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200 YEARS ON

ON January 1st, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, a dinner was given to the employees of John Taylor and Co., to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the baptism of the first of the long line of Taylors to cast bells. Robert Taylor, who was born in 1759 at Riseley, Bedfordshire, was the son of William Taylor, the village grocer. He was apprenticed to Edward Arnold, a bellfounder at St. Neots, and in 1784 was in charge of the foundry when Arnold went to Leicester. At the age of 27 he cast his first complete ring of five bells for Bletsoe Church, Bedfordshire. In 1821 he started a bell foundry at Oxford, and the tenor bell of the three at Foston, Lincs, has on it 'Taylor and Sons, Oxford and St. Neots.' He died and was buried at St. Ebbe's Churchyard, Oxford, in 1830.

His elder son William Taylor, born in 1785, at a very early age began to assist his father. The bells of Newton-in-the-Willows and Braybrooke have inscribed on them 'W. Taylor, 1806,' and one can picture the parental affection of a 11-year-old boy helping to make the moulds and the proud father putting his name on! Significant, perhaps, is the inscription on the five bells at Calverton, Bucks, 'W. and J. Taylor, Oxford, church clock and chime makers.' William died in Oxford in 1854 while working on the chiming machine for Bowdon Church, Cheshire.

John Taylor, the youngest son of Robert, born in 1797, also went into the foundry, and from 1822 onwards bells were inscribed 'W. and J. Taylor, Oxford,' as well as 'R. Taylor and Sons.' He set up his own bell foundry at Buckland Brewer, Devon, in 1825, and there cast the heavy six for Hartland in Devon. He had a pride in his craft. The second of the ring of eight he cast for Penkridge, Staffs, had this inscription:

'To speak with mellow tone but ne'er to swear,
John Taylor taught us with a father's care.
Clappers: screws: wheels: and all kept well in place.
Then for an age quite sound this tower we'll grace!'

An important date in the history of the firm is 1839, for in that year John Taylor came to Loughborough to recast the parish church bells. In Pack Horse Lane he found a convenient centre for his trade, and decided to settle there. In 1842 he cast the first 'Taylor Ten' for Newark Parish Church. He died in 1858.

John William Taylor (1827-1906), the eldest son of John Taylor, at the age of 15 rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples on the third at Loughborough Parish Church. On the death of his father he and his brother Pryce Jemson Jones Taylor (1835-1862) carried on the business, and their bells were mostly inscribed 'John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.' In the year 1858 he began building his bell foundry in Freehold Street and Chapman Street.

There are on record a number of times when he disagreed with the Hon. Edmund Beckett Denison, who was regarded as an eminent authority on bells. In particular,

of bells which was being planned for Worcester Cathedral, for on writing to the Rev. R. Cattley he says, 'I should dread the result at Worcester of such a peal to eclipse all others,' Denison got his own way, and Taylor had to cast the bells to his specification. The resultant ring of bells fully justified John William Taylor's forebodings, but it was left to his son, many years after, to remodel and recast the bells, resulting in the present noble ring.

John William Taylor II. (1853-1919) had the proud distinction of going to London at the age of 25 to receive the order for the largest ring of bells in the world, the 12 bells for St. Paul's Cathedral. Three years later, father and son completed their work there by casting and installing 'Great Paul'—truly a masterpiece of bell founding.

His brother, Edmund Denison Taylor (1864-1947), after being apprenticed to an iron founder in Leicester, was in 1884 in the Loughborough foundry, and was soon busy superintending the casting of bells and bell frames. In 1894 the Rev. A. B. Simpson visited Loughborough and became a constant visitor. The problems of the 'true-harmonic' bell were solved, and in 1896 the first ring of tuned bells ever made was installed in Norton Church.

In 1906 John William Taylor I. died and the foundry was carried on by the two brothers, John William and Edmund Denison. 'Their fame and success increase as the years go by, and they enlarge their scope by turning their attention to the building of carillons. This opened up great possibilities, both in the Old World and the New, and Taylor carillons are to be found spread over the world just as are Taylor peals.'

The third and fourth sons of John William II. enter the scene as they become old enough, namely Pryce Taylor (1891-1927) and Arnold Bradley Taylor (1894-1916), the latter being killed in the Great War. Pryce rejoined his uncle (his father died in 1919), and the business was carried on by the two of them until 1927, when Pryce died while on a business trip to Canada. Mention should be made of Gwendoline Taylor (1894-1942), third daughter of John William II., who, until her marriage to George Frederick Mears in 1923, assisted her brother and uncle in bell tuning, and the 47 bell war memorial carillon in Loughborough bears witness to her work.

The present head of John Taylor and Co., Paul Lea Taylor, was born in 1914, and started his career as a bell-founder under his uncle. It is to him that we are indebted for the information in this article, which is taken from his booklet, 'Two Hundred Years of History.' Under the heading of 'Paul Lea Taylor' appears this appreciation: 'It is with the wish to do honour to his forbears that he has written these few notes about them and to show that from somewhat small beginnings, where the family of Taylor took control, the business has continued to develop to its pre-eminence to-day through the industry of five

A WEEK IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD)

EDENHAM.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLARENCE WHYLES Treble	*JOSEPH BRUDENELL 5
BERNARD H. DALTON 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding at Bedford this day of Derek Stainsby
(of the local band) and Anne Amor.

BILLINGBOROUGH.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DAPHNE BROWN Treble	*ROBIN BROWN 5
JOHN THORLEY 2	BERNARD H. DALTON 6
THOMAS F. CARFORD 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal on eight bells.

HORBLING.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob,
Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAPHNE BROWN Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
*ROBIN BROWN 2	JOHN THORLEY 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 300th peal.

WIGTOFT.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St.
Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
JOHN THORLEY 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

GOSBERTON.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob,
and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN THORLEY Treble	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER 4
*ALAN G. PAYNE 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
C. HAROLD WHITTON 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the 'fifties.'

TWO CONSECUTIVE PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
BASIL JONES 4	*BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* 300th peal.

ALSO in 2 Hours and 45½ Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
*ROBERT B. SMITH 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung non-stop and as a birthday compliment to Miss Eileen M.
Fearn, of Norbury.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 8
BASIL JONES 3	EDWARD JENKINS 9
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
JOHN WORTH 6	*PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band except 6 and 9,
on the bells and for the Guild. Mr. Edward Jenkins has now 'circled
the tower.'

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Muriel Yates and John
Lomas at St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

TEN BELL PEALS

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

*F. A. KEITH PRIME .. Treble	*DAVID J. PURNELL 6
*HOWARD COLLINGS 2	*CECIL T. CLARKE 7
*DEREK JEWELL 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT 8
DAVID HOARE 4	GWILYM SALMON 9
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 5	RONALD D. SHORT Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

* First peal on ten bells.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead, who
celebrated their diamond wedding on October 10th, 1959.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	JOHN K. SMITH 8
E. MARION KEY 4	DAVID W. FRIEND 9
ROGER HAWKSWORTH 5	ROY K. MOWFORTH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 6
LESLIE N. MELTON 2	FRANK A. WILLIS BETIS .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE 3	*ERNEST G. PEARCE 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	RODERICK W. PIPE 9
DAVID H. BUXTON 5	PERCY MAY Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung fully-muffled for the passing of the old year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
*PETER L. WOOD 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Treble	HAROLD F. WOOD 5
E. JANE LANGTON 2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP 6
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3	*PETER H. LANGTON 7
*RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
*DAVID H. BUXTON .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Leslie N. Melton.ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 2	*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 6
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
*VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
The composition contains 15 combination course-ends, no 82's or 83's, with only 42 bobs.CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

PAIRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
*ALICE A. J. LESTER .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. .. 3	WALTER W. MILLER .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 25th peal.

Birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	STANLEY JENNER .. 5
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 6
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Consisting of 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 of Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GEORGE V. BUXTON .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. 5
JAMES BENNETT .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
*DAVID H. BUXTON .. 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Spliced Major. First of 'spliced' as conductor. First of 'spliced' in these methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

John J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	*JOHN NELSON .. 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 6
*JOHN RIGBY .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	JOHN B. PICKUP .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in the method. First 'same name' peal for all.
Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
RALPH BIRD .. 2	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
*WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
*ALFRED E. RUXTON .. 4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and 100th peal for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	*ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
*BRIAN SMITH .. 4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 500th peal for the Guild.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 2	*GEOFF. PRATT .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
GEORGE E. CRISP .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.
First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOPE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

LESLIE W. KEY .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 6
*E. MARION KEY .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 each of Bristol, Wembley and Yorkshire, 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	†ROBERT COLLINS .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of seven-spliced. † First of seven-spliced 'inside.' First of 'spliced' on the bells.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in E flat.

