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## LOOKING BACK ON 1960

GLANCING through 'The Ringing Worlds' of 1960 it seems evident that as regards the number of peals rung the year has been one of the most successful. Apart from the large number rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones, there has been a consistent flow week by week. Most Associations have one or more regular peal bands; another thing is with many of these a couple of attempts on a Saturday is fairly regular. Relatively few of the failures come to light, but there are bands that lose at least as many peals as they score. It would indeed be interesting to learn from some of our outstanding ringers their numbers of failures, especially those who have rung more than 50 peals in the year. This would provide Professor Dodge with a practical basis for his theories.

Notable among the failures was the attempt for the record length of Bob Major by the Cheshire band. The attempt at the 40,320 had this characteristic: it was the first time since the early record at Leeds in 1761 by 14 men that an attempt for this had been made on church bells, as all previous attempts had taken place at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Great hopes were expected of this attempt which was being made at Over, Cheshire, where on the same day (November 4th) in 1950 the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major was established. The failure was at the 11,000 mark after 6½ hours' ringing. Another record-breaking band to meet with defeat was that which attempted five Surprise peals in a day, a miscall of Yorkshire at Highclere, Hants, ending the bid for notoriety. There was, however, a record length of Bob Major—22,400 changes rung at Kirby-le-Soken by Frank Lufkin's band.

The Central Council meeting at Folkestone provided ringers generally with a big surprise. Upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, peals of Minimus were accepted. The amazing thing was that this recommendation was not debated and was placidly accepted by the Council. There are now signs that certain of the leaders of the Exercise are beginning to rue the day.

The first reaction to this new privilege was generally to ignore the situation. Two months later two different couples from High Wycombe and Leicester took advantage of the new decision by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells. Since then two more handbell peals of Bob Minimus have been rung at Oxford and Bristol, both by Surprise ringers, and another tower bell peal was rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Minimus. As the year ebbed to its end the news came of a ringer holding four bells in his hand, ringing a peal of Minimus 'for the novelty.'

Through the fine co-operative spirit of Mr. Paul Taylor, peal attempts at the Loughborough Bell Foundry seem to take place three or four times a week. Loughborough is the Mecca of peal ringers from surrounding towns; certainly no tower has figured more frequently in 'The Ringing World' to peals, and many of these are peals of Royal of distinction. Loughborough's peals certainly have the spice of variety. On this question of frequency in the peal columns in 'The Ringing World,' the year has seen another record eclipsed. Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, has exceeded the peal total of the late Mr. William Pye, and is now drawing near to his 2,000th peal. Ernest Morris stands in a unique position. His pen has done much to bring knowledge of bells and ringing before the public in this country and America; no other contemporary writer has made such a contribution.

There is no diminution in the number of tours both in search of peals and those for towers and good ringing. This year David Hoar's band was in East Anglia, Tom Lock's in Oxfordshire, Robin Leale's and Pat Cannon's in the North, Wilfred Williams' also in the North and across the border after ringing a controversial peal at Derby, the Cheshire men were in Worcestershire and neighbouring counties. Pipe's Pilgrims were in the Lake District, the Rambling Ringers toured the South from Hampshire to Kent, and a party most unkindly and undeservedly referred to as 'Bond's Bashers' went through the Lake District to as far north as Inverness, where a quarter peal was rung, and back home down the East Coast, with much ringing in Northumberland and Durham.

A characteristic of the age is the large number of ringers' dinners. Most Associations and University Guilds now support an annual dinner. At one time there were relatively few; perhaps it is one of the indications of the prosperity of the age. Comment was made from time to time of the high proportion of ringing recruits from grammar schools and universities. Prophets foretell that there will have been a big waste of public funds if this new recruiting field fails to produce outstanding men and women for the Exercise. Will they become Servants or Personalities?

We have now crossed the threshold into 1961. Will the year produce anything really big for the Exercise? Attempts are already planned for more Everest-seeking efforts for the extent of Bob Major and also for five peals of Surprise in a day. The year also coincides with the golden jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' To all the enthusiasts who are planning special events we wish the very best of luck for 1961. And even those who do not aspire to great things but just nibble like the Rabbits' Guild, we wish that happiness and enjoyment may accompany their ringing.

FATHER TIME.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY .. .. .	Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. .	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .	8
HAROLD E. PITSTOW .. .	3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .	9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. .	10
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. .	5	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. .	11
*BRIAN DOWNES .. .. .	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. BURFORD.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crampion.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .	Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .	2	HERBERT LOWMAN .. .	8
RONALD C. NOON .. .. .	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .	9
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. .	4	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. .	10
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .	5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. .	11
LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. .	6	PETER A. SHARP .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose wedding took place the previous day. Both are members of this Cathedral company.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5-course block.			Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
HAROLD LONYON .. .. .	2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .	3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. .	9
BASIL JONES .. .. .	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .	11
JOHN WORTH .. .. .	6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Rung without previous practice.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .	Treble	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .	8
BASIL JONES .. .. .	3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. .	9
*DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .	10
††FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .	5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	11
*NEIL BENNETT .. .. .	6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 25th peal together. † First on 12 bells. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus (average age 22½ years).

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. .	7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. .	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .	8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. .	3	*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. .	9
HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. .	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .	10
ALBERT D. COLLINS .. .. .	5	EDMUND A. MALIN .. .. .	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .	6	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* Completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Boswell, a member of St. Peter's band.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. .	Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. .	6
*CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. .	2	†MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .	7
†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. .	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .	4	*RALPH W. BICKERS .. .	9
†MICHAEL UTTON .. .. .	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. † First on ten bells.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. .	Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. .	2	*GEORGE DAVIS .. .. .	7
*MARY HALL .. .. .	3	*DAVID J. KING .. .. .	8
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. .	4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .	9
*JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. .	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Royal on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. .	Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. .	6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. .	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .	7
JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. .	3	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. .	8
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. .	9
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. .	5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. T. Dilworth, Archdeacon of Chesterfield. Also for the birthday of Mr. H. Silcock, whose wife is a member of the local band.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. .	Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. .	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .	7
†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .	3	GORDON BENFIELD .. .	8
†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .	4	†ALFRED SMITH .. .. .	9
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. .	5	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. .	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method. ‡ First of Grand-sire Caters. The ringers of the fourth and tenor have now 'circled the tower' to peals.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5004 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22½ cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .	Treble	THOMAS M. COX .. .. .	6
*FREDERICK ROSS .. .. .	2	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. .	7
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. .	3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. .	8
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. .	4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	9
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. .	5	†NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. .	Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.

Rung in memoriam Sir Cecil Cochrane, an honorary life member of this Association, who died in September last, aged 91 years. He was the donor of the original eight bells in this tower in 1901.

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LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LUTON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. . 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. . 7
CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. . 3	PETER BERESFORD .. . 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. . 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal in the method.

LUTON SURPRISE ROYAL  
—30—4—50—36—3470—18—36—5—16—9  
2nds place lead-end 1573920486

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.  
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. . Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. . 5
AVRIL IVIN .. . 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. . 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. . 7
STEPHEN IVIN .. . 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BRETORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.	
*ANNE M. BROXTON .. Treble	MARTIN HAWKES .. . 5
ROBERT W. COLE .. . 2	ERNEST W. PENN .. . 6
JOHN W. PERKINS .. . 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. . 7
FRED C. LYNE .. . 4	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Perkins, father of the third ringer and until recently a keen ringer at this church.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER AND CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 28½ cwt.	
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL Treble	JAMES W. RATHBY .. . 5
†GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	†JOHN R. PRAICHETT .. . 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. . 7
*†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 4	HAROLD STEVENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

BEDFORD

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.	
AVRIL IVIN .. . Treble	ARTHUR GIBBS .. . 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	*RALPH MITCHELL .. . 6
*KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. . 7
*FRANK W. RIVETT .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. . Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal on eight bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.	
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. . 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. . 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. . 3	JOHN E. KIRBY .. . 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 4	THOMAS CROSSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	†J. RICHARD HOUGH .. . 5
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 2	‡ALAN P. S. BERRY .. . 6
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. . 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. . 7
*ELFANOR M. HOUGH .. 4	†DAVID H. GOWFER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First on eight bells. § First 'inside.'

