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OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

THIS is the Golden Jubilee year of 'The Ringing World.' On March 24th, 1911, Mr. James Sparkes Goldsmith published the first number, and except for stoppages arising from the restriction of newsprint and the printers' strike publication has been continuous.

On March 24th, 1961, 'The Ringing World' Committee hope to publish a souvenir issue to commemorate this great occasion in the life of a journal that has probably passed through more vicissitudes than most publications, but nevertheless since it has been in the possession of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has steadily accumulated a financial reserve to meet any unexpected buffet (but not too many of them!).

This issue of March 24th will be of 24 pages plus a four-page cover, in two colours. Special contributions for this issue, reminiscent in character, would be appreciated by the Editor. Another feature we hope to include is a list of readers who have taken the journal week by week from No. 1. If space permits, we should like to give up to ten lines about each of these old worthies. What we want are briefly those details ringers like to know—age, tower, ringing offices held, peal totals. We expect to find some instances of husbands and wives, where the wife took the paper from No. 1 before marriage and then the couple had a joint copy.

On the third Saturday in June there is to be a special gathering of ringers from all over the country at Guildford to honour the memory of the founder. His grave at Pyrford, which has a small church without a ring of bells, will be visited; there will be a special service in the new Cathedral of Guildford, where the sanctus bell is a memorial to him; finally, the day will conclude with a social evening. Ringing will be possible in many towers in the Guildford area on that day.

Because of this commemorative gathering the Guildford Diocesan Guild are forgoing their summer festival. Headed by Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Guild Executive are making the necessary arrangements in consultation with Mr. F. I. Hairs, 'The Ringing World' Committee representative.

At the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Whit Tuesday a reference will be made to the Jubilee. The form it will take has not been decided, but the theme will be one of thankfulness that the Exercise has had such a vehicle as 'The Ringing World' to knit it more closely together and promote the goodwill and fellowship of church bellringers the world over.

ST. CLEMENT DANES': A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

WHEN the restoration of the church and bells of St. Clement Danes', Strand, was completed late in 1958 it seemed unrealistic to suppose that the bells would be rung on Sundays with any degree of regularity, although it was hoped that enough past and present members of the Royal Air Force would come forward for ringing to take place at least once a month. With various subtractions, for personal and Service reasons, and some welcome additions, those who assembled on the afternoon of January 4th, 1959, have also rung for Evensong on the first Sunday of every subsequent month; by no means all connected with the Royal Air Force, they have nevertheless loyally supported the gatherings, mostly travelling long distances to do so, and I am most grateful to them all.

This, however, is by no means all the story. Throughout the same period Wilfrid Wilson has made himself responsible for ringing for Mattins on the second Sunday of the month, and quarter peal attempts, mostly successful, have been made consistently, in many of which visitors to London have taken part. In addition, lists kept in the belfry show numerous other visits, notably by Frank Gant and his company from Hornchurch (11 times), the University of London Society (10), bands arranged by Alan Bagworth, who is also a 'first Sunday' regular (9), and the Middlesex County Association (6). Altogether, out of the 208 possible occasions during 1959 and 1960 on which the bells could have been rung for morning or afternoon service, ringing took place 103 times, and it looks as if this record will be even bettered during 1961.

One of the conditions on which I undertook to co-ordinate ringing arrangements at this church was that all who wished to ring there, on Sundays or at other times, would be welcome so long as I knew in advance and was satisfied that they were responsible people. This has, I think, been amply fulfilled, and so far as Sunday ringing is concerned my thanks are due to those members of every Society in and around London who, collectively or individually, have co-operated to turn a tentative experiment into a great success. Is there a moral in this, I wonder? E. A. B.

TWELVE BELL PEALS**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORFREY R. PARKER .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	BARRIE HENDRY 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ANTHONY AGER 9
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON 11
JOHN McDONALD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey R. Parker, who were married at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, the previous day; also to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, upon the 62nd anniversary of their wedding.

BIRMINGHAM.**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY 8
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 10
MICHAEL ELSON 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 750th peal.

In memoriam John A. Freeman, of Lincoln.

LINCOLN.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 24 cwt.*

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN .. 7
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 8
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	JACK BRAY 10
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 5	JOHN WALDEN 11
DENIS A. FRITH 6	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 600th peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of affection and respect to John A. Freeman, who was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for 14 years and Master of the Company of Ringers of Our Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln for 32 years.

TEN BELL PEALS**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,**AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,***A PEAL OF 5040 XANTHI SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.*

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit DT).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK

First peal in the method.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,***A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 20½ cwt.*

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6
*YVONNE EDWARDS .. 2	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
†MOLLY TROMANS .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 9
ERNEST SIITCH 5	C. FREDERICK JUKES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells. † First of Stedman.

The annual peal for the Guild.

XANTHI SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70.12.38.14 x 14.30.14 x 14.90

L-e. 12 1573 Clean

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,***A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.*

HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	BARRY HENDRY .. 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. 8
JOHN McDONALD 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 200th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**BIRMINGHAM.****ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	ANDREW STUBBS .. 6
GEORFREY R. PARKER .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR***Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.*

JAMES THORLEY .. Treble	*THOMAS H. FOSTER .. 5
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. 6
*BARBARA HALL 3	G. FRED TERRY .. 7
*ALAN GRUNDY 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Hargraves, Mrs. J. J. Taylor and Mr. R. F. Woodhead.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 28 cwt. in D.*

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE .. 7
ROGER J. PALMER 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 27).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF 5152 QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.*

DELIA SMITH .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 6
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 3	GEORFREY R. PARKER .. 7
GEORFREY PAUL 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.***A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.*

*JANET TAYLOR .. Treble	RICHARD DEAN .. 5
THOMAS TOCOCK .. 2	*DAVID KIRKALDY .. 6
ERNEST ELDRIDGE .. 3	*JAMES MULLER .. 7
*ASHLEY PUGH 4	PHILIP TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. M. L. Westropp, M.A., and Mrs. Westropp, who are leaving for Windermere.

QUADRING SURPRISE

58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 14 x 38 x 56 x 18

2nd place lead-end 17856342 4th place bob

HYDE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	Treble	BASIL JONES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition has now been rung for the first time.

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

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,680 Little Bob, with six changes of method.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD ..	Treble	*URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	5
ROY DUESBURY	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	LEONARD E. SHARP	7
EDWARD B. SMITH	4	ARTHUR G. BUTTON ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 200th peal for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Thomas, on the 21st anniversary of his induction.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM	Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
*RAYMOND PECK	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	PETER S. BEDFORD	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to the conductor. Also a birthday compliment to Ernest S. Bailey.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL G. SELBY	Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ..	5
JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS ..	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY	3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE	7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Geoffrey J. Hemming has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Loughborough District.)

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS	5
CELIA COWLEY	2	DAVID SWIFT	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	C. WILLIAM HALL	7
TOM HARRIS	4	ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in the method by all the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods: 1,760 Cambridge, 1,760 Yorkshire, 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*A. JAMES POYNOR	6
*RALPH ELKINGTON	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in three methods. First of Spliced Surprise in three methods as conductor.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND W. SELBY ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ..	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY ..	3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE	7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise.

WILLESden, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 SHEFFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MRS. T. J. LOCK	Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 283).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CELIA F. WHITFIELD ..	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING ..	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	7
B. CLARE WEBSTER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*J. ANTHONY BENNETT ..	Treble	*ANTHONY E. COX	5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	*D. JOHN HUNT	6
*DOREEN COX	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*DON C. EXELL	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Cornwall for the Association.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*VIVIEN ROWE	Treble	†DEREK C. JACKSON	5
*HILARY N. KIPPIN	2	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	†TOM CHAPMAN	7
NORMAN HAYES	4	*TONY R. CARTER	Tenor

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First of Bob Triples.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	5
DONALD E. COBB	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

SHEFFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

36—56.4.58—58.16—34—5—12—1

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
JOAN BACON	Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
E. DENNIS POOLE	2	GEORGE COUSSINS	6
MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	RICHARD E. DEAN	7
GORDON W. LIMMER	4	HOWARD OGLESBY	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

*First peal as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*JEAN F. BARNETT	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	†PETER G. RICHARDS	6
EDWIN BARNETT	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
WALTER J. LEMON	4	WILLIAM E. BOND	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First attempt for a peal. †First of Triples 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. P. C. Collins.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Preston Branch.)

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.	
NEIL KITCHEN	Treble
THOMAS BARKER	2
ARTHUR RIGBY	3
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	4
JOHN CHARNOCK	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	6
FRANK STEAD	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
 A farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. R. Brown, B.A.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: One extent of London Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

EDMUND MALIN	Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE	4
EDWARD W. COLLEY	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW	3	*MICHAEL ELSON	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL ELSON.

