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FAILURES

By ERNEST MORRIS

SOME years ago, when I had passed the 1,000 peal total, a Norwich friend said: 'You can tell us how many peals you have rung—can you tell us how many failures?'. That was quite impossible, but it must be over 5,000! Like all peal ringers, I have had failures through ropes breaking, clappers falling out, clappers breaking, conductors putting in or leaving out calls, being stopped by outsiders, lights failing, meeting short, and many other unforeseen happenings. Three of the most disappointing of these happened far away from Leicestershire.

I had been invited to take part in two peals—one in Durham and one in Northumberland. After travelling all that way we met at Gateshead-on-Tyne, and the late Wm. H. Barber actually called an excellently-struck peal of Stedman Triples when, within a few changes of the end—the seventh was in 4-5 up — before going to rounds his rope broke! So I did not get a peal in Durham, but we did, however, score a very fine one at Newcastle Cathedral. Another disappointment far from home was at Ashton-under-Lyme, when Gabriel Lindoff came over from Ireland specially to call Kent T.B. Maximus. After two hours the tenor clapper broke!

At St. Margaret's, Leicester, a similar thing happened in an attempt for Grandsire Cinques with the late Joe E. Sykes. The tenor clapper ball broke off. Quite recently in London, after three hours of excellent ringing the conductor missed a bob! and so—to quote an old Leicester record—'ye peal was lost.' Once at Gilmorton and again at Overseale, one of the clappers came out entirely!

At St. Mark's, Leicester, we had practically rung a peal of Stedman Triples, and in the last block out went the lights. We were naturally startled, but kept going as they came on again; but not for long: they were switched off and on and it was hopeless. The sergeant-major (Fred H. Dexter) set his bell, rushed across the belfry and down the spiral stairway at breakneck speed. Woe betide anyone he caught! But alas, when he got to the bottom of the stairs he could not get out as we had wedged the door. By the time the others got down and out he had calmed down somewhat, and found it was the curate who wanted us to stop because he had a service! Almost the same thing happened at Quorn, only instead of the lights a small bell in the belfry was jangled in the last course of Kent Major.

In 1907 I went to Loughborough to listen to a peal of Kent Royal, but the band met short and roped me in! After three hours Wm. Willson, jun., shouted to his uncle who was calling it: 'I can't go on.' He replied: 'Stick it—not far to go!'. However, young William set his bell and fell down in a dead faint, to the consternation of us all. He soon recovered, fortunately, and was able to proceed home.

The only peal my father—the late Josiah Morris, whom Harold Poole dubbed 'the Rhythm King'—ever gave up was at Swithland when he was on the tenor. At the end of the fifth 720 he set his bell, too exhausted to go on. A month or so later I tackled this bell myself, and we succeeded. They said later that I drank 13 cups of tea!

At King's Lynn, on one occasion in an attempt for Kent Royal with 'Uncle' Joe Sykes on the tenor, we lost it after 3 hours 10 minutes owing to the sun streaming down on Joe's head and back and the bell not going too well. George Cross—who was calling one of my compositions from treble—tried to swap bells with the tenor when in Slow for last course, but he being short and Joe being well over 6 feet tall could not reach the back-stroke. In the confusion so caused the peal was lost.

These are but a few of my experiences of lost peals—I could quote many more, some amusing, some annoying, but all disappointing.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

What strange coincidences may befall
The ringers in a peal at Heptonstall!
Two days before the feast of Hallowe'en
As many methods to a peal were seen!
But stranger facts emerge from closer glance—
That stretch much more uncertainties of chance—
Each ringer had a method to his name.
A novel way to find eternal fame!
Should 'Fishwick' be reserved for Friday peals?
Or 'Lesser Wopping' raise more painful weals?
'Reverse Half Nelson' spliced with 'Double Blackley'
Produce a bruise that rises quite opaquely?
While splicing 'Smith' with highbrow 'Tolleshunt D'Arcy'
We should a clash of places singular see.
Poor Ogden in his Wellington Little Court—
What names to give the would-be poet sport!
But to be serious, the truth seems plain.
They did it tongue-in-cheek to entertain,
(Or did their ancestors far back begotten
Take names from methods hitherto forgotten?)

ANONYMOUS.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
RUTH M. BORDER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 10
RODERICK J. LEES 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

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

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*GERALD PENNEY 7
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 8
ARTHUR DAY 3	*MICHAEL D. FROST 9
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK 10
HAROLD V. FROST 5	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 11
*A. ROWLAND TYSOE 6	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	PETER BORDER 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

MRS. D. EVANS Treble	JOHN W. OWEN 6
S. ARTHUR READ 2	GWILYM SALMON 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 3	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 8
WILLIAM H. HURFORD .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR 9
HORACE D. TAYLOR 5	†JOHN TYLEE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* 100th peal for the Association. † First on ten.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Geoffrey Lester, M.A., on the occasion of his induction and institution as Rector of Bath Abbey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 VERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
RALPH ELKINGTON 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
MRS. G. A. HALLS 5	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

First peal in the method: rung without previous practice.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	BARRIE HENDRY 6
*RODERICK J. LEES 2	JOHN McDONALD 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	PETER BORDER 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
DAVID J. PURNELL 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of London Royal.

VERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 1450.78.16 x 90

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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

MRS. D. R. MITCHELL .. Treble	†BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
*ANGELA GRAINGER 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
*J. RICHARD WILSON 3	GEORGE F. FRANCIS 8
†E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	FRANK H. HICKS 9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5	RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal. ‡ First on ten.

First as conductor on ten.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 2½ cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS YEOMANS .. Treble	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6
ELIZABETH BROWN 2	*CLIVE G. BRYANT 7
JACQUELINE S. KING 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 8
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 4	ROBERT E. COLES 9
*BRYNLEY TAYLOR 5	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 COMBINED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Worcester variation, with 96 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

R. ROGER SAVORY .. Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 8
NORMAN HAYES 4	REGINALD T. JONES 9
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* 150th peal. † First in the Worcester variation. First of combined Oxford and Kent T.B. in the county, for the Guild, and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Roy Chamberlain, Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton, on the second anniversary of his induction to this living.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. Treble	§JOHN C. BALDWIN 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 6
†JANE K. A. COOK 3	PATRICK J. BIRD 7
‡ROYSTON BLACKLER 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' § First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ALAN KIRK Treble	EILEEN M. FEARN 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON 2	CAROL FERNLEY 6
TESSA P. KEMP 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON 7
†J. DAVID ADAMS 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER .. Treble	A. REX AGG 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	JOHN McDONALD 6
BRIAN DOWNIE 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
PETER BORDER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.
 EDWARDS T. LLOYD .. Treble .. 5
 ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2 .. 6
 CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3 .. 7
 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.
 JOHN V. TEMPLE .. Treble .. 5
 J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 2 .. 6
 *E. JANE LANGTON .. 3 .. 7
 *MIKAELA ERIK .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
 *First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
 NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble .. 5
 PETER ADCOCK .. 2 .. 6
 DAVID CUBITT .. 3 .. 7
 THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.
 *CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. Treble .. 5
 DAVID T. DARBY .. 2 .. 6
 ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 3 .. 7
 †PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 4 .. Tenor
 Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.
 *First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major. ‡ First of Yorkshire 'inside.'
 In memoriam C. Exon.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.
 RUTH M. BORDER .. Treble .. 5
 PETER BORDER .. 2 .. 6
 *CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3 .. 7
 *GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
 *First peal of London.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
 *FREDERICK J. SAGE .. Treble .. 5
 JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2 .. 6
 PATRICIA HEATHER .. 3 .. 7
 †JANET K. SECKER .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
 *First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise for the Society.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.
 ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble .. 5
 *DOREEN COX .. 2 .. 6
 *JOHN BALDWIN .. 3 .. 7
 *BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
 *First peal of Little Bob Major.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
 FRANCIS R. LOWE .. Treble .. 5
 *GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 2 .. 6
 MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS .. 3 .. 7
 J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
 *First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
 ERNEST G. JONES .. Treble .. 5
 CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2 .. 6
 EDGAR J. SMITH .. 3 .. 7
 ALAN R. PINK .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
 50th peal as conductor.
 A compliment to Christine Woodward and Geoffrey Lanegan on their engagement.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
 D. JOHN HUNT .. Treble .. 5
 RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 2 .. 6
 DONALD E. COBB .. 3 .. 7
 DON C. EXELL .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
 First peal in the method by all. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.
 CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble .. 5
 GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 2 .. 6
 PETER J. COLES .. 3 .. 7
 *†EDWIN G. BUCK .. 4 .. Tenor
 Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
 *First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
 DENISE SHALLCROSS .. Treble .. 5
 JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2 .. 6
 JOHN S. DEAN .. 3 .. 7
 F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4 .. Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
 First peal in the method by all.
 Rung half-muffled to the memory of Samuel Birks, ringer at this church since 1904.

