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## AMALGAMATION TALK IN SURREY

**A** SCHEME for the amalgamation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association has been prepared by a joint meeting of both bodies held earlier in the year at Leatherhead and has been circulated to the various towers in the two areas.

As the Surrey Association is the older body, the proposed title is the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The Association would operate through five Districts, the suggested initial constitution being as follows:—

**Farnham.**—Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Bentley, Crondall, Farnborough, Farnham, Frensham, Grayshott, Hawley, Pirbright, Seale, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

**Chertsey.**—Chertsey, Chobham, Egham, Hersham, Horsell, East Molesey, Oatlands Park, Ockham, Old Woking, Ottershaw, Send, Thames Ditton, Walton, Weybridge, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Kingston and Esher.

**Guildford.**—Albury, Bramley, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Godalming, Guildford, Hascombe, Haslemere, Merrow, Puttenham, Shalford, Shere, West Clandon, Witley and Wonders.

**Northern.**—Addington, Ashtead, Banstead, Beddington, Carshalton, Croydon, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Southwark, Streatham and Wimbledon.

**Southern.**—Betchworth, Bletchingley, Buckland, Burstow, Charlwood, Coulsdon, Dorking, Godstone, Horley, Kingswood, Limpsfield, Merstham, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, Oxted, Newdigate, Ockley, Capel and Ranmore.

If a tower felt unhappy in the proposed set-up, an application to transfer to another District would receive sympathetic consideration.

Before any merger could take place, the general approval of 75 per cent. of each Guild attending a meeting was necessary. Special meetings for this purpose would be convened by both bodies, and only members attending the meeting would be entitled to vote. If both meetings favoured fusion, a Merger Committee would consider such matters as constitution, rules and subscriptions.

Of the two bodies, Guildford Diocese has the larger membership and is entitled to four members on the Central Council, whereas the Surrey Association has three. The new body would only be entitled to four members (maximum). Financially, the Surrey Association would contribute more to the common pool as Guildford had spent very freely in providing a memorial bell at Guildford Cathedral to the late Mr. Pulling.

The Guildford Guild was created after the Division of the Diocese of Winchester when it was then held that the area of the old Guild was too large. The proposed area would extend beyond the Surrey County boundary and take in the Hampshire parishes of the Guildford Diocese. The respective centres would be Croydon and Guildford, and the suggestion is that such functions as the A.G.M. and dinner be held alternately at each place. It must be recognised, however, that communications between Guildford and Croydon are not good, but these can be surmounted by private cars and coach travel.

There are two main reasons for the amalgamation. The first is financial, as a large number of ringers in the Metropolitan fringe area have divided loyalties and pay subscriptions to both bodies. The other is that pooling resources would strengthen the financial position of the joint organisation. The prospect of amalgamation has been explored previously.

At one time the claim of the Surrey Association to all towers within the administrative county was a source of irritation to the deaneries in the centre of the Guildford Diocese, and if the Surrey Association attempted to usurp their claim to the whole county it would be resented. Another objection was if once a member from Guildford joined the Surreys by virtue of ringing a peal for them he would be expected to pay an annual subscription in the future. These animosities of the past seem to have died.

There is, however, one matter that has not been solved. The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers is part and parcel of the fabric of Guildford Diocese. The Bishop is president; the Guild is consulted on matters appertaining to bells by the Advisory Committee; it is very closely associated with the building of 'its' Cathedral and provided for it a memorial bell for Mr. Goldsmith and another for Mr. Pulling. The Diocese recognises its ringers in the same way as bodies like the C.E.M.S.; it approved of its ringers' service. Will that happy relationship have to be severed? As the main title is the Surrey Association there might well be established an alliance with Southwark Diocese. The matter would be simplified if the Districts were formed on the diocesan pattern. They are not. In each of the proposed five Districts there are towers in the Guildford Diocese, while in two Districts there are no Surrey towers and in a third only one tower. The fact remains that if the Guildford Diocese was recognised as one unit the area left over in Metropolitan Surrey would be much smaller in towers but would possess Kingston, Croydon, Wimbledon, Reigate, Richmond, Putney and even Southwark.



## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

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Further details later.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Central Council of Church  
Bell Ringers.

AUSTRALIAN RINGERS  
AMUSED

Adelaide, South Australia, ringers are amused by some correspondence that has been going on recently in 'The Church Guardian,' the paper of the diocese of Adelaide. A clerical columnist, writing under the pseudonym of 'Contra Mundum' had said that the worst thing about bell ringers was that they clattered out of the belfry just as a service was about to begin and headed for the nearest bar. His remarks misfired as nearly all our ringing is done on Sundays and in South Australia all hotel bars are closed on Sunday.

But we were amused that the Cathedral organist, Dr. J. V. Peters, should leap to our defence in the following words:

'In the September issue of "The Guardian," "Contra Mundum" is reported as saying that bell ringers "clatter out of the belfry just as a service is commencing—and seek spirituous consolation at the pub."

'I have, Sir, a good working knowledge of most of the hostels in this diocese, but to date I have failed to discover one which is prepared to accommodate a thirsty bell ringer or organist at the time of the statutory services.'

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters to mark the centenary of the first 10-bell peal at Appleton (October 11th, 1861, in which the late Rev. F. E. Robinson took part) came to an end after two hours' good ringing owing to a missed call.

Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, is to have a sixth bell, although space in the bell tower is limited. The bells are completely exposed to the weather and in consequence the frame is to receive anti-rust treatment. Electric lighting is to be installed in the bell chamber, calculated to make a beacon by night as well as making the swinging bells visible after dark.

Pupils of Lady Hawkins' Grammar School, Kingston, Herefordshire, rang for the founders' day service on September 29th. In the belfry with them were Mrs. E. Chandler, assistant Ringing Master of the Kingston District, and Mr. E. Giddings, a Kingston ringer. The pupils were R. Dayns, Adrian Davies, Robin Hughes, Marilyn Rawlings, Jennifer Cartwright, Richard Lloyd and Maureen Davies. A picture appeared in the 'Hereford Times' of October 6th.

Last June Miss Merrill Chambers came with her mother to England from her home in Australia to visit relatives at Ingrave, Essex. She became interested in ringing and had her first 'pull' at the parish church on June 22nd. Keen and quick to learn, she was soon ringing for Sunday services and during the week whenever possible. On the Sunday before she returned she rang her first quarter—Grandsire Doubles from the treble.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—42



MR. WILLIAM C. SHUTE,  
The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A pioneer in bringing change ringing to all parts of Dorset, and one of the most untiring instructors in the country, Mr. William C. Shute, of Ferndown, near Wimborne, has done more to advance beginners in this area than anyone. It would be true to say that Bill's life, during the last 36 years, has been devoted to encouraging and helping others, and although he has always shunned the limelight, his enthusiasm and unselfishness has earned him the respect, gratitude and affection of every ringer in this predominantly rural county.

Bill Shute was born in the village of Buckhorn Weston, near Templecombe, on November 1891, and learnt to ring there in February, 1908. At that time, and up to the formation of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, nearly all the ringing in this area was rounds and call changes. During World War I, Bill served in France with the Welch Regiment, and after demobilisation he lived and worked in Loughton, Essex, in the early 1920's. He frequently visited the famous Surprise Minor band at Leytonstone, and learnt to ring many Minor methods, which served him in good stead in later years.

His first attempt for a peal was 7 Surprise Minor with this band, but it was unfortunately lost, and he did not ring his first peal until about 1925, when he returned to Buckhorn Weston. Bill's first peal as conductor was Grandsire Doubles at Zeals, Dorset, on September 25th, 1926, and since then the majority of his peal ringing activities have been in the humbler methods, in which many of the band have scored their first peal or first in the method.

## FIRST BRANCH RINGING MASTER

The North Dorset Branch was formed in 1924, and soon after Bill became their first Ringing Master. He set to work, often ringing seven evenings a week, to help learners and raise enthusiasm for change ringing. He still holds this post, after 36 years' continuous service, and even though now he lives outside the Branch. He is, of course, a long-standing member of the Guild Committee. His success in this job was reflected in the fact that for a number of years attendance at the quarterly branch meetings was usually around 70 ringers.