*First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of four Minor methods on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Surprise Major.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
RAYMOND J. FULLER	Treble
DIORAH HOPKINS	2
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3
RONALD J. SHARP	4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
BRYAN PATTISON	Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

E. MARION KEY	Treble	CLIVE M. SMITH	4
*MARLENE JONES	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
PENELOPE SEDGWICK	3	BERNARD J. TOWNSEND	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a last token of respect to the Rev. R. de B. Coussmaker, once Vicar of this parish; also to mark the ordination of his son, C. R. C. Coussmaker.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 12 of Grand-sire, six of Reverse St. Bartholomew, six of April Day and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.	
*JAMES S. BAKER (12)	Treble
JOHN E. BROUGH	2
FRANK R. MORTON	3
HERBERT SUTTON	4
A. ANTHONY TRICKETT	5
*TERENCE E. TRICKETT (14)	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

*First peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.	
MRS. G. S. MILLS	Treble	JAMES WALSH	4
*ROGER PARKINSON	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	BARRY PICKUP	Tenor

Conducted by BARRY PICKUP.

*First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. D. Baggaley.

DROITWICH-SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Kennington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*JEREMY A. TANDY	Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	3	*MARTIN POWELL	Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

*First peal. Average age of the band 15 years. Youngest band to ring a tower bell peal for the Association.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the casting of the three trebles.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MAURICE A. NEW	Treble	CHRISTINE LANSLEY	4
*GORDON W. LAND	2	*ANTHONY M. STRATFORD	5
MICHAEL J. STANLEY	3	A. TERENCE COLLINS	Tenor

Conducted by A. TERENCE COLLINS.

*First peal. First of Minor as conductor. 25th peal on the bells. Rung by a teenage band, and believed to be the first teenage peal in the county, and for the Association. A compliment to R. J. Purnell and Miss C. Lansley on their recent engagement.

LUPPITT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, ten extents and eight 240's of Grand-sire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*E. W. BROOM	Treble	C. CHURCHILL	4
MISS M. P. BARNARD	2	F. J. SAGE	5
A. J. CRABB	3	L. MARKER	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. SAGE.

*First peal. First in two methods by all.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK SANDFORD	Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
JOHN HOPE	3	ROBERT HATCHER	Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging (1957). Rung as a token of appreciation to Mrs. E. C. Richards, benefactor of this church.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at back-stroke. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	Treble	SAMUEL COOK	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

The treble ringer has 'completed the circle' to peals.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods, viz.: Six each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBIN H. ROGERS	Treble	JAMES LINNELL	3
DAVID BURBIDGE	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

**DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE .. 4
CHARLES PERKINS .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Three each of Carter's Principle and Stedman, six each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

CHARLES F. TRUMAN .. Treble	*DAVID BURBIDGE .. 3
ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4
WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor	

* First peal in eight methods 'inside.'

**LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Plain Bob.

BRIAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

**MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WILLIAM E. GREEN .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2	JOHN F. PEARSON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

PETER J. COLES .. Treble	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 4
*ROBERT E. HARDY .. 2	*MARTYN HARBOIT .. 5
STANLEY HUCKLE .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal in five methods.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR

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

*ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. Treble	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4
†WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 3	PETER WAKEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association. First of Surprise on the bells.

**STOKE ST. MARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents Plain Bob (four callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten callings).

*PAIRICIA A. BURT .. Treble	*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3
*DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 4

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal on five bells. Second peal on the bells, the other being in 1948.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. Peter Howell as Rector of Orchard Portman with Thurlbear and Stoke St. Mary.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

TESSA P. KEMP .. Treble	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3
SYLVIA MARSH .. 2	ADRIENNE GIBSON .. 4

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and on the bells.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 4
ERNEST WHITING .. 2	GEORGE C. J. FILBY .. 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 240's (Morris' arrangement) and two extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

DAVID CUBITT .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	*GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4

PETER M. ADCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 5
BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

Rung specially for the golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnston.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London, Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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**CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY Treble	G. FRED TERRY 4
*THOMAS H. FOSTER 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR.. .. 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in four methods.

A birthday compliment to Miss Bryony Foster, daughter of the ringer of the second bell.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 46 lb. in E.

MARION S. AINSWORTH .. Treble	*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2	FRDERICK ROSS 5
NORMAN ERRINGTON 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: Two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., two of Single Court and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD BROXHOLME .. Treble	PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 4
HORACE HURST 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
G. LEONARD THOMPSON.. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild, who was interred this day. R.I.P.

HANDBELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in C.
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 1—2 | JAMES R. TAYLOR 3—4

BRYAN PATTISON 5—6

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, and as a birthday compliment to Miss P. Ballard.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT 19, CROMLEY ROAD, WOODSMOOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*JOHN ROBINSON 1—2 | BRIAN HARRIS 3—4

ROBERT B. SMITH 5—6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Brian Harris.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT .. 1—2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5—6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3—4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs on the 45th anniversary of their wedding.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

DATE TOUCH

RUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 521 Plain Bob: E. Daniels 1, June E. Wright 2, L. Wright 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. Arranged in honour of the birthday of L. Wright and his 40 years of ringing.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss D. J. Wallace 1, A. M. Macve 2, D. C. Manger 3, N. J. Martin 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all except 6. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Cork 1, Miss R. Perrin 2, Miss M. S. Taylor 3, Miss P. Fennell 4, J. C. Perrin 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Paine 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mempham 3, D. H. Paine 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Charles H. Moore.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens (first quarter) 1, G. F. Nix 2, J. W. Perkins 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, R. Blackler 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8. First quarter of Triples by a Babbacombe trained band. For Evensong.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (840 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): Margaret Cozier (first quarter of Doubles) 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. M. Jones (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, E. R. Venn 5, A. birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. E. White 1, C. C. Andrews 2, G. Gillis 3, B. M. Wilson (first quarter) 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, P. F. Fear 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Black 1, Miss D. V. Gould 2, F. Price (cond.) 3, A. G. Rose 4, C. Conway 5, A. Buswell 6, A. V. Davis 7, A. Miller 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1 and 6. Rung for Matins.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: B. J. Stone 1, D. P. Snowwell (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4. First of Minimus for all.

BURFORD, OXFORD.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary L. Taylor (first quarter) 1, W. J. Dixon 2, Brenda Hall 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, C. F. M. Collett 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, Linda Westmacott 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury): R. Padbury (first in three methods) 1, L. W. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Bene't's, on Jan. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: C. A. Johnson 1, T. R. Dennis 2, H. Muirhead 3, H. J. F. Muncey 4, S. Brown 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Farmer 1, C. Burridge 2, E. T. Newbury 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, G. R. Drew 5, I. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratton (cond.) 7, W. Newman 8. A farewell to 1960. (Rounds came up at 11.58 p.m.)

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): N. Avis (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Fairhead 2, F. G. Oliver 3, J. Avis 4, U. W. Wildney 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Chown (12) 1, Miss B. Cummins (first 'inside') 2, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 3, Miss G. Barnes 4, E. J. Lambert 5, T. Hefford 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: E. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Miss D. Wallace 4, F. Jones 5, P. Davis 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Relf 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, J. Adcock 10.

DROSFIELD, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Hilary Jackson 1, A. Wilson 2, R. Bradbury 3, Angela Scutt 4, K. R. Goodall 5, J. W. Sykes 6, G. N. Goodall 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading: Mrs. E. E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. Minnear (first quarter) 2, A. Ivings 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, B. Sykes 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Oxford to preach at Matins.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss D. Edwards 2, G. Marchant (cond.) 3, C. Marchant 4, D. Miller 5, C. Dymont 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1960.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to J. A. Freeman, late Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. A. Leigh 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. C. F. Rogers (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Warner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, L. G. Fox 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. C. Leigh 1, E. C. F. Rogers 2, E. J. Jenner 3, J. E. Warner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Iris George 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. George 3, D. Langdon 4, J. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, T. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): D. Bowen 1, R. Hardy 2, E. Edmondson 3, Miss P. Jervis 4, S. Huckle 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, R. Ford 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, E. J. Ford 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Ford.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, G. Cockham 6, F. J. Oakshott 7, J. Munton 8. First of Stedman Triples for 2, 3, 6 and 8. For evening service.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. V. Greaves 1, Miss M. E. A. Greaves 2, Miss A. M. Greaves 3, E. A. Daniels 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): B. Watson 1, A. Goodall 2, A. Richardson 3, G. Ellis 4, C. Ward 5, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. Rung in memoriam F. Tubbs, who died on January 9th, aged 74.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Munns 1, J. E. Goodwin (first on six) 2, J. Y. Parker 3, R. C. Morley 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. R. Mann 6.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure): M. Saunders 1, C. A. Lewis 2, R. A. Hatcher 3, J. W. Hope 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, D. P. Davies 6. To commemorate the dedication by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon of an electric radiant heating system, the gift of Miss Isobel Vaughan-Morgan, in memory of Mr. P. V. Vaughan-Morgan.