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CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*JACK RILEY Treble	†REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. 5
DENNIS HEAPY 2	ROY WORRALL 6
NORMAN SHERRATT 3	BARRY CORBISHLEY 7
WALTER SHERRATT 4	‡JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal for the Guild. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Witness: RALPH G. EDWARDS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. GARRARD .. Treble	FRANK GODDEN 5
JAMES GODMAN 2	*ERIC O. DAVIES 6
*WILLIAM IRVING 3	JACK O. BERRY 7
†ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 4	ROBERT B. BLOND Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First in the method away from treble.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*RITA M. WEBB Treble	IVOR GOULTER 5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	HENRY TAYSON 6
†PETER CLARKSON 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 7
ALAN F. LEE 4	*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.
Rung on the eve of Advent Sunday.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. THODAY .. Treble	†ROGER J. PALMER 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
DONALD F. MURFET 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* 25th peal of Major. † First in the method.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN McDONALD Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

FREDK. A. SALIER Treble	ROBERT E. DAY 5
MRS. M. I. PAILING 2	PETER NIX 6
MRS. P. NIX 3	F. NEVILLE PAILING 7
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE 4	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALIER.
* First peal.

Rung on the eve of Advent. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. I. Pailing and Mr. F. Adcock.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	CLIFFORD RICHARDS 4
MICHAEL HOBBS 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Savage, of East Budleigh, Devon, upon the birth of a second son.

NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN V. HARDING .. Treble	EDWARD HOWES 4
ROBIN SHIPP (14) 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 5
TONY OWEN 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JACQUELINE A. DOWNING Treble	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
*RONALD RUSSELL 2	*ROBIN V. BAKER 5
PLRKY AMOS 3	GEORGE F. ROOME Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in the method.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 4
REGINALD W. REX 2	ARTHUR W. SAYERS 5
HOWARD OGLESBY 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK DERRY Treble	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
*PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Pitchford on their 19th wedding anniversary.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

ANDREW E. CROWE .. Treble	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3
*BERNARD V. HINDS 2	MICHAEL UTTON 4
MICHAEL J. PARKER Tenor	

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal. first attempt. First as conductor.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN MANNERING .. Treble	†MARTIN HOWE 4
OLIVE COUCHMAN 2	BERNARD GROVES 5
*MONTY GILBERT 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First in four methods.

Rung in memory of Mr. Pope, sometime ringer at Headcorn and chorister at Watlington.

SELLINDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
*JOHN BASHFORD .. Treble | JOHN R. COOPER .. 4
VIOLET I. E. REIF .. 2 | ROBERT SWIFT .. 5
MAISIE VANTOM .. 3 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor
Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Jaquet.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.
*BRIAN C. LAW .. Treble | *J. HEDLEY WAILE .. 4
†ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | †BRIAN M. SMITH .. 5
‡BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3 | *BRIAN R. CULLIN .. Tenor
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. ‡ First of Plain Bob Doubles on tower bells.

Rung as a farewell to Brian R. Cullin who has moved to Great Glen.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN P. MORRIS .. Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. 2 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. 3 | HAROLD BARSLEY .. Tenor
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A fifth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Reynolds.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) London and Wells, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble | *LESLIE N. MELTON .. 4
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. 2 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. Tenor
Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 14 Surprise method. The most Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Killmarsh, Kent, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
JOHN COATES .. Treble | *KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 4
*HAROLD DENMAN .. 2 | GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | ERNEST PRESTON .. Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* 150th peal together. First in seven methods as conductor.
Rung for the birthday of George Challans.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being (1) and (2) Beverley, (3) and (4) Surfleet, (5) and (6) Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
*ROBERT HARDY .. Treble | H. GEORGE HART .. 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2 | ALICK CUTLER .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 3 | WALTER AYRE .. Tenor
Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.
FRANK TAYLOR .. Treble | JOHN G. AMES .. 4
*FREDA P. GREAVES .. 2 | BEVAN W. WILLGRESS .. 5
*ALAN G. PAYNE .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
L. MICHAEL NOAD .. Treble | HERBERT M. HEATON .. 4
NORMAN G. KNEE .. 2 | ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 5
WILLIAM C. WEST .. 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes.
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents.
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 1—2 | *BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 3—4
Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal 'in hand.' First of Minimus by both.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 18, 1960, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: Grandsire 22, Plain Bob 22. Tenor size 11 in G.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4
†BRIAN M. SMITH .. 5—6
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.
ERNEST MORRIS .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3—4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 7—8
Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.
IN THE CHURCH HALL OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
ROGER J. PALMER .. 1—2 | ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3—4
*IRENE A. CROSS .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First peal, first attempt (age 14); youngest lady to ring a handbell peal for the Guild.
Rung by members of the College of Campanology.

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HALF PEAL

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Howes 1, Helen Butler 2, G. McAlone 3, V. Fox 4, Margaret Thulis 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. First half peal for all except the conductor.

ASTON, HERTS.—On November 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Carrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, H. Shire 4, A. Day (cond.) 5, J. Pallett 6. Rung for Advent Sunday and conductor's birthday.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. White 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, Miss T. Williams 3, Mrs. C. W. Reed 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, C. Pritchett 6. First quarter 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, R. P. Selway 2, C. W. Powell 3, C. R. Poole (first in method) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, J. T. Barrett 6, W. E. Turner 7, S. W. White 8. In memoriam James Barrett, father of the ringer of sixth, after the funeral.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston 1, G. Gibbs 2, Kathleen North 3, D. Farthing 4, Mrs. D. Livingston 5, J. Blackwood 6. E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. For Advent Sunday, also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: G. Stallwood 1, R. Perks 2, J. Firkins 3, E. Cooke 4, J. Attwood 5, F. E. Wood (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, All Saints', Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Rayner 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, B. Watts 4, R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First in six methods for all the band. A birthday compliment for Mrs. B. Watts.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sumner 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, L. Sharpe 3, M. Parker 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter William Longfoot, for many years ringer and churchwarden at this church.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,294 Stedman Caters: E. T. Newbury 1, Miss V. Willard 2, W. A. Farmer 3, C. T. Burridge 4, W. Dyer 5, J. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, P. Baker 8, T. Borcham 9, W. Newman 10. For morning prayer.

CROSS STONE, TUDMORDEN, W. YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Noble (first quarter) 1, G. Cheetham 2, C. R. Milthorpe 3, J. C. Ashworth 4, J. H. Fielden 5, P. Scholfield (cond.) 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Culver 1, P. Cave 2, J. Dalters 3, T. Easterby 4, Miss F. Cannon (first as cond.) 5, F. Mead 6, J. Jefferies 7, P. Ebsworth (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Thomas 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. First quarter in the method for all the band. Rung on the 70th birthday of the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters.

HAYANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Marshall 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Shirley M. Parsons 3, D. S. Jones 4, E. Treagus 5, J. R. Hasted 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For evening service, and as a welcome to the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sturges, of Fareham, born November 16th.

HEREFORD.—On Nov. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Munn 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, F. Reed (cond.) 3, Miss A. M. Gladwell 4, J. Eisel 5, T. Wood 6, A. W. Davis 7, A. T. Wingate 8. First of Major 4 and 5.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Genebeth Mooring (first quarter) 1, Owen May 2, Pamela Bird 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, C. N. Chinnery 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and F. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. Rung for adult Confirmation service. Also 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong and C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw and B. Mills 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley. Rung for St. Edmund's Day evening service, Patron Saint of Holme Pierrepont.

QUARTER PEALS

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLEX.—At the Church of St. Paul, Hounslow Heath, on Nov. 20th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: R. O'Shea (first quarter) 1, D. Shaw 2, D. Howell 3, C. Stevenson 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Winterson (first quarter) 6. First on bells for about seven years. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 27th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hazel Everett (first of Doubles) 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, N. A. James 3, A. W. Smith 4, N. W. H. Simon (14, first as cond. and of Doubles) 5, H. C. Evans (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods for all except the ringer of the 4th. Rung on the front six for Advent.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. F. Warren 1, M. L. Lewis 2, Dorcen Deverell 3, Angela Martin 4, J. M. Payton 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, B. J. Willes 7, I. H. Oram 8, P. L. Smart (first of Caters) 9, P. M. Herring 10. First on 10 bells by 2, 4 and 10. Rung on the wedding anniversary of H.M. Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh.