To show their appreciation of his untiring efforts his friends in North Dorset presented him with a gold watch in 1948 in remembrance of over 20 years' service. No place was ever too far for Bill to go for instructing a band, as long as he could get back in time to start work the next morning. In his earlier days, his mode of transport was a bicycle, and

he has been known to ride to Yeovil (15 miles) to work, on to Evershot (9 miles) for practice in the evening, and then 24 miles home afterwards! Thanks to his teaching, the Evershot band rang a local peal in 21 Doubles methods, just prior to the last war. Two well known Dorset ringers, Messrs. H. D. Bishop and E. T. P. Field, were both taught by Bill, and he called their first peal in 1932 at Buckland Newton.

## 'THE UBIQUITOUS SHUTE'

His activities have not been confined to Dorset. Mr. Joseph T. Dyke once referred to Bill as 'the ubiquitous Shute,' and he has done much good work in South Somerset and South Wiltshire. Perhaps one of the most telling pieces of evidence of the esteem in which he is held is the warmth of the welcome he receives in a tower which he has not visited for a long time. He has a wonderful memory for incidents of the past, so doubtless there are many who could recall having shared these incidents with him.

Mr. Edward Chant speaks of an occasion in 1937, of which he and Bill are the only survivors. After cycling to Durweston for a peal, and finding that the bells could not be used, they cycled to Fontmell Magna, and rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles there. It is not reported at what time the peal ended, but Bill apparently set off on his bicycle for home at Ferndown (some 24 miles away) at midnight!

Bill Shute has not kept a record of his peals, but they must number around 300, and he conducted 100 out of his first 200. They have included Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, Cambridge Major, and a large quantity of Doubles and Minor in various methods, most of which he conducted, unless they were called by one of his pupils.

## MAYOR ON THE TENOR

One peal of which he must be proud was Grandsire Triples which he conducted at Bridport for the King George V Silver Jubilee, 1935. All the band were ex-servicemen of Dorset, and the Mayor of Bridport, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, rang the tenor. Another worthy performance in which he took part was the first peal of Major at Sherborne Abbey on December 20th, 1930, before the bells were rehung, and the tenor was rung in masterful fashion by the great Joe Dyke. Bill also called the first peal in seven Minor methods for the Salisbury Guild at Iwerne Courtenay in January, 1936.

One of Bill Shute's characteristics is a fierce determination to pull his pupils through their difficulties, whether in Grandsire Doubles or some Surprise Minor method. The on-looker is always amazed at his ability to ring, conduct and instruct at the same time, with absolute confidence. Yet, for all this, he is a most modest man, and dislikes attention being focused on himself. It can be truly said that he has always put other people's interests and ambitions before his own. His personality does indeed stand out from the rest, and he has dedicated his particular gifts to the benefit of others. If there were any medals given for bellringing, Bill Shute would most certainly have earned one. If there were any medals... APACE.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The autumn meeting of the West Central District was held at Rattlesden on September 30th. Ringing under the guidance of Mr. Robert E. Lester suited all members present.

After a short service, conducted by the Rector, an excellent tea was provided by the local lady ringers. At the meeting the chairman, Mr. L. Last, welcomed all visitors to the District, and also the lady ringers, as probationary members to the Guild.

After tea ringing continued at Rattlesden and Drinkstone until nine o'clock.

Next meetings: Wetherden. Saturday, November 25th (evening practice); Palgrave. Saturday, January 20th, 1962.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK IN SUSSEX

WITH very few exceptions, the best company one can enjoy is that of ringers and for me the Guild week has confirmed this once more.

The week started under two clouds. It was the first since the death of our last president, A. C. Blyth, and many of us learned after meeting of the tragic death of Geoffrey Benson, a short time before. However jolly the company their absence was always felt, and particularly when we met for the evening meal.

Wednesday began with Holy Communion in nearby Cold Waltham Church and finished, like the other days, at the 'Labouring Man,' equally near. We rang on the fine eighties at Arundel and Chichester first and then at Havant. After lunch there was a peal attempt, the last of the week owing to our numbers being low, and unfortunately we lost Rutland after an hour. The band arrived at Portsmouth in time to ring Cambridge Royal on the fine ten.