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Donald Lawson .. Treble	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 2	*ALAN CAPSTICK .. . 6
*JAMES E. BURLS .. . 3	JAMES BLACKBURN .. . 7
†JOHN BAGNALL .. . 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.  
\* 50th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial to Charles W. Blakey at Rishton.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Leslie G. Brett .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2	†ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	JAMES BENNETT .. . 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. . 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

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

First of Cambridge as conductor.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

ROY FORSTER .. . Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. . 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. . 2	DENIS MADDOCK .. . 6
CECIL RADDOCK .. . 3	*JOHN RYDER .. . 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. . 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. . 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOKE. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	†PETER DALE .. . 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. . 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. . 3	*GORDON RUMNEY .. . 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. . 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. . 2	PIER SCHOLFIELD .. . 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. . 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.	
*ERNEST W. PENN .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
†JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS .. 2	MARTYN HAWKES .. . 6
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. . 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

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

Rung for the Christmas Festival.



### HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
ANDREW BECKWITH .. 2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

### HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOYCE BARTON .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX .. 5
†WENDY HUSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS .. 3	ROGER G. HAZELL .. 7
DOREEN COX .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PITMAN. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.  
\* First peal. † First of Major. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Anthony E. Cox.

### KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD Treble	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	ROY DUESBURY .. 6
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. 7
WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. 4	*†FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
At the Church of St. Modwen.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\* First peal on the eight bells for 35 years.  
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the local Ringing Master and his wife! Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan; also as a silver wedding compliment to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brittan.

### FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JOHN PILKINGTON .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
Rung to the glory of God and to the honoured memory of Father Herbert Hamilton Kelly (a Manchester man), born 100 years ago and founder of the Society of the Sacred Mission (Kelham Fathers), Notts.

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

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method and 'all the work.'  
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
J. KEITH WARD .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

### HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 6.

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 3	PETER A. SHARP .. 7
LOUIS WILLDERS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose marriage took place at this church on December 23rd, 1960.

### STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Lawrence, who has just completed 60 years of service in this belfry.

### NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

38 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1258 x 14 x 38

Lead-end 17856342. Seconds place lead-end. 4ths place Bob.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*NORMAN MCLUNG .. Treble	†CLIVE LEGG .. 4
†RICHARD MCLUNG .. 2	RONALD COX .. 5
*RICHARD HEDGES .. 3	*ANTONY CARPENTER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD COX.  
\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First 5,040 on the bells by a Sunday service team, and first as conductor.  
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frank Skidmore by Wotton-under-Edge Branch members.

### BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Helen.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor 23 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4
PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. 3	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.  
Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung to commemorate the appointment of the Rev. C. S. Thornton (Rector of Brant Broughton) as a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

### GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble	ALBERT J. DAVEY .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. 2	GEOFFREY E. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.  
\* First peal, first attempt.

### COWDEN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T. Bob, Oxford T. Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

CYRIL HANCOCK .. Treble	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.  
\* 50th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'







## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

PAUL E. WELLS... .. Treble	DOROTHY M. ROBINSON .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. .. 2	ALBERT J. DAVY .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung with congratulations to Michael J. Dyer and Miss M. Robertson upon their engagement.

## REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE A. READING .. Treble	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 4
JOE HOBBS .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS... .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Treble	†ROY F. BREWER .. .. 4
*CHRISTINE HASSELL .. .. 2	REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS .. 5
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Being seven extents.	
WALTER PAPWORTH .. .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 4
ALBERT J. DAVY .. .. 2	DAVID PAPWORTH .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Bateman, upon his recent induction.

## TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. Treble	*ROBERT HARDY... .. 4
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 5
CIARE CHAMBERS .. .. 3	PATRICK WOOSTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK WOOSTER.

\* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Sylvester.

## WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY A. ORAM .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS HARRISON .. 4
JEAN M. ADDICOTT... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. MALE .. .. 5
*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

\* First peal in four methods.

Rung as an appreciation to the Rev. Canon C. G. Evans for his sincere co-operation and service to the Guild, and on his retirement as Vicar of this parish.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 25, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

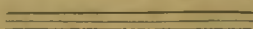
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JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3-4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH



# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEALS

**CALDICOT, MON.**—On Dec. 10th, 2,520 Grand-sire Triples: Jennifer M. Gambling 1, Elizabeth M. Jackson 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, A. R. Kench 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, M. J. Austin 6, R. Blackler (cond.) 7, I. Cooper (first half peal) 8.

**LINTON, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 27th, 2,520 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Smith 1, W. Spire 2, Miss J. Smith 3, J. J. Webb (cond.) 4, F. Turner 5, A. E. Stevens (first half peal) 6. First half peal on the bells. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## DATE TOUCHES

**DUNDRY, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,960 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): J. Riley 1, Mary Powell 2, D. G. Yeo 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, J. Fray 6. A 'date' quarter.

**OXFORD.**—On Dec. 29th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,960 Doubles (comprising Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Julie A. Chandler 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. H. Jones 3, N. D. Deam 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. Dunkley 6. First 'date touch' by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. E. Hall 3, R. H. Rogers 4, G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: J. Parsons 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. Absalom 6, G. Holfield 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Holfield, a former ringer at Appleton.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, Mary Powell 2, D. G. Yeo 3, P. Bridle (first of Major) 4, J. Brain 5, T. G. Phillips 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. A welcome to Hazel Jean Mack.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Hopkins 1, J. I. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Hughes (first in the method) 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. Rung for the nine lessons and carol service.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 27th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. Lewis 1, Ruth How 2, H. Stalham 3, G. North 4, A. W. Bond 5, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 6, N. J. Armstrong 7. First quarter of Bob Minor for 1 and 4. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Armstrong, parents of the conductor and grandparents of the tenor ringer.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Suzanne Cambray (first of Triples) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, Brenda Hall (first 'inside') 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Christine Houlton 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Linda Westmacott (first quarter) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, B. J. Hall 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, W. J. Dixon 5, F. W. Soden (cond.) 6, T. W. Timms 7, T. J. H. Prince 8. Also coincides with the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dixon, tower foreman.

**BURSTWICK, YORKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, J. A. Singleton (first of Oxford and St. Clement's) 4, J. S. Rank 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**CARLTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Minimus (being 96 each of Court Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury P.B., Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Original: 90 each of New Gainsborough L.B., Gainsborough Alliance and 108 of New Little Bob): Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. Greatest number of methods yet rung to a quarter peal in this church.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: B. J. Luck 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, Miss P. Fennel 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chai-held 7, P. Newing 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, T. C. Phillimore 10. First of Caters for 3 and 4. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, H. Purchase 3, H. V. Young 4, M. Long 5, R. Purchase 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Freeman (14, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Eames (15) 3, P. Amos 4, P. Mehew 5. Rung for Matins on New Year's Day.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5. For St. John's Day.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 6 and 7 covering alternately): G. Morgan (11 years, first quarter) 1, Miss A. Thomas (12 years, first quarter) 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, C. Evans (first 'inside') 4, A. W. Thomas 5, J. Thomas 6, H. Blick 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. M. H. Davies, father of Mr. I. D. Davies, a local ringer, cremated this day at: Swansea.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Alison Read 1, C. Lloyd 2, Olive Boulden 3, Ethel Clear 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, B. Read 6, G. F. Pratt 7, B. Coward 8. First quarter of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 6 and 7. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. R. Watson-Williams, as priest, and the Rev. A. Warner, as Deacon.