MARTIN FAULKES Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,120 Rutland and 1,280 Lincolnshire, with all the work of every method for each bell: 69 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN R. KENNETT Treble	NEIL BENNETT 5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ALEX. RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Spliced.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS 5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER 6
CHARLES N. LEA 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN Treble	*STANLEY JENNER 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
MARGARET A. LADD 3	*ERNEST J. LADD 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal together.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Eve, Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 LANSDOWNE LITTLE IMPERIAL

BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	EILEEN M. FEARN 5
JOHN R. KENNETT 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method.

Method: X 18, 56, 14, 56, 18, X. Lead head=2nds-6482735.
Bob-4ths; Single=234.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER Treble	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
*LEONARD GOODALL 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
ROBERT E. LESTER 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SIDGLEY (31).

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. J. A. Burness, Rector here for 30 years.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

C. E. WILLMINGTON .. Treble	R. SMITH 5
*L. BATLEY 2	B. R. DOWNES 6
A. J. N. BOYACK 3	H. NEILL 7
C. HUGHES 4	F. V. GANT Tenor

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal of Surprise.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN B. COGGINS Treble	PETER BEEDIE 5
EDWIN J. SMITH 2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 6
CHARLES COLES 3	D. KAY ADKINS 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	BRYAN R. WHITE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung for the 89th birthday of that grand old gentleman, William H. B. Wilkins.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F

PAIRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 5
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
BRIAN SMITH 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 4	THOMAS O. PIERCY .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE WALKER .. Treble	†DAVID TAYLOR 4
ROBIN V. BAKER 2	RAYMOND HENMAN .. 5
*ROY KEEVES 3	TIMOTHY WOODING .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Humphrey Clarke to Miss Betty Paybody.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

G. COLIN JACKSON .. Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
FREDERICK DERRY 3	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN .. Treble	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 3	BERT GOOLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter.

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

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CLIVE GOODING .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
HENRY C. FOSTER 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

VALERIE WATERFIELD Treble	JAMES T. ROOKE 4
HAROLD DENMAN 2	ALEC WILSON 5
MALCOLM FOSTER 3	RICHARD HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

The ringer of the second is the first person to 'circle the tower.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4
*JAMES BENNETT 2	*RODERICK W. PIPE 5
†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	†LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † First in the method.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 6000 DOUBLES

Being 600 each of All Saints', Old, Northrepps, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 3
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROY H. JONES 4

CLIVE HOLLOWAY Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

First peal in ten methods on the bells and by all the band.

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On Mon., Dec. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD CLIVER Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4
†NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 2	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 5
*WILLIAM TYSON 3	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, who will be leaving in January for Lapworth, Warwickshire, after 21 years in this parish.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*RAY FOREMAN Treble	DORA M. REEVE 4
*NORMAN WATSON 2	HARRY B. FULLER 5
WALTER G. PAUL 3	JIM W. PAUL Tenor

Conducted by JIM W. PAUL.

* First peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Foreman, parents of the treble ringer.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*GARTH MUNTON Treble	*DEBORAH WILSON 4
*NOREEN P. WICKHAM .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
*ROSAMUND M. BULL .. 3	JOHN F. MURFIN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor in two methods.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BUXTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. SMITH Treble	JOHN R. KENNETT 4
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	ALEX. RICHARDSON 5
CAROL FERNLEY 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method.

Method: x 16 x 1236 x 36 L.H.=12-42635 Bob=14
Single=1234.

ORSSETT, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 240's of Pitman's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ELIZABETH D. MASON .. Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR 4
JOAN E. M. HILLS 2	DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 5
†MRS. F. W. BLATCH .. 3	FREDERICK W. BLATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First in the method on the bells, and the first peal on the bells for 46 years

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*COLIN G. JACKSON .. Treble	WALTER WESTON 4
RONALD G. RUSSELL .. 2	*FREDERICK DERRY 5
†PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † 25th peal on the bells.

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRIAN HINCHCLIFFE .. Treble	F. NEVILLE PAILING 4
MRS. S. PATRICIA NIX .. 2	PETER NIX 5
HERBERT LEWIN 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

ROY A. WARD Treble	KEITH WAKEFIELD 4
PETER J. SHIPTON 2	JOHN B. LONG 5
HELEN NEVIN 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung as a compliment to Derek Stainsby and Anne Eleanor Amor, who were married earlier in the day at Christ Church, Bedford.

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WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

SIDNEY DANIELS Treble	ROSEMARY D. BRAY 4
LAURANCE J. MAINWARING .. 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
REGINALD J. HERBERT .. 3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Frances Williams and Mr. James Mackenzie, which took place at this church immediately before the peal.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM LOVELL Treble	†RONALD BALLAM 4
†DENNIS HAWKINS 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
‡MARTIN WORRELL 3	‡WILFRED KINGSBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First in two methods. ‡ First peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TONG.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

RITA M. JOWETT Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD 4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

BRANT BRIGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

PETER A. SHARP Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods: 12 extents of April Day, 8 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL J. COOK Treble	BRUCE WAKEFIELD 4
PETER WAKEFIELD 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 5
ERNEST H. JEFFRIES .. 3	*RONALD J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford; also as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Paine.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1959, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*STANLEY HUCKLE 1—2	WALTER AYRE 3—4
GERALD PENNEY 5—6	

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal of three methods 'in hand.'

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Christmas Eve, Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In two methods: (1) and (2) Double Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Plain Bob, (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob: 30 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First of 2 Minor on handbells. 150th peal as conductor.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

DATE TOUCHES

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, D. Belcham 2, Mrs. M. King 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, P. King (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. Mr. and Mrs. King's farwell touch on leaving for two years in Nigeria.

SULLY, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, 1,960 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Lea 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5. Longest number of chances rung on the bells. A date touch welcome to the New Year.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Greenhalgh (first of Minor and first in Australia) 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, A. R. Lamphoe 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, B. R. Cox 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, M. Wheeler (first quarter) 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, T. A. Palmer 4, G. Newman 5, D. Bowles (first quarter) 6. Run to mark the wedding of W. Barnes (former ringer, serving in the R.A.F.) and Miss B. Tucker; also for the engagement of D. Bowles and Miss A. Alder.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Burress 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, Judith Funnell 3, F. Beenev 4, G. Beenev (cond.) 5, H. Pettitt 6. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. H. S. Mathias, Vicar of Alfriston, who is also an active ringer.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Peers 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, G. Orchard 3, D. C. Lawson 4, A. Fortin 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. For Matins.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bagg 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill 5, M. Bagg 6. A compliment to Mrs. Bagg on her 90th birthday; also wedding anniversary of her son (churchwarden) and engagement of ringers 2 and 3.

AWRE, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Sims 1, G. T. Horritt 2, H. N. Coombe (first 'inside') 3, D. A. Houlst 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, N. K. Winspear (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. Rung in memoriam Sir Evan Gwynne-Evans.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Randall 1, W. J. Phippen 2, Teresa Jones 3, G. C. Grant 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. R. Saunders 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Aaron Fear, interred this day.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Lansley 1, B. Purnell (cond.) 2, P. Gaisford 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Box 5, T. Wicks 6. First in three methods for 1 and 4. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Parsons on their 25th wedding anniversary.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Betty Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, G. North 3, C. W. T. Riddleston 4, F. Crutenden 5, L. Stilwell 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, W. A. Riddington 9, F. Lewis 10. Rung as a farwell to the Vicar (Canon D. H. Booth) prior to his installation as Archdeacon of Lewes on December 8th. Also on Nov. 29th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Snoswell (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, S. Armstrong 2, A. Humphrey 3, D. Hunns (first of Grandsire 'inside') 4, J. Riddleston 5, J. Smithies (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift 2, J. E. Camp 3, M. G. Swift 4, C. Shepherd 5, R. Swift (cond.) 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Johnson 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Miss B. Sjoberg 3, Mrs. D. J. King 4, C. G. Bryani 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, Rev. R. Halkett 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. A welcome home from hospital to Mr. J. Sims, tower master at Chepstow.

DOVER, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Coveney (first quarter) 1, G. Ruck 2, Miss A. Banks 3, G. Gray 4, J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, D. Thomas 7, T. Ellender 8.