On Tuesday there was ringing at Chiddingfold, Godalming, Shalford and Witley, and two Guildford towers sandwiched lunch. I have never seen a rope spliced so quickly as at St. Nicolas' here, when Roger Leigh tackled a broken one.

### PORT-HOLES IN TOWER

A peal attempt at Ranmore was successful, despite the 'go' of the fifth. The tenor man stood sideways to avoid the wall and as there were circular port-holes in the tower, about six inches in diameter and four feet above the floor, there was speculation as to what shape he ought to be if he wanted to use them in order to bend at backstroke.

We got back so late we were all in the 'dog house,' though our meal was excellent as usual. However, a course of Cambridge Major came round in hand that evening, though tiredness caused us to abandon the idea of a peal attempt at Stedman Triples.

Thursday found us at Haslemere, where, I think, we tried to ring 'too fast,' Grayshott, Hawkley, Privett and East Meon. Monday was a good day and saw some good ringing from Billingshurst to Horsham, 'Apace' at Dorking and a good beat knocked out of the ten at Reigate. Stedman Triples went for an hour and a quarter 'in hand' that evening, breaking down well before 10.30.

Friday took us south to Brighton, for ringing on both tens there, and five other towers.

### THE VICAR'S MOLE

It was a fairly uneventful week, but there was no weakness or deficiency in it. The most unusual event occurred after Sunday's ringing at Fittleworth, on the first day. Here the Vicar invited the Guild to beer and sherry afterwards, and the agricultural statistician amongst us laid a trap for the mole that was ruining his lawn!

My garbling of the programme must not be taken as a slight to our organisers, Messrs. Brian D. Price and Threlfall, to whom we owe very hearty thanks, for an enjoyable week, and finding first class accommodation.

We wish to thank the many incumbents and tower captains who made the week possible, and the ladies of Lodge Hill, Pulborough, who made it so comfortable and who cook so very, very well. We were very happy from August 19th-26th. J. H. F.

**NORTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hughes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, I. Cunningham 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, R. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival.

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE WEDDING



[By courtesy of The Sheffield Telegraph.]

Two well known South Yorkshire ringers, Miss Marion Archer and Mr. Ian M. Holland, were married at their own tower, St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, on September 9th.

The ringing celebration started the previous evening with a peal attempt at Dronfield, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours.

Ringling at Handsworth the following morning commenced with a course of London, in which the bridegroom took part, pending the arrival of the conductor, apparently suffering from the effects of the previous evening's celebrations. Despite this, he made good work of calling the successful peal of Yorkshire.

The bride was attired in a white lace and tulle crinoline, with bouffant veil mounted on a crystal coronet, and carried red roses. She was attended by her sisters, the Misses Hilary and Sylvia Archer, who wore short blue lace dresses, with blue flower petal headaddresses. The best man was Mr. Keith Hodgson.

The bride's going away suit was pale blue, with pearlised bronze accessories. The honeymoon was spent at Thornwick Bay. Their future home is being built at Dronfield and is not quite completed.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAM, RINGERS' OUTING

With over 20 Sunday service ringers to draw on, Cowbridge had a wide range of ages for their outing on September 23rd. There was Geoffrey, not yet in his teens (but ringing Triples), and his grandfather, a veteran call change expert. As to ringing ability, at one end there was Ted Coles, with over 100 peals up to Cinques to his credit, down to the writer, who still after 10 years was only able to bump the tenor round.

A damp day and it was through the morning mist that the first tower was reached—Ebbw Vale, with the heaviest 8 in Wales. Grandsire went creditably here, but there were two mishaps—young 'Jonah' slipped on one of the smart Taylor mats and nose-dived under the table, and Ted failed to set the seventh first time.

From Wales' heaviest eight to Abergavenny, with the finest 10 and a great gaunt barn of a ringing chamber. Our shaky rounds did the bells scant justice. Framed on the walls was the cheque for £2,316 for the bells made out to the bell founders.