GLOUCESTER.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Miss B. Edwards 1, P. W. Williams 2, N. R. Waite 3, B. S. R. Allen 4, M. D. Ling (cond.) 5, H. Worrall 6. Rung for New Year's Day.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. N. Dyke 1, J. Friend (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key 4, D. Friend (cond.) 5, T. Edwards 6. A compliment to Miss D. Bowell on her 21st birthday and on becoming engaged to Mr. K. Walker. Both are members of the local band.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, Mrs. J. Tait 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung on the occasion of the 60th birthday of the tower foreman, Alfred H. Webb.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Kennington Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Anne Broxton 2, Maryn Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, J. Dean 6. First quarter in the variation by all the band.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Carpenter 1, F. Bowden 2, C. Johnstone 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott 5, J. L. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett 7, A. V. Queen (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HAYES, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Smith 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, M. F. Oakshott 4, A. Cheesman 5, Susan Bell (first in method) 6, W. Oatway 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rachel Ann, grand-daughter of the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: B. Hawkins 1, G. Peters 2, G. Marriner 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. Cheesman 5, Susan Bell (first in method) 6, W. Oatway 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rachel Ann, grand-daughter of the conductor.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, J. Young 2, R. E. Dean 3, P. Dean 4, E. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, A. Boarder (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Christmas Festival. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Dean 1, Jill Cook 2, E. D. Poole 3, E. Silvey 4, J. Young 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

MARSHFIELD, GLAM.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Taylor 1, F. Reed (cond.) 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, J. Wilcox 4, A. Wingate 5, D. Pike 6, D. Hughes 7, C. Bryant 8. First of Major 1, 4 and 7.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): J. Lane 1, W. Nutt (cond.) 2, J. Ranford 3, R. Lewis 4, W. Huband 5, G. Gwynne (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Fred Merrick, buried this day at Suckley.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal: R. Wills (first attempt) 1, F. Uden 2, H. J. Uden 3, J. Chave 4, N. Baggworth 5, M. Goble (first attempt) 6. A farewell re-statement to Richard Wills, who sailed for Australia on January 17th.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Goodman 1, M. Wright 2, M. Woodward 3, R. Wright 4, J. Wotherspoon 5, E. Patching 6. First quarter by all except tenor. Believed to be first quarter on the bells by a local band.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, G. S. Bush 2, Ruth Anderson 3, W. Barker 4, R. Patrick 5, F. Boyall 6, L. W. Hadman 1, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Ruth Anderson and Mr. John Woodman, and for the birthday anniversaries of ringers of 2 and 7.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine V. Pullin 1, Clare B. Chambers 2, M. D. Ling 3, N. R. Waite 4, A. T. Collins 5, D. C. Bowen 6, C. C. Clark 7, A. R. Mann (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the Raving Ringers' Reunion at Gloucester.

SOMERTON, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Honour 1, E. G. Jones 2, C. H. Kinch 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. C. Clark 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Thompson (first quarter) 1, P. Wakefield 2, M. J. Cook (first as cond.) 3, R. Wakefield 4, R. Fenton 5, B. Wakefield 6.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, E. J. Ford (cond.) 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Webber 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robin Ford, a ringer of this tower.

THORNHURST, GLOS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. M. Exell 1, P. Bridle 2, S. Poole 3, M. Wills (first quarter) 4, D. Exell (cond.) 5, C. J. Richards 6, V. Wills 7, H. N. Evans 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to W. G. Symes.

TIRELY, GLOS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, Anne Broxton 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, L. Woolley 6. First quarter in the variation by all the band.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Hayne 1, W. G. Trevett 2, N. J. Hayne 3, Mrs. A. Shackleford (first quarter on working bell) 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,330 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, A. J. Boyack 2, D. Ellisdon 3, M. Hayes 4, P. D. Chapman 5, D. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, M. Young (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for the departure of 1960.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. H. Rogers 3, J. Chance (first of Stedman Triples) 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Trimby 1, E. A. Haines 2, C. F. Haines 3, A. Newman 4, A. Haines 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the ordination as deacon of R. O. Fry.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, Susan J. Rawlings 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. Bishop 5, J. Perrett 6, K. Newman (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Hartley 8. For Evensong.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hims (first quarter) 1, M. Clark 2, S. Cole 3, A. Lane 4, J. Evered 5, T. Hims 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, P. J. Gardner 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. F. Shearn, a valued ringer and a great loss to this tower, cremated January 11th.

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Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stockland, Devon, with their president, Preb. E. V. Cox, on January 13th to celebrate his sixty years as a ringer. It was in this tower that he was taught to ring by the captain of the call change band, when his father was Vicar of the parish.

Who was the young lady from Bristol, who was stranded in Gloucester and rescued by a bachelor from 'the foggy, foggy dew'?

Miss P. Phillimore, tower secretary of Pewsey, Wilts, asks what is the highest number of towers rung in by the same band of six from a village or town church.

Douglas Burnett, Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has passed the Lay Readers' Examination for the Diocese of Truro and is to be publicly licensed by the Archdeacon of Cornwall at St. Ewe on February 12th.

If 'Observer' from St. Michael and All Angels', Newburn, Northumberland, cares to get in touch with Mr. Joe Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, he may be able to help with the question of bell-ropes.

When the New Year had only begun 16 minutes before, one of the young Durlough, Somerset, ringers was heard to ask the captain, 'When do you want this year's Association subscription?'

Handbell ringers at Waltham Abbey called at nearly a thousand homes during the eight nights prior to Christmas and collected £60 10s. towards the Abbey's restoration fund. The handbell team also rang some carols during Matins on Christmas Day.

After the peal of Grandsire Triples at Madeley, Shropshire, on January 14th the ringers met the Vicar and the rest of the Madeley band in the Six Bells Inn where they were entertained to an excellent tea by Miss Diana B. Lewis, whose 21st birthday was the reason for the peal. Afterwards Mr. J. L. Stanier, on behalf of the Madeley ringers, presented a silver rose bowl to Miss Lewis to mark the occasion.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who took part in a handbell peal of Bob Major on January 15th, their 45th wedding anniversary, rang in a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells on their wedding day. They have decided not to attempt one of Minimus for their golden wedding!

The recent peal at St. Giles', Cripplegate, rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is the first peal of Maximus on the bells.

The bells and morning service from All Saints', Stamford, are to be broadcast in the Midland and Northern Home Services on Sunday, February 5th.

The double dagger against the name of Mr. Herrick B. Bowley in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicesters Cathedral (see page 34) should read 350th peal.

On October 31st, 1953, Mr. Francis R. Lowe 'circled' Derby Cathedral to peals by ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Caters. Will Mr. Gordon Halls please note? (Page 24, Belfry Gossip.)

By ringing her first peal at Crayford on January 14th, Miss Jean Barnett became the fourth generation of her family to take part in a peal there. Also in the band were her father, both grandfathers and her godfather, who conducted the peal.

Lt.-Col. D. L. Scott, R.A.M.C., of Fircthorpe, Sunnyside, Fleet, Hants, appeals for a set of 12 second-hand handbells, for a group of ringers he is starting in his unit. He feels that handbells might be a wonderful way of providing music (particularly Christmas music) when stationed abroad.

The late Mr. F. Tubbs, in whose memory the quarter peal at Finchley was rung, was first made a member of the Finchley band in 1907, and served as a member for 5 years, retiring from active ringing two years ago. He was by no means a prolific ringer, but in his prime he was a solid and reliable six bell man, as the peal boards in the tower will show. Although his attendances of his latter years were not regular, the band will miss him and feel that yet another of the links with the past has been broken.

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BELLS FOR NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Since its foundation, the Nottingham University Society has sought a tower where it could practise regularly and be responsible for the ringing, and it was thought that it might be possible to ring at All Saints' (8), if the church authorities would give their permission. The Vicar, the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins, welcomes the possibility and allowed representatives of the Society with their president, Mr. Paul Taylor, to inspect the bells. They found that the bells, although suffering from the effects of 40 years' neglect (they were cast in 1864 by Taylors, of Loughborough), could probably be made ringable again with a little effort at very little initial cost. Last February, the Vicar invited the chairman, Mr. Bruce Grainger, to report on the situation to the P.C.C. with a view to allowing the Society to attempt the necessary work.

Early in the Christmas term, after the architect had made a favourable report on the tower fabric, the University bellringers moved in and spent several weeks cleaning the bearings, replacing missing fittings and removing a great accumulation of dirt. Finally, on November 24th, Mr. Taylor pronounced the bells ringable and they were rung for the first time for 40 years. Although some of the bearings are a little oval all went well, except that in the first touch, of Stedman Triples, Mr. Taylor had great difficulty in keeping the sixth up. This was because the rope had been lowered on the wrong side of the pulley and the fault was quickly remedied! We are very grateful to Mr. Fred Salter, of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and Mr. Michael Rose, of Attenborough, for the loan of bell ropes for this occasion, and to All Saints' P.C.C. for buying a new set of ropes with distinctive salices in University colours.

So far, 14 volunteers from the parish are learning to ring so that ringing may continue during University vacations, and we have begun to practise on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. with ringing for Evensong on Sundays at 5.45 p.m.

The bells will be open on Saturday, February 18th, before the Society dinner. They will be rededicated on the following day during Evensong by the Bishop of Southwell. Any communications should be addressed to the secretary of the Bellringing Society, c/o The Societies Room at the University. B. G.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 4



MR. LESLIE G. BRETT,
Suffolk Guild.

