3403

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Lydney, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3430

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. 3426

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Lady Neville Pavilion, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to H. N. Pittsford, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 3377

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Special method, Beverley Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3394

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3418

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—M. P. Barron, Sec. 3421

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Dec. 3rd Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 3393

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Burton-in-Kendal. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—Eccles, Sec. 3429

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Burbage, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Old Schools, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 3rd, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. Phone: Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3398

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. S. Payne, Melton Road, Barrow. 3420

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 6th, at Magor. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 2nd.—J. S. King. 3358

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received not later than Monday, Dec. 1st, by the Rector's secretary, 27, Church Street, Stoke-upon-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3353

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3388

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Longcot, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3427

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Ravensthorpe, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to me.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3417

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Market Lavington (6), on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3414

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Wath, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Vera Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 3428

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Fanmakers Hall 5 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, available after tea. 3378

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Bulwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3383

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—District meeting at Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3371

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Redhill (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 3424

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday certain, to Mr. A. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill. 3424

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 29th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3395

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec., Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 3408

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Sampford Arundel.—Dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11th. There will be an open day for ringers on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing (6 bells) from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Diocesan Guild). Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mrs. Williams, Rose Cottage, Sampford Arundel, Wellington. 3346

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Mrs. D. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good. 3368

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 3404

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Baker, 10, Garner's Way, Harpole, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 3419

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Sherborne, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage. 3423

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—Evening ringing at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 9 p.m., including a meeting to consider reorganisation of the Districts at 8.15 p.m. in the ringing chamber. 3425

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom near church at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 11th, please, to Mrs. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 3407

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual dinner, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1959. Members who have not received a circular and prospective new members are asked to write before Christmas to B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. 3392

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned. Numbers strictly limited, so apply now!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3351

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**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Compson 1, Joan Harrison 2, W. Harrison 3, D. F. C. Molloch 4, E. Jenkins 5, D. J. Marshall 6, R. Shalcross 7, L. Hill 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7. For Remembrance Sunday.

**BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Y. A. Tilley (first quarter) 1, R. Jones 2, Miss M. King (first 'inside') 3, R. Henman 4, A. R. Jones (cond.) 5, P. E. Jones 6.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Crawley 1, W. Glover 2, G. Nicholls 3, I. Pantton 4, R. Groves 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. L. N. Ridley.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss D. Reid (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. L. Hall 2, S. Bail 3, N. North 4, H. E. Audsley 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, F. E. Walker 8. For dedication festival.

**GREAT DALBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Thorpe (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, C. E. Cooper 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A compliment to Mrs. Frances Ward, of Burrough-on-the-Hill on her 100th birthday.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—At All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. R. Mann 1, Miss V. M. Copping 2, Miss S. M. Taylor 3, Miss P. Reeve 4, D. H. Hollas 5, C. Sweeney 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

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