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ANNUS IRAE — 1. KIDLINGTON

A READER, browsing through Volume 17 of 'The Bell News,' will inevitably light on a series of controversies that once startled the Exercise, awakened the apathetic, and caused grave concern to the more cultured and delicate-minded ringers of the time. The first squall came suddenly in the month of April, 1899, and the storm, gathering to itself a succession of ancillary cyclonic disturbances, lasted, with uneasy periods of quietude, until April of the following year. Into these twelve months were crowded some of the bitterest recriminations, hot-tempered accusations, and inelegant forms of attack that the ringing fraternity has ever seen.

On April 3rd, 1899, William Pye conducted at Erith a record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Just over a month later James W. Washbrook and his band rang at Kidlington 17,042 in the same method, and Mr. Pye visited the Oxford village to hear the attempt that was to surpass his own fine effort. In 'The Bell News' of June 10th he made known his opinion of the performance in no niggardly terms. He condemned the ringing as bad, accused Washbrook of cutting out four courses of the composition, and called upon ringers to reject the peal as a record in the method.

Washbrook, of course, denied these serious allegations and took comfort in the congratulatory letters that appeared alongside Mr. Pye's indictment. The attack was renewed, and the catchment area of the correspondents widened to draw in temperate letters from people like C. E. Borrett and A. C. R. Freeborn, and a majestic, if tactless, interposition by William Willson, of Leicester, who attempted to state the opposing cases and to sum up in the manner of a judge. This earned him a severe snubbing from William Pye, together with some injudicious reflections on Mr. Willson's competence as a ringer. This delighted Mr. Willson, who always loved a rough and tumble, and the battle continued in a far from elegant fashion.

Mr. Willson stated in round terms that he needed no grooming from Mr. Pye in the art of ringing, and declared his motive to be an impartial establishment of truth. In his heart he greatly resented the reflections made on him

and in his mind he determined to seek opportunity for retaliation. This, as we may see later, he found, or thought he had found. The Kidlington contest was now taking on a pattern, and an anti-Washbrook school was fully engaged with an anti-Pye school. William Barber was responsible for a letter in mild defence of Pye, a letter that led Plain Speaker, the gossip columnist of 'The Bell News,' to hint that W. H. B.'s communication had been inspired in other quarters. Mr. A. Pye attempted to imitate Mr. Willson's magisterial presentation of the case, only to be snubbed in his turn by Plain Speaker. By this time private communications were being exchanged, each side jockeying for position, and Washbrook invoked the aid of Mr. Hounslow and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. An interposition by Gabriel Lindoff showed a mildly pro-Pye attitude.

On July 29th there came, as might have been expected, a declaration by the band that rang the peal, and in the same issue the Editor announced: 'We have received another long letter from Mr. W. Pye on the long peal at Kidlington. Perhaps he will call at our office in connection therewith.' Meanwhile, on July 22nd, the Editor, shaking his head sadly, had planted his tongue firmly in his cheek and, deeply deploring the tone of the correspondence, printed letter after letter, and in what he called a reluctant reference to the great topic of the day, was able to announce that the circulation of the paper had considerably increased.

With a final letter from Mr. Pye the correspondence closed, the Editor having yielded to pressure from influential sources. But the leader of August 5th provided tantalising hints of further disputed peals and of the possibility of other awful disclosures. These were indeed to come, and when they did so they were fully exploited. Kidlington was but a beginning.

And now what of these men? A year or two later Pye and Washbrook met in Ireland. Goldsmith, in a short but dramatic passage, has recorded his apprehension at the thought of the meeting, and his relief when these two great men greeted each other in friendly fashion and so proved once more the generous nature that was the true foundation of their characters. Willson was, a few years later, to be the instrument that made the Kidlington dispute meaningless, and he it was who, at the prompting of a generous admiration, uttered spontaneous praise of the handbell peal of London Surprise rung by the brothers Pye and William Keeble. These were magnificent ringers, men of stout heart and indomitable courage, and their great deeds live for ever. Shall we, with all our faults, judge their frailties harshly?

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

ROBERT B. SMITH	Treble	DEREK TAYLOR	7
BASIL JONES	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	8
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
NEIL BENNETT	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
TREVOR TAYLOR	5	DEREK OGDEN	11
EDWARD JENKINS	6	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal of Stedman Cinques for all but the ringers of the treble, sixth and ninth.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5208 SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Consisting of 936 Little Bob, 4,272 Plain Bob, with 205 changes of method. Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

PATRICIA WALKER	Treble	SUSAN CHADDOCK	6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
BARRY HOLLAND	3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK ..	8
DENNIS HOLLAND	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ..	9
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ..	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	Tenor

Composed by NOIAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal of Spiced Plain and Little Bob Royal by all, in the county, and for the Association.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW	Treble	JOHN BAGNALL	6
W. THOMAS TURNER	2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT ..	7
KEITH NEWBY	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	8
WILLIAM WALL	4	RAYMOND SUART	9
JAMES E. DICKINSON	5	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	Tenor

Composed by G. E. FEIKR.

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wall, both ringers at this tower.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	Treble	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	*DAVID H. BUXTON	7
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	8
*CHARLES I. SEDGLEY	4	*RODERICK W. PIPE	9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

MAIDSTONE, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
IAN H. ORAM	2	RALPH BIRD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	8
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	9
WILLIAM S. DEASON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

G. BARBARA COOKE	Treble	ALAN SHARPLES	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD

100th peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London, 768 Bristol, with all the work of the four methods for each bell.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH ..	Treble	RALPH BIRD	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ..	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ..	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

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

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

BARRIE HENDRY	Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	5
*BARBARA MANSHIP	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	6
†DAVID W. JAMES	3	‡ALAN J. FROST	7
DIANA M. LAWLESS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOAN BERESFORD	Treble	*H. GEORGE HART	5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
*ELSIE K. HART	3	*DAVID J. TAYLOR	7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	4	†JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT	Treble	ROGER LEIGH	5
JOHN H. FIELDEN	2	JOHN B. PICKUP	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	3	PETER SCHOLFIELD	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ..	Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

MARTIN C. FAULKES	Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ..	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
J. EDWARD CAWSE	3	GRAHAM T. BALL	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	4	TOM CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Margaret E. L. Beamish and Tom Chapman.

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BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR

Transposed from a Bob Major peal by H. Hubbard. Tenor 10 cwt.
 JAMES E. DICKINSON .. Treble KEITH NEWBY .. 5
 WILLIAM WALL .. 2 JOHN BAGNALL .. 6
 ALAN CAPSTICK .. 3 LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 7
 W. THOMAS TURNER .. 4 NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Canon J. S. Rimmer, Rector of Ulverston and hon. life member of the Lancashire Association.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.
 JOHN F. PEARSON .. Treble G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
 *CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 2 PETER A. SHARP .. 6
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3 RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 7
 *JANE K. A. COOK .. 4 JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilders.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble *BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
 *ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. 2 *HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
 PETER H. LANGTON .. 3 FRANK H. HICKS .. 7
 *E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4 *RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.
 WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble ERNEST J. ROWE .. 5
 ALAN F. THIRST .. 2 FRANK L. BLEWER .. 6
 WILLIAM T. COOK .. 3 JOHN PHILLIPS .. 7
 J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 4 WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *VALERIE LEE .. Treble ANN F. A. ELLIS .. 5
 COLIN SMITH .. 2 J. R. THOMAS .. 6
 †GUY PICKAVANCE .. 3 MICHAEL HART .. 7
 H. H. HUGHES .. 4 †W. A. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. R. THOMAS.

* First peal. † First of Triples. First as conductor. First peal by a locally-trained band since 1932.