GREENWICH, S.E.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Riches 1, Felicity Webber 2, Freda Cannon 3, D. James 4, M. Sprackling (cond.) 5, J. Rooke 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Run to commemorate the visit of the Chief Guide to the 1st Greenwich Park Guide Company on their jubilee.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brown 1, R. Trevitt 2, R. Asher 3, A. Bird 4, E. Cole 5, W. Weston 6, A. Dixon 7, P. Pocklington (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Kenward 1, J. Streeter 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, Judith Funnell 4, G. Beenev (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. A 14th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Wells 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, A. J. Davey (first of Cambridge 'inside') 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pentelow (first quarter) 1, W. Wibby 2, B. Whitworth 3, J. M. Clarke 4, A. L. Priestley 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentelow 8. Rung prior to Midnight Mass.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Harbridge 1, Angela Tolliday 2, H. Foster 3, C. Gooding 4, C. Muncey (cond.) 5, J. Chandler 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, L. G. Cowley 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1959. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Foster 1, W. D. Ward 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, E. R. Gotham 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, D. Rowlands 6. Rung as a token of respect to Mr. G. Stanley, captain of this tower, on completing 50 years' Sunday service ringing.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Martin's and St. Simon's): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, D. Johnson 2, J. Perrett 3, K. Kirk 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5, K. Goldthorpe 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Helen M. Thacker 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. Lawrence (first of Minor) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Christmas Eve.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, C. Willmington 2, F. Mills 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Eastwood 8. For carol service.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. A. Whitworth 1, A. L. Priestley 2, J. Mills Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. M. Clarke (cond.) 5. Rung by Rushden (Northants) band.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Overington (first quarter) 1, K. Cherrill 2, Christine Pullin 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, A. B. Peck 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. Randall 8. A welcome to Mark, born December 6th, first grandson of A. C. Winn, Cathedral ringing master.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, F. J. Sage 2, A. Wright (first quarter) 3, C. Churchill 4, J. Sage (first as cond.) 5, L. Marker 6.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, R. J. Hough 3, M. J. Martin 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, C. Baugh 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallig, jun. (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, C. J. A. Goy 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallig, jun. (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Bennett 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Helen M. Thacker 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. C. Warburton 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. Hughes 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. G. Morris 3, P. Warren 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Smith 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. Havard 3, W. Harford 4, B. Taylor 5, A. F. R. Hartley 6, J. W. G. Goodfellow 7, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. H. A. Stephens, Rector.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Joan Salmons 1, Mrs. Marion Page 2, A. Page 3, L. D. Durnid 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T. R. Taylor 6, E. F. Salmons (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Watchnight service.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Clarke (first of Minor) 1, R. E. D. Henebry 2, C. D. Baugh (first of Minor) 3, J. D. Robinson 4, G. Bailey 5, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 6. For the eve of Christmas. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Baugh (first of Triples) 1, R. E. D. Henebry (first of Triples) 2, Judy Robinson (first 'inside' on eight) 3, R. E. Tallis (first 'inside' on eight) 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. T. Gwilt 6, M. C. Hughes 7, J. T. Clarke (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Dorling 1, Margaret Fenton 2, Anne Stephens 3, R. Fenton 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. A compliment to the conductor on being awarded an open scholarship in physics at Pembroke College, Oxford. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Cook 1, Margaret Fenton 2, Anne Stephens 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. J. Smith (first 'inside') 5, P. Wakefield 6. For the carol service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fellows (aged 12) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, A. D. Fellows (father) 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows (aged 14) 6, D. H. Watson 7, Jill Tombs 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Elsie May Dunn, the wife of A. L. Dunn, a ringer at this church for 40 years.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lavina Mumford 1, N. Moxon 2, B. Hough 3, A. Wilson 4, Eleanor Rose 5, Katharine Burchall 6, Grace Burchall (cond.) 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Miss A. Collier 3, Miss A. Pryke 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Hales 6. For the induction of the Rev. L. Griffiths. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. A. Hales 5, I. Cooper 6. For Mr. C. Marvens 55th anniversary as church clerk and ringer.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Davis 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, E. Woolgrove (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, R. F. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Crook 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): R. Liddell 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, Arthur Halling 4, Albert Halling 5, D. Williams 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. Sheehan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, H. W. Impey (cond.) 3, E. R. Gotham 4, F. Bedford 5, D. Rowlands (first quarter) 6, F. Corke 7, J. Ina 8. Rung to mark the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): M. Foster 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Mrs. J. Crosby 3, R. Lucas 4, H. J. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise): F. Cooke 1, G. Challans 2, J. T. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. J. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WESTBURY-ON-SERVERN, GLOS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Phillips 1, R. G. Powell 2, E. W. Penn 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, F. J. Turner 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): D. W. Threlfall 1, J. D. Smith 2, J. E. Brough 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, J. A. Adams 5, K. J. Collier 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the 5th ringer's father.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. C. Warburton 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. (50th quarter peal) 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by all.

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The 'Johns' have done it again with a peal at Farnworth, Lancs, on December 27th.

Any claims for the first quarter in 1960? Packworth, Warwickshire, started theirs at 12.20 a.m. on January 1st.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has rung 500 peals for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Sutterton on November 28th, 1959, was a Lincoln Diocesan Guild peal.

Correction to peal rung at Dronfield, Derbys. Page 2, January 1st: The name of the treble ringer is Michel H. Paulson, and not as printed.

The dinner that Rickmansworth ringers are holding on January 30th is arranged for a two-fold purpose—to promote greater fellowship and to provide money to rehang Rickmansworth's ring of 10.

Roger Overington, son of the Dean's verger at St. Paul's Cathedral, has rung his first quarter peal—at Southwark Cathedral. We shall hear about this from the Provost of Southwark at the next College Youths' dinner.

At Sevenoaks on New Year's Day after the traditional 12 strokes at midnight on the tenor, the bells went off into a course of London Surprise Major. Was this the first course of London in 1960?

By the peal of Stedman Doubles at Wateringbury, Kent, on January 2nd, Arthur G. Mason, Trevor A. Cross, Thomas Cullingworth and George J. Butcher, complete the Stedman family—Doubles to Cinques—in peals. A previous attempt for this peal was lost owing to the treble rope breaking about 48 changes from the finish.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was specially included in the peal at St. James', Tong, in memory of George Bolland. This gentleman was quite famous in these parts as a six-bell ringer, and he left a sum of money in trust so that each year, on December 28th, a 720 of Oxford, his favourite method, should be rung. Even the most generous minded person could not describe Tong bells as good, either in tone or 'go,' but they were loved by the old band and over 50 peals have been rung on them.

The peal at Gillingham (see page 18) was rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes, and not as printed.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, from Los Angeles, writes sending New Year Greetings to ringing friends, and states that he is in good health and is still working.

Melbourne Cathedral rang for New Year's Eve Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, plus the usual methods.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. F. N. Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is in Ward 7 of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, of Prittlewell, Essex, are leaving on January 16th for two years in Nigeria. A farewell date touch was rung on Prittlewell bells on January 3rd. Bon Voyage and many happy experiences!

A peal attempt in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Pitstow, daughter of Mr. and Harold Pitstow, in Rhodesia, was lost at Banstead on December 12th after nearly three hours' ringing.

The Rev. E. H. Fenwick is leaving Benfieldside, Co. Durham, this month, after holding the living for 21 years. In 1957 he was instrumental with his ringers in having the bells rehung. At Lapworth the five bells there will present him with another challenge in that line. His daughter, Angela, has learned to ring and she will doubtless urge him on with the task. Ringers in Co. Durham wish him and his family well in their new home.

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A CELEBRATION DINNER

200th Anniversary of Baptism of First Taylor Bellfounder

On New Year's Day, 1760, Robert Taylor was baptised at Riseley, Bedfordshire. He was the first Taylor to become a bellfounder and to mark the 200th anniversary Mr. Paul L. Taylor, the fifth generation of bellfounders and the present head of John Taylor and Co., gave a dinner to his employees and their ladies at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe.

Present with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on this memorable occasion were their three children, Sarah Margaret, Frances Edith and John William Taylor (IV.). Other members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickens (brother-in-law and sister of Mr. P. L. Taylor), Mr. G. F. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nohre, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Denison Taylor and Miss Rosemary Taylor.

After the toast of 'The Queen' a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. L. Taylor, C. Harrison, R. Edwards and H. Marcon. The toast of 'The Taylor Family' was proposed by Mr. John Eccleshall, to which Mr. Taylor replied.

Mr. John Fidler, the toastmaster, read out greetings, cables and telegrams that had been received, including one from the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and also one from Mrs. Scott, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Apart from the professional entertainment, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison provided tune ringing, four in hand. The accompanist was Mr. Fred Spicer, who is employed in the joiners' shop of the Foundry.

The appreciation of the guests to Mr. Taylor was ably expressed by Mr. Colin Harrison. The dinner was a great success and in the words of our correspondent, 'We all enjoyed ourselves hugely.'

A booklet giving notes concerning the various members of the family during the five generations, prepared by Mr. P. L. Taylor, was an appropriate souvenir of a happy occasion.