At Ross-on-Wye we could not ring long; a chiming mechanism would not disengage and the seventh was making an ugly 'gboick' every blow. We regretfully called it off. Chepstow, our last tower, was different. On the back eight Grandsire Triples were rung and, with some local assistance, Stedman Triples. Many thanks to David and Jacqueline King and the band for their welcome; and also to those who met us in other towns, and Bert Thomas, who organised it all. I. D. D.

## BEQUEST OF INTEREST

THOMAS NASH, OF BATH

By ERNEST MORRIS

(See also page 607)

The following singular bequest made by Thomas Nash, of Bath, to the ringers of the Abbey Church there, is contained in a codicil to his will, proved in Doctors' Commons, 'I do hereby give and bequeath to the Mayor, the Senior Alderman and Town Clerk of Bath, for the time being, the sum of £50 per annum, in trust, payable out of the Bank Long Annuities, standing in my name at the Bank of England, for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the set of ringers belonging to the Abbey Church, Bath, on condition of their ringing, on the whole peal of bells, with clappers muffled, various solemn and doleful changes (allowing proper intervals for rest and refreshment) from eight o'clock in the morning, until eight o'clock in the evening on the 14th May in every year, being the anniversary wedding day; and also the anniversary of my decease, the ring a grand bob major and many mirthful peals unmuffled, during the same space of time, allowing the same intervals as above mentioned, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness, and for the full, strict, and due performance of such conditions, they, the said ringers, are to receive the sum of £50 per annum, in two payments of £25 each, on those respective days of my marriage and decease. And now that dear divine man (to use Mrs. Nash's own words) the Rev. ...., of ...., may resume his amatory labours, without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection. I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for the first time only) the very next day following after my interment, and to receive £25, one half year's dividend for so doing. Written with my hand, the 14th day of May, 1813.—Thomas Nash.'

This inspired that ringer-poet, the late G. F. Margetson, to break out with:

'Come muse, let's sing of Tommy Nash,  
Who found a wife at Bath;  
Who gnashed his teeth while 'queathing cash  
For ringers' gain and mirth.  
Upon the 14th day of May—  
His anniversary wedding day.

No joyous peals were they to ring,  
But long, said, doleful knells;  
His love had proved a wretched thing,  
So muffled are the bells:  
With proper intervals for rest  
You're sure the ringers try their best.

Whole pull and stand they labour on,  
From morning until night,  
Not sorry when the hours are gone,  
To see the end in sight:  
Divisions then employ the cash,  
Left by the will of Thomas Nash.

And since poor Tom has gone aloft,  
They ring for his decease,  
Most joyful peals come stealing forth  
In praise of his release,  
From all the miseries of life  
By taking himself a wife.

Bob Majors now ring wild and true,  
To tell poor Tom is dead,  
Reminding them he never knew  
To pause before they wed:  
Great is the ringers' grief for Nash,  
But tears subside where there is cash.'

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Leggett 1, A. Semken 2, Miss J. Semken 3, Miss J. Munson 4, N. Avis 5, P. Erith (first as cond.) 6.

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## BELLS AND THATCH AT GODSHILL

By T. A. BEVIS

'THERE are so many places and institutions and joys and delights in this land of ours that it is not surprising an Englishman declared: 'A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.'

To describe the surroundings of, and approaches to, an ancient church is not always easy. Godshill, Isle of Wight, is a poet's and artist's paradise and the visitor to this practically unspoilt portion of Olde England understandably feels that the very ground on which he treads is indeed the Garden of Eden.

In summer months Godshill earns a living by opening its colourful back gardens and tempting visitors with home-made scones, cream buns and the inevitable 'cuppa'—a delicious experience when encircled by dahlias!

As the name implies the church stands at the top of a tree-fringed hill from which ethereal-like views are obtained of the southern heights of the Garden Island.

### THE PANORAMA

The incumbent believes it to be one of the finest, if not the finest, of panoramas seen from a porch of an English church.

It is refreshing to observe a collection of charming old world cottages keeping the church company, thatched roofs of which testify to the excellent craftsmanship of local men.

The present fane is the fourth to be erected on the site, and claims to be the largest old church on the island. The edifice is 600 years old and is dedicated, as was its predecessors, to All Saints. An unusual feature, the 'double nave'—one row of pillars, centred—provided an area on the north side with sanctuary, this forming the parish church, while the corresponding side and sanctuary came under the jurisdiction of the Benedictine monks of Montesbourg.