Rung in honour of the Vicar (Preb. A. R. Vincent), who was recently installed as a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral, and has also been elected a Proctor of the Convocation of Canterbury.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.
 *J. KEITH WARD .. Treble PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 5
 FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2 JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
 DAVID W. JAMES .. 3 BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
 ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4 †A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal (aged 14). † 25th peal of Superlative, in 25 different towers. 50th peal on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the return of Fyodor Dostoyevski to St. Petersburg after ten years' exile in Siberia.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.
 ROY FOSTER .. Treble DOUGLAS LOWE .. 5
 *CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2 JOHN RYDER .. 6
 MRS. D. LOWE .. 3 HAROLD WORRALL .. 7
 REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 4 †HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 300th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.
 DAVID A. MELLOR .. Treble BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5
 GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 2 HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
 PATRICIA A. M. HALLS .. 3 GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
 J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4 RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

A golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 FOXEARTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
 C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble ALICK CUTLER .. 5
 THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2 TERRY EARLE .. 6
 BRIAN BLADON .. 3 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
 ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4 JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method, which is the 8ths place variation of Feering.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.

A PEAL OF 5088 BICESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
 CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
 CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2 GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 6
 MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3 MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
 EDGAR J. SMITH .. 4 ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Notation: —36—14—58—16—12—58. 16—16, 78.

2nds place. Lead-end 5738264. Bob 4ths.

F.C.H.'s: 24365, 32465, 43265.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,632 Superlative, with 86 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble *SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 5
 EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 2 ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
 DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3 STANLEY JENNER .. 7
 ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4 PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Except that the tenors do not ring one lead of Cambridge, this arrangement contains all the work of the three methods.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
 JACK S. DEAR .. Treble COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
 CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2 *EDWIN G. BUCK .. 6
 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
 *LEONARD B. SCOOT .. 4 THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ruth Robinson, for many years devoted friend of St. Mary's Church, and until recently Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble *EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
 MARGARET A. SWANN .. 2 ALBERT W. A. LEGGITT .. 6
 STANLEY F. BENNETT .. 3 GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
 *RONALD C. NOON .. 4 †NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † First of Bristol Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	BEVAN W. WILLGROSS .. 4
HENRY TOOKE 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 5
*MARY MADDISON 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

*First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

V. ROY TALLIS Treble	RICHARD G. MORRIS .. 4
PAMELA M. TURNER 2	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 5
ROBERT E. TALLIS 3	ROGER E. TALLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

First peal as conductor. First of Minor on the bells by an all-local band.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings), one 240 Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ARTHUR KINSEY Treble	RICHARD CHEW 4
CHARLES PHILLIPS 2	†FREDERICK TURNER .. 5
REGINALD POWELL 3	*BRYN GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD POWELL.

*First peal. †First 'inside.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four extents of Stedman, 12 of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE PRESCOTT Treble	HAROLD HOOPER 4
SAM WHITE 2	DAVID WHITE 5
ANN WHITE 3	MARJORIE LEGG Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Spliced Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, 20 of Plain Bob, 10 of Reverse Canterbury and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 lb.

*ANTHONY DICKS Treble	JOHN A. GODDARD 3
JOHN H. WILLIAMS 2	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 4

EDWARD A. GAUTREY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. THRESHER.

*First peal.
Rung for Christmas.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES L. PAGE Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
DAVID C. URQUHART .. 3	AUBREY B. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

ELSIE K. HART Treble	H. GEORGE HART 4
*HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. 2	HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. 5
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*First peal.

Mr. H. N. Tembey, who comes from Cleator Moor, Cumberland, is staying in the district. His grand-daughter was christened the previous day.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ABBEYVILLE DELIGHT MINOR

Being four extents and a 2.160 (C.C.C. Nos. 28-31, 37, 39, 36).

Tenor 9 cwt.

JUNE I. DEAR Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4
JACK S. DEAR 2	PHILIP MEHEW 5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D.3).

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

ERNEST G. PEARCE Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 4
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE 5
JAMES BENNETT 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

*First peal in seven methods.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Block, the tower captain.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB .. 3
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	†ADRIENNE GIBSON 4

CATHERINE M. POWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CATHERINE M. POWELL.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Marshall on the gift of a son (December 27th).

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH Treble	ROGER MAHER 4
GORDON ROTHWELL 2	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

*25th peal for the Association.

The first extent was rung silent; the other six were each called by a different member of the band, in order from treble to tenor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4
BRIAN SMITH 2	DAVID T. DARBY 5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.; called alternately with three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	MARTIN FAULKES 5
DAVID T. DARBY 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

E. CHARLES BAILEY .. Treble	JAMES W. FORDER 4
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

*First peal of Minor and first 'inside.'

**THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of London Bob, Hereward, Double Court, Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DONALD B. MUNRO Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
H. FRANK PIKE 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

**WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, called alternately with three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

BRIAN SMITH Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	DAVID T. DARBY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. DARBY.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE Treble	*RODERICK W. PIPE 4
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 5
MARGARET A. LADD 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. SYDER Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
*MARION H. MILLS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First of 14 methods in a peal.

**WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4
*M. JO MORETON 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 5
MOLLIE TILBURY 3	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in nine methods.

ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising six 120's each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day, Old, Plain Bob and Grand-sire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

VICTOR A. PERRY Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME 3
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING 2	PERCY AMOS 4
ALAN R. JONES 3	ALAN R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. JONES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Donald Haverall (Vicar), who is leaving for the united parishes of Morcott with South Luffenham, Rutland. Also to commemorate the centenary of the death of Bishop Doane, hymn writer.

**GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising an extent each of Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*PETER HART Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 4
*SUSAN J. SLADE 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival (December 29th), after meeting short for Major.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*IRIS M. LANDER Treble	HELEN Y. PRICE 4
JOHN G. CULI 2	DONALD C. PRICE 5
WALTER AYRE 3	BRIAN M. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. First on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN G. BUCK Treble	LEONARD B. SCOOT 4
*JUNE I. DEAR 2	JACK S. DEAR 5
*F. PETER G. FLACK 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.

* First peal 'inside.'

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*†TREVOR CARLESS Treble	*CELIA F. WHITFIELD 4
B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	*†DAVID J. TAYLOR 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	*RONALD A. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by RONALD A. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Taylor.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ERIC C. WADMAN Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS 4
GEORGE W. MASSEY 2	ERIC NAYLOR 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	GWILYM SALMON Tenor

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

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

SELLINDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

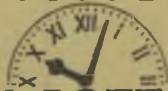
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER JARVIS Treble	DAVID STAPLES 4
RITA A. GOWER 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
ROSEMARY E. GOWER 3	MARK W. MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells.

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TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ANNE P. SMITH Treble	†CAROL FERNLEY 4
*KEITH R. BIRKIN 2	JOHN R. KENNETT 5
†EILEEN M. FEARN 3	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 100th peal for the Association and 100th of Minor. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARIHUR G. MASON Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	HUBERT H. FURMINGER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the third.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ALFRED E. HINMAN 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR 2	RONALD J. HILL 5
J. HARRY COOK 3	ROLAND H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT T. FERRIS .. Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD 4
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 3	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS 3—4

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* 50th peal together.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in B.

*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 1—2 | JAMES R. TAYLOR 3—4

BRYAN PATTISON 5—6

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

SELBY, YORKSHIRE

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 15, PORTHOLME DRIVE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C sharp.

T. H. FOSTER 1—2 | R. R. WARFORD 3—4

BARBARA HALL 5—6

Conducted by R. R. WARFORD.

First peal 'in hand' by all. First as conductor.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 8, LADY'S MEADOW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor size 14 in D.