Tips For Beginners — 3

As a further aid to hearing your bell, notice at first the sound of it when you are leading, later when you are in the last place, until presently you will find you can hear it all the time.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Nearly 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association held at Stoke Parish Church on December 5th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Preb F. A. R. Chapman), who also kindly entertained the Association to tea in the Church Institute.

The business meeting was presided over by the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent (the Ven. G. Youell), who welcomed the newly-elected treasurer and secretary and thanked the retiring officers for their services to the Association in the past. The meeting stood in remembrance of the Rev. J. B. Frith, one-time Rector of Swynnerton and member of the Association.

Eight new ringing members were elected and Mr. G. Hall, of Brown Edge, was elected hon. life member, having been in the Association for 50 years.

Ringing continued after tea until 9 p.m., ranging from rounds to London Surprise Major.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg took the chair at the annual meeting of the Society on December 1st, when the following elections were made: Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs (Hertford College); treasurer, Mr. N. Martin (St. Peter's Hall); secretaries, Miss S. G. Camerón (Lady Margaret Hall) and Mr. D. T. Darby (New College).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 3



REV. GILBERT THURLOW, M.A., F.S.A.
(Vice-President of Central Council)

There is no more energetic member of the Exercise than the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. His dynamic and forthright personality inspires all who come into contact with him and it would be hard to imagine anyone more suitable to become a future president of the Central Council.

Mr. Thurlow was born in 1911 and was educated at Felixstowe, Felstead, Selwyn College (Cambridge) and Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford. He was appointed assistant curate at All Saints', Wokingham, in 1934, and in 1939 became Precentor at Norwich Cathedral until 1955. He was Rector of St. Clement's and Vicar of St. George Colegate, where he converted an old ring of three into a ring of six in 1950.

From 1952 to 1955 he was also Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich. In 1955 he became Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and everyone knows how energetically he tackled the enormous job of restoring the famous church and its bells.

Miss Monica Collins, formerly of Guildford, is at the Bush Nursing Hospital, Brighton, Victoria. She was recently visited by Mr. and Mrs. George Pipe while they were on holiday in N.E. Victoria. Unfortunately when they called she was the only nurse on duty.

It was London University Society and not the Universities Association that had the tour in Durham last year. The error in our last issue is regretted.

Mr. Roger Fry has entered the Faversham Ward of Salisbury General Infirmary for an operation. He expects to be in hospital for about three to four weeks and out of ringing for about six months.

Mr. Harry E. Good, of Ewell, is for the second time in nine weeks a patient in Epsom District Hospital. He underwent an operation at the beginning of November, but his recovery has not been as rapid as expected. He hopes to be able to return to ringing again fairly soon.

The retirement of the Rev. J. A. Burness as Rector of Helmingham, Suffolk, after 30 years in office, will be regretted by many ringing friends. 'Not once,' writes our correspondent, 'did he refuse ringing at his tower.'

On New Year's Eve at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, honour was done by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major to the 89th birthday of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins. He still attends St. Ebbe's whenever possible and would like to wish all his friends a happy New Year.

Before the war it was a constant argument which was the largest parish church in the country, Coventry or Yarmouth. Well, St. Michael's, Coventry, has gone, to be replaced by a modern Cathedral—so Yarmouth must be left with the honours.

Mr. Thurlow is far too busy to have much time available for peal ringing—but, nevertheless, he has about 100 to his credit, which include London Surprise Major at Helmingham and Treble Bob Maximus at Bow. This latter was on the Croydon ring and was probably the only peal of Kent Treble Bob on them. He took part in a peal of Bob Major on handbells at Trinity College, Cambridge (his first peal) and the band included the present Astronomer Royal.

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Critic's Praise

'As one of "The Ringing World" critics in 1959, may I say that No. 1 of 1960 has left me agreeably surprised. If this issue reflects the shape of things to come, I think your circulation figures will rise, even at the increased price.'

'I congratulate you on the first of a series of "Servants of the Exercise," which is good and, strange to say, this was one of the very things which our local quarter peal band were asking for in one of the many discussions about "The Ringing World." Good work. Keep it up.'—J. B., Bristol.

Memorial To Cecil Ebberson

Friends and ringing colleagues of the late Cecil Ebberson propose placing a memorial plaque in the belfry of Dersingham Parish Church. It is thought that some of his many friends in other Associations would like to be associated with the N.D.A. in perpetuating the memory of one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Donations can be sent to: W. Love, General Secretary, Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR. 64P.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. Dennis Jeanes, who is working in London, travelled down specially to Backwell, Somerset, on New Year's Eve to attend the annual ringers' supper and the ringing afterwards. He returned to London by the 4 a.m. train—fortified by feasting and ringing for any travelling unpleasantness.

The peal rung at Marston, Oxford, on December 19th was the 33rd peal on the bells. This is believed to be the greatest number of peals rung in a five-bell tower.

Congratulations to Mr. Bruce Wakefield on winning an open scholarship in physics to Pembroke College, Oxford. A peal in honour of the announcement was rung at South Cerney, Gloucestershire.

Mr. G. N. Sloan, secretary of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Cathedral Society of Bellringers sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringers on behalf of the Society.

The six youngest out of 11 ringers present were chosen to ring in the New Year at Alford, Lincs. The band was Malcolm Smith (9), David Maulthy (12), R. Brailsford (14), Miss B. Willoughby (14), R. Willoughby (16), G. Willoughby (17). Average age 13½ years.

On the occasion of his 55th birthday Mr. L. G. Brett chose 5,008 Double Norwich by Edgar Wightman, which had 55 courses and 55 calls. Mr. James Bennett, jun., is welcomed to the Helmingham band again.

GOLDEN WEDDING FESTIVITIES AT DARLEY DALE

On December 28th the Darley Dale (Derbys) ringers and their wives were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, of Heather Brae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, to a dinner and social held at the Grouse Hotel, Darley Dale, on the occasion of their golden wedding. Members of their family were also present, including Mrs. Smallwood's sister, Mrs. Trow, who was bridesmaid at their wedding. Songs, hand-bells and ringers' yarns were part of the evening's entertainment.

Frank Smallwood came to live at Darley Dale some two years ago and in that time his valuable help to the band of St. Helen's Church is very much appreciated. His very dry wit and to all late-comers to the belfry who are 'found' has earned him the title of 'Uncle Frank.' He has also found time to take part in the activities of the Derbyshire Association and he is much in demand to stand in for peal attempts.

Although no special ringing was done by the locals, apart from the extra ringing for the Christmas season with Frank taking part, methods rung during the week were Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

On New Year's Eve a new method, Little Stedman Triples, was rung, invented by Mr. H. E. Taylor, one of the local band. It consists of double dodging in 4-5 and 6-7, then Quick work only, treble and second making thirds round the Quick bell.

Best wishes and thank you, Frank, from all the Darley ringers. G. H. P.

Mr. Smallwood learned to ring at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, when a boy, and it was in this church that he married Miss Sarah Phyllis Gilbert. Apprenticed into the printing industry, among the appointments he has held are superintendent of the colour printing department at Bemrose and Sons, Ltd., Derby, works manager at Bolton, Sir Isaac Pitman's at Bath and the Staple Press, London. After more than half-a-century of print, he retired over ten years ago. He has lived at Darley Dale for about two years.

A versatile ringer, he probably enjoys most Stedman Cinques, and his peals include the first at Exeter Cathedral and 5,019 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. He also rang the tenor to the first peal on the ten bells at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on August 2nd, 1924. One memorable occasion among many in his ringing career was ringing at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and for this service he holds the Coronation medal.

A staunch and enthusiastic member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he was Master in 1951. Since 1951 he has been convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee and has guided its destiny with consummate skill through a difficult period. He joined the Central Council in 1939, being elected an honorary member; since 1951 he has represented the Ancient Society of College Youths. It is perhaps natural that such a noted personality as Mr. Smallwood should have been in the national limelight. Three times he has appeared on T.V. and many times on radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood have two daughters—one living in Edinburgh and the other in Derby.

Universities' Association Annual Dinner

A GREY, damp day greeted the Association in Birmingham, but our welcome was, as usual, cordial as we made our way round the towers on the programme. We visited Selly Oak before lunch and, despite the secretary's gloomy circular, the ringing chamber seemed as full as usual. After lunch Harborne, with a smaller tower, seemed even more packed, though the ringing did not appear to suffer unduly. However, the 12 bells at St. Philip's were a different proposition, and despite the reinforcements from a Central Council committee, whose members very inopportunistly chose the same day to meet, the ringing was not of a high order. Few accepted the kind invitation of the St. Martin's Guild to visit their meeting at St. Martin's; those who did got some good ringing, but missed the service at St. Philip's.