MELBOURNE.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Minchinon 1, Mrs. D. M. Pipe 2, Miss E. Lloyd Roberts 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, A. H. Fisher 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. J. Roper 8. First in the method for 2, 6 and 7.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cockell 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, L. M. Noad 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, Dr. H. Heaton 6, C. F. Andrews 7, C. G. Gibbons 8. Rung for Confirmation.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. James, Benwell, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Harle 1, Mrs. K. Wyndham 2, Miss I. Thomson 3, C. S. Dixon 4, F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Russell 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Rowe 3, V. Griggs 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, Miss S. Northeast 6. First quarter 3 and 6. For Evensong.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jennifer M. Burford 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, P. J. Brown 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, P. Bill (first quarter) 6, J. A. Tandy 7, J. E. Lawley 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. C. V. Ford, curate of Oldswinford, on appointment as Rector of St. Clement's, Worcester. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Roden 1, J. Lloyd 2, F. G. Handley 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Chance 5, C. W. Cooper 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Tandy 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. J. Skelding, a ringer here for many years and interred this day.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: A. House 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch (first as cond.) 1, W. F. Ward 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. J. Hallett 6, A. House 7, R. Tomlin 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Ann M. Sweeney 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, I. Ann Abrahams 5, E. Haines 6, L. A. Page 7, E. Doel 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George K. Norton, former captain of tower and an honorary life member of the Guild, whose funeral took place this day. Also on Nov. 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Read 1, Margaret R. Page 2, J. Ann Abrahams 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, B. J. Lawes 5, L. A. Page 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer, a valued member of the tower.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): J. T. Foster 1, E. H. Willows 2, A. Whiting 3, M. Fern 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, C. Roadley (first quarter) 6. For the baptism of Francis Mark Jones, Stephen Andrew Roadley and Robert Edward Wormald.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. P. Hilling 1, F. R. Scott 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, J. K. Ward 4, W. D. Ward 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. First in the method for all except 2 and 7. For the Advent Festival.

SNAITH, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Betty Martinson (first on tower bells) 2, J. Thorley 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, H. S. Morley 5, W. Graves 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. For the wedding of former National Dairy Queen 20-year-old Marjorie Watson and farmer Richard Morrison.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bodicoat 1, K. Bodicoat (first of Minor 'inside') 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Stenson (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood 3, Sandra E. Chesterton 4, E. Morris 5, J. A. Acres 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, B. C. Law (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Leonard and Grandsire): D. J. Bodicoat 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson 6. First in as many methods for 1, 3, 6. Half-muffled for Evensong.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Cox and J. R. Nicholls 1, R. H. Knight 2, C. Matthews 3, P. D. Baldock 4, Sqdn.-Ldr. G. Massey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for the late Vicar, Rev. H. Boulton.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Glead 1, Betty Telling 2, T. Pritchard 3, R. Baker 4, P. Riddiford 5, V. Deane 6, T. Witis (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Janet Pritchard, daughter of Mr. Trevor Pritchard (tower master).

STURRY, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita E. Gould 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Pauline Fennell 3, P. A. Batchelor 4, P. E. Deverill 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. Rung after the failure of a peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Boucher 1, P. Cale 2, J. Ranford 3, F. Merrick 4, W. Huband 5, J. Cale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Woodyatt, interred this day. He learned to ring at Suckley and had been a ringer for 60 years.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, Dr. C. G. Rowarth 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, R. J. Drewett 10. For Evensong, and to celebrate the 21st birthday and engagement of Miss M. Wright to Mr. R. J. Drewett.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, M. E. Downs 4, P. Relf 5, A. Gornham 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tickner, also a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. P. Barnes.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Downs 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, P. W. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, W. Ruffles 6. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Harvey.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Brighton (first quarter) 1, Linda Gott 2, Mrs. Io Moreton 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, G. Dale 5, K. Park 6, G. Townend 7, T. W. Crowsley 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Howes (first quarter, age 14) 1, Helen Butler (19) 2, Susan Howes (first 'inside', 16) 3, G. Melthome (first as cond., 13) 4, Margaret Thewlis (16) 5, M. Welsh (15) 6, V. Fox (18) 7, A. Howes (18) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, D. Manger 3, R. E. Finch 4, J. Faircloth 5, A. M. MacVe 6. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Ashread Surprise Major: Miss O. D. Couchman 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, E. J. Ladd 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, C. A. Tester 7, T. A. Cross 8.

YAPTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. J. Morris (first quarter) 1, B. W. T. Williams (first quarter) 2, P. J. M. Bright (first 'inwide' and of Minimus) 3, C. R. C. Cousmaker (first of Minimus, cond.) 4. First quarter peal by resident members of Chichester Theological College. First on the bells. Rung in memoriam Rt. Rev. Herbert Linford Gwyer, sometime Bishop of George, C.P., South Africa.

QUARTER PEALS

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): E. Sopp 1, F. Storey 2, J. Reeves 3, S. Hamilton 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service to Bishop Gwyer, formerly of the Diocese of George, South Africa, and late of Amberley.

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Casson (first quarter) 1, A. S. Burbidge (first as cond.) 2, R. C. Ingram 3, D. Ingram 4, D. T. Finnemore 5, M. Ingram 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves (first in method) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, Ann Shiels 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. Rung for a combined service of various denominations at the Parish Church.

BLOCKLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. J. Hitchins 1, J. R. Ketteringham 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, D. J. Hunt 5, H. W. Woolven 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, R. G. Hooper 8.

BRECON.—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M. Dunning (first quarter) 1, T. H. Owen 2, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. T. Johns 5, G. P. Davies 6, Rung for the Parochial Festival.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, D. Cooper 2, M. J. Cooper 3, A. B. Cooper 4, S. Slancy 5, A. Keller 6, H. Wagsstaffe 7, K. Rutland (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Hussey 1, F. J. Sampson 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, T. Hins (first of Minor) 4, R. G. Hooper 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6. For Dedication Festival.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. King (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, Miss C. Farrington 3, D. Sayer 4, W. Newnham 5, C. Campbell 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, D. Billimore 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4, 7 and 8.

CONINGSBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge Surprise): E. Flint-ham 1, B. Hunt 2, J. R. Young (cond.) 3, A. E. Flatters 4, J. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Flintham.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, G. W. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For evening service.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, G. F. Pratt 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, B. Read 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. Rung as a welcome to Miss Boulden, who has come to reside in the district.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Froggatt 1, N. Wilde 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. E. Fentiman (first of Cambridge 'inside') 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, F. J. Oakshott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott (first of Cambridge S. Minor) 6. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilda Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Butler 1, R. G. Haines (first Minor 'inside') 2, G. J. Hemming 3, Jacqueline Roberts 4, M. G. Selby 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Bryant 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, Patricia Reeve 3, M. V. Copping 4, J. N. Pankin 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 2, Gillian Coker (first 'inside') 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, R. Newson 6. For Evensong, and with the best wishes of the band to Miss Coker, who is shortly leaving for Australia.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Haines 1, M. J. Butler 2, Jacqueline Roberts 3, G. J. Hemming 4, M. G. Selby 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1 and 2.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Oct. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bagworth 1, Susan Rawlings 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, I. H. Oram 4, A. Bagworth 5, P. Mehew 6.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. M. Newman (first quarter) 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, F. Cattell 3, F. H. Bennett 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, R. Newton 6. Rung for the Induction of Rev. Mr. Shannon.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, F. Lane 2, D. Seaton 3, W. Gropley 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss G. M. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, D. Rees 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, J. C. Rainbow 7, B. Hughes (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Delia M. Miller.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. H. Pailing (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, Miss D. Hopkins (first in method) 3, Miss H. B. Nevin 4, Miss S. K. M. Knight 5, F. N. Pailing 6, F. A. Salter 7, J. G. Underwood 8, R. Baldwin 9, D. W. Friend 10. For evening service.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Newcombe 1, R. Bates 2, R. Moore 3, J. Richardson 4, E. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. Beebe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. J. Stoneley, who was for many years a ringer at this church, and also for Mr. R. Moreton, father-in-law of the ringer of 4.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Dale 1, Elizabeth Peace (first quarter) 2, Susan Peace (first quarter) 3, S. Ramadan 4, G. Townend (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6.

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Until recently there has been no resident band at Hounslow. In fact, when the tower captain, David Howell, undertook to start a new band the bells had to be cleared of several feet of rubbish. Now after much hard work, a band of teenagers ring every Sunday evening and the two firsts in the quarter peal of November 20th are the first of the new band to reach proficiency. At the present time only the back six are ringable. A belfry fund has been started.

The middle six at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were rung by a band of staff and pupils of the Priory Schools for the annual Founders' Day service, on November 25th.

The Chester Diocesan leaflet in its December issue offers the bells of St. Michael's Church, Chester, for sale. This is a Rudhall's, cast at Gloucester, in 1726.

Visitors to Itchingfield's (Sussex) beautifully kept belfry admire the map of Sussex, where all ringing towers are neatly indicated. Different coloured pens are used to show the number of bells.

The bells of Blaby, Leics. are being rehung. Three members of this tower—Brian C. Law, J. Hedley Wale and Brian R. Cullin—scored their first peal at Whetstone on November 23rd.

On Remembrance Sunday the 1st Rotherham Girl Guides rang Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor before the Communion service at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Thrybergh. The ringers were the Misses J. Green, C. Green (cond.), M. Donovan, M. Gaskell, P. Smith and J. Oakley. The striking throughout was very good.