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 1—2 | TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3—4

E. CHARLES BAILEY 5—6

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal of Doubles on handbells.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wooding 1, A. Jones 2, G. F. Roome 3, P. Amos 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 19th, 2,832 Treble Bob Minor (720 Morning Star, 720 Colledge Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star, 720 Oxford, 672 Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford): Mrs. A. Richardson 1, B. Schofield (first in 10 methods 'inside') 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, A. Richardson 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Run in memoriam Samuel Depledge, a ringer at this church for many years.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 2,520 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob and 1,800 Plain Bob): D. J. Webber (first half peal) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. E. Culham 3, W. J. Brunt 4, A. E. Leggett 5, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 6. Run as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Cansdale.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. Smith 2, J. H. Cook 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. T. Bonshor 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Also 720 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): R. Smith 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook 5, J. L. Panter 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. J. W. Hazelwood, who died on December 24th, aged 78, bell ringer, sidesman and for 30 years Rector's warden.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, W. E. Spiers (first 'inside') 2, Joy Smith 3, C. Phillips 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, M. Powell 6.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. J. Gay 6, N. J. Goodman 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rice (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, R. Brice 4, S. Smith 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. Baker 8.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Godley 1, Nance Worsdall (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 3, F. Watkinson 4, R. Worsdall 5, A. Wilson 6. First quarter by a local band in this tower.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, Ruth How 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 5, F. Page 6, H. Woolven 7, F. Lewis 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. L. Armstrong, mother of the conductor.

BRISTOL.—On Dec. 12th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, D. Miller 2, D. Yeo 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Horseman 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Also at the Cathedral, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. N. Evans (first of Minor) 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, J. R. Goodenough (first of Minor) 3, A. Hoare 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. John's-on-the-Wall, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): 1. Buckland (first quarter) 1, M. J. Hobbs (first in two methods) 2, A. W. Gibbs 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Canterbury Minor: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury (first of Minor in two methods) 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, L. Hewitt 3, H. Pietsow 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, J. Ernsten 6, W. Smith cover. For Evensong: A welcome to the Rev. Roland, new Rector of St. Mary's. Arranged for the visit of H. Pietsow.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hodgeson 1, Miss A. Callum 2, S. Hodgeson 3, A. Hodgeson 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. For Evensong and as a farewell to the ringer of 3, who is joining H.M. Forces.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Warrior 1, T. M. Cox 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, L. Duffield 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. M. Bray 1, Mrs. J. Hunt 2, D. Jones 3, Mrs. A. Sturges 4, J. Ball 5, G. Miles 6, A. Sturges 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Smith 1, J. Hunt 2, J. Ball 3, Mrs. A. Sturges 4, D. Jones 5, J. Stevenson 6, A. Sturges (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blower 1, W. Jones 2, J. Whiting 3, L. Edwards 4, J. Smart 5, P. Allen 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Whiting 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whiting and the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones.

GREAT SALKELD, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Callum 1, S. Hodgeson 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. Page 4, A. Hodgeson 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Foot (first quarter) 1, G. W. Taysom 2, V. G. Wood (cond.) 3, P. Gav (first quarter) 4, J. G. Werrell 5, J. Williams 6. A 60th wedding anniversary to their captain (Mr. W. Wood) and Mrs. Wood.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Gladwin (first quarter) 1, Sheila Wallace 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, J. L. Hilton 4, A. Clutton 5, G. Harrison 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, D. Knox 8. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gav 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First of Major for all except 3 and 8. For Evening service. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,399 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Ann E. Fellows 1, Susan Funnell 2, Veronica Miles 3, Tonie J. Critchley (first 'inside') 4, Mary Funnell 5, Linda M. Hughes 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, A. Miles 8, Alma M. Greaves 9, R. J. Gav 10. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung with 9, 8, 10 covering. A compliment to the ringers of 5 and 10 on their engagement. For evening service and nine lessons and carol service.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. R. Balcomb 1, Judith A. Harding 2, W. Margaret Balcomb 3, R. G. W. Robertson (first as cond.) 4, A. G. Clark 5, D. Hawkins (first quarter) 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all. For Evensong.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, J. Mudd 4, C. W. Otley 5, L. J. Batley 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer 8. Also at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, L. J. Batley 4, C. M. Meyer 5, L. W. Bullock 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Longden 1, Mrs. M. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Barraclough 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, G. Pye 7, J. Nelson 8, D. Oaden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barraclough and Mr. and Mrs. H. Longden.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Sherwin (first of Minor) 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, R. J. Hicks (first 'inside') 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the Feast of the Epiphany and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, J. Goodenough (first of Bob Doubles) 3, L. Derrick 4, C. J. Richards (first as cond. and first of Bob Doubles) 5, Mrs. R. Kortright 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, M. McQuistan 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Hughes 1, K. Sansom 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, K. Tipper 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Walker (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hodgeson 1, J. Ling 2, Miss A. Callum 3, A. Hodgeson 4, J. Pace 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Ford 1, R. Ford 2, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 3, R. D. Short 4, D. Miller 5, E. J. Ford 6. A birthday compliment to Robin Ford.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burch 1, D. Woodham 2, B. Coatsworth 3, L. Allen (first of Triples) 4, C. Mew (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. Clayton 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Matins.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ellis 1, M. Hallett 2, F. May 3, G. Blower (first in method) 4, R. Tomlin 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wharton (first of Triples) 1, T. Beaumont 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, R. E. Norris 4, A. Wrisley 5, C. J. Gould 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Canterbury and Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringer (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6. Rung as a 34th wedding anniversary and also a 72nd birthday compliment to B. Aldridge.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. A. Hemming 1, Miss J. Robinson 2, Miss P. M. Turner (first of Major) 3, J. K. Foot 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, R. C. Warburton 6, M. C. Hughes 7, P. S. Bennett (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' 2 and 7.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Valerie Hoby 1, C. T. Blundell 2, F. R. Scott 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, L. Stilwell 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, J. K. Ward (first quarter of Royal) 7, W. D. Ward 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, J. C. Birt 10. For the visit of L. Stilwell (Worthing) and S. Dobbie (Sittingbourne).

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's and All Saints' Church, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Scotcher 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, A. Lewry 3, Elizabeth Stevenson 4, H. Weedon 5, J. Sheldrick 6. First attempt for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Dovey 1, Mrs. J. Chacksfield 2, Jeffrey Charman (first 'inside') 3, Jean Horton 4, B. J. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. W. Hargreaves (first quarter) 1, Miss B. J. Daysh 2, Miss D. G. Smith 3, Mrs. R. T. Jones 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Sherwood (first quarter) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, D. Gambling 2, Miss A. M. Bailey (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, P. Wooster 5, C. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Holmes, wife of a local ringer, who died on December 13th.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leach 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, A. Smith 3, D. Lambert 4, R. Caporn 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. For patronal festival. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hills 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, R. Caporn 3, D. Lambert 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leach 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, A. Smith 3, D. Lambert 4, R. Caporn 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1959.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. B. Hullah 1, P. E. Prati 2, Rosemary S. Hawkes 3, R. G. Smith 4, S. F. Dolley 5, R. G. Bell 6, D. Laud 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Maughan 1, F. Hodgson 2, Margaret Machin 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, Ruth Anderson 5, J. Woodman 6, P. Draftan 7, T. Cooke 8. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Hancock) on his recent appointment as Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Payne (first quarter) 1, S. J. Hillard 2, Miss E. D. Overend (first as cond.) 3, R. Abbott 4, N. Abott (first 'inside') 5, A. Payne (first quarter) 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, June Mallinson 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates (cond.) 4, Kathleen Mallinson 5, H. Waters 6, A. Sykes 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Watch Night service.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. T. Bird (first quarter) 1, C. Corder 2, C. A. Weavers 3, A. Bird 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. Cooksley (first 'inside') 2, A. Gibbs 3, W. Richings 4, P. Allen 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, F. Boreham 7, F. Blower 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richings.

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Though not 'as weak as a robin' a ringer at Whatley, Somerset, was knocked down by a wren during the Christmas ringing. Poor Jenny had crept into the room below the bells and must have flown into a moving rope. The sally dropped behind the unfortunate ringer, who was thrown into a corner, luckily with no damage beyond bruises.

The first quarter peal by a local band at Bawtry, Yorkshire, was rung on January 3rd. Congratulations, and many more.

The boys' paper 'Eagle' for Jan. 2nd had a full-page article on 'Ringing-in the New' by Ernest Morris. It is illustrated by six nicely-produced photos of bells and ringers.