The county of Suffolk is situated in a rural and agricultural area of Britain, and many of its ringers are farm workers. If it was an industrial district, many of these ringers would be much better known than they are at present. Much of the transport is by push-cycle, and for that reason their ringing is largely confined to their own county. Amongst the best of these ringers is Leslie G. Brett, of Framsdon, Master of the Suffolk Guild, who has done much to maintain the high standard of ringing for which the county is noted.

Leslie was born at Framsdon on December 24th, 1904, and was educated at the Helmingham village school, which he left at the age of 12 to become a farmer's boy, working seven days a week for only 7s! He was taught to

handle a bell at Framsdon in 1922, and learnt the rudiments of change ringing from W. G. Crickmer, who rang in the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. His first 720 of Minor was at Bedford in October, 1922, and his first peal was Bob Major at Framsdon on January 5th, 1923.

About this time, the Helmingham band were beginning to practise London, and Leslie is very proud to have rung in the first peal in this method at Helmingham on September 27th, 1924, in which there were seven 'firsts.' He well remembers this peal, as summer time was ignored by most farmers, and he had to work until 6 p.m. On this occasion he had been assisting with threshing operations on a warm day, with plenty of dust. His 'wash and brush-up' consisted of water from the engine's water butt, and handkerchief for a towel, and no time for tea! However, a good peal was rung, and Messrs. G. H. Cross and G. A. Fleming are the only other surviving members.

His peals total to the end of 1960 is 479 (conducted 156) and amongst this number have been 100 peals at Framsdon and Helmingham. The Helmingham band were famous from 1925-1939 for scoring peals in new Surprise methods, and Leslie rang in 46 of them, conducting 9.

On one occasion, in 1926, he cycled over 80 miles, and rang peals of London at Earl's Colne and Colchester, Essex, in one day. Many of his early peals were rung under the conductorship of the late W. G. Rumsey, T. W. Last, G. Whiting, and he rang 300 peals with that fine ringer and conductor, the late Leslie C. Wightman.

He is very proud to have rung one peal with William Pye—London at Elveden, and also to have rung in James George's 1,000th peal on tower bells, Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich, it being Jimmy's first peal of Cambridge 12, and Leslie's first on 12.

He served as district secretary of the Debenham District for six years, and since 1957 he has been rightly honoured by being elected General Master of the Suffolk Guild.

Leslie is of a very modest disposition, and if he had been living in some other part of the country, where peals are easier to get, it is safe to say that he would have scored twice the number of peals he has done already. He is a first class striker, a competent conductor, and, equally important, he is a very pleasant chap with whom to ring, and to enjoy his company. May he continue in good health, and so enable him to build upon the fine record he already holds.

APACE.

THE JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Guildford Guild's Plans

An announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, on January 14th, of plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Guild Master), who presided over an attendance of more than 50, said the actual date of the anniversary was March 24th, and it was proposed to hold a celebration meeting in the Guildford area on the third Saturday in June. There would be ringing in various towers around Guildford, a visit to the grave of the founder of the journal (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) at Pyrford churchyard, a service in Guildford Cathedral where there was the Goldsmith memorial bell and they hoped by then the Pulling memorial bell. Tea would be served in St. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, to be followed by a social evening. In view of these circumstances the Guild's summer festival would not be held.

Mr. Denyer also presented a report on the Pulling memorial bell. He said an order had been given for the bell, which would weigh 12½ cwt. and cost £625. The Guild had

collected and had funds available of £500, which meant that another £125 had to be found. The Cathedral authorities had informed them that they could not meet the cost of the electric wiring, etc., which would mean raising another £125. His immediate concern was meeting the cost of the bell.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. A. May) said eleven peals had been rung in the District during the year and he congratulated Pat Laycock, Clive Johnson and Elizabeth Stevinson on ringing their first peals. Mr. S. A. Ponting (honorary secretary) reported an improved financial position. The officers were re-elected. Twelve new members were elected.

When nominations were asked for as Guild officers, Mr. Denyer said he would not be standing as Guild Master as he would have held the office for three years. On the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the meeting nominated Mr. Harold A. Pitstow.

Congratulations were extended to Godalming on their large number of young ringers. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. E. O. Ware, and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the three churches in the centre of the town.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border, of Coventry, head the list of peal ringers for 1960. Mr. Border has 107 peals to his credit and his wife 78. The next lady is quite low down—Miss Carol Fernley, who rings at Norbury, Cheshire, with 44. Mr. Border is also the leading conductor with 68 peals.

John A. Anderson, the young Birmingham ringer, just reached the century, to be followed by George E. Fearn, secretary of St. Martin's Guild, with 97.

The Leicester contingent is headed by Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, with 95. He was unsuccessful in another 18 attempts. Mr. Morris also heads the list of handbell peals with 17. To critics of peal ringing, he would reply that he rang for three services every Sunday throughout the year and never missed one.

Another Leicester ringer—from St. John the Divine—is close behind him—Mr. John M. Jelley with 89. The Home Counties leading ringer, according to our records, is John R. Mayne with 75, followed by Bernard F. L. Groves (Maidstone) 71 and A. Patrick Cannon (Dorking) 68.

Cheshire's leader is Brian Harris with 75. There are five members of the Norbury band in the list. During the year 28 peals were rung at their tower, one of which was the 300th in the tower.

East Anglia is headed by Roderick W. Pipe with 68, Lincoln by Jack C. Millhouse 65, Hampshire Geoffrey K. Dodd 53, and N.E. coast J. Alan Ainsworth 52. There are two one-armed ringers in the list—Basil Jones 65 and Reginald W. Rex 56.

Veterans have a fair representation, apart from Ernest Morris. Included is the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee, J. Frank Smallwood, James Bennett and Len Stilwell.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Peter Border ..	107 (cond. 68)		107
John A. Anderson ..	100		100
Geo. E. Fearn ..	97 (10)		97
Ernest Morris ..	78	17	95
John M. Jelley ..	80 (29)	9 (1)	89
Ruth M. Border ..	78		78
John McDonald ..	76 (22)		76
John R. Mayne ..	74 (57)	1 (1)	75
Brian Harris ..	72 (12)	3 (1)	75
A. James Poyner ..	72 (11)	1	73
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	66 (13)	5	71
A. Patrick Cannon ..	68 (28)		68
J. W. Cotton ..	68		68
Roderick W. Pipe ..	68 (33)		68
Brian G. Warwick ..	59 (55)	8 (8)	67
Robert B. Smith ..	61 (11)	5 (4)	66
Basil Jones ..	65 (18)		65
J. C. Millhouse ..	65 (30)		65
Norman J. Goodman ..	61		61
Ian H. Oram ..	61 (22)		61
John A. Acres ..	44 (1)	16 (3)	60
Leslie Bumphrey ..	57 (3)		57
Ernest J. Munday ..	56		56
Reginald W. Rex ..	56		56
J. Martin Thorley ..	56 (29)		56
T. J. Lock ..	54 (2)	1	55
Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	53 (35)		53
J. Alan Ainsworth ..	52 (30)		52
Howard W. Egglestone ..	49 (13)	3 (2)	52
W. Eric Critchley ..	45 (24)	5 (2)	50
Crawford T. Hillis ..	48 (14)		48
Derek P. Jones ..	47 (30)		47
D. John Hunt ..	46 (11)		46
R. J. Clifton ..	45		45
Geoffrey R. Drew ..	45 (24)		45
John R. Cooper ..	45 (3)		45
David J. Purnell ..	45		45
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	42	3	45
George S. Deas ..	44 (2)		44
Carol Fernley ..	44		44
Eric N. Harrison ..	44 (3)		44
Cecil W. Pipe ..	43 (1)		43
Patricia A. M. Halls ..	43		43

Gordon A. Halls ..	43 (14)	43
Barrie Hendry ..	42 (4)	42
Herbert W. Woolven ..	42 (5)	42
John Worth ..	42 (22)	42
Alick Cutler ..	41	41
Richard E. Price ..	41 (6)	41
Muriel Reay ..	41	41
Ian M. Holland ..	40 (15)	40
Albert W. A. Leggett ..	40	40
Philip Mehew ..	40 (1)	40
Frank B. Lufkin ..	39 (36)	39
Patrick I. Chapman ..	38 (3)	38
Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	38	38
Eileen M. Fearn ..	37	37
John Pinfold ..	37	37
Michael D. Fishwick ..	37	37
L. N. Melton ..	36 (12)	37
Frank C. Price ..	36 (4)	36
John E. Anderson ..	36	36
P. G. K. Davies ..	36 (1)	36
Ronald C. Noon ..	35 (23)	35
Stanley E. Bennett ..	35	35
A. M. Macve ..	34	34
John H. Fielder ..	34 (1)	34
Edwin T. Chapman ..	34	34
Urban W. Wildney ..	34 (9)	34
P. A. Corby ..	33 (25)	33
K. R. Dunstan ..	33	33
Ernest G. Pearce ..	33	33
B. A. Shackleton ..	32 (1)	33
Howard Scott ..	29	33
B. W. Fairhead ..	32 (6)	32
R. G. Hooper ..	31 (9)	32
John R. Partington ..	32	32
Alan R. Syder ..	32 (2)	32
Martin C. Faulkes ..	31 (1)	31
Bryan Pattison ..	29 (23)	31
Patrick J. Bird ..	30 (8)	30
David Cubitt ..	30	30
Ralph G. Edwards ..	30	30
Patrick W. Salumarsh ..	30	30
James R. Taylor ..	28 (2)	30
Geo. E. Thoday ..	30 (4)	30
E. P. Woolgrove ..	30	30
T. Cullingworth ..	29 (2)	29
James H. Musson ..	28 (24)	28
T. Hecton Bennett ..	26 (4)	27
F. Derry ..	27	27
Frank Osbaldiston ..	26 (1)	27
S. G. Ponting ..	27	27
A. Sayers ..	27	27
R. L. K. Whittell ..	27	27
James Bennett ..	26	26
Jennifer M. Davies ..	24	26
R. Leigh ..	26 (4)	26
Clifford J. Richards ..	26	26
C. R. Burrell ..	25 (2)	25
Wm. H. Dowse ..	25 (2)	25
Alan J. Frost ..	25 (4)	25
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	25 (6)	25
Gerald C. Hemming ..	25 (8)	25
John R. Kettering ..	25 (13)	25
John Robinson ..	25 (8)	25
R. Roger Savory ..	25 (7)	25
J. Frank Smallwood ..	25 (1)	25
Norman Smith ..	25 (16)	25
Ronald W. Steward ..	25	25
Leonard Stilwell ..	25 (2)	25