Some 45 members sat down to an excellent dinner at the Imperial Hotel, under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Unfortunately, no guests were present owing to an organisational misunderstanding, and as a result the speeches were of limited extent. Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president) proposed the health of 'The Universities Association,' and the secretary, D. J. Roaf, replied with the customary account of the year's activities, which included the summer tour held last year at Pulborough, Sussex, and the ringing of four peals.

Mr. A. York-Bramble welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Albert Walker thanked him and extended a hearty welcome to the Association on this their second visit to Birmingham.

A NEW PRESIDENT

At the business meeting the most important item was the triennial election of officers. Mr. Lewis restated his firm wish to retire, and thanked the Association warmly for their sup-

port during his term of office, which had lasted since the formation of the Association some 15 years ago. He commented that he had been somewhat unsure about the value of the Association on its formation, but after his experience as president he had no hesitation in saying that it had fulfilled a definite need, and he wished it well in the future. Mr. P. L. Taylor was elected to the presidency and, on assuming the chair, thanked those present for their kindness in electing him.

There were two candidates for the vice-presidency, and after a vote Mr. W. F. Moreton was declared elected. Notice was given of a proposition to amend the rules so as to allow of Mr. Lewis being elected an honorary vice-president in recognition of his service to the Association.

No desire was shown to change the day-to-day management, and Mr. D. J. Roaf was re-elected to serve as secretary-treasurer. Miss M. R. Cross agreed to serve as Central Council representative, subject to her home commitments.

There appeared to be some disagreement between the secretary and the auditor over the accounts, and they were not available for discussion; however, both seemed to agree that a profit had been made on the year, and it would only be necessary to decide on its magnitude.

This year's week, it was announced, would be in the hands of Miss P. J. Holborn and Mr. J. Seager, and would be in the Sheffield/Derbyshire area from August 6th to 13th. Next year's dinner we agreed to hold in London on Saturday, January 7th, and for the 1962 week the Shrewsbury area would be investigated.

Twenty-eight new members were elected, and after the close of the meeting the usual convivial period was enjoyed by all. B. D. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

The Kent District of the Ladies' Guild have in recent years established a custom of holding their meetings jointly with the various Districts of the Kent County Association.

On January 2nd the New Year was given a good send-off when the ladies, many of whom are members of the Tonbridge District, anyway, turned up in good numbers to the District meeting at Sevenoaks.

Due to the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, it was not possible to hold a service, and at the end of the afternoon ringing a company of 40 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, which was followed by a business meeting presided over by Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Association. A comprehensive report of the November meeting of the general committee of the Association was given by Mr. B. V. Collison. This indicated that the strong feelings of the District, as expressed at earlier meetings, with regard to the lateness of last year's annual reports and the lateness in starting the arrangements in connection with the Central Council meeting at Folkestone in 1960 had been conveyed to the general committee. It had also been agreed that the annual dinner of the Association would be held at Aplin's Restaurant at Sevenoaks on either September 24th or October 29th.

Miss Janet Buss, of Sevenoaks, was elected a member of the Association, and Mr. Peter Bond, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, expressed the hope that many ringers would be able to attend the Society's annual dinner on February 6th.

After the usual votes of thanks the gentlemen returned to the tower and the ladies' meeting took place under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, vice-president. Meeting arrangements for the year were settled, the next being at Chelsfield on April 23rd.

From the ringing point of view it was a very good meeting, but for the District secretary and organisers somewhat disappointing in that so few of the District members seem to have the time, or perhaps the inclination, to make the effort to come and join in an occasion that is intended primarily for them. Perhaps better District support may be hoped for at the meeting at Penshurst on April 2nd.

RAMBLING RINGERS' 1959 TOUR

The tour began at Shrewsbury and ended at Pershore, Bristol being the southernmost point. In all, approximately 120 towers were visited, well over 50 ringers taking part. The ringing on the whole was good, and in the middle week it bordered on the excellent.

The annual meeting was held at the Ostrich at Bristol, with the Master in the chair, and the south-east was chosen as next year's tour area.

A pleasing facet of the tour was the influx of new members: this is a healthy sign and we hope that it may long continue.

METHODS RUNG

Maximus.—Kent, Plain and Little.
Cinques.—Stedman and Grandsire.
Royal.—Cambridge, Kent, Plain and Little.
Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.
Major.—Spiced 6, 5 and 4 Surprise, Cambridge, Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Watford, Belgrave, Cornwall and Ealing Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Original.

Triples.—St. Clement's, Plain, Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—About 50 methods.
Doubles.—The diary collection.

This briefly sums up an enjoyable tour, and one which will long be remembered by those taking part. J. E. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—I was interested in Mr. Peter Bond's letter, and would like to give my opinion of the ringing. It did not come to us in the order published in the 'Radio Times,' but as follows.

BLACKBURN.—I agree, 'very badly-struck changes.' I would add that it was a complete muddle. I could not confirm that ten bells were ringing. What a difference between these and the Evercreech ten (when they put on the 10-bell record) on Sunday mornings at seven minutes to 9 on the Light programme! It is then that I put my wireless set on loud and open my windows for the benefit of my neighbours in case they have forgotten!

WAREHAM.—Mr. Bond says that those broadcast were 'certainly not the bells of that tower.' I agree. The announcer (Stuart Hibberd) gave out that we were to hear eight bells, then out rang six. I would describe the striking as very fair.

BELFAST.—Good striking.

BEACONSFIELD.—Very good striking—the top of the programme. (By the way, what a pity we were given only those few rounds at the mid-night service, Christmas Eve!)

ELKSTONE.—Bad striking.

FIFE (carillon).—Well played. Two nice tenors, down to D. I think. But I don't like tunes on tower bells. It's no good—it just can't be done: the harmonics and overtones just make my stomach swim, especially if the player attempts chords.

TALGARH.—Good striking.

BETHLEHEM.—Well, they are just Bethlehem bells sounded in the way which is the custom there, apparently; but what a din!

So we began and finished by clashing. It is a pity because, this year, each tower was broadcast long enough for us to listen and study, whereas, as a rule, we are beginning to make up our minds what we are listening to and then comes the fade-out.

Some say that at Christmas time these broadcasts should be by the everyday bands at the towers fortunate enough to get into the list.

Although I appreciate that some ringers, especially the young ones, would want to be in it, I think that only good striking should be allowed on such an occasion, and if a ringer in the usual band is not able to strike properly with certainty, he should be replaced by one who can. Further, that if the tower cannot fix up all good strikers, another tower should take its place for the occasion.

We should remember that the ringing is going into homes all over the British Isles, and beyond, and we want to please, not aggravate. While some people would not notice any difference between the Blackburn and the Beaconsfield broadcasts, many would; and there are people, some music lovers, who hate the sound of church bells. We don't want to increase their number!

An hour's good ringing can be spoilt by hazardous lowering of the bells afterwards. That's the last sound of that hour's ringing left in people's ears. What a finale!

I would further suggest that, if a tower is to be broadcast at any time, not only Christmas, and the ringers are not certain good strikers in method, they would do better to stick to fairly quickly-called call-changes—even rounds, for I am certain that the principal thing in tower bell ringing is this—WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE OUTSIDE?—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe, Suffolk.

A BACKGROUND OF NOISE

Dear Sir.—It is surprising that Mr. Peter Bond, who usually expresses himself so positively and with seeming authority on the musical qualities of bells, should not have recognised that the six bells introduced as those of Wareham, Dorset, in the Christmas Day broadcast, were identical to those later introduced as the six bells of St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, Wales.

There was audible during both periods these bells were broadcast a background of noise which did not seem like the local echo of Talgarth bells. In this background there was detectable the note of E or E flat. As this corresponds to the note of Wareham tenor, it seems possible that Wareham bells were, in fact, being broadcast simultaneously with those of Talgarth, although, due to technical trouble, perhaps, most imperfectly.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield.

R. E. PRICE.

RINGERS AS CHURCH OFFICIALS

Dear Sir.—In the ringing chamber of Yatton Parish Church, Somerset, during the ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New, among the company present were: The Vicar (Preb. B. A. Beechey) and Mrs. Beechey, the assistant priest and his wife, two churchwardens, two deputy churchwardens, a lay reader and three servers. Of these, six are members of the band of ringers.

I believe this to be a wonderful representation of the church's interest in the ringers and oh! that it could be more general throughout the land.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton.

FEELING AT HOME IN A NEW JOB

Dear Sir.—About a month ago I was transferred to another office at my employment. The first thing was to see a bell about two cwt. sitting on the floor. My boss is an organist and said he was glad to welcome me with the bell after seeing my ringing badge on my coat.