The new hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association is Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. A. D. Steele is the new hon. treasurer.

Mr. Albert Lawton has retired from the captaincy of St. Peter's, Broughton, Staffs. His successor is Mr. H. Roberts. The Post Office, Wetwood, Eccleshall, to whom visiting bands should write.

Teams of handbell ringers from Rotherham Parish Church and High School for ringing carols in a market stall on December 19th collected £22 from the public for the Church Repair Fund. A further £7 was raised by other carol ringing.

The third peal at Little Shelford, Cambridge, on the bells will be the last before the bells are rehung. The ringers have raised sufficient money to provide a sixth bell. The church has nearly completed its share by raising money to have the bells rehung, the present frame being regarded as unsafe.

Putney ringers were set a task during a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Before and after the carol, 'Ding, dong, merrily on high,' they had to ring twelve rounds and six rounds between each verse. Tension in the belfry was at breaking point. Would each ringer 'Stand'?

BELFRY

GOSSIP

The Christmas collection of Great Glen Handbell Ringers amounted to £73 13s. 1d. This Society has been going since 1926 and this year donations have been sent to Dr. Bamardo's Homes £25, Wireless for the Blind £15, Imperial Cancer Research £10, National Spastics Society £10, World Refugee Fund £10, Bell Repair Fund £3.

The new hon. secretary of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is Mr. Murray A. Coleman, of 16, Greening Avenue, Rothwell.

Mr. D. Haynes, a former secretary of the Kettering Branch, has been recently ordained to serve in the Rochester Diocese.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was arranged for Mr. H. Pitstow at Cape Town. He is sailing home on the 'Athlone Castle' after his eight weeks' stay in North and South Rhodesia.

At the annual ringing of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association Mr. David Heighton was congratulated on being awarded the degrees of M.B., Ch.B., by Bristol University.

Visiting ringers from Dore, Harthill and Thrybergh helped to make Rotherham ringers' party a huge success on January 6th. Thirty-eight ringers and friends attended. Pat Walker and her helpers prepared a sumptuous repast between games and dancing organised by Susan Chaddock and Raymond Woodward. Mr. Norman Chaddock acted as M.C.

The last time the local band at St. Oswald's, Oswestry, scored a peal was in 1932 and now they have rung two in a week-end. Success came after repeated failures by the young band to honour their Vicar, Preb. A. R. Vincent, on his appointment as a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral and a Proctor of Convocation. Miss Valerie Lee rung the treble to her first peal on the Saturday and her 'first inside' the following day—both faultless performances.

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Reason For A Peal

The outsider would gasp with astonishment that ringers from London and other places would journey to Rothwell, in Northamptonshire, to ring a peal to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the return of Fyodor Dostoyevski to St. Petersburg after ten years' exile in Siberia. Dostoyevski visited England in 1862 and 1863. While the main theme of many of his novels was the problem of human liberty and of the justification of God, to commemorate with a peal a man who died in 1881 and had little association with this country is strange. Only ringers can understand such action.

If the truth was admitted, we believe that the band met primarily to ring a good peal of Superlative, and the reason for the peal was an afterthought of one of the brainy members of the party. Young readers will find Dostoyevski's work hard going to read, but he is said to have influenced European literature more than any other single writer.

O.B.E. FOR BOLTON RINGER

For his skill and management in the engineering section of the Wynscale Atomic Station, Mr. Titus Barlow has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. When his duties permit he is a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Deane. He has rung a number of peals in various methods but his peal ringing activities have had to be curtailed.

In memory of his father, Titus Barlow, who was a ringer at this church for over 50 years and a stalwart of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Barlow gave the tenor to the church when the bells were recast in 1957. His sister paid for the seventh in memory of her mother and the third bell was provided by other members of the family.

To honour Mr. Barlow's name appearing in the New Year's Honours List a peal was rung on Deane bells this month. The Vicar (the Rev. K. Bishop) welcomed the band and met them at the conclusion. The ringer of the treble, Miss Elaine A. Richardson, comes from Lincolnshire and is a niece of the late Mr. Rupert Richardson. She is now in Bolton on a course for nursing.

COURSES IN BELL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting the Sunday Service Ringing Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining the co-operation of education authorities in the establishment of courses in bell-ringing. One week-end residential course, which will include two members of this committee amongst its tutors, has been arranged, and it is known that some progress is being made in the establishment of other similar courses at one or two centres during 1960. Information of any other courses arranged is sought so that overlapping may be avoided and as large an area as possible catered for. Exchange of ideas between various organisers could also be most helpful.

I should be grateful to receive information about dates, location, syllabus, area catered for, charges, of any projected courses, either by letter to 'The Ringing World' or to me.

In order that an overall picture may be obtained of the extent to which local education authorities have provided evening classes in bell-ringing this winter, I shall be pleased if all concerned in such classes will send me information about them. Copies of suggestions for a syllabus for evening classes in bell-ringing are available from me (stamped addressed envelope, please).

Though we will give all possible help as regards courses in bell-ringing, we feel that it rests with Associations to initiate action where desired, either by contacting their local education authority or seeking information from this Committee.—Yours, etc.,

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SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 4



MR. EDWIN A. BARNETT

(Secretary of the Central Council)

Mr. E. A. Barnett comes from a ringing family and married into a ringing family. His grandfather (termed Grandfather Barnett by those who knew him) rang at the famous tower of St. Paulinus', Crayford, for 43 years, and his father (Long Teddy) has rung at the same church for 65 years.

Young Teddy, who first saw the light in 1918, began his ringing career at a very early age and rang his first peal in 1929, when he was 11 years old. When he was 12

he conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. By the time he was 13 he had rung peals of Surprise Major in the four standard methods and had conducted a peal of Cambridge Major from a working bell. The peal was the last in which Grandfather Barnett took part. At 14 he was ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. At 15 he was conducting peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey and at 17 he was calling peals of Bristol. He conducted the first peals ever rung of Painswick, College and Pulford Bob, Erith, Little Bob Royal and Canterbury Pleasure Triples.

On handbells he was equally brilliant and his peals include 6,240 and 13,664 Double Norwich—which is the record. In the field of composition he has distinguished himself by producing many fine compositions, and his knowledge of this subject is colossal.

During the last war he served in the R.A.F. and at its conclusion he was attached to the Air Ministry. He suffered a serious illness, which curtailed much of his peal ringing activity, but it is most pleasing to note that he takes part in an occasional peal, and up to date he has rung 615 peals, 449 of them on tower bells (181 at Crayford) rung in 100 towers, conducted 121; and 166 on handbells.

In 1942 he married Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, and granddaughter of the late Frank Bennett. They have one daughter, Jean, who, of course, has learned to ring at Crayford.

Mr. Barnett was elected to the Central Council in 1945 as Kent County Association representative, and served on the Biographies, Methods and Peals Collection Committees. In 1952 he was elected secretary of the Central Council and he has impressed everybody by his efficient handling of its affairs. He has produced (in conjunction with C. K. Lewis) the Central Council's Handbook—which has proved to be invaluable to all members of the Council. In 1957 the Kent County Association honoured him by electing him vice-president. JAFUS.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild — Kettering Branch

The annual meeting of the Kettering Branch was held (for the first time for seven years) at Burton Latimer on January 9th. There was an attendance of over 40, including several visitors. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. W. Sharpley), the lesson being read and the Blessing given by Canon G. F. Turner, president of the Guild.

An excellent tea was served in the Conservative Club ('we never had it so good!') by friends and relations of the ringers, and this was followed by the lengthy business meeting. The president welcomed the visitors, who included the Guild Master, Mr. P. I. Chapman, and Major Sansome, who has recently joined the diocese as adviser on Christian Stewardship.

The president paid tribute to the life of Mr. M. A. Turner, whose death occurred recently in the U.S.A., and those present stood in silence as a token of their respect. Sympathy was expressed to his brother, Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering, who replied briefly.