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

For various reasons the company was smaller than usual at the annual dinner of the Guild held at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, on January 14th. This was a pity, as both meal and entertainment were excellent. By unanimous agreement there were no speeches. The artistes were Mr. Roy Large, of Tonbridge, whose baritone voice is a joy to listen to and the Rev. R. W. Lax-West, rector of Northiam, who is a member of the Magic Circle. His magic and after-dinner stories caused much amusement. The highlight of his show was when he had Joan Garnett lying on a board resting on two chair backs and after 'putting on the spell' took one chair away. He repeated the illusion thus making a fitting conclusion to an excellent evening.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 7th in the new St. Martin's Hall, the chair being taken by the Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. The chairman welcomed several visitors from Coventry and Worcester and also Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

The following new members were elected: Michael Lister (Packwood), Miss Ann Fellows (King's Norton), Geoffrey Davis (Edgbaston), Charles A. S. Webb (Northfield), Mrs. Beryl Park, Mrs. Rosemary Waterhouse and Maurice F. Edwards (Yardley). The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Tony Price (Sunbury-on-Thames), Mrs. Marion Ainsworth (Newcastle upon Tyne), A. Rex Agg (Hitchin), Edward W. Colley (Four Oaks), Miss Alice Lester and Geoffrey Pullin (Packwood), Albert M. Tyler and Frank Hansford (Bristol), Eric Naylor (Bath), Arthur Gibb (Rushdon), Arthur D. Barker (Slough), and Thomas J. Setter (Yeovil).

The Guild has received a very generous donation of £20, from an anonymous donor, to cover the cost of a new peal book. This was an expense that the Guild would have had to meet, and the balance sheet shows an increased balance instead of a depleted one, due to the kind friend.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected to serve for the year 1961, viz.: Master, Edgar C. Shepherd; Ringing Master, John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., and Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Edgar C. Shepherd; honorary secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

A proposition to increase the subscription to meet growing expenses was passed with one dissentient. The annual subscription for resident members is now 5s., and for life members 10s.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kingsbury, on April 8th, subject to the approval of the incumbent.

Mr. Frank W. Perrens will occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner to be held on March 4th at the White Horse Hotel. Early application for tickets is essential as the number is strictly limited to sixty.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bryan S. W. Green for the use of the hall for the meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Buckereil on January 14th. Ringers attended from Honiton Clyst, Hem-yock, Luppitt, Coteleigh, Honiton, Sidbury, Ottery and Dunkseswell. The service was conducted by Rev. H. Smith, and the tea was arranged and served by the young girl ringers of Buckereil. At the meeting nine new members were elected and four certificates were presented by Mrs. Woodley (the chairman's wife) to Miss J. Collins, Mrs. L. White and Miss D. Pratt (Buckerell), and Mr. M. Squire (Honiton).

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen new members were elected at the annual meeting of the Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 14th, with Canon A. P. Morley, honorary president, in the chair. The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. J. W. Buxton, honorary secretary; Messrs. H. Rusby and W. Womack, auditors. The annual outing will be held on June 3rd. The next meeting will be at Ossett on February 11th. The vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Moxon, included thanks to Canon Morley for conducting the service and for the excellent tea served in the Rectory rooms.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY STANDARDS

Dear Sir.—I was surprised by Mr. Rush's comments on the Christmas Day broadcast in your issue of January 6th. Although I mean no criticism of the ringers concerned, as I am sure that they gave of their best, I think that a great many people would agree with me that the ringing from four of the towers was comparatively poor. If Mr. Rush really thought that the striking from three of them was 'good', 'very good' and 'regular', as he says, then I would suggest that his standards are not nearly high enough to justify his setting himself up as a critic in your columns. —Yours faithfully, ROBIN G. LEALE.
Surbiton, Surrey.

FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.—I regret that the composition of 5.057 Grandsire Caters, peal No. 3685 in the Norwich Diocesan Association's report for 1952 is false, for leads in the 26th and 34th courses repeat.

If the 25th and 26th courses are called 1. 2 (62354879) and 2. 3. 4 (25364879) a true peal of the same length results with the 7968, 7869, 978 and 879 blocks intact.

I am indebted to Mr. Roderick W. Pipe for drawing my attention to the error. Unfortunately he, too, has conducted this composition and to him and his band and to those who rang with me, I offer sincere apologies. —Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.
Norwich.

P.S.—Again, since the same turning course was used in an earlier peal, No. 5569 in the N.D.A. report for 1951, page 33, is also false. —N.G.

WHAT THE DICTIONARY STATES

Dear Sir.—For the benefit of Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, and/or any others who may be in any doubt as to the dictionary version of the word VARIATION, may I be granted space to quote? This is what the latest copy states: 'Variation is: the act, fact, or process of varying; modification, change, or deviation in form, condition, appearance, or extent. A thing which is somewhat different from another of the same kind. In mathematics: a relation between two quantities so that one changes with the other in the same ratio. In music: the repetition of a melody, or theme, with changes or embellishments in harmony, rhythm, etc.'

In view of this, it is, I contend, futile of anyone to argue that some of the newly named Surprise methods are not merely variations of others.—Yours truly, P. AMOS.
Weston Favell.

U.A. AND PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—At the meeting of the Universities Association on January 7th, it was decided that peals of Minimus were not to be included in our records. We should like the peal rung at Oxford on November 2nd to be credited to 'Non-Association' and not to the Universities Association.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. ROAF.

Honorary Secretary, U.A.C.R.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

5.160 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir.—Re the peal of Plain Bob Royal, published on page 16 of January 6th issue of the 'R.W.'

The second course after the turning course which produces the course end 34256 should read W M H. and not M H. as printed.—Yours faithfully, F. HODGSON.
Darlington.

F GROUPS

Dear Sir.—May I explain that the labelling of the course heads on page 63 of Corrigan's publication as F.1, etc., was inserted by the publisher himself and should be ignored. It bears no relation to the manner in which these designations are introduced on page 62, according to which F.1 is the false course head found by the system set out, and can thus be any of the four members of an F-set. There are many errors and omissions in the booklet, arising from A.J.C.'s illness at the time of production. The contributors were asked to omit every unessential word to save him work, yet for some reason he sub-edited and set two versions of my scheme. After I had returned a corrected proof of the versions most resembling my original manuscript, he accidentally pried the type and printed the other version with its errors and omissions uncorrected.

The theoretical basis for the grouping of F-sets might well be made more widely available than it has been so far, but I doubt whether publication in this paper would be justified. The exposition employs the algebra pertaining to group theory, and would be readily intelligible to only a minority of your readers.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

Chesham, Bucks.

CORRECTION

Dear Sir.—In the table of F groups, published on January 13th, F.2 of S should be 34625.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Long Eaton, Nottingham.

LITTLE COMPTON, WARWICKS

Dear Sir.—Referring to the interesting report of an outing ('R.W.' January 13th), I fear the Vicar of Little Compton was somewhat adrift when stating that his bells had not been rung since the war. To my knowledge they were rung as recently as Easter Tuesday, 1957, by a band of which I had the privilege to be a member. Adlestrop was also visited on the same day.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

Dear Sir.—I do not wish to damp the spirits of the Raving Ringers, but the bells of both Adlestrop and Little Compton were rung in full peal as recently as 1957, when I visited these towers and others nearby on a day's tour.

With just another reference to Mr. Williamson's performance on four handbells, I should like to ask whether the bells were rung 'hand and back' or just tapped on one side?—Yours faithfully,

R. D. SHORT.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

LEADING SERVICE BANDS

Dear Sir.—Is it possible to have a list of leading service bands? I would suggest something on the following lines:

(a) A list of bands that rang all bells for all the usual services during the year (indicating the number of bells and number of services);

(b) A list of bands that rang peals during the year; and

(c) A list of bands that rang, say, five or more quarter peals, indicating the number rung for services.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincs.