**EASTCHURCH, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pellett 1, Judith White 2, Marion Wash 3, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, H. Hayward 5, P. Lapham 6. Rung for a carol service, and as a farewell to H. Blackith, former captain of the tower, who is leaving the district.

**FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSELEY, LANCs.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Kay 1, J. Thornby 2, J. Froome 3, J. Wood 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6, I. Smith (first quarter) cover bell. Rung by Bolton Branch members as a farewell to John Froome, who leaves Bolton for his home tower, Hurst, Berks, after a happy stay in Lancs.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Webb 1, G. A. Atkins 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Miss M. Jeffery 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung before Matins for the New Year.

**HERTINGFORD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. N. H. White 1, R. E. Rayment 2, I. M. Lock 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, J. Edwards 5, T. Beer 6. First quarter at first attempt for all except the conductor, being the first on the bells since their augmentation to six.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Woodbine, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Hutchings 1, Mrs. A. Izzard 2, P. Inskip (cond.) 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner 5, C. E. Izzard 6. For Christmas Eve.

**KERSELEY, WARWICKS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles and on Jan. 1st 360 each of Clifford's Pleasure, April and Plain Bob, 180 Grand-sire. The same band in the same order rang for both quarters: W. H. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On New Year's Day, 1,320 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, I. G. Campbell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. S. Rank (cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. S. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Parish Church, on the middle eight, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Corson (first of Major) 1, A. E. Stamp (first of Major) 2, Dorothy Hogg 3, A. Cole 4, Gael Brown (first of Major) 5, R. J. Johnson 6, R. H. Dove 7, C. B. Dove (first of Major 'inside' and as cond.) 8. Rung prior to the carol service, attended by H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: D. Roebuck 1, Miss E. Towne 2, F. Linfoot 3, A. Rogers 4, D. Smith 5, A. W. Bond (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

**LONDON, S.E.**—On Dec. 11th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: James Phillips 1, J. A. Crampin 2, G. Orland 3, R. W. Hinde 4, W. T. Cook (cond.) 5, R. Overington 6, S. F. Kimber 7, W. Williams 8, John Phillips 9, M. P. Moreton 10. Rung as a tribute to George Frederick Young, some time rector's warden of St. Saviour's Cathedral, secretary of the 'Friends of Southwark Cathedral,' steward of the Cathedral stewards, and a local councillor.

**MARCHAM, BERKS.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Timms 1, E. Cadle 2, J. Strawford 3, A. J. Hunt 4, C. S. J. Pearce (cond.) 5, D. Vincent 6. For the induction of the Rev. G. M. Davidson.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hamby 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination as deacon of the Rev. C. P. Triplett, who takes duty at this church.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Powell 1, T. G. Phillips 2, Olwen Quient 3, W. P. Blake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, M. Owen 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Powell 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, M. Owen 6. For Christmas Eve. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Owen 1, Mrs. R. Quient 2, Olwen Quient 3, Mary Powell 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. For St. John's Day.

**NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Corson (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Cox (13, first quarter) 2, A. Town (first quarter) 3, A. E. Stamp 4, Gael Brown 5, C. B. Dove (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Susan M. Morley (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Southerton 2, Gillian D. Sewell (first of Triples) 3, Felicity M. A. Rooke 4, M. Winter 5, C. H. Knowles (cond.) 6, A. J. Hicks 7, J. Small 8. For the Rye Grammar School carol service.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. Wilce (first away from cover bell) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, W. J. Harper 4, Howard Meek 5, Rev. E. Hoskins (first quarter) 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Bowkett, a parishioner.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. M. Clarke 1, Christine M. Wood 2, S. Hodgkins 3, J. M. Clifton 4, Alfred Woolmer 5, R. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8. Rung prior to candlelight carol service.

**SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: S. Flint 1, R. Guy 2, Terry Owens 3, G. Skelland 4, J. W. Bailey 5, W. H. Deacon (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Francis J. Prescott, many years member of the choir.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Harbott 1, D. Hershell 2, Geraldine Piper 3, G. F. Oakshot 4, B. Piper 5, Catherine Powell (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Welch 1, R. C. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Stenner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Cornelius.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Stenson 1, B. M. Smith (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick 5, J. H. Wale (first on 8) 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, B. C. Law 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,200 Minor (480 Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. W. Stenson (first of Minor) 1, M. G. Wood 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, J. H. Wale (first of Minor) 4, B. M. Smith 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline-Lansley (first quarter, 13) 1, Christine Lansley (first as cond. in method) 2, V. Griffin 3, Marion Webb (first 'inside') 4, H. Austin 5, A. Hatherall 6. For the children's carol service.

**STRENSHAM, WORCS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (120 each of Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Seighford, Beathore, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob): M. Hawkes (cond.) 1, F. Hawkes 2, D. Beacham 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, R. Perks 6. First quarter in 12 variations by all the band.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Scotcher 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, J. Sheldrick 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, A. F. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, D. Hough 3, B. Hough 4, Eleanor Rose 5, Katharine Burchall 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Mumford 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,200 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, with 6, 7 covering): Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchall 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Mumford 6, W. Rushby 7. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

**WHITCHURCH, OXON.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Burt 1, Pamela Cracknell 2, Verona Naylor 3, C. Carter 4, B. Cracknell 5, J. F. Carter 6. For Midnight Communion. The tenor ringer has now circled the tower in quarters.

**YORK.**—At the Minster, on Dec. 24th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: S. H. Steel 1, D. Clegg 2, I. Lemare 3, M. E. Wilkinson 4, H. Walker 5, L. Greenhorn 6, C. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. A. Woolford 8.



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Christopher L. Bell, a youngster in the Hunts District, was recently introduced to peal ringing. He deserved the congratulations he received at the end of the first successful attempt. Having scored three peals, in the same number of weeks, he is proving to be a safe and reliable ringer. And he should with his surname of Bell.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John A. Freeman, the beloved Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is still ill with bronchitis, and has had nearly two months in bed.

Those interested in name peals will note the performance at Hertford on New Year's Eve when four Christines rang with four Christophers.

We conclude our 'Alphabet of Beginners' series this week and express our thanks to Mr. T. J. Lock for his research in providing this interesting and at times humorous feature.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on December 27th are indebted to Mr. Denis Mottershead who stood down when they met one short for Stedman Sextuples!

At a moment's notice George A. Reading turned out for a peal at Redbourn to complete the band. Afterwards he went home to have his breakfast! The band wish to express their appreciation of his first attempt for a peal.

On Christmas Eve, as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. G. Brett, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with 56 courses, 56 calls, and 5,056 changes, failed through the indisposition of one of the band. We are glad to hear that he has since recovered.

The grand old ringer of Bretforton Worcs. is Mr. J. C. Perkins, in honour of whose 82nd birthday a peal was rung on December 3rd. Failing eyesight has necessitated Mr. Perkins' retirement from ringing after an innings of over 60 years, which included periods as Ringing Master of Bretforton and the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. After the peal Mr. Perkins met the ringers and regaled them with stories of past achievements and listened to the achievements of the present generation.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The name of the Surprise peal, Nettleham, in honour of the wedding of two Lincoln ringers, Geoffrey Parker & Margaret A. Swann, at Lincoln on December 26th, was selected by them after Geoff's home village and their future home. On the first day of their honeymoon they rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham.

Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, of Sheffield, celebrated his return to fitness with a peal on each of the last two days of the year.