On November 18th, 1950, a band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Edenbridge, to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leigh. On November 19th, 1960, the same band met again, they stood in the same order, and rang the same composition (Parker's Twelve Part), but unfortunately two bells crossed over in the 11th part. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. E. Leigh at 'The White Horse.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Regarding the peal rung at Saxlingham-Nethergate to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal by a local band, John Aldis and George Poyntz are still in the village. Although crippled and coming to church in an invalid carriage, George Poyntz still rings the tenor at Sunday morning service. He walks with the aid of two crutches and while ringing props himself up against the wall. He is still happy when doing this and calling a touch.

A concert organised by the ringers of Tenterden, on November 17th, raised £53 for the restoration of their bells.

Silent since 1929, the bells of Askerswell, Dorset, are ringing again. A new treble gives this tower a ring of six.

Reading University Society, at its first dinner, had Sir John Wolfenden as one of the principal speakers. The gathering was almost as representative as a U.A. dinner.

The boys of Abingdon School Ringing Society rang for the funeral service of a former headmaster on November 21st. This Society has now a dozen ringing members.

As published in our last issue, members of the Norwich Diocesan Association claim to have rung the fastest peal on church bells—Doubles in 1 hour and 47 minutes, at Saxthorpe.

Viewers of B.B.C.'s 'Ask me another' programme on December 1st will have heard the bells of Lincoln Cathedral as background music. Franklin Engleman mentioned that it was the ringers' practice night.

Peal ringers get their dates booked up so far ahead that we hear that there is a demand that in future the bellringers' diary should contain pages both for the current and the succeeding year.

In conjunction with the Cheltenham Education Committee, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are holding a course on bellringing on Wednesday evenings at Monks-croft County Secondary School, Cheltenham. First lecture January 11th.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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VARIATION.—Explanation of this term can hardly be expressed in writing so as to adequately convey its meaning, but there are three uses of the word which can be given as examples.

Treble Bob.—Worcester variation and Killamarsh variation are slight differences from the original of Kent Treble Bob. There is a Burton variation of Superlative Surprise.

Extension of method.—Brighton variation. Stepney variation and No. 3 variation are all alternative extensions of London Surprise from Major to Royal.

Composition.—Johnson's variation of Middleton's composition of Cambridge Surprise Major involves a simple alteration from the original, but is preferred by some conductors. Other variations to original compositions occur in Grandsire Triples and in Stedman Triples.

VENTILATION.—Good ventilation could be described as sufficient changes of fresh air without draught. Bad or inadequate ventilation leads to unhealthy conditions and, of course, is not conducive to good sustained ringing. Whilst the adequate ventilation of a ringing chamber is not always an easy matter, it is sometimes quite evident that no one has given this matter sufficient consideration. We, as bellringers, cannot always expect to have ideal ventilation because in some cases to achieve this would be a costly business. So apart from having an opening light, which should be adjustable, in the window there can be no principle laid down for ventilation and each case must be treated on its merits. Generally speaking, a small ringing chamber requires more attention to this matter than a large one.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Fog was mainly responsible for a smaller than average attendance at the West Lindsey Branch meeting, held at Lea, on November 17th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. J. Knight) and tea was provided in Lea Institute by local ladies.

At the business meeting, when the vice-president (Mr C. H. Baker) took the chair, it was decided to combine the usual dinner and social evening with the annual meeting to be held at Gainsborough on January 21st. It was also agreed that particular methods should be announced for future meetings, at which they would then receive special attention.

M. L. M.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 50



MR. ROBERT S. ANDERSON,
North Staffs Association

Mr. R. S. Anderson, who came from Newcastle in the North to live in Newcastle in the Midlands, will not object to being described as a 'Geordie' for he possesses all the characteristics of that hardy race of fine people. He is forthright, earnest, sincere and hard-headed.

It is not surprising, therefore, that when the present 'Ringing World' Committee took over the management of the paper, they should invite him to join them, and his work on this committee has been outstanding. He has that fine quality of tenacity, and once having undertaken a task, he will see it through, come what may. The past ten years have provided this committee with one crisis after another, and throughout this trying period his

cheerful confidence has inspired the other members to carry on with its heavy task, and he has earned the respect and gratitude of the Council and the Exercise generally.

Born at Gosforth, Northumberland, he was taught to ring at All Saints', where he was also a chorister. His father was a chorister at this church for 25 years. Bob Anderson soon came under the influence of that grand ringer, Bill Barber, and rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Gosforth in 1923, which Barber conducted. His peals total is a modest one and now stands at 90, of which he has conducted 17. He is more concerned with regular service ringing and the instruction of youngsters. It was due to his enthusiasm that the North Staffs Association rang its first handbell peal, Bob Major, in 1943, and the first Surprise peal (Cambridge), by a resident North Staffs band, in 1948.

When he was residing in the North, it was a vogue to ring 'stunt' peals, and Bob took part in the only peal on handbells in a coal mine. This was Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. H. Barber, and rung in the low main seam at Cramlington No. 2 pit, in 1930. He occupied the important office of vice-president, Durham and Newcastle Association in 1933-34, and was secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral band until he moved South in 1939. In 1946 he was elected chairman of the North Staffs Association and served in that office until 1958. He is Central Council representative for that Association and is a member of the Standing and 'Ringing World' Committees.

By profession, he is a director of a company of land and estate agents, at Hanley, and is an associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, holding a seat on the Stoke-on-Trent Council of that body. He is also assistant secretary of the local Trade Association.

As tower master and chorister of St. Giles' Church, he takes an active part in parochial activities. Like most Northerners he loves music and is a member of the Stoke-on-Trent Choral Society, also serving on its committee. Although a very busy man, Bob, is always ready to lend a hand where it is required, and we may count ourselves fortunate to have him amongst us.

JAFUS.

CREWKERNE DEANERY SHOW THEIR METTLE

Most outings, apart from the work of the organisers, are fairly carefree occasions. There are, however, exceptions, and one such took place on November 26th—an outing from Shepton Beauchamp, composed mostly of members of the Crewkerne Deanery, with one or two friends.

Apart from one slight mishap, when the ringer of the third protested that the slider had gone, only to find that the bell had a really deep set, ringing went very well at Burlescombe, ranging from Grandsire through Stedman, up to Cambridge Minor.

We then proceeded to Tiverton for tea and ringing at the Parish Church (rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major).

Then came the ten at Cullompton, where the ringing consisted of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal. This ringing, which was, on the whole, very good, brought great joy to the hearts of the members of the Crewkerne Deanery, and completely refuted the statement, recently made by one of the 'top brasses' in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, that 'Ringing is dead in the Crewkerne Deanery.' The Deanery members and friends hope that such statements will not be made again, and would suggest that some of the big noises in the Association come down and see what our capabilities are.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Dean for arranging the towers and the tea, also to the incumbents and, last but not least, to Mr. J. T. Locke, for being such a good Ringing Master.

J. W. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

The nomination meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chobham on November 26th and was well attended considering the weather conditions. The Rev. O. R. Acworth conducted the service which was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the local band.

The nominations received for district officers were as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; secretary, Miss E. Loveland; executive committee, Mr. T. Luxford; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd.

The subject of the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell was discussed, and the Guild Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, appealed to all towers who had not contributed to do so as soon as possible. It was agreed to apply to the executive committee for permission to purchase a duplicator, as the Ringing Master felt it would help to bring the towers closer together if reports were circulated round the district after each meeting.

Those present were reminded of the district dinner to be held at the Ship Hotel, Weybridge, on December 10th. Mr. Hawthorne closed the meeting by proposing the vote of thanks, and also welcoming all the new members, in particular those from East Molesey, and the Rev. G. S. Archibald (Chertsey).

Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m., the methods being mainly Grandsire and Plain Bob.

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PROGRESS IN A CORNISH TOWER

Kea, Truro

By a pretty creek, off the Truro River, there stands a fifteenth century tower of three stages, with thin diagonal buttresses. The missing pinnacle was struck by lightning fifty years ago and fell to the ground. The tower is all that remains of the ancient church of the parish of Kea.

Saint Kea was a disciple of Saint Patrick and was consecrated bishop by him. He travelled through Wales, Somerset (where he founded the Church of Lan-to-kai), and Devon (where he established the Church of Landkey, just east of Barnstaple), to where now stands Old Kea. He built a monastery here before travelling on to Brittany, where he founded more churches.

The monastery of St. Cleus and the manor (Landege) are mentioned in Domesday Book (1085). In 1270 Kea was esteemed the mother church of Kenwyn and Tregavethan.

The church being in an extreme corner of the parish, John Tregian, Lord of the Manor of Landege, petitioned Henry VIII for permission to build a church in a more central position in the parish. The king gave his consent but, perhaps because of the religious troubles that followed, the proposal was not carried out until 1802 when, except for the

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tower, the dilapidated church was pulled down and a new one was built on Kiltow estate. The barn-like building erected in 1802 was pulled down in 1894 to make way for the beautiful church of All Hallows that now stands. Built to the designs of George Fellowes Prynne, of London, it was consecrated on June 4th, 1896, by the Bishop of Truro, Dr. John Gott.

Three bells were removed from Old Kea tower in 1803. One is pre-Reformation, bearing the Royal Arms of the fifteenth century. The other two were dated 1603 and 1667 respectively and were later cracked; the story goes that some joyous miners struck them with their picks.