The new peal certificates were on view, and Mr. Ginns, of Weldon, said that one of his band, who had gained one, was training for the Ministry.

Although it was decided not to hold mid-week practices for the Branch during the winter months, there was a heated discussion on the lack of help being given to isolated hands such as Rushton, Stoke Albany and Geddington. Mr. Austin agreed to get some information before the next quarterly meeting which, it is hoped, will be at Weekley on April 2nd. The next A.G.M. will be at Desborough on January 14th, 1961.

The officers for 1960 will be changed in two respects from 1959. Mr. Austin, as Central Council representative, is now ex-officio on the general committee, and his place is taken by

Mr. A. Frost. The secretary-treasurer for the past three years, Miss S. R. Collins, resigned, as she may be leaving the district during the year, and was replaced by Mr. M. A. Coleman. Paying tribute to her work for the Branch, the president thanked the retiring secretary for her services and wished her success in the future.

Three new members from Burton Latimer were elected, and Thorpe Malsor tower became affiliated to the Guild.

Ringing took place on the bells of St. Mary's at speeds to suit all tastes: there is a divergence of opinion as to the best speed for this 10 cwt. ring. Methods up to Bristol were rung, and it was encouraging to see the younger generation trying their hand at new methods.

Tips For Beginners—4

If a bell is odd-struck it will be quick at one stroke and slow at the other. A common fault is to correct the slowness at the one stroke but to forget to 'keep the bell off' at the other stroke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Visitors from County Durham, Lancashire and Lincolnshire were among the company of 40 ringers at the winter meeting of the Eastern District, held at Hull on January 2nd. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Iliff) conducted the service and gave an address. Mr. H. Walker presided at the business meeting, when Pocklington was selected for the next meeting (possibly April 2nd). A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 2s. 3d.

HOW TO BECOME THE 'COMPLEAT' RINGER

Or A Bucks Course On Bell-ringing

ALTHOUGH the weather—to say nothing of the lecture room!—was cold enough to chill the ardour of the most enthusiastic novice, or of any other grade of ringer for that matter, about 30, later swelling to 40, turned up for the one-day instructional course organised by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. More would probably have been attracted to High Wycombe Guildhall on January 9th had they known in advance that the Central Council's president and No. 1 lecturer, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, and its No. 1 adviser on beginners, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, were to be chief speakers.

With the aid of a bellrope neatly wrapped round the lintel of a door, Mr. Arthur Barker, Oxford Guild treasurer, explained for the benefit of both beginners and local instructors how one should learn and teach bell handling. Later a practical demonstration was given in Wycombe belfry.

Mr. Wilson's theme was the best approach to the hurdle of how to learn the rudiments of scientific change ringing. He emphasised that one must not be dogmatic about these things and carefully developed his subject so as not to offend either the Plain Bob or the Grandsire schools of teaching.

Success in launching a young ringer into plain hunting, he said, was assured by making things as difficult as possible for him, such as changing the method, or calling bobs, or starting off from anything but rounds. He then taught us 'Flying Dutchman,' a system of ringing for beginners which always kept the bells in a coursing order helpful to both ringer and conductor, and had the great merit that rounds could be brought up when required, apart from which they would never appear.

He insisted that, in teaching beginners, we must, to quote his own words, 'avoid using technical terms—words like "dodging," for example.' He didn't 'lead us up the garden,' but took us upstairs one at a time, allowed us only two steps on the landing and then brought us straight down again. He even perpetrated the heresy of advising us to make our young people into 'tower snatchers.' His justification was that a young ringer in a new tower among unknown ringers and on strange bells will do his utmost to put up a good show for the sake of his own prestige and the reputation of his tower. Returning to his home tower he argues to himself, 'I am used to these bells: I can do better here'—and he always does. Therefore, all you possessive instructors, don't keep your youngsters tied to your apron strings or accompany them everywhere they go.

Wilfrid next showed us how to play the game 'Beat the belfry clock.' He explained how, by switching from Plain Bob to Little Bob or Double Bob, we can always beat the clock just in time for service. Conducting, too, was child's play. After completely filling a board with W's, B's, M's, H's and columns of abstruse mathematics, he reduced them all to algebra and converted *abc* to *bea* or *cab*. By applying this elementary algebra to peals of Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich or Cambridge, they were reduced to two-a-penny. Unfortunately he omitted to say what to do if we are no good at algebra.

ABOUT BELLS

Mr. Fred Sharpe destroyed our spiritual complacency by confronting us with all the things we had not done with our bells. Had we examined the crown staples to see whether at any moment a bell might fall in two halves, being split open by the expansion of the staple due to rusting? Had we looked lately to see

how much deeper was the dent in the bell where the clapper struck, or would we prefer to buy a new bell?

Had we attended to the rust on the rolled steel joists below the bell frame? Only recently one church had to have its girders renewed through such shameful dereliction of duty. The cast iron frame, apparently, was not such a load on our conscience, as this couldn't deteriorate quite as rapidly. That was about the only crumb of comfort Mr. Sharpe could feed us. Did we realise that such an apparent trifle as where the ropes fell might, or might not, bring the tower down on our heads?

Mr. Tim Glass, of Windsor, who has spliced more ropes for Her Majesty's telephone service than there are changes in a quarter peal, deftly demonstrated both the long and the short splice. PALUDIAN.

Peal Ringers Of 1959

Will those ringers who rang 25 peals or more during 1959 please send details to the Editor as soon as possible.

Another Tower Reclaimed — St. Peter's, Jarrow

A MENTION of the town of Jarrow-on-Tyne conjures up in the minds of many people two very contrasting impressions. The first is of the Venerable Bede and the early Christian Church in this country, with its message of joy and hope. The second is of the depression of the early 1930's and its associated hunger marches—a story of sorrow and despair.

These features of hope and despondency are not without relevance in present-day Jarrow, and especially so in the parish of St. Peter. The parish church, dating from 1881, is brick built with a slender south-east tower and spire, and is situated close to the banks of the River Tyne. The tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 8 cwt.), cast by Warners in 1883, and ringing was regular from their earliest days to the outbreak of the last war. In that time 11 peals were rung on these bells, and the tower was a happy hunting ground in the 1920's for that well-known character the late 'Uncle Joe' Sikes.

During the last war the spire became a casualty when the cable of a breakaway barrage balloon became entwined round the weathercock and tore off the top portion. The spire has not been entirely restored and is now permanently truncated. In addition, with the termination of the war, Jarrow began a period of prosperity and renewed hope, and a great scheme of building development was begun, involving the demolition of great tracts of old property, much of which was situated around St. Peter's Church, so that where formerly the church was surrounded by dwelling houses it now stands in an almost desolate waste. As a consequence, the population of the parish has greatly diminished and the small but faithful congregation is now largely 'gathered.'

With all these vicissitudes in the church's life it is not surprising that the bells of St. Peter's have been silent for the past 20 years and the local ringers have dispersed. Until recently, there had been doubt as to whether the tower would still be strong enough to support further ringing and whether the bells themselves were in a fit state after such a spell of disuse. Following a private discussion between certain officials of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan

To relax our poor overworked brains after so much concentrated listening and assimilation it was most gratifying, as well as amazing, how well they functioned when responding to the call for a half-course of Cambridge Royal.

We had all learned something, from the greatest to the least, and a great debt of gratitude is due to Tony and Doreen Cox for all the staff work and publicity which made such a successful day. This was a splendid 1s. 6d. worth, and if the next Oxford Guild course at Radley, from Friday evening, April 29th, to Sunday afternoon, May 1st, is as good, we'll be there—even if we are lectured to in a refrigerated room. PALUDIAN.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Wintry weather kept the attendance down to about 30 ringers at the first quarterly meeting of the year at New Romney on January 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. S. Martin). The Rev. J. Green read the lesson and Mr. K. Tullett was at the organ. Afterwards tea was enjoyed in the warm and cosy atmosphere of the Victoria Arms. Five new members were elected. Mr. T. Collingworth acted as Ringing Master, but members had an 'off day' as far as Major ringing was concerned.