My job was 'Firms' and the first one I dealt with was for 'Cambridge,' the next was 'Salter,' the surname being the one of my Ringing Master. The following 'Steadman,' and last 'Lewin,' who is the Ringing Master at Hucknall.

I began to wonder if they were trying to make me settle in my new abode, or remind me of two minds and two thoughts. As long as they don't 'surprise' me and call be 'Bob' I don't mind, because I am 'Single' and . . . —Yours faithfully,

West Bridgford, Notts.

A. HENSON.

A FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.—I wish to point out that the composition of Little Bob Major by John R. Ketteringham on page 16 of 'The Ringing World' is false. The second lead of the 11th course of the first part repeats with the sixth lead of the fifth course of the second part. And, of course, likewise in all four parts. Also, the reduction of 'A' to produce a 5,000 is false. The sixth lead of the fourth course of the reduced part repeats with the second lead of the 24th course of the same part.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN SMITH.

Burnley, Lancs.

Mr. John R. Ketteringham writes admitting the falseness of the composition and expressing his sincere regret to all concerned. Before submitting the composition to 'The Ringing World' he had it checked by one who is regarded as an authority, but apparently the error escaped him.

Doctor's Verdict To 85-Year-Old Ringer

For 70 years a ringer and for 56 years at Sheffield Cathedral, Mr. Sidney Palmer, now 85, when he caught a chill recently was warned by his family and friends 'Better retire.'

The strain of two 45-minute spells at the Cathedral each Sunday, they said, would be too much for him.

But Mr. Palmer decided to take medical advice first. And, to his surprise, his family doctor advised him to continue.

'The doctor thinks I'm fit enough to carry on,' he told the 'Sheffield Star.' 'I was delighted to hear the verdict. I enjoy bell-ringing too much to want to give up after all these years.'

So this life member of the Yorkshire Association, who has rung 271 peals for the Association, continues to set an example to the Exercise in his Sunday service ringing.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES AND PEALS OF MINOR

Dear Sir.—For the sake of accuracy and in no sense of criticism, I would point out to Mr. Blagrove that the peal rung at Rotherham on April 18th, 1881, was not Spliced Caters and Royal in the present day accepted sense of the term, but was a collection of touches in the methods named, each touch starting and ending with rounds. The reason this performance is not included in the list of false compositions in the Yorkshire Association's annual reports is that it is felt that no one would repeat the performance under the impression that it is true.

In connection with Mr. Moxon's letter on page 11 of 'The Ringing World,' part of which deals with the ringing of peals of Minor in less than seven methods, it is true that the resolution of 1912 stating 'No peal in less than seven methods be recognised by the (Yorkshire) Association' stood in the name of the late Mr. John McKell, of Gargrave, but the real power behind that resolution was the late Mr. George Bolland, of Tong ('King of Six-Bell Ringers,' as he was often referred to), who had very strong views on what a peal of Minor should be.

I remember, in my very early days as a member of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, being at a meeting of that committee when George Bolland made a very impassioned speech in which he sought to disqualify a peal of Minor rung in. I believe, three methods. Not only was Mr. Bolland against any peals of Minor with less than seven different methods, he even suggested that peals which consisted of a mixture of Treble Bob methods and Plain methods should not be allowed. In his opinion they ought to be either one or the other, never both.

George, however, lost the day. There were too many on the committee who would have suffered a reduction in their peal totals if he had had his way.

Recognised standards were different in those days and one wonders how Mr. Bolland would now have reconciled one of his cherished performances—a peal of 6,000 Treble Bob Minor in 25 different methods, rung at Tong and conducted by him. That peal consisted of 25 touches of 240, each method starting and ending with rounds, but then, it was rung way back in the 1880's, before spliced ringing was even thought of.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

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THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—I must remind friend Cannon that we have 36 cwt. all but 8 lb. of tenor at Evesham. I must also remind him that if it is impossible to strike this bell properly in 3 hours and 13 minutes then it must be impossible to strike peals of Surprise Royal at Birmingham Cathedral in 3 hours, 8, 10 and 11 minutes with a 31½ cwt. tenor, which is considered not an easy bell to turn in. It must also be impossible to strike Cambridge Royal at St. Martin's, Birmingham, with a 37 cwt. tenor.

As I have not taken part in a fast peal at the Cathedral I cannot give an opinion, but I did ring in the peal at St. Martin's in 3 hours and 17 minutes, and I can assure 'the Canon' that the tenor was never out of control. With 14½ stone and 6ft. 3in. of 26-year-old Peter Border hanging on the rope, if any of that band never ring a worse peal than that one they will be fortunate.

Now, Pat, you must be fair in your criticism. After all, you hold the record for the fastest peal of Major at Pershore Abbey (Cambridge Major in 3 hours and 10 minutes). You know I heard the first hour of that peal as I was in the tower and the ringing was good. Before the start of that peal one of the ringers asked me which of two of the bells ran dry first: I told him he would know when it happened. One ringer told me that he heard the last part of the Pershore peal and the ringing had deteriorated and he got the impression that the band, or at least some of them, were getting tired. This, of course, was understandable at Pershore, as no doubt the two bells had run dry by then.

To return to Evesham. About a year ago George Fearn rang the tenor in Lincolnshire Major in 3 hours and 26 minutes. Like all wise ringers George gave himself time to find out what he could do with a strange bell before he applied the pressure, thereby losing time in the first part of the peal, otherwise the time would have been much less.

Stephen Ivins started off at a fast pace right from the rounds and all the others went with him and enjoyed the fun, and only one member of the band expressed displeasure at the end of the peal. As I do not profess to be a heavy-bell ringer myself, I am able to take a detached view, and credit must be given when it is due.

For my own part I am not too keen on this dirt track racing and much prefer a speed to match the weight of bells being rung, but I enjoyed myself by watching Stephen Ivins applying his 21 years of 14 stone to the job, so don't criticise these youngsters, Pat, but let them enjoy themselves in their youthful exuberance, and I can also tell you that I'll bet you have rung many a worse peal than the one at Evesham. As you are on the waiting list for a peal on our back eight, we must get you fixed up as soon as possible, and if it is rung in less than 3 hours and 30 minutes it will have to be classed as an unnatural performance and must, therefore, not be published as a peal.

Anyway, Pat, best wishes for 1960, with plenty of good, fast peals.—Yours, etc.,

G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

LEAVE THOSE WHO KNOW TO JUDGE

Dear Sir,—I was distressed to read my friend A. P. C.'s letter re the peal of Yorkshire at Evesham. This is a personal attack on Stephen Ivins—a very bad start to 1960. Mr. Cannon, and I hope we shall see no more such childish comments this year.

Mr. Cannon says, 'It would be impossible to strike this 35 cwt. tenor at this fast speed.' As an eye witness of Mr. Ivins's performance, I can say that it was struck, and well handled.

I find it difficult to resist the temptation to make comparisons, but I will be charitable, it being New Year's Day, and be content with telling anyone who doesn't know that Stephen Ivins is at least as capable as Pat Cannon, and leaving them to judge for themselves from the peal columns rather than rely on letters to the Editor.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. P. Cannon's letter relating to the peal of Major rung at Evesham, it seems to me a great pity that he did not incorporate the advice offered, in his own peal-ringing efforts years ago.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Kingston-upon-Thames.

Dear Sir,—I cannot recall having rung with the tenor man under criticism, but I am sufficiently familiar with other members of the band to be confident that the striking would be at least of acceptable standard for them to continue for 3 hours and 13 minutes.

Mr. Cannon should know by now that age and ability are not synonymous. — Yours faithfully,

H. C. SPENCER.

Kingsteignton.

HANDBELL RINGERS RAISE £230 FOR THE BLIND

Dear Sir,—I am not a bellringer, much as I should like to be one, but I take and enjoy your paper very much and I am wondering if it would be of interest for readers to know that here in Dulwich I have two teams of handbell ringers. We are attached to Emmanuel Congregational Church, and whilst we do not do change ringing we do a lot of tune ringing, and at Christmas we tour all the local streets collecting for the blind. We have just handed in a cheque for £230 collected this Christmas for the Greater London Fund for the Blind and, in all, have, during the last 13 years, raised nearly £2,000 for this fund.

Another matter: Has anyone any information as to whom the bells of the Alexandra Ring, Imperial Institute, Kensington, are used? Is it possible ever to hear these bells, and when were they last rung? Wishing you every success.—Yours very truly,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

Leader,

Emmanuel Handbell Ringers.

Dulwich.

METHODS SECONDARY TO RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to read Mr. Moxon's stilted views on numbers of methods in peals of Minor. His possible rule that seven should be the minimum number allowed is ridiculous: far more important is how peals are rung, even if only in one method.