Visitors should note the mediaeval two-ply south door with plain ironwork, incorporating a massive and curious lock.

Like most ancient churches, the fane at Godshill possesses a varied collection of treasures. A wall paintings, 'The Budding Cross,' in the Chapel of St. Stephen, depicts Our Lord crucified on a living tree; it was created in 1450.

There may be seen on the south wall a consecration cross and traces of 15th century lettering. The church also possesses a large canvas entitled 'Daniel in the Lion's Den,' reputed to be by Paul Rubens. It was given early in the last century by Lord Yarborough, who obtained the painting from Sir Richard Worsley's collection, the latter having purchased it from abroad for £1,500.

Owing to the ravaging jaws of the death-watch beetle, the church is at present burdened with heavy expenses.

A niche contains a sanctus bell inscribed 'Clement Tosier made me in 1703.'

### CANNON INTO BELLS

Mr. C. H. Denness, foreman of the bell ringers, informed the writer that a large frame was constructed in 1816 for six light bells, these having been partly cast from the old village cannon. (Isle of Wight villages each possessed a cannon to protect them from marauding Frenchmen, Spaniards, etc. The only surviving cannon on the island may be seen in the museum at Carisbrooke Castle.)

The present bells were rehung in 1887 by a Bristol firm and in 1934 Taylors completely overhauled them, two spare bays having been provided in the event of a possible augmentation.

Easy to handle, the bells are delightful to the ear. Weights are: Treble, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.; second, 4-1-17; third, 5-0-0; fourth, 6-0-19; fifth, 6-3-12; tenor (Dove, 8-3-7, G sharp). They are rung from a comfortable chamber half-way in the tower, accessible by ascending a substantial wooden staircase.

Eleven peals have been scored, including two of Doubles, five of Plain Bob Minor and



one of Cambridge. The first peal on the bells was achieved on Saturday, May 22nd, 1926. It consisted of seven different extents of Bob Minor and was conducted by H. Barton.

Evidently the ringers of long ago believed in being 'quick off the mark and on the make' for at the vestry meeting on July 8th, 1754, 'it was agreed from this time forward no more than one guinea be allowed in any one year for ringing the bells on the usual days for that purpose.'

### MUTED BELLS

The writer visited Godshill twice during his stay on the island, the second visit of which imbued him with a perpetual memory of this fair place.

A son of the village had unexpectedly passed away and the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of this young man, whose family had been connected with the church for many years.

The village was still that evening... the sun had gone down in a blaze of glory, saturated in the autumn foliage of St. Boniface Down. Muted bells recalled to man's mind his fleeting moments on earth.

They also warmed the heart to that mysterious brotherhood peculiar to the bell ringer; particularly at that time did they reflect the friendliness of Godshill ringers (remembering with gratitude the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey).

Truly, nature and man—despoiler though he is—have been wonderfully kind to Godshill.

Bells, thatch and coffee—an admirable and satisfying combination.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

All towers except four in the St. Albans District were represented at the meeting on September 16th held at Monken Hadley during the afternoon and Barnet after tea.

At Monken Hadley, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Erin Triples, standard methods and rounds were rung. After an interesting address by the Rev. Mr. Wood the party, approximately 30 strong, had tea at a Barnet cafe. The meeting at Barnet was the first for a long time and ringing reached Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Major.

Mr. F. Jacklin acted as chairman at the short business meeting, when it was decided to accept the Eastern District's invitation to have a joint meeting on October 14th at Hertingfordbury and Essendon.

A vote of thanks to the local incumbents was proposed by Mr. S. Huekle.

C. M. R.

### 'SMACK 'EM IN TIGHT'

Brixham of the holiday-maker is quite a different place from the Brixham which lies clustered around the parish church of St. Mary, with its sturdy battered tower of 104 feet, a mile or so away on the hillside on the road to Kingswear and the River Dart. Brixham Quay formed the old haven under Berry Head for the one-time famous fishing fleets, and its village was tucked away inland sheltered from the 'sou-westerly' gales.