On Friday, July 22nd, 1904, the new ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., was dedicated. The fifteenth century bell was hung as the seventh and the seventeenth century bells were recast by Taylor and hung as fifth and sixth.

In 1953 Messrs. C. W. Jose and A. Locke began to teach six boys to ring. Later, another boy and three girls were taught. These young people have kept St. Kea bells ringing twice every Sunday and at the weekly practice. Progress has been slow. This is partly because of the great difficulty in teaching so many at the same time and, of course, there is always homework. But the band has been taught to ring Grandsire Doubles quite well and with the kind help of outside ringers, especially Mr. D. Burnett, Ringing Master of the Truro Guild, a number of quarter peals have been rung.

We are now attempting Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. We would like to thank those who have assisted us in our progress and we always welcome visitors on Sundays and to our practices on Wednesday evenings. H. J. P.

Looking ahead, a week-end course will be held at Missenden Abbey College of Adult Education in June. Sponsors are the College of Campanology.



OLD KEA TOWER

RETIREMENT AT EDINBURGH

After seven years as a ringer at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Mr. A. W. Lloyd is moving away from the district on his retirement as Past Master for Edinburgh.

During these years he has given loyal and enthusiastic service to the Cathedral band and also to the Scottish Association. His teaching and encouragement of beginners has been greatly appreciated and his going has left a gap in the band which will be very difficult to fill.

A farewell dinner, followed by an evening's entertainment at a theatre, was held on November 19th. Later a book was presented by the conductor, Mr. C. R. Raine, on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Lloyd presented the belfry with a set of tubular bells. A. B.

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GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers was held in London on November 26th. Ringing in the afternoon took place in the eight-bell tower of Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, and later in the ten-bell tower of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington. A high standard of ringing was kept up throughout, and it was noteworthy for two things: firstly, every touch and course came round successfully, and secondly, no Grandsire was rung. The latter may have been due to the fact that the ringing was in charge of the Master, D. J. Neal Smith, who is known to have some controversial views about the method!

At Wandsworth, Plain Bob Triples and Major, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Major were rung, and at Kensington, Plain Bob Caters and Royal, Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal were all successfully brought round. The Guild was fortunate in having several visiting ringers at both towers, and it was a pleasure to have the president, W. R. Winterton, ringing with us.

Dinner in the evening was held at the Redcliffe Hotel, Chelsea, the company numbering 22. The president in a short speech said that he thought the meeting had been one of the most successful the Guild had yet had, and particularly the ringing earlier in the day. He expressed his thanks to those who had arranged the meeting and the towers, mentioning the part the honorary secretary, D. L. Gullick, had played, who to everyone's regret was unable to be present that evening. He also welcomed the guests, especially Jack Phillips, who he felt was such a firm supporter of the Guild that he should be an honorary member!

The evening concluded with the usual handbell ringing; this even managed to rise to the unprecedented height of Grandsire Caters, and an erudite display of tune ringing, four-in-hand, by Phil Chalk and one of the guests. D. J. N. S.

YATTON RINGERS IN THAMES VALLEY

November 12th was the date fixed for the annual outing of the Yatton ringers and a good date it proved to be, for the weather was grand. This popular event has grown from strength to strength and this year a company of over 50 ringers and friends from various towers in this district set off by train at 7 a.m. for the Thames Valley area (British Railways having reserved coaches).

We arrived at Didcot at 9.5 a.m. and then transferred to two motor coaches for the tour. The first tower was Abingdon (10), where we found the Vicar's two daughters lubricating the bells and one of them joined us in a touch of Grandsire Triples. Our stay here for an hour was very enjoyable. We then moved on to Dorchester (8), where the Abbey proved most interesting to all: a pleasant hour was spent in the tower.

It was a short journey to Wallingford, another pleasant eight. The 11 miles to Henley-on-Thames (8) was through wooded country and much enjoyed. After ringing we adjourned to the Catherine Wheel Hotel for an excellent meal.

The last tower, Reading (St. Laurence (12)), was the highlight of the day. It was a great experience for many to ring even rounds on 12 bells. The party was very pleased to ring, successfully, a course of Grandsire Cinques twice, as only a few had attempted this before. Methods rung at all the towers were mainly Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The coaches were dismissed at Reading and we set off for home by train at 8 p.m., having had a most successful day. Very many thanks to Mr. Bert Price for his excellent organisation and to the incumbents and ringers who met us. P. M. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR VOCATION?

Dear Sir.—There were two sentences in Mr. Birmingham's letter ('Ringing World,' November 25th) which made me think a good deal. The sentences were as follows:—

'We cannot be reminded too often of our vocation as church bell ringers in contrast to our hobby of church bell ringers.'

'...such an oblation (i.e., a belfry prayer) would undoubtedly made us more conscious of our real vocation and invoke a proper response in our ringing and belfry conduct, and assist our progress towards being church bell ringers.'

The suggestion of both these sentences is that there is a vocation to be a church bell ringer. I'm not quite sure that this is true, nor do I think that we can make a distinction between our ringing as 'vocation' and our ringing as 'hobby.'

Surely all of us have a vocation to follow Jesus Christ; we are called to be disciples of Our Lord, and then in the light of our response to that calling and with due regard to our gifts and abilities, we find some particular piece of church work to do. It is after we have responded to our calling that we think out what our faith is going to mean in terms of service to God and our neighbours. It would seem to me that we shall serve God better if we choose to do something we enjoy doing; if our abilities suit us for bellringing, then let us be good bellringers and enjoy it. This will mean for very many the enjoyment of ringing bells for the services on Sunday and the pleasures of good Saturday peals.

What I wish we could avoid is the assumption that there is a contrast between what Mr. Birmingham calls 'our vocation as church bell ringers' and 'our hobby of church bell ringers.' Surely the contrast is between those who respond to their calling to be disciples and those who don't. If we believe and acknowledge that God is the giver of all, then everything that those who respond to their calling do with their lives ought to be an offering to God. What makes ringing an offering to God is not when and where we do it, but that we want to offer our lives—and therefore our ringing—to God. The fact that we ring for half an hour before the Parish Communion or Evensong does not necessarily invest our ringing with any quality of adoration. Bob Major rung on Sunday for a service is not necessarily a better offering to God than a good peal of Stedman on Saturday. What gives value and meaning to our ringing is that we want to reflect in our daily living our obedience and devotion to God so that whenever we ring we shall give our best as an offering to Him and thoroughly enjoy it.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL FREEMAN (Rev.)

Messingham Vicarage, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS AT CROMFORD PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir.—The article on gramophone records of bells allowed at Cromford Parish Church, Derbyshire (page 772), needs a slight correction in regard to the mention of the six bells in the church as unsafe to ring. This, of course, is wrong, as Cromford Parish Church contains six tubular bells and, as the Rev. Mr. Read, parish priest, mentioned, these are horrible things. Compared with them the reproduction of gramophone records of bells would be an asset.

The question of six bells in this church may be confused by the fact that the Vicar of Cromford is also Vicar of Bonsall, an adjoining parish, which has six bells which are unsafe, at present, for ringing.—Yours sincerely,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir.—Recently when trying to recruit a new subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' I received the following reply: 'I am not going to spend 8d. per week on a paper which appears to have the free advertisement of the professional peal ringers as its main object.' One wonders how many other possible new readers are lost for the same reason, for to the ordinary ringer the weekly reiteration of the same names tends to become somewhat boring.

With all due respect to Mr. Woolley most quarter peals are usually of interest for the greater proportion of them are rung for a specific reason, which does not appear to be the case with the peals. Similarly it seems that most peals are rung solely for pleasure so why should they be published free? Everyone expects to pay for their pleasure whatever form it happens to take and the ringer who could not pay, say 6d., for the publication of his peal successes would indeed be in very hazardous financial straits.

By all means make a publication charge for peals and quarters at, say, 6d. and 3d. per ringer, respectively. Had this charge been now in force the peals published on November 25th would have produced £8 14s.—and the quarters £8 4s. 6d. A weekly income of somewhere about £15-£17 would presumably put 'The Ringing World' on its feet, or would the ringers be too mean to send in their reports?

Let us have more reports of outings, which are usually interesting, frequently humorous and very often helpful to other organisers in planning their future trips, especially if the district contemplated is 'foreign.'

More reports of meetings would also be welcomed, especially those which name the home tower of visitors. It is rather fun trying to guess which ringer (or ringers) made the journey from 'Much Binding' to a meeting at 'Ambridge.'

Condense the peal reports, make a publication levy and put more of general interest into the paper. Then let every reader strive to get at least one more subscriber, but do not increase the price of the paper itself: raising fares does not appear to make public transport more popular!—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport, Somerset.

PEALS ARE NEWS

Dear Sir.—I cannot agree with the view expressed by Mr. J. T. Barrett in your issue of October 21st, that it is incumbent on those sending in peals to contribute to 'The Ringing World.'