If more attention was paid to the striking of our ringing (which is what the public have to listen to) rather than to the number and intricacy of the methods rung (in which the public are not interested) then we should be getting somewhere.

A clash of two bells in a call change tower in the West Country will bring wincing of pain and sharp words from the caller or captain, a state which is all but ignored in many method-ringing areas. Rhythmical ringing will appeal to a rhythmical public and help the flow of recruits, apart from making a good impression on their attitude to the Church, the primary function of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Selborne, Hants.

A Lincoln Ring Restored

On November 28th the ring of six bells at Coningsby, Lincs, was heard ringing once more after being silent for 25 years. In the presence of a large congregation the restored ring was rededicated by the Bishop of Grimsby. About 30 ringers took part in this service after having been ringing for service at their own churches. The work of rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and all expressed their delight at the 'go' and tone of the bells. Ringing took place for one hour after the service. Mr. S. Sharland represented the bellhangers.

A grant of £6 had been made from the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild to this restoration.

OBITUARY

MR. A. R. MILES

For nearly 70 years a ringer at St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, Sussex, and for 50 years captain of the tower, Mr. Arthur R. Miles died on September 28th, aged 88 years. Owing to a major operation in 1957 he had to give up active ringing, but his interest was maintained until the end of his life.

A lifelong member of the Sussex County Association, Mr. Miles served on the District Committee for 30 years. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. His peals numbered 34 and included all the standard methods and several of Surprise. At his request the bells were rung open at his funeral on January 1st.

W. A. K.

MR. FRED STUBBS

The death occurred on December 23rd of Mr. Fred Stubbs, of Raunds, Northants, who died in Wellingborough Park Hospital following an operation.

The funeral at Raunds was attended by the local ringers, representatives from Raunds Conservative Club, of which he was a founder member, and of Messrs. John Horrel and Son, boot and shoe manufacturers, where previously Mr. Stubbs was a foreman. The Parish Church bells were rung half-muffled in the evening.

Joining the Central Northants Association in 1894, he rang his first peal (Bob Major, by the Raunds St. Peter's Society, at Titchmarsh) in 1896 and it is believed he rang 100 peals, mostly in the standard Major methods. It was as a Sunday service ringer that he will be best remembered, and before the last war he was a familiar sight standing outside the tower on Sunday evenings finishing his pipe before entering the belfry. He was also a sidesman and parochial church councillor for many years.

In 1949 he resigned the office of treasurer of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and so ended a period of 35 years in office either as secretary, treasurer or committee member.

At the Thrapston Branch meeting on January 2nd the Guild general secretary, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, paid a warm tribute to his memory, and the assembly, which included the Guild Master (Mr. P. I. Chapman), together with Messrs. P. Cannon, R. Leale and others, stood in silence.

E. E. W.

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STEDMAN FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 29)

Human nature being what it is, there will be times when you have failed to remember which way you should go in and have forgotten to use any of these guides. There is one last resource, which you can use rather than go wrong. But you should not rely on it, as so many ringers do. It is known as the A-B trick. As you enter the front work you will be striking over two other bells. Call them A and B. You go over each in turn. If that brings you into seconds place you are a Quick bell and will lead next. But if, having followed A and B you are still in thirds place, you are a Slow bell. You then strike over A again and then lead at back and hand strokes to start your first whole turn. This method not only puts you completely in the hands of the two bells we have called A and B—if they are hesitant you will get no help from them—but, certainly if you are ringing a heavy bell, the striking will be upset because you will not know beforehand whether you are hunting down or making thirds place, so will not be prepared with the correct pull.

You will see, therefore, that if you can't keep count of the bobs while you are at the back and so be sure, independently of the rest of the band, whether you will go in Quick or Slow, there are several ways of finding out in time. If you are one of those fortunate people who can hear what the other bells are doing on the front—instead of, or as well as, seeing how they are leading—you can find out by ear whether the six being rung is a Quick or Slow one. But many of us find that ropesight is easier than relying entirely on the ear.

Now for ringing touches of Stedman Triples we must also learn how to make a Single. Like the bob, it comes in Triples at the change-over of the sixes and not where we learnt it did in Doubles. You will have found in Grandsire and Plain Bob that, whereas a Bob affects three bells, a single affects only two. This rule still applies. At the six end, when a single has been called the bells in the fifth, sixth and seventh positions lie still, that is make fifths, sixths and sevenths place respectively. At a plain six the bell in sevenths would have done a whole pull there, so that bell is unaffected. At a bob the bell dodging in 4-5 up would have made fifths and then dodged in 4-5 down—and at a single it does just that. The other bell at the back is the one which has just dodged in 6-7 down and would have gone into 4-5 down. Instead at the change of the sixes it makes sixths place and dodges up twice with the bell which had just made sevenths. It then, if there are no more calls, makes sevenths and dodges twice in 6-7 down.

The bell which made fifths will have been away from the front for two whole sixes and will therefore go in the opposite way to which it came out. The bell which lay behind was unaffected and so will have been away from the front the normal four sixes, and so it will also go in the opposite way to which it came out. The bell which made the single (sixths place) will stay behind for two additional sixes, making six in all away from the front, so will likewise go in the opposite way to which it came out.

4. THE SLOW WORK IN DETAIL.

When you have got as far as this in your ringing of Stedman, you will find that many touches and peals come to grief—often you or another member of the band will suddenly be 'lost,' usually when in the front work. Or, when a bell is coming in to the front, either that one, or one of those already there, is not sure of his work. You will find it useful to go back to the beginning and study the Slow work carefully. Notice where the handstrokes and backstrokes come and where the change over between the sixes takes place in relation to the Slow work.

POINTS TO NOTICE

1. Your thirds place at the start of the Slow work is made at hand and backstroke.
2. After passing through seconds place your lead at the start of the first whole turn will be wrong (back and hand).

	2	3	1	4	5	
Thirds	4					H
	4					B
	4					H
	4					B
First whole turn	4					H
	4					B
	4					H
	4					B
Thirds	4					H
	4					B
First half turn	4					H
	4					B
	4					H
	4					B
Thirds	4					H
	4					B
Last half turn	4					H
	4					B
	4					H
	4					B
Thirds	4					H
	4					B
Last whole turn	4					H
	4					B
	4					H
	4					B
Thirds	4					H
	4					B

S=Slow six
Q=Quick six

3. One blow in seconds and complete the first whole turn with a lead right (hand and back). NOTE.—This lead is the start of a Quick six.

4. Thirds place will be at back and hand.

5. The first half turn will be one blow at handstroke. NOTE.—This is the start of a Slow six.

6. Thirds place will be at hand and backstroke.

7. Your last half turn will be one blow at backstroke. NOTE.—This blow completes the six which was started with the first half turn. During this six your work has been 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 3rd. 2nd. 1st. This is the exact reverse of the work of a Quick bell which is 3rd. 2nd. 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and is the difference between the backward and forwarding hunting dealt with at the beginning of these notes.

8. Thirds place will be at back and handstroke.

9. Your lead at the start of the last whole turn will be right (hand and back). NOTE.—This lead is the end of a Quick six.

10. One blow in seconds, and the completion of the last whole turn with a lead wrong (back and hand).

11. Thirds place will be at hand and back before leaving the front at the changeover between the sixes.

12. The thirds places have not only alternated with the other parts of the Slow work, they have also been alternately places right and places wrong.

13. In the middle of the first whole turn you made one blow in seconds while a bell (call it X) led one stroke as it did its last half turn. When you led one stroke in your first half turn, bell X was the one doing its last whole turn, and leading before and after your blow on the lead.

14. When you led once to do your last half turn another bell (call it Y) was doing its first whole turn and led before and after your one blow at lead. In the middle of your last whole turn, when you do one blow in seconds, that same bell, Y, will do its first half turn.

15. When you are a Quick bell your lead will be right (hand and back) in the middle of the six. Before you led the bell doing its first whole turn will have led right, and after you led the bell doing its last whole turn will lead right.

No one is expected to learn all these things at once but if you look for them and gradually learn them while you are ringing you will find not only that it will be easier to keep your own bell right, but also that you will know what the bells you work with are doing. You will also find when you are dodging at the back that a glance at the bells in the front will tell you when the six end is coming and therefore when you move to the next dodging position. This latter is especially useful when ringing Stedman double handed.

When you reach this stage you will be ready to start conducting Stedman and will realise that this is not so difficult as it once seemed. But by then you will no longer be a beginner so this must conclude my article. If there are any parts of these notes which remind readers of the Snowdon 'Stedman,' my excuses are that my copy is out on loan, but some similarity is not unlikely as I had a hand in writing it before the war.