NOTE.—In view of the large number it would be better if these lists were compiled by Guilds and Associations. We should like to hear of bands that have exceeded Willesborough's record.—Ed.

METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Amos asks in his letter ('R.W.' January 6th) what April Day is when to a peal by itself. We have the problem of whether or not the call is a part of the method and as I understand it a call is not a part of the method but merely a means of enabling to be rung changes which are otherwise unobtainable. A peal of Plain Bob Major rung with a 6ths place bob instead of the conventional 4ths place is still Plain Bob Major. Similarly, Double Norwich C.B. Major is still Double Norwich whether a 4ths or a 6ths place bob be used. Thus Plain Bob Doubles with a 3rds place bob is still Plain Bob; it is unnecessary to change the name to April Day, but necessary only to specify which call is used.

In most single hunt methods the effect of the call takes place between the two leads or divisions, between the lead end of one lead (treble's handstroke) and the lead-head of the next lead (treble's backstroke), the actual work of the leads being unaltered. However, in 'April Day' the internal work of two leads is altered at a call and in order to obtain all possible callings it is necessary to employ a special start to the first lead of the first course. Thus half a bob is rung at the start and half a bob at the end of the extent, surely a most irregular arrangement.

With regard to the terms method and variation, I think the most obvious thing that a method must possess is its own plain course. If the plain course be altered only slightly then a different method is produced. There is no need for the term variation in this context and the use of it is only confusing. After all, it could be said that every method was a variation of plain hunting, the only difference being in degree of complexity. Add dodges and places in small doses and then add a treble bob hunt for the treble and London Surprise Major becomes a variation of plain hunting. If we use the term variation here the problem will arise as to when a variation is sufficiently different so as to qualify for the title method.

The normal position for a call is at the treble lead or thereabouts, but in Double Norwich C.B. Caters the effect comes within the lead when the treble is in 4-5 up:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 9 7
—4 2 6 1 3 5 8 7 9
2 4 6 3 1 8 5 9 7 etc.

Would it then be possible to ring a composition of Plain Bob Major in which the following type of call is used?—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
—4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
2 4 6 8 1 7 3 5 etc.

If so, is there any record of this being done?

I have long wondered why we do so illogically tolerate the names St. Simon's Doubles and St. Clement's Minor for what is the same method on different numbers of bells. For extensions on higher numbers of bells, I believe that the name St. Clement's is used throughout. Is there perhaps an historical reason? In any case I think it is about time that the position was sorted out.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN S. BARNES.

Sutton-Courtenay, Berks.

OTHER BELLS REJOICE

Dear Sir.—Regarding the last few words of item one in a Belfry Gossip par (page 24)—thanks!—Yours truly,

R. D. & R. G. BELL.

Watford, Herts.

P.S.—Looks like a peal of Bells might be a possibility.—R. D. & R. G. B.

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ANOTHER 100,000 CHANGES IN 1960

At the annual belfry meeting of the St. Mary's, Willesborough, Guild of Change Ringers on January 17th. the captain, Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, reported that with 113,004 changes for service ringing in 1960 the 100,000 mark had been passed for the sixth year in succession. Not only that, but three new Minor methods and ten new Doubles methods brought the totals to 29 Minor and 25 Doubles methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, College Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, London Bob, Horsmonden Bob, Cumberland Bob, Brentford Bob, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree Bob; Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob; Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, London Surprise, York Surprise; Kentish Delight, Oswald Delight, Old Oxford Delight, Dover Delight and Barham Delight Minor; and Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, New Bob, Reverse New Bob, Huntspill Bob, Reverse Huntspill Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Winchendon Place Bob, St. Bartholomew Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, Union Bob, St. Faith's Slow Course Bob, Stedman Slow Course Bob, Stowe Place Bob, Uffingham Bob, Coxwell Bob and Grandshire Doubles. In addition Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Hereward, and College and St. Clement's had been rung specially.

Three beginners had left but another three gained, and of the six beginners now in the band two had already rung the treble for a Sunday service, three more would be ringing for service for the first time during January and the sixth was making good progress.

R. J. C.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

St. David's Cathedral ringers at their December meeting were addressed by Mr. R. C. Warburton, of Fishguard, the Diocesan Ringing Master, who is also instructor to the tower.

In the course of his address he said that many towers failed because members could not make up their minds to respect and obey the captain. This he had often noticed as a visiting ringer in many of the 250 towers where he had rung. Senior members should always be ready to back up the captain in helping beginners.

Another tower problem was the absence of progress. Two towers he knew of had had bands of young ringers executing rounds very well, but some said they did not want any of 'this change ringing.' While they held that point of view, he did not feel it was any use coming to ring with them again. There was a sad ending to the story: after some six months he went to one of the towers and found that most of the young ringers had become bored with rounds and found village dances more interesting than ringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael's, Broad Street, on January 14th, a large company of ringers and friends being present.

Members stood in memory of Mr. W. J. Prescott, late tower master at the Abbey and Mr. F. Cannings, of Bathford. Visitors were welcomed from Chippenham, Bristol, Warmley, Southampton, Swindon, and also present was the general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, from Wells.

All the officers were re-elected. The secretary (Mr. Alan Lee) reported on the past year's activities and the treasurer (Mr. Terry Milson) stated that a balance of £25 would be handed over to the Association.

Twenty-eight new members were elected: Freshford 3, Bathwick 1, Twerton 2, Weston 8, St. Saviour's 14. This is the first time for 30 years that St. Saviour's has had any Association members and this is a most promising start.

CHURCH OFFICERS ALL



A band of church officers from St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, Guild of Ringers, who recently rang a quarter peal in three methods.

Back row (left to right): Terence J. Milsom, David J. Barnett, Alan F. Lee, Percival R. Young, John R. Hobbs.

Front row: Rev. Peter Howell (curate), Rev. L. A. B. White (Vicar), Rev. John Harper (curate).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Some 36 ringers attended the North Dorset Branch annual meeting at Gillingham on December 3rd. The Vicar, the Archdeacon of Dorset, presided.

Branch officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; honorary secretary, Rev. R. N. Longridge; committee, Mr. J. Ralph and Mrs. E. Wright; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, B. Ridout. On the resignation of Mr. A. Woods as Ringing Master, Mrs. Godley was elected in his stead, a happy appointment and a just reward for Mrs. Godley's skill and enthusiasm.

Meetings in 1961 were suggested for Shroton, Kingston Magna, Bradford Abbas and the annual meeting at Mere.

The honorary secretary in his report mentioned that membership of the Branch was 166, and that more ringers had attended the meetings during the past year. Two new members were elected and a new band at Stourton Caundle was affiliated.

R. N. L.

NOT UNPEALABLE

On January 14th the first peal on the bells of All Saints', Wilbarston, Northants, for more than 30 years was rung. For the past 25 years these bells had been stated to be 'unpealable.' A hour was spent discovering and remedying various causes. Ringing these bells with tight ropes and 'driving' them is certainly the answer to a successful pealer—plus knowing the METHODS (capitals, Mr. Editor) well beforehand. Thus another unpealable ring has been conquered!—P. A.

IN THE RUGBY AREA

A party of nine ringers including members of the Bristol University Society and ringers from Whitnash and Warwick had a day's ringing in the Rugby area on January 7th. Although the ringing was nothing to write to 'The Ringing World' about the party felt they had enjoyed the visits and gained valuable practice. Many thanks are due to the organiser, Ian C. Maycock. Towers visited were Church Lawford, Bilton, Newbold-on-Avon, Dunchurch, Willoughby, Newnham, Daventry, Staverton, Priors Marston and Napton-on-the-Hill.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL GUILD

The Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, held its fourth annual meeting, supper and social in Cathedral House on January 16th. The Guild Chaplain, the Rev. E. Lowman, presided, in the absence of the Provost (the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff).

The founder chairman's report indicated in detail the steady advancement of the Guild, numerically, financially and ringing-wise, continuing since the rehanging and augmentation of the bells and the founding of the Guild. The treasurer gave encouraging figures—the donation by the Guild to the Augmentation Fund this year being over £17.

To the great regret of all, Mr. F. Burnett, for many years tower captain and belfry keeper, was unable, by reason of his recent illness and operation, to continue in office. His work for Cathedral ringing was greatly appreciated, and he was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Guild.

The founder chairman, Mr. A. York-Bramble, also withdrew from his office with that of deputy tower captain: feeling that, with the establishment of the Guild, opportunity should be made for sharing these duties. He also wished to be free to give more attention to the work of the Cathedral School of Ringing. He received a message of esteem from the Provost and a unanimous vote of appreciation and thanks from the meeting; and was elected vice-president of the Guild.

Other elections for 1961 included: Chairman, Cdr. C. F. Jackson, R.N.; tower captain and belfry keeper, N. Haile; treasurer, M. C. Bickel; secretary, R. Harris; assistant belfry keeper, C. Harris; committee, Miss S. K. M. Knight, F. Burnett, D. Boreham, and the tutor of the ringing school, Mr. L. Stillwell was elected honorary life member in appreciation of his kind writing up the Guild peal book.