Association, Mr. C. N. Lea (vice-president of the Eastern District) made contact with the St. Peter's P.C.C. and offered to make a survey of the tower and bells with a view to restarting ringing and teaching a new local band. The P.C.C. showed themselves agreeable and extended a welcome to the proposed visit. Thus on a Saturday last July Mr. Lea, ably aided and abetted by the president and one or two Association members, made an exploratory visit to St. Peter's tower and found that apart from an accumulation of dirt, a few slack bolts and a lack of ropes, the individual bells were in a ringable condition. The tower and bell frame appeared to be quite sound and free from movement. A further visit with a working party was then arranged, and on November 21st a party of volunteers, complete with spanners, lubricants and bell ropes, set to with a will to make up for a lack of over 20 years of maintenance on these bells. After two to three hours the work was completed, and the pleasing ring of six rang out for the first time since before 1939 with touches of Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

The success of this venture did not end here, however, for the enthusiasm of the visitors had proved contagious, and several of the parishioners, including two former ringers at the church, came to see and hear the ringing, resulting in a request for still further visits from the Association both to ring and help train local ringers. The first of these took place on December 16th, when three locals were given their first introduction to the wiles of a bell-rope, and the instructors were enabled to ring a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first quarter on these bells for over a quarter of a century, as follows: Mrs. C. N. Lea 1, J. E. Anderson 2, C. N. Lea 3, G. S. Deas 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (conductor) 6.

Further instructional visits and an Association District meeting are now planned, and these, it is hoped, will be merely the forerunners of a revival of organised ringing at this tower. Thus one more 'unringable' ring has been rescued from the slough of despond, and in this aspect of its witness, at least, St. Peter's, Jarrow, can face the future with hope. K. A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Isn't Mr. Wilson on rather shaky ground when he says, in his first article on Stedman, 'In Stedman on any number, the bells on the front are never affected by calls' and deduces from this that the single normally used is the only call possible in Doubles? Isn't he just describing how people choose to ring Stedman?

He means, I suppose, that the front work is the characteristic feature of the method, and so should be left intact—as it is, by the two accepted types of calls, for Doubles, and for higher numbers. But one could also say that the dodging, in blocks of six blows, was the feature to be kept—and this would require a different call for Doubles.

A better argument would be that all possible calls rearranging three bells lead almost inevitably to falsity, unless singles are also used. And singles would be needed anyway to bring in the out-of-course changes, and they produce 15 extents without any need at all for bobs. In Erin, on the other hand, a bob is needed: it brings up four blows in thirds, and needs singles immediately before and after it.

I remember seeing one old ringing book—I think it was Troyte's 'Campanologia'—describe the regular Stedman Doubles single as on the second and third, not the third and fourth blows of the six (and this is where it should be made, if the call is given, as it often is, at handstroke, on the first blow of the six). Does anyone still ring it this way, and when was the modern hand-and-back single introduced?—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. PUSEY.

Cowleigh, Malvern, Worcs.

DUPLICATIONS IN SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Whilst compiling a numerical place notation index of Surprise Major methods, I have come across the following apparent duplications:—

(a) I find that Cudham and Derwent, which both have seconds place at the lead end have the same place notation, viz:—

x 56 x 4 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 5 x 34 x 7

The eighth place version of this is Chelsfield. (b) Braunstone and Wye (also both seconds at lead end) are denoted as:—

x 38 x 4 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 3 x 14 . 56 . 7

The eighth place version of Wye is Donisthorpe.

I think that Cudham and Derwent appear in A. J. Corrigan's Collection, but not Braunstone. If one of your readers could clarify me on these method names as to which is recognised I would be extremely grateful.

I would also like the figures of the following Surprise Major methods: Apsley, Arnesby, Evenlode, Hale, Lyminge, Northolt and Queslett.—Yours faithfully,

Bedford. BRYAN PATTISON.

AUGMENTING HANDBELL RING

Dear Sir,—Thanks very much for the letter from Mr. Amos. I had hoped that my short note might bring some response. The little piece in the 'Belfry Gossip' didn't mention anything about the sort of bells.

I had three very small bells (top C natural, F sharp and G sharp) recast and made from three of the type mentioned by Mr. Amos, to augment an octave of handbells. The cost of these was £8 7s., which shows why I was astonished at the luck of Mr. Amos. No, I am not a betting man and I am always willing to give what I can to good causes. I hoped that my letter would be written in the spirit in which it was written, i.e., wishing to know more.—Yours faithfully, A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT WORTH PAYING FOR

Dear Sir,—I am taking advantage of the concession to postal subscribers because I feel that, morally, the solution to the financial difficulties of 'The Ringing World' must ultimately lie in a charge per bell for all peals published in full—no charge when the details are published in the usual form, but omitting the names of the ringers.

I have been a service ringer for many years but except for a few handbell peals as a boy, I have not yet rung a tower bell peal—much to my shame.

Had I done so I am sure I should have derived pleasure and some satisfaction in seeing my achievement reported. Those ladies and gentlemen who ring peals and whose performances are recorded should pay 6d. per bell. Although most of these ringers are unknown personally to me, I follow their activities with some interest and marvel at their keenness, power of endurance and concentration.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES BRAGG.

Solihull, Warwicks.

MORE NEWS FOR SERVICE RINGERS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I wish you to accept my best wishes for your health and happiness during 1960, also to accept enclosed cheque as a slight contribution to the finances of 'The Ringing World,' which, I trust, are improving.

I am one of those rather sceptical about the raising of the price to 8d. per copy; it appears the willing horse is being whipped further. I am afraid it will not increase production.

As an old service ringer, 73 years' experience with only about 40 peals to my credit, I often wish there was just a little news published of interest to service ringers, whom I estimate number 80 per cent. of ringers of this country. Is this worth consideration?—In all sincerity,

G. H. WILLIAMS.

Heavitree, Exeter.

LOYALLY SUPPORT COUNCIL'S POLICY

Dear Sir,—I am glad Mr. William C. Boughton found my recent humble contribution mildly amusing but I must protest vigorously when he describes it as a feeble red herring.

I was not, I repeat not, writing about the cost of 'The Ringing World' or the method of financing its future publication. Perhaps before Mr. Boughton favours us in future with his comments he will at least afford to your correspondents the courtesy of reading what they have written.

As a matter of academic interest only, I would also be glad to know how Mr. Boughton has been able to find out how much or how little I, or any other peal ringer, contribute to the funds of the churches at which I ring.

As to the financing of 'The Ringing World,' may I emulate the pharisaical superiority of Mr. Boughton and say, with great virtue, that I shall loyally support any future financial policy that may be democratically decided upon.—Yours faithfully,

Sevenoaks, Kent P. A. CORBY.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. Alfred Gear, of Redhill, on January 6th, aged 75, and Mr. George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester, on December 30th, aged 85. Appreciation tributes will appear in our next issue.

FINANCE

Dear Sir,—But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

I have been made thoroughly sick and tired of the recent grumbings in 'The Ringing World' by certain people with regard as to who should be responsible for the payment of the extra money required to maintain the publication of our journal. They all seem to have been in a similar vein, i.e., the extra money must come 'as long as we don't have to pay it.' If anybody considers that their 'Ringing World' isn't worth another 2d. per week, then I suggest that they haven't got the interests of ringing at heart, but purely 'How much pleasure can we get for how little expenditure.'