I am not unaware of the financial difficulties which your excellent magazine is experiencing. But, nevertheless, peal reports are essentially items of news, and as such contribute in themselves to its success.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Pembroke College, Oxford.

'A WEAK NOTE'

Dear Sir.—So 'A Flat' likens the expenses of prolific peal ringing to keeping a second wife. Anyone who can be so foolhardy as to indulge in such a doubtful luxury ought not to quibble about paying for his double trouble. It reminds me of the little boy who shuffled through all the puddles he could find and then complained of wet feet.

A very weak note, 'A Flat,' and terribly out of tune.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir.—I am pleased that Mr. Donald Price is in favour of promoting competitive ringing in his county for I am convinced it will lead to better striking, without the risk of creating bad feeling or bitterness; in over 30 years of contest ringing I have yet to encounter anything but good fellowship between the teams competing. The lessons learnt when taking part in a contest or even listening soon have their effect on Sunday service ringing and non-ringers quickly notice the improvement, often remarking that the bells 'don't sound so bad after all'!

I do not agree with the condition of entry suggested by Mr. Price, in that the band should consist of ringers local to one tower. I think that the Barnsley and District rule of a minimum of four, which safeguards against sickness, etc., would be better. Regarding prizes, these could take the form of ringing publications or tokens, so recipients could select their own book: a 'R.W.' subscription would be welcome in some cases.

I cannot resist poking my nose into the affairs of the Blandford Festival and at the risk of being told to mind my own business. I feel that where a bequest has been made for an annual ringing competition every effort should be made for one to be promoted. The money could be used for advertising, teas and providing such awards as I have previously mentioned. I certainly like the spirit of a festival but I cannot see how good striking can be promoted at such a function unless a picked band is periodically recruited to demonstrate their skill and this would certainly not be in keeping with the free and easy spirit of the festival.

Canon Cox, in his text, gave a hint of what was needed when he quoted, 'Seek that ye may excel,' and probably would not be against a competition if correctly organised.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

CHURCH BELLS OF KENT

Dear Sir.—I am in the process of collecting material concerning 'Church Bells of Kent' with a view to rewriting the book of the same name, by J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (1887), which is very inaccurate in part, and now sadly out of date.

With the aid of some help in my spare time a systematic personal visit is being made to all Kent belfries for the collection of material of companionable interest—this was not carried out in many cases in the original book, with the result that some inscriptions and dimensions were inevitably very erroneous. (In one instance the inscriptions and dimensions of two bells in the same tower were all muddled up.)

I am very interested in old bell-frames and fittings, and am hoping to include details of these at appropriate towers.

Any information, however small, pertaining to Kent bells (past as well as present), their fittings, and the frames and steeples in which they hang, will be very gratefully received by me at the address below, and will be personally acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES

The Gables, Kennington,
Ashford, Kent.

RANG IN THE BOW BELLS TIME SIGNAL

Dear Sir.—With reference to the front page of 'The Ringing World' of November 18th I beg to state that my husband, Mr. C. W. Roberts, is also a 'survivor' of the band who made the recording for the B.B.C. time signal. He rang the third bell on that occasion.—Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS—Continued

SILENT BELLS RING OUT FOR ADVENT

Dear Sir.—In the 'R.W.' of November 25th we read of two rings of bells which have been rescued from silence. To these we should now add another, as on Advent Sunday the first Sunday service ringing for over 25 years was heard from the tower of St. John the Baptist, Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs.

In August a working party, under the direction of the new Vicar, decided to clean the belfry. With the help of Geoff. Armitage (who came specially for the job), a whole week was spent in removing the usual rubbish and painting the framework and replacing some worn out fittings.

Upon examination, the bells and frame and the tower were found in good condition. As some £600 has been spent on the tower in the last few years, this has finally nailed the lie of 'unsafe tower' and a start was made to train a band of ringers.

After nearly three months of practice with tied clappers the bells have now been rung open for the first time. Perhaps this Advent-tide which has seen three rings restored to their proper duty will inspire us to reclaim all the other rings which now are 'unringable.'

Ringling at St. John's is at the moment behind restricted to service ringing and practice nights (Friday). Perhaps the time will soon come when we shall be able to welcome everyone to our belfry.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD M. EDWARDS.
(Honorary Instructor)

Dukinfield, Cheshire.

THE LATE MR. J. L. S. GLANVILL

Dear Sir.—In the excellent tribute to the late Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, of Woodbury, there appears to be a small error. Mr. Glanvill did not take part in the first resident peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Devon Guild as was suggested by your correspondent. This particular peal was rung at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, in March, 1937, conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley. Of that band who rang it there are only two survivors, these being Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth and—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

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THE FECKENHAM PRACTICES

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read in 'The Ringing World' about Feckenham, and the revival there of regular practices after a long silence. However, I must point out that my own contribution to the progress that is now very real is but small. Friday not always being an easy night for me to attend. Since I agreed to take on the task of instructing the numerous learners, when Paul Cattermole left the district in October (when I assume his letter was written), the helpers came mainly from Wychbold and Hanbury—but in the last six weeks the Friday practice has become very well supported by ringers from several local towers, such as Alvechurch, Beoley and Redditch. Mention must also be made of the immense practical help 'up top' by a ringer journeying each week from Selly Oak, who I know would prefer to be nameless.

It is hoped that the Feckenham ringers will be capable of ringing their own bells in rounds by Christmas—there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm, although the 6th has recently become very badly damaged and is now unringable, luckily not affecting the remaining seven.

It is heart-warming to see a tower reborn, and to know that when one does attempt to instruct beginners, many practical ringers appear, as if from nowhere, to give useful and much needed support.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR D. COOK.

Wychbold.

CHAMPIONING FOUR BELL PEALS

Dear Sir.—I feel that I must write in favour of four bell peals. A peal on four bells is an achievement, both from the point of view of physical effort and of concentration. Compare the number of times a dodge is made in Plain Bob Maximus with Plain Bob Minimus!

On the physical side take, for instance, a 16 cwt. four and 16 cwt. eight; when the tenor leads a ringer must lift his bell at least twice as high when coming from the lead on four to what he has on eight. If a four bell tower has a band of ringers why should it not ring a peal? It is allowed on six and five bells where repetition of changes are unavoidable, so why not on four? Of hand-bell peals, well, if the band are capable of better things, ringing four bells is a farce.

I am afraid that the ringers on the higher numbers of bells have, for a long time, looked down upon us, the lesser brethren. We ring in our simple way for Sunday service the same as they; we give of our best, be it but Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minimus. We admire those that are capable of the complex ringing on the higher numbers; long may they continue to do so. But, please, let us, the lesser brethren, have a chance to ring 5,040 blows and to let it be recorded.—I remain, one of the lesser ringers.

JOHN E. COOK.

Birstall, Leicester.

REV. C. E. WARD

Dear Sir.—May I acknowledge with grateful appreciation the notice of my father's death appearing in your issue of October 21st last?

The peal of Bob Major rung on August 22nd, in honour of his 90th birthday, by the Sussex County Association under Mr. Colin Tester, of Brenchley, was greatly enjoyed by my father and the tribute was much valued by us all at the Old Vicarage, Salehurst.

As your notice remarks, Mr. Ward was a keen supporter and enthusiastic amateur in all bellringing matters and during his long incumbency enjoyed the support of a long succession of Salehurst teams ringing these lovely bells.

Our thanks are also due to the captain and ringers of Salehurst Church team for their trouble in arranging the birthday peal and to Mr. Tester and his team for carrying it through. Likewise to the Salehurst team who rang the half-muffled bells after his funeral on St. Michael's Day.—Yours very truly,

JOHN L. WARD.

Robertsbridge, Sussex.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS AT RICHMOND (YORKS)

Three Associations—the Yorkshire (Northern District), the Durham and Newcastle (Southern District) and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire—met at Richmond Parish Church on November 26th. It proved an extremely enjoyable meeting, with methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise and finished up with a touch of Spiced Cambridge and Superlative—though St. Clement's Triples proved a stumbling block.

The Rector (Rev. P. de la Poer Beresford Pierre) conducted a service, with Mr. J. A. Brown (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association) as organist. In welcoming the ringers, the Rector spoke of the increasing noise in the world, often calling people to worldly things, and stressed the duty of the ringers, and their privilege, to call people to the praise and worship of God.

Miss Killingley and her helpers provided a first rate tea, for which they were warmly thanked by Mr. T. Cox, who also thanked the Rector and the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Brown for playing the organ.

At the business meeting of the Yorkshire Association, it was agreed to join forces with the Durham and Newcastle Association's Southern District for a meeting at Stockton on January 28th, and the method for practice is Cambridge Surprise Royal. It was agreed to hold a meeting on Easter Monday at Bedale, Yorkshire. Miss Susan Bridge, of Richmond, was elected a member.

The secretary (Mr. E. Hudson) referred to the course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, in March, and Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, said it was hoped to hold a similar course at Lumley Castle, Co. Durham.