The receiver of the brown braces wishes to thank the thoughtfulness of the kind anonymous Christmas donor.

In the quarter peal for Rye Grammar School's carol service, six present members and one former member of the school were ringing.

Mr. Gordon A. Halls has now 'circled' Derby Cathedral to peals and is the first ringer to do this.

Congratulations to Mr. F. J. Lambert, of Burwash, who has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's gold medal and certificate. The medal is awarded for 40 years' continuous service as a gardener to the same family. Mr. Lambert's total of years is 47.

Three of the band which rang a peal in seven Surprise methods at Warsop recently are 14, 15 and 16 years of age, respectively. The progress of these promising youngsters is due to the efforts of Mr. Herbert T. Rooke, a most exacting task master, who has raised the standard of striking at Warsop to a very high level. Practically all the band at this place are College Youths, and they can be depended on to maintain the high standards of the Society.

To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Dransfield, a life member of the Yorkshire Association and a well known member of the Barnsley and Halifax Associations, a few friends met at Earlsheaton, where his whole ringing career has been spent, on December 31st. Looking remarkably fit, Mr. Dransfield took part in one or two touches. A splendid tea was served in the school room by his two daughters and to a warm vote of thanks Mr. Dransfield replied. Further ringing concluded a very happy gathering.

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## OXFORD GUILD'S 80th ANNIVERSARY

January 17th is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A meeting of branch secretaries was held at Radley recently to make suggestions for the appropriate celebration of the anniversary. The suggestions included:—

(1) That the service at the Guild festival on July 1st should take the form of a service of Thanksgiving and include a sung service of Communion.

(2) That as many members as possible should attend the Guild luncheon (300 attended that for the 50th anniversary).

(3) That as many peals as possible, preferably by local bands, should be rung for the Guild during the week January 15th to 21st. Reports should be sent to the general secretary so that all the peals could appear in one issue of 'The Ringing World.' If peals are out of the question quarter peals should be considered as an alternative. Each church should endeavour to ring at least two peals during the week.

(4) That Sunday, January 22nd, should be kept as a Ringers' Sunday in all parishes with rings of bells. Special prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of bells, remembrance of donors of bells, past ringers and thanksgiving for their work, present ringers and for the work of the Guild that all may be done to further the Glory of God.

(5) That each branch should try and make as complete a history of its own area as possible and all ringers should be asked to let the branch secretary know of any stories relating to past ringers. The general secretary would also be glad of any old books or records or stories concerned with past ringers of the Guild.

(6) That all the bells of Oxford should be rung on a given date at the same time. This is subject to discussion by parties concerned.

## RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION

The winter reunion was held at Birmingham on December 10th. Ringing took place at St. Chad's (8), Cathedral (12) and St. Martin's (12). Possibly the best ringing of the day was the last, a touch of Spliced six on the back eight at St. Martin's. These must be one of the best sights of their weight in the country.

The dinner was held at the Imperial Hotel, and the attendance was rather disappointing, only about 30 being present. Of late these dinners seem mainly to comprise touring members. This, of course, was not the idea of the reunion, it was arranged so that people no longer able to tour could meet past friends, etc. We hope that next year's reunion will have a better representation of past touring members.

At the meeting the following officers were elected: President, John E. Cook; Ringing Master, Denis Mottershead; Deputy Ringing Masters, John Fielding and Alan J. Frost; honorary secretary, William A. Lacey; committee member, Alan Cattell. Next year's reunion was voted once again for Nottingham. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Miss Carol Eustace for the efficient way in which she had carried out the duties of honorary secretary and also to the incumbents and ringers of Birmingham for the ringing arrangements. The usual social evening then followed.

J. E. C.

## A NORTHUMBERLAND TOWER

'Observer' from St. Michael and All Angels', Newburn, Northumberland, reports: There are now five regular bellringers and five trainees. The oldest member of our team is Mr. R. Swan, who is now 76 years of age and has over 50 years' service as a bellringer at Newburn. His experience and patience have been of great value to our younger members.

During the last few weeks, three of our 'regulars' have done sterling work in the repairing and redecorating of the belfry. Messrs. D. Johnson and M. and P. Welford have spent three days of their Christmas holidays plastering and painting the interior.

The rest of this report, however, is not quite so encouraging. The six bells require new bearings, the bell ropes are worn and need renewing. However, these problems are to be brought before the Church Council at the next meeting so we are hoping that our next report will tell of the end to our fears and worries!

# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 2



MR. THOMAS E. SONE,  
Kent County Association.

In a county which has produced many well known and first class ringers, few have done as much for the 'rank and file' as Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent. Most of his peal ringing has been done with a resident band, and a large number of ringers owe their first peal of 'first in the method' to his organisation and enthusiasm.

Tom, as he is affectionately known, was born on July 14th, 1895, at the village of Northbourne, near Deal, Kent, and learnt to ring in 1909, under the tuition of his father, Mr. C. H. Sone, at Marden, who called his first peal at the same tower, Grandsire Triples on January 19th, 1911. His first peal as conductor was his fourth peal, Kent Treble Bob, at Headcorn in November, 1919, but he did

not take any real interest in peal ringing until 1925. He has now reached a total of 650, of which he has conducted 356, and they have been rung in 162 different towers, with 595 ringers.

In conducting he has made a specialisation of calling a fresh composition as often as possible, and he has called some 227 different compositions (145 one parts). Many of these were supplied to him by the late Arthur Knights, and were rung for the first time. He has made a particular study of Holt's Original, having called it no fewer than 45 times (5 times round the circle), and once non-conducted. He has 'completed the circle' in 16 eight-bell towers and one ten-bell tower, and has conducted a peal from most of the bells in the eight-bell towers.

In his early days transport arrangements were not as easy as they are today, and most of the band reached the tower on a bicycle or motor cycle—distance no object! He has always appreciated the loyalty of his own stalwarts, who have worked with him to 'keep the flag flying' in days gone by.

He has called peals from Doubles to Maximus, and among the peals he is particularly proud of calling are the first peals for the Kent County Association of Erin Caters and Grandsire Cinques in 1931, and Double Norwich Caters in 1948.

For the last 36 years he has been district superintendent of the Mid-Kent Water Company, and has led a busy life in charge of the water supply for 12 parishes. He has served his local Association as Central Council representative from 1933-59, and rarely missed a meeting.

Tom is very popular with everyone he meets, and has endeared himself to all by his genial personality. He has always been willing to help a young ringer along the road to success. Although there are no bells at Paddock Wood, he has been a Sunday service ringer at Staplehurst, Marden and Linton, and since the war he has been a regular attender at All Saints', Maidstone.

He is expecting to retire from work next July, and hopes to continue his peal ringing more actively, as long as his health allows. However, his record in the past is such, that he will long be remembered and respected for his practical help and encouragement, spread over the last 50 years.

APACE.

## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"Z"

**ZEAL.**—This passionate ardour is the pursuit of anything can, of course, apply to bell ringers. There are many ringers with zeal but unfortunately they are often not well known because they do not desire the lime-light of publicity—this is a great pity. You will all too often come across someone who, imbued with the best qualities of a ringer and spending hours in leading and instructing, including travelling miles to do so, still prefers to remain, in present day phraseology, a back-room boy. Such a person could be considered as part of the backbone of the Exercise and it is regrettable that there is usually no means of showing recognition of his efforts. But each one of us can make the tasks of this class of ringer more rewarding and less arduous by exhibiting, at least, an equal amount of zeal. We would need to display our earnestness by being regular and punctual on Sundays and practice nights, helping to pull up the bells and keeping the ringing chamber and belfry clean and tidy, sharing in the various other jobs to be done, endeavouring to progress in the art by diligent study and practice, and working for and promoting the objects of our Associations. Then, when we have reached a sufficient standard, backed by experience, we will find joy in passing on to others the knowledge which has been passed on to us. To possess the qualities of zeal and zest will enable any one of us to reach the zenith, the reward for which is without doubt a most happy life of service to others.