Some years ago Mr. Southwood asked if he could come to Cheshire to ring two peals, at his convenience, these being duly arranged and rung, at Norbury and Macclesfield respectively. From his letter it seems that he only rings peals when he feels like ringing one; rather a selfish attitude. I might also suggest that Mr. Southwood purchases the 'Central Council Handbook,' price 2s. 6d., in which he will read that it is a rule that all peals rung must be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Regarding the payment of 2s. 6d. per rope for all peals rung, as suggested by Mr. Lee, in the same edition of 'The Ringing World' (December 25th, 1959), it could be that there would be a large number of peals not published, or rung as Non-Association peals, in order to avoid paying this levy. Apart from this fact, it does not seem to be fair to me that one part of the ringing exercise should be responsible for the finance of 'The Ringing World.' If this were the case, then they would have every right to call it the 'Peal Ringers' World,' then only subjects relevant to peal ringing would be published in it. As it is, only 28.125 per cent. of 'The Ringing World' of December 25th, 1959, was taken up with the peal columns, which, as stated, is cheaper to print than the remaining pages.

Mr. Boughton said that everything was provided 'free, gratis and for nothing.' On the face of it this appears to be true, but on the whole peal ringing can become more costly than the great majority of common sports, e.g., football, cricket, cross-country. Travelling expenses, correspondence, etc., can run away with a very large percentage of one's money. This is particularly true for teenagers and university students, this being one of the reasons that we use youth hostels when on ringing tours.

The answer lies in what ringing means to each individual. Well, is it worth another 2d.? I think so. After all, what would you spend it on? A cigarette? One-seventh of a pint of best mild? A half-mile bus ride? —Yours, etc.,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

OLDEST BELL IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Whilst welcoming the article on Harpenden bells and ringers, I must point out a misleading statement in the opening paragraph (page 777). The oldest bell in the county cannot be the 15th century bell mentioned as several 14th century bells exist; e.g., at Hexton, Westmill, Little Berkhamsted, Wyddial, etc. Full details can be found in 'Church Bells of Hertfordshire,' by North and Stahlshmidt. The vast majority of ancient bells mentioned in this book are fortunately still intact.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

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CHRISTMAS TIME IN ESSEX



THREE BELLRINGERS OF BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—The Misses Barbara Fisher, Lorna Doone and Sandra Airtton bring out seasonable fare for their dinner and social held on December 5th. Ringers and friends from Ingrave and South Weald joined them for a very enjoyable evening.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS RING TOGETHER

Kent School, Kent, Connecticut, were hosts to ten members of the Bell Ringers' Guild from Groton School, Massachusetts, for the week-end of December 5th.

When Groton arrived the bells were muted so that the ringers would be able to get the feel of the bells without ringing open. Then the Kent band proceeded to demonstrate their skill on eight bells, ringing plain hunting and Grandsire Triples. The Groton band also rang on Saturday night.

The two bands combined for Sunday ringing to ring all of Kent's ten bells. This was the first time for over two years the ten bells had been rung.

These two schools are the only institutions in the United States to carry on change ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD West Lindsey Branch

So successful was the dinner and social evening which marked the inauguration of the West Lindsey Branch just over 12 months ago, that there was a keen demand for a similar event to be held this year. This took place on January 2nd at Lea Institute and was attended by some 80 members and friends. The emphasis was on entertainment rather than formal speech-making, and the annual meeting had, therefore, been arranged as a separate occasion at a later date.

Following dinner the Haxey handbell ringers entertained the company with a selection of well-known tunes. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) then gave a light-hearted 'explanation' of ringing terms, illustrated with amusing tableaux staged by members. Dancing took place later and a number of party games, organised by Mr. D. G. Crosby, provided amusement for everyone.

Conveniently close at hand, Lea bells were available during the afternoon for those who cared to ring. M. L. M.

The Professor Would Like To Know

if the reason for the delayed publication of 6-bell methods is because the principal compiler is too busy ringing 8-, 10- and 12-bell peals.



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DEDICATION

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE

On December 12th another page was added to the history of the 11th century church of SS. Peter and Paul, situated on a hilltop in the mining village of Kingsbury, near Tamworth. Deputising for the Archdeacon of Aston, who was indisposed, the Rev. J. W. Bennett (Vicar) dedicated a new treble bell. A large congregation, which included about 50 ringers, attended.

In his address the Vicar said the inscription on the bell was a fitting recognition of the efforts of Mr. G. H. Lane, the tower captain, his family and fellow members of the band. For some years various efforts had been made to raise money to enable the ring in this ancient tower to be increased to six bells.

The opening touch of 108 Bob Minor was rung by the local band: J. Basford 1, S. Perry 2, T. Smith 3, D. K. Lane 4, W. G. Lane 5, G. H. Lane (conductor) 6. After tea, kindly provided by Kingsbury ringers and friends, the bells were at the disposal of visiting ringers till 8.30 p.m.

John Taylor and Co., who cast the existing five bells in 1849 and rehung them on ball-bearings in 1921, have supplied the new bell. Kingsbury now has a very good ring of six, with tenor 16 cwt. in E. The treble is 2ft. 6½ in. in diameter in C sharp, weighs 5½ cwt. and shows an inscription, 'I Came By Many "Lanes" with the founder's name and the year.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

When the annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael's, Broad Street, Bath, on January 9th, members stood in memory of the late secretary, Mr. Sealy Woodburn, and a vote of appreciation of his services as Branch secretary since 1939 was recorded in the minutes. Mr. Woodburn will be especially remembered for the way he encouraged young people with their ringing.

The Rev. E. Rowe was elected chairman and the Revs. Sargent (St. Michael's), L. White (Twerton) and F. Pollard (Freshford) vice-chairmen. Mr. Alan Lee is the new secretary and Mr. Terry Milsom succeeds Mr. T. Hayward, treasurer since 1952, who may be leaving Bath. Nineteen new members were admitted—two each from Twerton and Corston, three from St. Michael's, five from Keynsham and seven from Freshford.

The service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Rector, with the Rev. E. Rowe (Vicar of Weston) as preacher.

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The peal at Crayford on January 9th to mark the 83rd anniversary of the dedication of the bells coincided to the day when, 65 years ago, Mr. E. Barnett became a member of the tower. He succeeded his father in charge of the tower in 1932 and continued in office until three years ago, when his son, Mr. E. A. Barnett, took over.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Swanwick (recently augmented). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 28th to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5632

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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

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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

SOCIETY OF SHROPSHIRE YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. P. C. Clarke, Sec. 5600

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Basingstoke. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 26th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 5637

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., with business meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Further ringing after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 5636

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Diss. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise. Suffolk ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. Phillipon, Hon. Sec. 5631

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

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 4th to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5646

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at Civil Defence Hall, Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from District Secretaries, or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Early application essential as numbers limited to 75. 5638

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual and Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner will be held in Derby at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, February 27th, at the Corporation Hotel. Tickets all sold. Ringing at Derby towers 3 to 6 p.m.—G. A. Halls. 5593

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 5634

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the dinner, originally February 6th, will now be March 5th, at the Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook.—F. J. Matthews. 5635

Dorking Ringers' Annual Supper

For the ninth successive year the annual supper of the Dorking ringers, held on New Year's Eve, was again very enjoyable. The Vicar (Canon K. D. Evans) presided over a company of 40. Welcome visitors were the Rev. C. Marshall, ringing curate at Leatherhead, and Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Epsom.

The catering arrangements were again ably carried out by the Misses E. Clear and B. Dowling, assisted by other ladies. After the supper the Rev. C. Munt, priest-in-charge at Ranmore, kindly showed a film strip, in colour, of scenes of local interest, including, of course, the ringers! This was followed by tune playing on handbells by six young members of the band, who, during Christmas week, collected £10 for the Church of England Children's Society. They also won the cup, for the second year, at the Dorking Festival of Music and Drama.

It has been a successful year, under the captaincy of Mr. E. G. L. Coward, during which six quarter peals have been rung, including two of Stedman Triples, and eight bells have always been rung every Sunday throughout the year. A. P. C.