(Concluded)

THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

By J. SEGAR

(Continued from page 29)

In a previous issue a skeleton table for composing and proving twelve part peals was introduced. There was also the proof of a peal of Plain Bob, the figures of which were held over. My selected calls for these skeletons include one single only in a part. After the fourth Wrong the coursing order is 8765000 or 8756000 and this is the cue to omit the bob at Middle and call the Single at Wrong. The coursing order when there is an omit at Wrong is 8760500 or 8750600.

13.440 Plain Bob	13.440 Double Norwich
2 3 4 5 6 W M	2 3 4 5 6 1 4

4 2 6 3 5	—	—	5 3 4 2 6	S
6 4 5 2 3	—	—	6 2 3 5 4	—
5 6 3 4 2	—	—	4 5 2 6 3	—
4 5 3 6 2	—	—	3 6 5 4 2	—
3 5 2 4 6	S	—	2 4 6 3 5	—
2 3 6 5 4	—	—	5 4 2 3 6	—
6 2 4 3 5	—	—	6 3 4 5 2	—
4 6 5 2 3	—	—	2 5 3 6 4	—
5 4 3 6 2	—	—	4 6 5 2 3	—
3 4 2 6 5	—	—	3 2 6 4 5	—

Both to be repeated eleven times calling Single in sixth and twelfth parts instead of the last bob.

Perhaps someone knows who composed these a few hundred years ago. When writing the skeletons of the Double Norwich peal use two crosses for 2.3 and three noughts for 4.5.6. The part-end skeleton is now number seven in the table.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

This year the Blackburn Branch annual meeting was held at St. Peter's, Burnley. The ringing started with Surprise—for all in the ringing room and especially for the Ringing Master, who, on commencing to lead the eight up in peal, discovered that only the back seven needed raising! An enjoyable afternoon's ringing followed, and visitors from many 'foreign' parts were welcomed.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Burnley ringers, the business meeting opened with Mr. R. Leigh in the chair. The report and balance sheet caused no controversy. Mr. N. Smith was elected Ringing Master for the next two years, and the acting secretary, Mr. J. Pilkington, having failed to disguise himself successfully, was elected for the remaining year of office as secretary. The secretary and Mr. R. Leigh were appointed to serve on the Association Committee. A rota of towers for meetings during the year is to be worked upon by the Branch officials, and a sub-committee was appointed to organise a memorial to the late Mr. Charles W. Blakey. More will be heard of this when negotiations on the form and place are completed.

More ringing followed the votes of thanks, methods ranging from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise. Unfortunately a touch of three Spiced Plain Major containing four Plain Major methods came to an untimely end.

J. P.

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BIRTHS

BAKER.—On December 29th, 1959, at the Cottage Hospital, Lyme Regis, to Daphne (nee Keeley) and Lindley Baker, a son, Jonathan Lindley. 5577

CRAWLEY.—On January 4th, 1960, at Chelmsford, to Betty (nee Payne) and John, a son (Brian David). 5582

ENGAGEMENTS

BLOW—KEELEY.—The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Blow, of Spade Oak, Horley, Surrey, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keeley, of Knaps Lodge, Lyme Regis, Dorset. 5578

LEYLAND—BROWN.—The engagement is announced between Mr. John Douglas Brian Leyland, of Prestwich, Lancs, and Miss Jean Catherine Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire. 5587

BROWN—JACKSON.—The engagement is announced between Mr. David Colin Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Miss Ann Jackson, of Altrincham, Cheshire. 5588

MAGGS—LAWSON.—The engagement is announced between Nigel J. Maggs, of 95, Stoke Lane, Westbury, Bristol, and Ida M. Lawson, of 58, The Dell, Westbury, Bristol. 5585

DEATH

PROCKSON.—On Jan. 10th, 1960, peacefully at her home in Orpington, Kent, Mrs. Rosa E. Prockson, beloved mother of Mabel and Bill, aged 78 years. May she rest in peace. 5623

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd is now Conifers, 17, Wheatheaf Lane, Staines, Middlesex. Tel. Staines 55389. 5614

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MISCELLANEOUS

SURPRISE MAJOR practice from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter's, Staines, Middx, on last Friday of the month, commencing January 29th for trial period of three months. Handbells from 9 p.m. Weekly practices on Tuesdays as usual. 5615

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Scotland is cancelled, and a tour of the Lakes and North Country towers will commence on July 31st to August 6th. Applications now (s.a.e.'s, please) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 5600

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Publow (6), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Parish Room, followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5600

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, Earls Colne (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 5523

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Nicolas', 3 p.m. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's after meeting. A good attendance, please. 5573

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. 5548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Cavalier Hall. Evening ringing, St. Stephen's. Any further ringing arrangements will be made known in the afternoon.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Chatham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5563

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5556

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos', Newport, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. S. King. 5555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5620

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6.15 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5550

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Further ringing afterwards.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5549

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 5528

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Lavenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5529

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5572

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Jan. 18th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition 6 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, 8 p.m. 5595

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5591

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—J. Badman, 54, Brookleigh, Street. 5626

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at the Cathedral, Chester. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 5583

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. Annual dinner dance (Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton), Saturday, Feb. 27th, 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5622

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 to 7 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5611

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bawtry, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at local café.—G. A. Watson, Dis. Sec. 5619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's (6) also available. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 5542

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Upton St. Leonards. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5479

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Pucklechurch (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5. 5617

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Clearwell, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Newland (6). Names for tea.—Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 5597

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5558

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's-in-Thanet (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30

p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Jan. 20th to Miss S. Davis, 54, Albion Road, St. Peter's Broadstairs.—T. C. P. 5484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5557

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Burbage, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lydgate Lane, Burbage, Leics. Tel. Burbage 516. A good attendance is requested.—M. Vernon, Sec. 5602

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual District meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., St. Wilfred Hall. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to A. Martin, 54, Fleckney Road, Kibworth.—L. W. Allen. 5599

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Service 6 p.m. Names by Jan. 20th to Mr. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5551

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Usk, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Monday to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 5553

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to W. Sheldon, Church Road, Wheatley, Oxon. 5581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Amersham (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 3.15 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough. All Hallows'. Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skervitt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 5546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Sulgrave, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5610

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5559

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Salisbury Service at St. Thomas', 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells: St. Paul's, afternoon and evening; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5561

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wimborne, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 20th J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 5612

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Coseley, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, near Bilston. 5531

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. 5613

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Prindlewell, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by A.G.M. 5624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Mansfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea by Thursday, 21st, to Mrs. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 5590

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, S.E.25.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5490

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Please note change of venue. Practice meeting, Salehurst, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 5601

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Andover (8). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting, Church Room. Ringing afterwards. 5584

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 5609

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. General committee meet in Cathedral vestry at 3.15 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (3s. per head) in Brook Street Schools. Names by 21st to Mr. J. E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Bells available: Sandal (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12) immediately after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 5498

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 25th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5618

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hershaw (8), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hershaw. 5598

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Hemel Hempstead, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5586

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 25th, to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 5608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampstead-Norris, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. J. Weaving, Church Road, Hampstead-Norris, Newbury, Berks. 5616

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Easton Neston bells will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. only. Names for tea essential by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5580

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, at The Holy Sepulchre Church, Northampton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.15. Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5576

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M.. Saturday, Jan. 30th. Shrewsbury. Ringing, St. Mary's (10), 2.30 to 4.25 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Ringing in evening at St. Chad's (12) from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to F. Cattell, 51, Richmond Drive, Copthorne, Shrewsbury. 5621

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Founder's Library, New College, 8 p.m. Ringing arrangements and tickets (15s. 6d.) from D. T. Darby, New College. 5594

A SUSSEX TOWER'S CAROLS

For some years past the Wadhurst, Sussex, bellringers have toured the streets during the Christmas period playing carols on handbells, the collection averaging about £15 each year. At first this was put in the 'Death Watch Beetle' Fund, but after the bells had been rehung a belfry fund was created and all sorts of things connected with the ringers have been purchased—a belfry clock, a carpet, a new flag for the tower.

Last year's collection was used for the tuning and overhauling of the handbells by Messrs. White, of Appleton, and the work in hand at the moment is the provision of lock-up cupboards for the bells and the printing of the tower peal records. This year, illness and the weather caused two 'blank' evenings and the collection amounted to only £9 5s., but those who did hear the bells all spoke of the great improvement in tone since their overhaul.

One of the features of this carol ringing is the hospitality shown by many people; at one house this year we found waiting for us hot coffee and a cake in the shape of a bell, while at another we were 'guinea pigs' for a Christmas present of home-made wine.

C. A. B.

QUARTER PEALS

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman and 60 Grandire): D. Miller 1, Mary Powell 2, R. Short (cond.) 3, D. Purnell 4, C. Clarke 5.

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