## In Memory Of Arthur Morris

Many readers who have visited St. James' Church, Shirley, Solihull, will remember Arthur Morris.

Born in Shirley in 1882, he gave a life's service to the church and was a ringer for 55 years and for many years was Ringing Master and tower keeper.

As a memorial to him and his wife Ellen, an oak wall book-case with a bottom hinged door to form a writing surface has been donated and erected in the belfry and is fitted with a plate bearing the inscription:—

'In memory of Arthur Morris, for 55 years a ringer, died March, 1957, and his wife, Ellen, died July, 1958.'

On Sunday evening, December, 18th, a short dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. W. Breed, in the presence of Mrs. K. Watts, their daughter, who is a ringer, the St. James' company of ringers and members of the Parochial Church Council. After the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

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## THE BELLS HER FRIEND

Miss A. Henson, of West Bridgford, Notts. who had often commented that the bells were her friend, received this year a Christmas card giving an arrangement of 'The Chimes,' by Charles Dickens. The story on the card reads as follows:—

High up in the steeple of an old English church hung the chimes. Their voices rang out loud and clear, telling of the Christmas season. 'Amen!' said Toby Veck, the poor messenger whose stand was just outside the church door.

'Amen to the bells, father?' asked his daughter, Meg, with a laugh.

'Many's the kind thing they say to me,' he replied. 'How often have I heard the bells call. "Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby Veck."'

Meg smiled and departed, while Toby started out to deliver his messages. It was the last day of the year, and wherever he went, people spoke of the New Year. But Toby was sad thinking of the unhappiness in the world, and it was with a heavy heart that he returned to the church. There, to his astonishment, he found that the door to the bell tower stood ajar. He went in, feeling his way in the dark like a blind man. Up and up, round round, until he came out among the bells.

'You chimes have cheered me often,' Toby said. 'If you only knew how often you have kept me company.'

'Yet you have wronged us,' said a voice. 'Never!' cried Toby. Then he asked, 'Who are you?'

'The voice of Time,' came the answer, 'the spirit of the chimes.'

'How have I wronged you?' asked Toby.

'You are sad because of the unhappiness in this world,' was the reply. 'But you do not help others less fortunate than yourself. You have no pity for those who have sinned. He who turns his back on his less fortunate brothers does a wrong to us, the chimes.'

'Then I am indeed sorry,' said Toby, 'for I have always loved you. Chimes. What can I do to repair my wrong?'

'You must never doubt the good in another, for misery can be so great that even the purest can sin. You must believe that there is a sea of time, that will rise one day and sweep away all who wrong or oppress others.'

'I do believe it,' cried Toby happily. The bells began to ring loudly. The voice was gone, and Toby was alone with his friends, the Chimes.

## BENTLEY COMMON REPEAT THEIR DINNER

The success that attended the first dinner of the Bentley Common, Essex, ringers which was pictorially featured in the 'R.W.' was repeated on December 10th, when a company of 48 sat down to a sumptuous meal.

Guests included Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, who had rung a peal at Brentwood in the afternoon. Ringers and friends were present from Brentwood, Ingrave, Shenfield and South Weald.

During the meal, background music was provided by a tape recording of popular light music, and carols and Grandsire Doubles on handbells by members of the Bentley band.

Mr. R. J. Brown, the tower master, was M.C., and after the dinner made a short speech of welcome to the guests and thanks to the ladies, to which Mr. R. C. Heazel replied on behalf of the visitors.

The entertainment consisted of a number of games, songs by a vocal group from Ingrave and an amusing charade acted by the Bentley ringers. The evening ended with 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11.30: it was agreed everyone had an enjoyable time.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE LAVERS

The death occurred after a short illness on December 23rd of Mr. George Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice, Devon, at the very early age of 37. He leaves a widow and three children, and is also survived by his father, his mother having predeceased him by about three years, and three married sisters.

George was brought to the belfry to learn to ring at the early age of about 6. He never became a great ringer, but was very interested and could always join in a touch of Grandsire Triples, and there was never a more jovial face to be seen at our meetings. At the time of his death he was an unattached member of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. During the last war he saw active service in the Royal Navy.

He was one of a very old ringing family at Plympton St. Maurice: his grandfather was a ringer for many years, and his illustrious father, whose friendship is treasured by everyone who knows him, is one of the most active and best known ringers in the county.

The Lavers family is reputed to be the oldest in Plympton. Some years ago it was decided by the Council to plant a tree in the Castle Grounds to commemorate some occasion. To prevent any favouritism it was agreed the youngest male of the oldest family should perform the ceremony. After much research it was agreed the Lavers were the oldest family, and George was the youngest male. When, however, the planting ceremony was about to take place George was nowhere to be found, and one of his sisters carried out the operation.

There was a large attendance at the funeral at Plympton St. Maurice on December 28th, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. De Shalto. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, the deceased having been a member of the Territorial Army, and his unit was represented by four N.C.O.s.

Close family mourners were the widow, his father and three sisters. The large number of ringers present included Messrs. T. G. Myers (captain, St. Andrew's and honorary secretary and Ringing Master of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Alan Collings, W. Marks, H. Milford (general treasurer of the Guild) and D. Wheeler, all representing St. Andrew's, Plymouth, Messrs. W. Wonnacott, Peacock, and G. Gelly (Plympton St. Maurice), the last two being also members of the surplised choir which attended. Messrs. W. Edworthy (Plympton St. Mary), O. Thomas, F. J. Blagg, W. Collier, H. H. Thomas (honorary secretary, Emmanuel and chairman, S.W. Branch of Guild) and Mr. and Mrs. George Godard, representing Emmanuel, Plymouth, and Mr. R. Bould (Tavistock). A wreath was sent from the S.W. Branch of the Guild, and from Emmanuel Church ringers. The funeral chimes were rung by Mr. W. Wonnacott.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family, the eldest, Dority, aged nine, having recently started to ring, his father, his three sisters, and other members of the family. H. H. T.

### 30 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 9th, 1931:—

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of St. Martin's Guild, celebrates his 76th birthday.

After a lapse of 78 years, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths ring a peal at the Church of St. Mary the Great.

Figures of the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on November 8th, 1930, are published. (These prove to be false.)

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Central District

The last quarterly meeting in 1960 was held at Stanmore on the last day of the year, when the weather, the ringing and the attendance were all of a high standard. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the mastership of Mrs. Lock, and we were pleased to welcome Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, who was over from Ireland with his family. The service was followed by an excellent tea in the Church House, provided by the young Stanmore ringers, to which 30 members and gentlemen sat down.

After tea Mrs. Lock thanked the Rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the mysterious organist for accompanying the service, Mr. E. Leversuch for making the arrangements, and the Stanmore ringers for the tea. The gentlemen then returned to the tower and a short business meeting was held by the ladies. An apology for absence had been received from the secretary, Mrs. Bullock, who had two children ill with measles.

Six new members were elected, and the meeting discussed the arrangements for the annual district meeting to be held at Reading on April 29th and the Guild meeting at St. Clement Danes' on January 21st, to dedicate the new peal board commemorating the Ladies' Guild peal of Stedman Caters.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., and was generally so good that we should have liked to go on longer. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major to London Surprise Major, and included a touch of Double Norwich by a gentlemen's band, which did not come round, and a touch of Stedman Triples by a ladies' band, which did! It was a most successful meeting in every way, and a fitting close to 1960. C. W.