Guild members contributed items of entertainment to the social, following supper; and Mrs. E. Jones received the thanks of all for her great help with the refreshments.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The highlight of the annual meeting of the Andover District, held at Whitechurch on January 14th was the election of four new ringing members from Sydmonton, previously regarded as an unringable tower. Here a new band is being formed and this is the first time in the District's history that members have been elected from this tower.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who, in his address, stressed the point that ringers should attend, if possible, the services they rang for. The usual Whitechurch tea was enjoyed. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the business meeting and Goodworth Claford was selected for the next meeting on March 18th, with Andover bells after tea. The District outing on Easter Monday will be in the Wesbury area. The future of the Alliston Cup contest was discussed and was left to the executive meeting.

WHO HAS A RIGHT TO RING THE BELL?

Three members of the band at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Newburn, Northumberland, write that apart from their ring of six bells they have a seventh bell which is over 1,000 years old and is rung for funerals and Holy Communion, etc. This bell is rung by the vergers, the churchwardens and a sidesman who recently put a young boy on to chiming it, and then followed an accident.

We feel that it is our right to take over this bell and to ban others from interfering. Can we, as bellringers, obtain such authorisation? I think you will agree with me in saying that it is our job.

(Signed) M. B. WELFORD,
D. M. JOHNSON,
PETER WELFORD.

NOTE.—While we sympathise with Newburn ringers, we feel that they have no right to claim to ring this bell. The decision as to who shall ring the bell rests with the incumbent.—Ed.

OBITUARY

THE DEATH OF MR. J. A. FREEMAN

Members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are mourning the loss of a beloved Master.

Although he had been in failing health for some time only those close to him realised the end was near. Jack Freeman was much more than Master, he was a kindly friend to all ringers with whom he came in contact. Since he was elected Master of the Cathedral company in 1929 visiting ringers will remember the smiling welcome that was always extended to expert or learner.

Those of us who have served with him in the administration of the Guild have been impressed by his obvious desire to do the right thing; even if we did not always agree we respected the sincerity behind all his words and actions.

Ringing was his great love and for more than 30 years he held various offices in the Guild, always bringing a quiet wisdom and friendly approach to all problems.

His ability as a ringer and conductor is well known: his impressive list of performances appeared recently in the series 'Servants of the Exercise.'

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has been fortunate in having three outstanding Masters in its 61 years of existence. Rev. H. Law James was the first, 1899 to 1932, followed by Rupert Richardson, 1932 to 1947, and John A. Freeman was the natural successor.

It was with regret that the members at the 1960 annual meeting heard that he would not seek re-election in 1961.

Jack was a great churchman and for many years he rang each Sunday for Matins and afternoon Evensong at the Cathedral then for evening service at St. Peter-at-Gowts, where he also sang in the choir.

It was at this church that the funeral service took place on January 14th, there was a large number of ringers present. Guild officers, Branch officers, and members from the far corners of this scattered diocese.

The simple but impressive service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Houlden and the lesson was read by the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild.

In the evening a very good half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral, conducted by his son, as Jack would have wished. The band consisted of one representative from each Branch and the more senior members of the Cathedral company.

With the passing of John A. Freeman, much loved and respected Master, we turn a page of Lincolnshire ringing history, saying with sincerity, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

J. B.

'A SAINT OF THE EXERCISE'

With the death of John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Cathedral Ringers since 1929 and Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1947, the Exercise has lost one of its most devoted members.

The practical highlights of Mr. Freeman's ringing career have been published in previous articles in 'The Ringing World,' but even greater than his absence from the tower will be the loss of a sincere leader and a churchman of the highest integrity.

Most members of the Cathedral company have known no other Master and it is due to his care, advice and passion for progress that such a measure of success in the Lincoln District was achieved during the years of his Mastership. Under his leadership anyone showing interest was given every opportunity to progress. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to see these opportunities accepted and to help young ringers to further their experience.

Following the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Rupert Richardson as Master of the Guild, John Freeman determined to follow their example to continue the advancement of methods and the quality of ringing in the Lincoln Guild and the higher standard reached during his leadership is a tribute to him. His last visit to the belfry, although he was far from well, was to help his company to ring *Londinium S. Maximus* and it was typical of him that he enquired frequently of the progress of this during his final illness.



Many ringers will remember Mr. Freeman's dry humour and kindly advice. He was a devoted churchman, ringing on Sunday at the Cathedral and for the services of his own parish, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and serving in the choir and on the Parochial Church Council.

A life devoted to God and to ringing surely makes him one of the 'Saints of the Exercise.' May his soul rest in peace. J. L. M.

ANOTHER APPRECIATION

A friend writes:—The passing of John Ashley Freeman will leave a gap, not only in the Lincoln Diocese but also in the Exercise at large. Only the third Master of the Lincoln Guild, he was called upon in 1947 to continue the work of a well-loved friend and popular Master, Rupert Richardson. He succeeded splendidly, for the gifts of leadership were in the man, who was aware all his life of the true source of power.

By trade a joiner, he brought the same dignity to his daily work as he did to his life-long interest of bellringing. He was first and foremost a churchman, and he regarded his ringing primarily as a part of the service he could render to God. Hence the Master of the Diocesan Guild and the Master of the Lincoln Cathedral company was often to be found at the rope's end on the six in the parish church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, where he performed yeoman service in a number of ways.

He carried out the duties of Master in a large diocese very effectively. He had presence, and he could draw people to him. The humblest ringer was always catered for. His Mastership of the Cathedral company meant a great deal to him and he had an excellent relationship with successive deans of Lincoln. The Cathedral ringers flourished under his guidance. The years before and immediately after the war saw him in his prime—who knows what might have been accomplished had not the war intervened?

His first love was probably Stedman. He was a skilful conductor in this method, and called nearly all his peals of Stedman, both on tower bells and handbells. He would undoubtedly have been in the front rank of double-handed Stedman ringers had the opportunities come to him much earlier in life. In the field of Spliced Surprise, he was a pioneer. Had not William Pye declared, after scoring a peal in twelve Surprise methods, that if his band wanted any more, they could ring it themselves? Mr. Freeman, with his progressive mind, did want more, and he trained a band to achieve it. It is unlikely to be generally known that he repeated the composition in sixteen methods to himself almost daily throughout the war years. Yet

his special niche in ringing history will probably be his part, when over sixty years of age, in the record peal of London Surprise Major. His was a splendid performance. He knew the construction of London as few do, and it was an inspiration to watch him sort out a muddle in that method.

Mr. Freeman was blessed with a happy home life which, with his wife, he was ready to share generously. Very many ringers have enjoyed good company at 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, where the fires of life burned brightly, particularly members of the Forces during the war.

One of Mr. Freeman's duties as a member of the Cathedral body was to ring Great Tom of Lincoln on special occasions. On Wednesday, January 11th, it tolled to mark his passing into the higher service. All who knew him will wish to extend their deepest sympathy to his wife, two sons, and his brother in their loss.

MR. GEORGE LAVERS AN APPRECIATION

It came as a very great shock to read in 'The Ringing World' of the passing of George Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice.

I last saw George at a meeting at Kea, Truro, a few years ago. He was then his usual cheery, robust self, and this makes the shock of his death, after a short illness, all the greater.

George, as has already been said, came from a great West Country ringing family; it was he who 'banged the drum' while his father, Mr. 'Bill' Lavers, piloted me through my first six score of Grandsire at Plympton.

George was not a prolific peal ringer and perhaps not so well known in wider ringing circles, but what he lacked in knowledge of change ringing he made up for in his ability to strike perfectly practically any bell of any weight and condition. He was quite happy to take a rope on rounds or call changes if it meant helping a stumbling learner along.

I shall always remember him as one of the most good natured chaps I have ever known; one who would 'do anything for anybody,' and will always remember the many happy occasions when we rang handbells together.

My deepest sympathies are extended to Mabel, his wife, his three children and his father and sisters at this sudden tragic loss.

R. A. SOUTHWOOD.

MR. LANCELOT LAWRENCE

The death occurred on December 19th, 1960, at his home in Chapel Road, Attleborough, Norfolk, of Mr. Lancelot Lawrence, aged 70 years.

Mr. Lawrence was a great churchman and, in more recent years, was in charge of ringing at Attleborough. He taught all the local recruits to ring and his death has left a gap which is very much felt, there being nobody there at present to replace him. Besides his interest in bellringing, he was keenly involved in the activities of the local T.C. H. branch, to which he introduced tone ringing on handbells.

Mr. Lawrence formerly worked for the G.P.O. and was widely known and respected in many Norfolk villages. To his widow, two daughters and his son we extend our sympathy.

The funeral at Attleborough on December 22nd was attended by ringers from Attleborough and district, including representatives of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, of which Mr. Lawrence was a member and correspondent for his tower. The funeral was followed by cremation at Norwich.

MR. C. H. WICKENS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. C. H. Wickens, of Twineham, Sussex, aged 58. Captain of the local tower, he was a prominent member of the Sussex County Association. His son-in-law, Mr. R. C. Knight, is captain of Burgess Hill tower. The funeral service was at Twineham last Friday.