BELLS OF RICHMOND (YORKS)

The ring at Richmond, Yorks, was augmented from six to eight in 1904, the treble being given by public subscription and the second by the first Marquess of Zetland. The third was the gift of Sir Conyers D'Arcy, M.P. for Richmond, in 1739. The fourth and fifth were cast by Samuel Smith, of York, in 1697, and the sixth came from the nearby Easby Abbey, when the Abbey was dissolved. The seventh is dated 1697, and the tenor was cast by Warners' in 1863.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. G. FOSTER

Once again death has depleted the ranks of the senior members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On November 15th the news was received of the death of Mr. E. G. Foster, at the age of 83. A vice-president of the Guild, he was almost the last of the older generation of Reading ringers, all of whom were well worth knowing, for each had a mind of his own, was fearless in standing out for what he considered to be right and had a very strong sense of duty.

Mr. Foster was born at Riseley, Berks, where his father was the police sergeant. As a young man he joined the staff of the Reading Corporation Water Department, with whom he remained for 45 years, until his retirement just before the last war. At first he was a chorister at St. Luke's Church but after the First World War he learned to ring at Trilhurst Parish Church. He remained a member of that band until he joined the band at St. Laurence's, Reading, in 1927, when the band was being rebuilt under the leadership of J. R. Mackman and later of R. T. Hibbert. He remained a faithful member of that tower until blindness caused him to leave Reading two years ago.

In 1932 he became the secretary of the Reading Branch and continued in that office until 1946. During that time he had to face the difficulties of the war years, but due to his quiet steadfastness the branch emerged from those years in a sound position and became once again a centre of active progress. Previous to becoming the branch secretary he had been a branch auditor.

During his years at St. Laurence's, Mr. Foster was a prominent member of the Parochial Church Council and was involved in the administration of a charity which is in the care of that church and of the Reading Town Council. He was elected a vice-president of the Guild in 1958.

For many years a member of the Guild committee his opinions were listened to with respect. He did not ring many peals by modern standards, but he was one of whom it will be said, 'He never missed Sunday service ringing,' with all that that entails.

M. R. C.

MR. SAMUEL BIRKS

The sudden death of Mr. Samuel Birks, of Buckley, during the night of November 21st, came as a great shock to all of his many friends in Buckley and North Wales. He attended church on Sunday morning, as was his regular custom, and the writer had been discussing, with him, happily, future events.

He was 72 and had been a ringer at St. Matthew's Church since 1904 and, although he had been disabled by the loss of the lower half of one leg for over 25 years, he never complained and was regular in his attendance at service ringing until about four years ago, when a fall on an icy road damaged his stump and he was not able to use his artificial leg again. Nevertheless, his interest never wavered and he was always ready with good advice: his example and the habit of years found him at church at 10 a.m.—ringing time—an inspiration to all.

He held many offices in the church and was a member of the Parochial Church Council for more years than I can remember.

His body was brought into church on Thursday night (November 25th) and the bells were rung half-muffled: also after the funeral service the following day.

On November 26th, members of the North Wales Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild met at St. Matthew's and rang a half-muffled peal of Pershore Bob Major in memoriam. To his widow and son and daughters our deepest sympathy is extended.

A brother of Mr. Birks, Mr. Fred Birks, won the V.C. in World War I and lost his life in the action. R. I. P. D. H. B. M.

MR. JAMES WOODYATT

The death occurred on November 17th of Mr. James Woodyatt, of the St. John's band, Worcester.

Jim Woodyatt was born at Suckley, Worcs. 78 years ago, and learned to ring there. On coming to live in Worcester he joined the band at St. John's, and remained a faithful member for over 50 years, and tower secretary for 14 years. For a long period prior to his death he rang regularly at Claines Church on Sunday mornings. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association for nearly 60 years, and had taken part in 39 peals.

During his long association with St. John's he always carried out his duties in a quiet and efficient manner, and could always be relied upon. Until his health failed, about six years ago, he was seldom absent on Sunday evenings.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his family. Many of us in and around Worcester will retain happy memories of a loyal friend who will be sadly missed.

The funeral service took place at St. Barnabas' Church, Worcester, on November 22nd and was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Griffiths. Apart from the family mourners, the congregation included the Rev. M. H. Richards (Vicar of St. John's) and the following ringers: Messrs. W. Lewis (Ringing Master), T. W. Lewis, J. Jeffries, A. T. Hollis (St. John's), E. Wilson and A. Morgan (Claines), J. Ranford (Suckley), and F. Hyde (representing the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association). After the interment, at Astwood Cemetery, handbells were rung at the graveside.

In the evening half-muffled touches of Grandire Doubles (with 7. 6. 8 covering) were rung on St. John's bells in his memory.

F. H.

Beaminster Bells

Dear Sir.—I am afraid I have misled some people regarding the cost of rehanging Beaminster bells. The estimated cost of rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, is £2,000. The remainder of the sum includes mechanisation of the clock and chimes and repairs to tower.—Yours sincerely,

EDNA G. PANNELL.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
Beaminster St. Mary's Honorary
Ringing Guild.

P.S.—The calendars are selling well via 'The Ringing World'.—E. G. P.

RINGING WEEK-END AT MELBOURNE

On November 19th three Adelaide and one Bendigo ringer spent the week-end with the St. Paul's, Melbourne, Society. The express purpose of meeting was to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Royal at the Cathedral, which failed after two hours' ringing. Those taking part were: K. T. Minchinton 1, G. Heyes 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, D. M. Pipe 4, A. Fisher 5, B. Cox 6, W. Wilson 7, E. Lloyd-Roberts 8, J. J. Roper 9, G. W. Pipe 10. The attempt was, in actual fact, the first course of Bob Royal for the ringers of 3, 6 and 7, and these three deserve highest praise for a very good performance.

To make up for the disappointment a first class quarter of Siedman Triples was recorded and this was undoubtedly some of the best ringing we have heard for some time.

In between some jolly good meals and hard talking a more convivial evening was spent at Ken Minchinton's home. Sunday saw us trying our hand at Cambridge, Double Norwich, Grandire Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and altogether some pleasing touches were brought round.

Congratulations once again to the Adelaide band for their most enviable progress over the past year and we can confidently say another very happy week-end together again.

G. W. P.

TONBRIDGE AND MAIDSTONE YOUNG RINGERS

Ten young, enthusiastic members of the Tonbridge and Maidstone districts of the Kent County Association held a ringing tour on November 19th. The tour was planned for towers in North Kent, including the Isle of Sheppey.

An early start was made from Tunbridge Wells by dormobile, and after picking up remaining friends in Maidstone we made our way to Stockbury (5), Hartlip (6), Newington (6) and Tunstall (8), where we were met by Mr. Spice and welcomed most cordially. With his help we rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, and left to ring at Eastchurch (6).

Lunch and refreshment was then enjoyed at the nearest hostelry before travelling to Minster (6). Unfortunately we were not met at Queenborough (6), so travelled with speed to Milton Regis (6), where we stood in wonder at the size of the ringing chamber, but found the six bells very pleasant to ring. At Rainham (8) we were again made very welcome and also at Frindsbury (8). Here, with the help of Mr. C. Jarrett (and a little advice), a decent course of Cambridge was again brought round with little difficulty.

The last tower was Hoo (6), where we thoroughly enjoyed the bells. All agreed that it was a very worthwhile day of ringing and our thanks go to Brian Jeffrey for arranging the towers and to Colin Tester for driving.

M. A. L.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, December 10th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: December 13th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; December 20th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30; January 3rd, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice on Tuesday, December 27th. Will members please note secretary's new address.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7087

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Arlesley, December 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob and Wells Surprise. Will you make this meeting a success.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 7096

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION and **Chesterfield District, DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at North Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. A. Sollis and A. B. Cooper, Hon. Secs. 7092

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, December 10th. Tea at 'The Willow Plate,' Durgates. 7047

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Andrew's, Chesterton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 7070

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—B. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Woodmancote, Dursley. 7077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7063

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicolas', King's Norton, Birmingham, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Ringing 6-8 p.m. 7067

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th St. John's, Deptford. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome. 7061

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham, Saturday, December 10th. Rededication of rehung bells (10). Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service until 6 p.m., and from 7-9 p.m. Enquiries regarding tea to N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham. 7080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly practice will be held on Saturday, December 10th, at Langley. Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss D. Hague. 7081

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Park tube station), on Saturday, December 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringing also at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 2.30-4 p.m. 7040

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—The meeting advertised for December 10th, at Bechworth, has been transferred to Nutfield. All other arrangements as previous advert.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7084

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Bures (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 7057

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6), on Saturday, December 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7058

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Clapham, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Park Road, 3-4; Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 4.30-5.30; All Saints', Wandsworth, 6.30-7.30 p.m. 7086

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 15th, to Mr. A. G. Matthews, 57, Tring Road, Dunstable.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7089

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7098

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7101

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby, Saturday, December 17th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, M.A., Hon. Sec. 7079