## SWINDON DISTRICT OUTING

The last outing of the year for the Swindon District was organised by Mr. E. Sutton, when eleven towers in the Devizes and Trowbridge areas were visited on December 27th. Icy roads caused the drivers to proceed cautiously and when only two cars arrived at the first tower we wondered how the rest were getting along.

Potterne was the first tower and here Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilton greeted us; then on to Urchfont and the lovely ring of eight in the warmest church visited during the day. We were pleased to find the other travellers awaiting us, also Mr. E. Hitchings, secretary of the Devizes Branch, and some friends from Cheltenham who accompanied us all day. Market Lavington and West Lavington were next, followed by a sandwich lunch.

Great Cheverell and Erlestoke were taken in our stride, then came the outstanding tower of the day at the beautiful old church at Edington. These bells have to be rung to be believed and the sight of a brilliant Spliced Surprise Minor ringer, swinging off the ground on the tail end of the tenor in a course of London, warmed the hearts of all present. Our new Ringing Master, Brian Bladon, swapped bells and a good course of London was successfully brought round.

Bratton came next, then, after a break for tea, North Bradley proved to be a popular tower, a course of London Surprise Major being the highlight of the ringing there. Hilpertion and Holt completed the towers for the day. All agreed it had been a very good trip with some excellent ringing and a contrast in bells, from the heavy six at Edington to the light and fast ring at Hilpertion. The Spliced Surprise Minor specialists excelled with touches in 8 and 10 methods, but it was unanimously agreed that the course of London Minor at Edington was the highlight of the tour. Thanks were expressed to Eric for organising the trip, to the local ringers and incumbents. R. L.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## OUR VOCATION?

Dear Sir.—May I comment on one or two points in Mr. Cox's letter ('Ringing World,' December 30th, 1960)?

I have read and reread the following sentence from my previous letter—it is the sentence which puzzled Mr. Cox. 'Bob Major rung on Sunday for a service is not necessarily a better offering to God than a good peal of Stedman on Saturday.' This seems to me a quite clear statement of fact. It in no way denies that Sunday's Bob Major may be a better offering than Saturday's Stedman; the sentence merely states that, because a bit of ringing takes place on Sunday before a service, this piece of ringing is not, ipso facto, a more worthy offering to God.

Mr. Cox writes thus, 'But when Mr. Freeman suggests that a good peal of Stedman on Saturday is likely to be accorded the same degree of divine approval as Bob Major rung for a Sunday service then I must take issue with him, and frankly, I can find nothing in his letter which supports such a contention.'

I can only again refer to my previous letter which made no suggestion to the effect that one piece of ringing, whatever the method, was more deserving of divine approval than another—and therefore it is not surprising that there was nothing in my letter to support the contention that Stedman on Saturday is likely to be accorded the same degree or divine approval as Bob Major on Sunday.

I make these comments because I want to clear up any ambiguity and also to disclaim any responsibility for the opinions which Mr. Cox suggests that I hold. What I was trying to suggest was that it is not the time and place that gives value to our ringing but that those who ring have offered and continue to offer their lives in response to God's calling them to be his disciples and servants. All of us who profess and call ourselves Christians and who are bellringers will offer our ringing as part of our service to God—just as every other bit of life is offered—daily work, leisure, talents and abilities. Ringing, whenever it is done, will be offered to God by the person whose life is God centred.

This seems to me to make irrelevant the distinction that is sometimes made between Sunday service ringing and other ringing—peals, practice, meetings, etc. The distinction, with ringers as with the rest of humanity, is between those who offer themselves to God and those who don't: not between ringing for service and ringing peaks.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL FREEMAN.

Messingham Vicarage,  
Lincolnshire.

## METHOD NAMING WITHOUT METHOD

Dear Sir.—Look here! This really will not do! The 'Ringing Worlds' last month have made me mad at you.

That method-naming stuff was just a waste of time.

And printing it, Dear Sir, an editorial crime.

Dear Sir, pray hear! I trust that you'll be kind and heed a mere beginner, who has to speak his mind.

Smith and Dragon Major! A phoney sounding lot!

Nomenclature gone crazy; the authors should be shot.

Dear Sir, look to! The trouble's gone too far. Call in the Central Council these fancy names to bar.

Compel these smart conductors to send their methods in.

And let the C.C. name them, or throw them in the bin.

DISLEY-TYPE PETER.

Cheshire.

## MINIMAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir.—One reads with amazement and admiration of the performances of Elijah Roberts tapping out twelve-bell peals, often with another person calling the bobs, but what can one say about Plain Bob Minimus with a 'one-man band'? We have read of such stunts in 'music' but we hardly expected such in change ringing.

No doubt someone will shortly	12
ring the following (with the	—
2 making seconds over the	21
(treble) 1.260 times and call	21
it a peal of Plain Bob Ridiculous	12
12 or this, 2.520 times and	12
— call it a peal of	—
21 Original Sin.	—
12 There seems to be no legitimate	—

— reason why not! Bob Minimus appears to be aptly named, for what more minimal activity could one do in ringing than repeat a handful of changes 210 times? Is it not utterly absurd for there to be 186 more repetitions than there are changes in the Plain Course?

One peal of Bob Minimus, rung as a 'test case' only, is understandable—but who would have believed that ANYONE would ever have wished to emulate it!—or dared!—Yours truly,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

## YOUNGEST PERSON TO CONDUCT A PEAL OF MAJOR FOR LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—In connection with the query by Mr. Bryn Taylor ('Ringing World,' page 848) under above heading, I am glad to be able to inform him that he is probably the youngest person to conduct a peal of Major in South Wales.

While laying no claim as such, I have assumed that I was the youngest conductor in that area with Doubles at 16 years and 3 weeks, Holt's Original—Grandsire Triples, at 17 years and 3 months, Oxford Bob Triples at 17 years and 8 months, Minor at 18 years and 3 months, and Major at 18 years and 5 months.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

## ENTERPRISE IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir.—On reading the article by 'Jafus' on page 865 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Enterprise in Derbyshire,' I feel that another name should be added to the list of advisers and instructors of the ringers of Chelmorton, Mr. A. Richardson, of St. Peter's, Fairfield, has done a great deal in training the Chelmorton ringers in the art of campanology. He has been to most of the practice nights since the dedication of the bells in June, 1960, and as I have accompanied him on most occasions I have seen the amount of time and work he has put in to help them.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. KIRK.

Burbage, Buxton.

## A PROUD MOTHER

Dear Sir.—We cannot boast record peals or numbers of towers, but one event made us very happy at Shiplake on New Year's Eve. It was rounds rung by the following band: Mrs. Waller 1, Vanessa Waller 2, Lynda Waller 3, Geoffrey Waller 4, Jane Waller 5, Mrs. Healey 6, Edmund Waller 7, David Baylis 8.

The ringer of the treble is the proud mother of the ringers of No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7: Vanessa, the youngest of the family, is 12 years.—Yours truly,

ERNEST H. SMITH.

Shiplake.

## 'NEWMARKET' SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—The method pealed as Newmarket at Long Sutton on December 5th is no newcomer to the Exercise. It was practised as 'Leodride' by the Leatherhead band before the war and has cropped up elsewhere as 'Southampton' and 'Diss.' The first peal was rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on July 16th, 1948, conducted by Mr. H. J. Poole, when it was named Stanton.

The publication of the method brought forth a tirade against the use of double changes in Major methods. To judge from some of the methods rung and published in the last twelve years, it had, regrettably, little effect.—Yours sincerely,

Frome.

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. R. C. Noon, re the above, the method was first rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, July 16th, 1948, and published as Stanton 'S' Major. Composed by John Reeves and conducted by the late H. J. Poole. E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

Dear Sir.—The method rung on December 5th at Long Sutton, Lincs, as Newmarket has been rung before. It is Stanton Surprise Major, and was first rung on July 16th, 1948, at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. The report of this peal appears in the 'R.W.' of August 13th, 1948, page 334, and the method can be found in the issue of September 10th, 1948, page 386.