ROVING RINGERS' LAKE DISTRICT TOUR

THE 1959 tour of the Society began on July 25th, when about 20 cyclists met at Heversham for ten days' ringing in the Lake District and Lancashire. We had expected the cycling to be harder than we had had in East Anglia in 1958, and soon found this to be so; the going was at times hard, particularly when protesting members of the weaker sex had to be goaded up seemingly endless hills! However, we all completed the 250 miles of the tour; in fact we finished with more ringers than we started with. Our only mishaps were a buckled wheel and a dozen or so punctures, though our map readers were occasionally at fault, causing at least one tandem pair to pay a visit to the shores of Wastwater and another small party to tramp across the lesser-known parts of Wasdale. As is usual, we stayed in youth hostels, and it was evident that many experienced hostellers were in the party, particularly when jobs were being allocated!

Although, for some, it had been a day's journey to reach Heversham, we all arrived in time for the ringing, which started with a course of Cambridge by members from the 'cider counties,' led by our Master, Michael Horseman. Our evening was spent in Kendal, though we were unable to ring here because the bells were receiving attention from the bell-hangers. We set off next morning to ring at Crosthwaite, where we were warmly welcomed at the Communion service by the Rector. As we had no ringing fixed for the afternoon, our attention was directed toward other pastimes—at least one party went out rowing on Lake Windermere in the rain, and someone else said they had been hill climbing! The magnificent ring at Ambleside had been put at our disposal by the local ringers for Evensong; but although we enjoyed our Stedman and Cambridge, we did not really do justice to these bells. Our evening gathering at Ambleside Hostel enabled the choir to have its first full session, though the male voice section were later to fall foul of the warden for singing after hours.

FILMED IN 'RAIN HATS'

Monday morning's first tower was Bowness where, after some Bristol, our Master called some St. Clement's Triples. Our journey across the ferry towards Hawkshead was marred by heavy showers; however, it gave our cameramen plenty of scope for filming us in our 'rain hats.' We were welcomed at Hawkshead by the Rector, who joined us in our ringing on the excellent eight, where methods rung included a good course of London. The earlier part of the afternoon was spent toiling upwards to the Cumberland border—our progress being sufficiently slow to enjoy the scenery. Once over the border, we made use of the easier gradients down to Keswick, where earlier arrivals just missed heavy rain. It was still raining when we reached Crosthwaite Church, though it did not dampen our ringing, as Bristol and 4-spliced went well on this ground floor ring. Our overnight stay at the riverside hostel at Keswick was a pleasant one; the walking club strolled down to Derwentwater during the evening, whilst the less energetic patronised the alehouses.

On our ride to Cockermouth next morning the seemingly fortunate gent who passed us in a truck had actually had his cycle wheel run over. We found Cockermouth bells to our liking and managed to ring Pudsey and 5-spliced. After lunch we visited Bridekirk where, as was fitting, a wedding was about to take place, and we were able to 'fire' the bells after the ceremony. Ringing at Aspatria was not up to standard, perhaps due to the long draught; however, we made good use of the tall tower to gain a view of the Scottish coast. We then returned to Cockermouth where, after a few hardy souls had taken a dip in the river, we joined the local ringers for practice.

A cloudy sky threatened our morning ride to Arlecdon, but the rain stayed away fortunately, and we enjoyed a good hour's ringing at this well-kept church. Our ringing on the heavier bells at Cleator Moor suffered as a result of an excellent lunch, though we made up for this by some good Stedman and 6-spliced at Egremont. Our route now took us away from the industrial area towards the quiet coastal village of St. Bees, where, on the slow-

turning eight at the Priory, we included Oxford Bob Triples in our repertoire. Our journey to the hostel at Netherwasdale was truly one of contrasting scenes—from the giant atomic station at Windscale to the remote hillside farm that was our destination.

HARDEST CYCLING

We greeted John Slater on Thursday morning with '21 Today' and other well-known songs; our Oxford member also celebrated his birthday, which he claimed to be a very doubtful 22nd. The day proved to be our hardest for cycling and we failed to reach Broughton in time despite a liberal time allowance. The long climb over Birker Fell, coupled with a series of punctures, caused one small party to arrive in the back of an Army lorry. We straggled into Barrow in twos and threes (though a few people had made use of British Railways), and we were grateful to two local ringers who made up the first band. We gathered ourselves together again for the short ride to the third 'Furness' tower—the ten at Dalton, where we rang Stedman and Cambridge. We were thankful for our enforced train ride across the estuaries to Arnside. This also gave one railway enthusiast a chance to ride on the footplate. An extra tower had been arranged for us in the evening by our friend from Heversham, and a large number crowded into his Land Rover for a visit to Silverdale.

As we had booked for two nights at Arnside, Friday's trip was in the form of a circular tour (minus saddlebags!) over easier-going ground. We visited the 6-bell towers of Beetham and Burton-in-Holme, where a local ringer joined us for some York Minor. At Kirkby Lonsdale, in the afternoon, two members—much to their discredit—had a lesson in tandem riding around the churchyard. Although the route to Hornby was straightforward, one party made a start towards Carlisle, but having realised the error of their ways rejoined us at this octagonal tower for ringing. Once again the Land Rover awaited us at the hostel, this time for a visit to Milnthorpe, which was much enjoyed.

We arrived in Lancaster on Saturday morning and met the first of the 'week-enders.' We did not find the bells at St. Mary's particularly easy to ring. After lunch we made our way through the busy traffic to our week-end headquarters at Preston, visiting three more towers on the way. An attempt to ring Double Bob at Garstang fired out; however, we did better at Bilsborrow, where London and a ladies' long touch of Gadsire Triples were rung. Our last tower was Broughton, where a good course of Norwich Minor was rung. After dinner at the Bull and Royal that evening a short business meeting took place, at which we voted Birmingham as the venue of our reunion in February, 1960.

TENOR CLAPPER FELL OUT

The tower of St. John's at Preston is very conveniently situated, enabling late risers to have a ring before morning service. Unfortunately the seventh was out of action, so ringing was restricted to Major and Caters with the tenor turned in. We were again unfortunate when, during the ringing at the Catholic Church at Bamber Bridge, the tenor clapper fell out; however, late arrivals had a short ring on the front six. We were greeted by the Vicar at Leyland, where we rang for Evensong, and our ringing here included Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

We rose fairly early on Bank Holiday Monday in preparation for our homeward journeys. Our final towers were the eight at Higher Walton, and Blackburn—the only cathedral of the tour. A number of local ringers met us here, and after an unsteady start settled down to some good ringing, which ended with three courses of Stedman and the ten bells lowered in peal.

In conclusion, we should like to thank all those who helped to make this a pleasant and successful tour, including all incumbents and tower captains; in particular, thanks to our friends from Heversham and Cockermouth who helped us on our way. A word of thanks also to our Master for keeping us in order, and to our secretaries who did a wonderful job, and can be said to have scored a success at the first attempt! D. E. C.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Buchan 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, A. J. Adams 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, N. Hobden 5, R. Parsons 6, M. F. Layton (cond.) 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. A wedding compliment to Margaret Piistow on her marriage in Rhodesia.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Ann Shiels 3, J. Harrison 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, M. Broadley (first 'inside') 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. For the Midnight Communion service.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. P. Cannon 1, Barbara Manship (first Yorkshire) 2, J. D. Rock 3, D. W. James 4, M. Coleman 5, B. Hendry 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, F. R. Scott 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Castle 1, R. K. Rivers (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Eele 3, R. Castle 4, Mrs. V. Castle 5, J. Froome 6, B. Castle 7, W. Austin 8. For Midnight Communion.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, A. R. Knight (first in method) 3, W. Faires 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Borcham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, A. B. Peck 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. H. Crampion 4, M. P. Moreton 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. A. Waugh 8. For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Muncey 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Crisp 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. Thoday 6, G. A. Lucas 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8.

NORTHENDEN, LANCs.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, A. Barratt 2, Enid Rowley 3, F. Gates 4, P. Banks 5, R. Benson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 on their retirement after 40 years' ringing service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, M. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey 4, P. W. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stutley 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. W. Mills 5, M. Mills 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

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