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only, at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4. service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m. (approx.), tea will be provided at a small charge; please send names for tea to Mr. A. Yates, 15, Norfolk Street, Rishton, Blackburn, Lancs., at least one week in advance. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hugglescote, December 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Castle Inn. Names by 13th, to E. J. Tovell, Jenny's Lane, Ravenstone, Leicestershire.—C. W. Hall. 7082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Ballow-on-Soar, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Room, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, to Mr. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road. 7085

SELBY AND BEVERLEY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Goole, December 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Christmas tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. (mod. charge). Names, please, on or before December 15th, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead and K. Kirk, Hon. Secs. 7095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mrs. D. H. Paine, 21, Hogarth Road, Hove, 3, numbers requiring tea.—George North, Dis. Hon. Sec. 7083

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Trowbridge, Saturday, January 7th, 1961. Bells (12) 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Other towers available: North Bradley (8), 2.30-3.45; Hilperton (6), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Names for tea essential by January 2nd, please, to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7078

The Cheltenham Committee for Education in conjunction with The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

To start on Wednesday, January 11th, 1961, at 7 p.m. a course on **BELL RINGING**, running for 11 weeks, at Monkscroft County Secondary School, Cheltenham. Full details and forms of application may be obtained from Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham. The course will be of interest to ringers at all stages, and is open to anyone. Fee: under 18 5s., over 18 10s.—C. Rouse, Gen. Sec., G. and B. Association. 7090

A NEW STAFFORDSHIRE SIX

IMEDIATELY outside the borough, notwithstanding repeated efforts by the Burton Corporation to absorb it, lies the village of Stretton-cum-Wetmoor, and the traveller entering or leaving the brewing town by the Derby end can scarcely fail to notice the striking sandstone church surmounted by its massive red roofed tower.

Almost as well known as the name Bess, the name of Gretton has long been associated with Burton—in church life, industry and in Parliament, and like many of the churches inside the borough the Church of St. Mary, Stretton, was built by a brewer, Mr. John Gretton, sixty-three years ago.

When the church was built three bells, weighing 13, 17 and 25½ cwt. were installed by Mears and from the arrangement of the oak framework it is obvious that they were intended to form the back three of a ring of eight.

A year or two ago it was deemed unsafe to ring the bells and a scheme was mooted to recast them into a lighter ring of six, which has now been accomplished.

The church, beautifully decorated for the harvest festival was filled to capacity on October 14th, when the Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. A. S. Reeve, dedicated not only the bells but the church's first processional cross and a new parish hall, the latter a 'do it yourself' effort by a handful of parishioners in five years.

Referring to the new hall, in an address during the service, Dr. Reeve expressed appreciation of all the effort which had gone into its construction.

The cross, he said, would add dignity to the worship in the church.

Of the bells, he said: 'This is a time when the art of change-ringing is very much on the increase again. We are finding more people, both men and women, coming forward to mount the steps to the towers of our churches and ring the bells. The art of change-ringing is one of the most beautiful things when it is well executed and, I think, the most glorious of sounds.'

Among those attending the service and dedication ceremony were the Rural Dean of Tutbury (Archdeacon E. Aldington Hunt, Vicar of Burton), the former vicar of Stretton (the Rev. F. S. L. Ramsden), and Lord Gretton, O.B.E., who read the lesson.

After the dedication of the hall a course of Cambridge Minor was rung by S. H. Jones 1, J. P. Fidler 2, P. L. Taylor 3, H. Marcon 4, J. W. Cotton 5, R. H. Dove 6. Later, visitors from Repton, Church Gresley and the Burton churches kept the bells going to a variety of methods.

The Vicar of Stretton, the Rev. D. B. Laughton, is himself a ringer and the church is fortunate in having an enthusiastic ringer in the choir, Mr. Fred Pearce, who successfully inaugurated the restoration and augmentation of the bells at nearby Tutbury, 27 years ago.

Perhaps one's only regret is that a tower measuring some twenty-two feet square might not have a heavier ring, but the bells are a pleasant Taylor six, with a tenor of about 10 cwt., and it is expected that the pits already provided for the two trebles will not remain vacant for long. R. H. D.

LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Hatfield, Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2191.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 14th, to Miss Dorothy France, 61, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7100

OVER WALLOP, HANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire); B. C. Burrough 1, H. N. Evans 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker (cond.) 3, R. A. Brown 4, A. J. Tumber 5.

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By D. E. PARSONS

(Continued from page 807)

If the back bells are kept in the Tittums and handstroke positions only, the next requirement is for blocks of calls which include the eight ... 56s. but are 'padded.' The following are examples of this:—

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS

By C. W. ROBERTS

231456789 5 6 15 16

316452978	A
612453	—
241356	—
234156	—
216354	—
132456	—
143256	—
424653	S
261354	—
236154	—
312456	—
341256	—
326451	—
243156	—
214356	—
416352	—
634152	—
315462	B
214365	D
315462879	C
214365	D

A=1s. 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

B=4, 5, 6, 15, 16.

C=2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

By C. W. ROBERTS

1234567890E 6 7 18 19

12645378E90	A
623451	—
342156	—
314256	—
326154	—
213456	—
241356	—
231456	S
243156	—
216453	—
142356	—
134256	—
316254	—
614253	—
125463	B
134265	D
1254638709E	C
134265	D

A=1s. 2, 9s. 15s. 18, 19, starting slow six.

B=5, 6, 7, 18, 19.

C=2, 5s. 13s. 14, 15, 18s. 19.

These peals are not often rung, probably because of the unusual calling positions and transpositions and, dare I suggest, because they look just like any other of Mr. Roberts' peals when published. Who knows, if one of them became nicknamed 'Roberts' Musical,' we might have another élite band of ringers who had called it from every working bell, or rung it in 99 different towers. To be serious, though, the padding course ends in these peals do not have the 6th in 4th place at all, but let it fill trebles and 3rds place. To my mind this is too high a price to pay for the admitted saving in singles.

In order to encourage people to ring the eight ... 65 block type of composition, a compromise has been made in this next peal, whereby only the handstroke block is on this principle.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By F. E. DARBY

2314567890E 6 19

31625478E90 A

312456	—
2143	—
4132	—
4123	S
2134	—
3142	—

316452

512463 — 14s 3

213465 — 3

2143 C

4321658709E B

3421 7s

2134 — 18—

1234 7s

3412 — 18—

4312 7s

1243 — 18—

2143 7s

A=1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

B=2, 6, 13s. 15s. 18, 19.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Despite dense fog, ringers assembled at Measham on November 19th from Droitwich, Castle Bromwich, Nottingham, Crewe, Bloxwich and Leicester, for a Midland District meeting. A warm welcome was extended by the Vicar, who conducted shortened Evensong. The Vicar's wife and helpers arranged an excellent home-made tea, which was speedily dealt with by young South Wigston and Blaby supporters, who had organised a minibus.

After tea the vice-president, Miss Thompson, thanked the Vicar for his arrangements, Mr. Warwick for playing the organ and also for arranging the coach which enabled 26 ringers to sit down to tea. The gentlemen then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, whilst the ladies held their meeting. Mention was made and support hoped for, for the meeting to be held in London on January 21st for the unveiling of a new peal board to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the ringing of a peal by all ladies, of Stedman Caters. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Derby, with St. Alkmund's open in the evening on February 18th. The April meeting will be on the 22nd, at Attenuborough, Notts, but this is subject to confirmation. W. M. W.

A BALDOCK OUTING

'A half-day outing in November?'

'But it'll be dark at four o'clock, and think of the fog!'

Despite these depressing comments when the outing had to be postponed from September, the expedition was a success, with only one tragedy, the difference in Essex licensing hours, to mar the day for some.

Although grey and rainy when we left home, the weather improved, and kept quite good, without any of the dreaded fog later on. Great Dunmow was the first tower, the 21 cwt. octave being deemed 'the finest in East Anglia,' and 'real beauties' Folstead's 12 cwt. octave, though fair, came as an anticlimax before going to tea in Braintree. There we met Mr. L. Wiffen, who accompanied us to the remaining towers. St. Michael's, Braintree, is another eight, with an unexpectedly steep climb to the ringing chamber, though well worth it. Bocking has another unusual route, up a spiral iron staircase, and a good heavy eight when you get there. Halstead was enjoyed, and a beautiful course of Bristol was rung.

We were most fortunate in meeting a warm welcome everywhere we went, and in the weather. J. S.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By C. KENNETH LEWIS

234567890 6th M W 7th Out H

452387096	—	—	—	—
534729860	—	—	—	—
432657890	—	—	—	3
62534	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	2	3

First rung at Macclesfield, November 19th. 1960.

5,040 VERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

By SHIRLEY BURTON

M W H 23456

—	3	52436
—	2	54326
—	3	34625
2	—	325346
—	2	23456

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OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on Nov. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. N. Stubbs 1, A. Green (first 'inside') 2, D. Bennett 3, A. J. Thompson 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. T. Darby 6. Rung for St. Hugh's and St. Hilda's Days.

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