Mr. Noon may note that I have not only a complete list of the names of Surprise methods which have been rung to peals, but also a complete list of the methods. However, this information may also be obtained from the Records Committee of the Central Council. The convener of this committee is Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow, Middlesex. JOHN R. MAYNE.

## STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir.—Re Peal 5.007 or 5.019 Stedman Caters, by D. E. Parsons (No. 4), printed on page 837. I wish to state A. 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, does not produce course end 432651. 315462978 is produced from 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 365214879 is produced from 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, which means from the two callings: 1s reverses 98, 6s reverses 61, 12s reverses 42. Also he should check his B column and use a Bob instead of a Single.—Yours faithfully,

Gillingham. WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Mr. D. Parsons replies: 'Owing to the layout of this peal in my original manuscript, I am afraid that the end of the starting course of the peal was deleted, and also missed when I checked the proof.'

The correct calling for course A should be 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24 to produce 432651978 from 231456789.

I should like to thank Mr. Knight for pointing this error out and apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

## STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. T. J. Lock's reference to the above in connection with the late Mr. William Pye and his 12 bell peals for the Middlesex County Association is interesting, for I took part in many of these peals during the period 1910-1929.

The peal which stands out most in my memory was rung at Haggerston on May 4th, 1914, when a short course peal of 69 courses, the first ever rung on handbells, was performed in 3 hours 20 minutes, by G. R. Pye, William Pye (conductor), B. Prewett, W. Shepherd, E. Pye and A. W. Grimes. The footnote was modest but it was certainly a peal that brought out Stedman Cinques at its best.—Yours sincerely,

Addlestone.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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## FALSE COURSEHEADS IN TREBLE BOB METHODS

By D. R. CARLISLE, G. A. HALLS  
and D. J. MARSHALL

(Continued from page 12)

**F. Groups.**—Some F-sets are so related to others that if a method produces one of these F-sets it will always produce the others. Such F-sets together are called F-groups.

Consider a method with Cambridge 2nds place lead headorder and suppose it has a F.C.H. 34256 (1/2). This is F. 1 of an F-set whose other members are F. 2, 42356 (2/1), F. 3 42356 (7/6) and F. 4 34256 (6/7).

From F. 1 we know that lead 12345678 is false with lead 15748362, and we can find what leads are false with the other leads of the plain course by maintaining the same relationship:—

Plain course lead heads.

1	2	3	4
12345678	15738264	18674523	14263857
5	6	7	
13527486	17856342	16482735	

False lead heads

1	2	3	4
15748362	18634725	14273658	13567284
5	6	7	
17826543	16452837	12385476	

We find from the above table that false leads with tenors coursing occur with leads 4, 5 and 6 of the plain course in addition to the first lead.

From these we find, apart from F. 1 34256 (1/2), the additional F.C.H.'s 63254 (4/5), 35426 (5/6), and 42635 (6/4). From each of these F.C.H.'s we can form another F-set. These four related F-sets comprise an F-group.

In the above example of an F-group containing four F-sets it will be found that two of the F-sets have identical F.C.H.'s but their falseness occurs in different leads.

Below are written out all the 60 in-course F.C.H.'s arranged in F-sets and F-groups. The choice of F. 1's is quite arbitrary, so the arrangement adopted is that given by Mr. Maurice Hodgson with the necessary corrections.

Each block of 4 F.C.H.'s is an F-set and the letters identify an F-group. The F-groups which contain two or more identical F-sets, but where the falseness may occur in different leads of the sets, are marked \*, e.g., if a method with, say, Cambridge lead head order

has a F.C.H. 23564 (4/5) (i.e., F. 1 of M) then it will always have 23564 (5/6) in addition.

**The value of F-sets and F-groups:**

1 The conception of F-sets forms the basis of half lead system of extracting F.C.H.'s.

2 The falseness of a method can be described completely, and very briefly, by the F. 1's of its F.C.H. F-sets. It is difficult to see any value at all in publishing the F.C.H.'s of a method without indicating the false leads.

3 When checking a composition it is only necessary to check F. 1 and F. 3.

4 When deriving falseness by the whole lead system a knowledge of F-sets and F-groups provides a very useful check on the accuracy of the working.

5 The conception of F-sets indicates that symmetrical compositions (i.e., a composition whose reverse variation is identical with the original and could apply be called palindromic) are more likely to be true to very false methods than asymmetric compositions. Compositions of this type need only be checked against one member of each F-set.

A typical example of a 5-part palindromic composition is Middleton's Cambridge. All 5-part and 3-part palindromic compositions can be derived systematically.

It may have been noticed that many compositions in very difficult methods, including Spliced Surprise, by contemporary composers are palindromic.

	A*	B	C	D*	E
F.1	23456	24365	25634	32546	32465
F.2	23456	24365	25634	32546	32465
F.3	23456	24365	25634	46253	43265
F.4	23456	24365	25634	46253	43265
	F*	G	H	I	K
F.1	32654	56423	53462	54632	53624
F.2	32654	56423	63425	54632	53624
F.3	45236	63542	63425	65324	65432
F.4	45236	63542	53462	65324	65432
	L1	L2*	M*	N	O
F.1	26543	42563	23564	34562	52643
F.2	26543	36245	23645	62345	36524
F.3	26543	36245	26435	46325	65243
F.4	26543	42563	46325	64532	64523
	R*	S*	T1	T2	U1
F.1	45623	52364	24536	62453	34256
F.2	56234	43625	25346	36452	42356
F.3	35642	64235	26354	53246	42356
F.4	62534	45362	24653	43526	34256

(Concluded.)

### Call Changes And Hunting

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Chadock's article on call changes, might I suggest that his way is a little too simple. Not only does he tell every bell where to go but also introduces the method of ringing by following a particular bell, this being the downfall of many learners when they progress to Plain Hunt by asking 'Which bells do I follow?' instead of 'Which way do I go?'

A much simpler way is the one where only the pair of bells concerned in each particular change are named as follows: to go from 123456 to 123546 the command being '5 with 4.' Having first explained that the bell which is called first gains a place and the bell which is called second loses a place over the first bell named. The other bell concerned, 6, hearing the command and knowing the above instructions follows the bell which is losing a place, namely the second bell to be named.

e.g., 1 2 3 4 5 6  
1 2 3 5 4 6 5 with 4  
1 2 3 5 4 6 3 with 2  
Queens 1 3 5 2 4 6 5 with 2.

Not only in this way does the learner find that to gain or lose a place he has to ring quicker and slower, respectively, this being a gradual approach to Plain Hunt and Plain Bob, but also that he is not confused with a long string of instructions, having only three words to listen to, which, if delivered clearly, concisely and at the correct time, are no trouble at all to understand.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM PHIPPS.

Chesterfield.

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### A SAMPLE OF EVERYTHING

A PARTY of ringers, mainly of the Raving variety, aided and abetted by two of Adderbury's youngsters, spent an interesting day in the Cotswolds and Oxfordshire on December 17th. A sample of everything was on the programme, from 'restoration' work to a peal attempt.

The writer's arrival at Adlestrop, just over the Gloucestershire border, was preceded by the Deddington contingent. We were heralded by the voice of our Suffolk tenor king wafting from the louvres giving instructions on roping. The bells are a good Rudhall five, and had not been rung in full peal for some years. A check was made on the fittings, and a set of new ropes recently purchased by the Vicar was put on. Ringing is not easy since all five ropes fall directly against a wall, and we left amidst showers of sally fluff.