MR. F. W. BRINKLOW

We regret to learn that Mr. Frederick W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, Herts, died on January 20th.

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WANTED.—Any out of print collections of methods or compositions, etc., also Snowdon's 'Treble Bob' and 'Siedman'. Good condition. State prices.—('Farmer') Giles B. Thompson, 'The Garret', 32, Egerton Road North, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21. 7357

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no ringing until further notice as the bells are being rehung. 7572

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis 7348

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Alwaston. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7599

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District), CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Stockton (10), January 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7350

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 28th, Coggeshall. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7270

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7289

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton, on January 28th. Usual arrangements. 7307

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual Branch meeting, Ebbw Vale, January 28th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service, Tea and business.—J. S. King. 7356

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Burnham, on Saturday, January 28th, at 4 p.m. (not 3 p.m. as arranged). Tea for ringers attending meeting 5 p.m. 7321

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Chisledon meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ramsbury, Saturday, January 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 7338

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 28th. Amended notice. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5 p.m. 7570

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Priulewell, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea, followed by A.G.M., 5 p.m. 7341

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting, Halesworth, January 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7344

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Mayfield, on January 28th. Tea 5 p.m. 7340

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. (St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available). Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7342

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, February 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: February 14th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; February 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; February 28th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th.—John Chilcott. 7562

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. All welcome.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 7597

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley', Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 7335

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Harbury, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 7580

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 4th. St. John's, Newcastle, 3-4.30 p.m.; Gateshead 5.30-7; St. Nicholas' Cathedral 7.30-8.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 7577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, at Fordham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7571

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—February 4th, St. Matthew's (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Bob Triples and Yorkshire.—A. Bennett. 7576

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The A.D.M. at Leatherhead, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Nicolas' Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m. Please notify by February 1st. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, if you require tea.—A. H. Smith. 7345

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Saturday, February 4th. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 2.45 p.m. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' bells after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday.—T. E. Wood, 75. Redhill Flats, Hereford. 7584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7587

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland, on Saturday, February 4th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan.—L. Kenrick, Dis. Sec. 7575

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7601

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to Miss M. Lloyd, Byford, Aylestone Lane, Wigston Magna, Leics.—A. James Poynor, Dis. Sec. 7565

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGE'S GUILD.—General meeting, Saturday, February 4th. 3 p.m., at Bromley. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. 6.30 p.m. ringing Bromley Common. Own tea arrangements.—R. N. C. 7588

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bunwell, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the school, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to C. F. W. Phillipps, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR OIX. 3720

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Fenton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to Mr. W. H. Birks, 367, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7589

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., February 4th, at Witney (8). 2.30 p.m. Ducklington (6) 2.15. Service 4. Brize Norton (6) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (by February 2nd), to David Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon. 7569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.—T. Bowles, Chillnorth Farm, Milton Common, Oxon. 7602

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Peterborough, Saturday, February 4th. Afternoon ringing at St. Mary's 2.30-4 p.m. Service at St. John's, 4.30. Business meeting, St. John's Vestry, 6 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. Plenty of cafes available. 7329

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7568

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea to me, by Tuesday previous, —F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7578

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting, Great Cheverill, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilt. 7573

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killamarsh, 3 p.m., Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh.—J. Seager, Sec. 7594

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Euston Tavern, opposite King's Cross Station, on February 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing details will be announced next week. 7573

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, February 4th, Basford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by February 1st. to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7347

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Grundisburgh (10), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Half Moon Inn. Names for tea (very urgent) please, by Friday morning, February 3rd, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—Dis. Sec. 7359

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, by Wednesday, February 1st.—Phone 438. 7563

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual Christchurch District meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Priory Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst,' Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 7358

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Newport. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mrs. Guy, 4, St. Swithin's Crescent, Yarmouth. 7579

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual general meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea follows meeting. Ringing and service at Hursley. Bells (8) available 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, not later than January 31st, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 7593

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, February 11th, at Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (12s.) from District secretaries or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Apply early to avoid disappointment. 7343

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, February 9th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. Ash bells 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7595

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Syston District, Saturday, February 11th. Bells available: Rothley (6), Swithland (6), Barrow-on-Soar (6), 2.3-1.5 p.m.; Quorn (8), Sileby (8), 2.45-5; Mountsorrel (8) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8. Service, Mountsorrel St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting), St. Peter's Church Hall, 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to R. Wilmore, 37, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, Leics. Nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be given by this meeting. General committee meeting, Wednesday, February 8th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, Albion Street, Leicester, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding, 7561

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follow.—R. E. Coles. 7585

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. NOR 21 W.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7564

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' joint meeting at Sheffield, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing details later. All University ringers welcome. 7598

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church Room, Reading, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 11th. All notices of motion, applications for grants, etc., should reach the Honorary General Secretary before Friday, February 3rd, if they are to be included in the Agenda.—M. R. Cross. 7590

PRELIMINARY NOTICE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.

Annual general meeting.
Darlington, Saturday, April 29th, 1961.
Subscriptions are now due for 1961 to General Secretary.

J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent.
Swansea. 7583

THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex District

The 24th meeting of the Sussex District was held at St. John the Baptist, Southover, on January 14th with an attendance of about 24 members. After a short service, conducted by the Vicar, tea was enjoyed, followed by the business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Hairs and Mrs. and Miss Dowling. Five new members were elected.

Mrs. Percy was unanimously re-elected vice-president. Miss Beeny, unfortunately, was unable to carry on the secretaryship and Miss S. Boreford was elected her successor. The committee is composed of Miss Everest, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Granger.

Next meeting, Willingdon, on April 8th.

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EAST RIDING RINGERS' DINNER

On December 31st, 23 ringers from Cottingham, Ferryby, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Sutton-on-Hull and Walkington assembled for a dinner at the Beverley Arms Hotel. During the afternoon ringing took place at Walkington (6) and St. Mary's, Beverley (10), and included numerous methods to suit all standards. Everyone was then ready for the excellent Christmas dinner, which was followed by an informal social evening. Later the ringers returned to their respective towers for the midnight ringing. At Kirk Ella, Orpheus Doubles was found to be very suitable for the half-muffled ringing before midnight, and the New Year was welcomed in with a brisk touch of Cambridge, the standard of which augured well for the ringing in 1961.

MR. ROBERT B. SMITH'S 250 PEALS

Only one peal of Grandsire Triples is included in Mr. R. B. Smith's interesting list of peals.

TOWER

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1, 5 methods 2, 7 methods 2, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 6 (conducted 1), St. Clement's Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 4, 2-7 methods 12 (2), 7-14 methods 5, 14-25 methods 5, 25-50 methods 10, 55 methods 1, 73 methods 1. Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (1), Beverley 1, Norwich 1 (1), London 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1. Major.—Plain Bob 10 (3), St. Clement's Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 7 (including 10,000 changes), Kent T.B. 5 (1), 2 methods 5.

Surprise Major.—Belgrave 1, Bristol 7, Cambridge 10 (2), Gainsborough 1, Glasgow 1, Hanbury 1, Lincolnshire 3 (3), London 12 (1), New Cambridge 2, Oxfordshire 1, Pudsey 2 (1), 'Real' Cambridge 1, Rutland 3, Staffordshire 1, Superlative 5, Warwickshire 1, Watford 1, Yorkshire 13 (2), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 3 (1), 10 methods (9,568 changes) 1, 12 methods 4.

Caters.—Stedman 1. Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 4, 2 methods 1. Surprise.—Belgrave 3, Bristol 1, Cambridge 8, Charmouth 1, Grace Dieu 1, Lincolnshire 1, London 9, Rutland 1, Tamworth 2, Yorkshire 6.

Cinques.—Stedman 2. Surprise Maximus.—Belgrave 2, Cambridge 9 (1), Lincolnshire 1, Londinium 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Wigston 1, Yorkshire 7. Total: 233 (21).

HAND

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1, 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (4), Oxford T.B. 1 (1), 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 2. Royal.—Plain Bob 1. Total: 17 (8). Grand total: 250 (29).

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' January 23rd, 1931:—

False peal at Painswick commented upon—its conductor states 'The Painswick Youths, not being affiliated to the Central Council, make their own Rules and Decisions, and still claim to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells.'

Mr. James George, by ringing a peal on January 3rd, now has rung a peal on every date of the year, including December 25th and February 29th.

CHILDREN'S T.V.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, of Radlett, Herts, is giving three five minute talks on bells and ringing in B.B.C. Children's T.V. programme called 'Blue Peter.'

The first talk is on Monday, January 30th, and the talks will continue at fortnightly intervals.

LATE NOTICE

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice Meeting, Great Barton (6), February 4th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 7603

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER

(No. B.65)

B	M	W	H	23456
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			3	25634
X				53246
			2	52436
X				23564
X				23645
			3	42635
X				42356
			2	43526
			3	53624
X				32546
				54326
			3	34625
X			2	23456

First rung at Lutterworth on October 10th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

5,024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

Comp. E.3.

23456	W	M	B	H
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