A second bit of restoration followed at Little Compton, Warwickshire. The five here are of poorer tone than Adlestrop, and we understood they had not been rung since the war. The Vicar is to form a band, however, seeking help from the next village, and since he doesn't lack enthusiasm it should not be long before this forgotten little ring is properly rung and cared for again. The bell chamber showed signs of sad neglect, and until recently was a pigeon haunt. The frame, made partly of iron, is basically sound though badly rusted, but some of the fittings, stays in particular, are dangerously worn-out and need replacing. After minor repairs, oiling and rope splicing, the bells were tried singly, and were finally rung to a few short touches, though not without effort. Ringing is from the ground floor of a small saddle-back tower, and owners of 'Dove' may care to note that the bells are not hung anti-clockwise. The Vicar entertained us to a very welcome drink after our ringing.

Back in Oxfordshire, touches on the six at Spelsbury were performed in semi-darkness in one corner of a huge barn-like tower. The electricians working in the church had cut the supply. Moving on, near Charlbury, we rounded a bend in the road to be confronted by a flood. The leading car stopped, but the other shot past and lurched through the flood water at an alarming speed. The parting of the Red Sea had nothing on it! One local got drenched, another hurriedly dismounted from his bicycle, and a third stood tapping his head, as the saner members of the party passed in the other car.

We could only conclude that our Ringing Master was anxious to have a bite in Witney and set sail on his umpteenth peal attempt of the year. The peal was to be two-method Minor at Standlake—Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury with Chris Clarke at the helm. Our tenor king, now known to many members of the Exercise as 'Newmarket' was relegated to the fourth. The ringing took some time to settle down, but what looked like a satisfactory conclusion never came: the peal was lost in the last extent due to a shift course. It was a disappointment to everyone, especially Mark Sayers, who was trying for his first peal.

Our two non-pealers had walked the seven miles from Witney for a ring at Standlake, before they were whisked most of the way back to ring on the tiny six at Ducklington, where we consoled ourselves round a huge coke stove.

At Brize Norton the Vicar joined us for Grandfire Doubles, in whole pulls, and a course of Slough Big Bob was particularly well executed. Later, our miserable efforts to find Coombe tower in the darkness were eventually rewarded by a very fine six, and some were seen to lick their lips at the mention of a possible peal attempt there in 1961.

Finally, after enjoying a ring at Cassington, we were greeted in force by the locals at Yarnton, where we were pleased to learn a new band has been formed to ring their heavy anti-clockwise six. (Dove owners, please note.) Our day was not complete until the Mann from Newmarket had turned the tenor in: indeed we wonder how long it will be before he challenges A.P.C. for the crown!

The visitors would like to express their thanks to everyone who gave them permission to ring and to those who patiently awaited their arrival at the towers, for a sample of everything.

R. K. R.



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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, January 14th. Ringing at St. Benet's (6) 3-4 p.m., St. Andrew's (8) 3.45-4.30 and service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great St. Mary's available after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 7226

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, Great Bromley (6) available 2-4 and 7.30-9 p.m. 7087

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A.G.M., January 14th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, Guildford (8) and St. Mary's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicholas' (10). 7241

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th, at Ross. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., Central Cafe.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 7294

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, January 14th. Ringing at St. Andrew's from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall (by St. Andrew's) 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Andrew's bells available after business meeting. 7219

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**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 14th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 2.30 to 3 p.m. and 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea and biscuits and business meeting. Evening ringing 6 to 8 p.m. 7096

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shaw, Saturday, January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Laurensen, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 7084

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Woburn, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m., in Crypt, for those who send names by 19th, to 8, London Road, Woburn.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7293

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 18th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 7286

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, January 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7296

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Eastham, January 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous. 13th annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, February 11th. 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (18s. 6d. each) are now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7309

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 21st, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7244

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 4-4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7276

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech St. Peter, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7305

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common (8), to be held on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7254

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting. St. Albans. Saturday, January 21st, 3 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Miss C. Rimmer. 182, Tippendale Lane, Park Street, St. Albans.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7299

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting. Minster Abbey, Sheppey, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss J. Exeter. 53, New Road, Harpes Estate, Minster, Sheerness. 7248

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Saturday, January 21st. Special meeting at St. Clement Danes'. London. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4. Tea 5 p.m. Details of evening ringing will be given at tea. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, January 17th, to Miss Colgate. 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 7308

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Annual general meeting after tea—J. F. Turner, Sec. 7284

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden, on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Miss I. Cunliffe. 10, Union Street, Haslingden.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7285

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray (10), on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Blakeney Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, please, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray. 7269

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting at Market Harborough, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. F. Wallington. 118, St. Mary Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7312

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting and social evening. Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2-6 p.m., followed by service and dinner 6.45 p.m. in Old Hall, price 10s. Business meeting and social afterwards. Names by Tuesday previous, to Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7214

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, January 21st, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Meeting for nomination of officers. St. George-the-Martyr, 6.45. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. Note: A.G.M., Saturday, February 25th, St. Clement Danes', 2.30.—Rogers, ISL 3921.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—S. & W. District.—District annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at Heston. Arrangements are: Ringing 3-4.30 p.m.; Service 4.30; Tea 5; Business meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7288

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bicester (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 7266

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting at Brackley, on Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7258

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting. Earls Barton, January 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. I. Dickin, 104, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton. 7251

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Wessex Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 7223

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in parish hall, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's and St. Thomas' bells in evening. Names for tea by 17th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7091

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting. Wootton Bassett, January 21st. Names for tea, please.—E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 7306

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting. Chisledon, Saturday, January 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 7295

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting. Wareham, January 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Names for tea essential by January 18th at latest, to J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 7298

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at Cannock St. Luke's, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to Mr. G. Bradbury, 19, Spring Street, Cannock, Staffs. 7290

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells available: Balderton 2.30-4.30 p.m., Newark 6.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Mary's Rooms, Newark. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 7210

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Mansfield bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, January 18th, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 7290

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—W.C. District.—Annual general meeting at Stowmarket (8), on January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must be in by January 18th, to Mr. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 7272

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Annual district meeting. Bletchingley (8), January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 19th, to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon,' Godstone Road, Bletchingley.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7064

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting. Uckfield (8), Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Lounge Cafe, for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7282

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, Romsey Abbey, January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. Page, 'Fairacre,' Woodley Lane, Romsey. 7234

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas'), Saturday, January 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. Fred Nicholls, 14, Poplar Road, Norton, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7125

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Bradford Cathedral, on January 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in the Parish room at 3.15, prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Room. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford 4.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7233

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual general meeting. January 28th. Coggeshall. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 25th, to Mr. C. Turner, Mill Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 7270

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., cost 2s. 3d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, January 26th, Mrs. J. P. Cook, 47, New Street, Sandwich.—T. C. P. 7206

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 25th, to Miss H. Joel, 103, Fordwater Road, Chertsey. 7289

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton, on January 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 23rd.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7307

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin, on January 28th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 26th, to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7261

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual general meeting. Saturday, January 28th, at Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 24th, to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead. 7261

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting at Wellingborough (8), January 28th. Method: Double Norwich. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous (January 25th), to S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7311

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting. Scunthorpe (8), January 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 25th, to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 7279

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting. Grantham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, by Monday, January 23rd.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 7300

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Green's Norton, January 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 7301

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—1672.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—A. Henson, Sec. 7278

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by previous Wednesday.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7263

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Annual dinner on Saturday, February 4th, in New College, Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Advance notice.—Will members please note the following dates for 1961: Saturday, April 15th—a business meeting will be held at Oxford. Full details of luncheon and ringing arrangements later. Saturday, November 4th—the 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge. S.E.1.—John Chilcott. 7252

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