It was in this setting of the original village that the South Devon Association of call change ringers held its annual eight bell festival on October 7th—a miraculously fine day after a week of storm and rain. The Rural Dean, who is Vicar of Dartmouth, gave the address at the opening service to the members of the seven competing teams and friends. In it he suggested that ringers might go into their respective belfries, Sunday by Sunday, with the name of a friend in need in mind, so ensuring that their ringing was an offering of prayer and praise.

The service over, the captains drew for order of ringing and Paignton was first 'out of the hat,' followed by the home team and North Tawton to ring before tea.

After a generous tea organised by the Brixham ringers, during which they rang their bells and 'fired' them in congratulation to George Langworthy, an old Paignton ringer celebrating his jubilee wedding anniversary, Ashburton went in to ring with Upton, Kenn and King's Teignton to follow. In spite of what was later judged to be the best rise of the day (to the command of 'smack 'em in tight') Upton never really settled down in their top ringing and so spoilt a promising start.

Mrs. Yeomans, the wife of the Vicar, presented the awards at the end of the festival. North Tawton were placed first with 50 faults. Their top ringing was truly in prime style. (After a quick tea, they had taken the opportunity of running over to Torquay for a peal on Upton's well hung eight.) King's Teignton were placed second with 73½ faults, Kenn third (84), Upton (97), Brixham (182½), Ashburton (190) and Paignton (230).

The judges were Messrs. T. G. Daw (Ippelen), H. G. Edwards and F. J. Stephens, both of West Alvington.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Linda J. Kew 2, D. P. Hilling 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, D. K. Walters 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. First of Lincolnshire 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Kalgoorlie (Australia).



# Roving Ringers in the North-East

THE Roving Ringers' 15th annual tour was held from July 29th to August 7th, when for the first time the Society visited Durham and Northumberland. Some 250 miles were covered through some of the finest scenery in the North of England, throughout disproving the myth that the area consists only of coal-mines and steelworks.

All but two of the party met at Darlington, where ringing took place, both at Holy Trinity (6) and St. Cuthbert's (8), after which tea was provided by the local company, a most warm-hearted gesture which was greatly appreciated.

## RIVAL CHOIRS

The last two members of the party joined us at Barnard Castle, to make the numbers up to 24. The hostel was alarmingly full, but the 'Cricketers' that evening was even more so. The initial renderings of the choir were not entirely appreciated by a rival singing party, but their protests were somewhat drowned in the strong harmonies of well known numbers, and after all, we had the pianist! The second house, held back at the hostel, was even more successful.

Sunday morning ringing was at the Parish Church, but the short time available was further restricted by a broken stay. The majority stayed to service and then cycled over to Richmond, our one and only Yorkshire tower, where good ringing was enjoyed on a very good going eight.

We were due to ring at Gainford for Evensong, and those with faith in the Ordnance Survey decided to take the short cut across the ferry. It was found on arrival, however, that this particular ferry was operated by foot—our feet! Fortunately the upper reaches of the Tees are shallow, and the afternoon trippers on the further bank maintained a polite but curious silence whilst bikes and a tandem made the crossing! The six bells at Gainford go very well considering they are seldom rung. A course of London and a good fall in peal completed the day's ringing, and the Rector came out to thank the company for their efforts.

Monday started at Staindrop, a fine church inside and an equally fine eight. Here the Master made the first of his many appeals for Glasgow, and even distributed the blue line to prove he meant it, but it was early days, and converts were few. St. Andrew's, Auckland, was the next eight, where ringing suffered somewhat as a result of springy ropes.

## A LADIES' TOUCH

The route led on through semi-rural country, somewhat marred by open cast mining, to Brancepeth, with its rather unusual dedication to St. Brandon, set in the grounds of a large castle (W.D. owned, of course!). The bells go well, and this time it was the ladies' turn to bring home a touch of Triples, after spliced was found wanting.

The visit to Durham was memorable, famous as it is for its T.V. controlled traffic, its alarming gradients, and an almost complete lack of cafes! The town is dominated by the twin west towers of the Cathedral, where we rang on the heaviest eight (30 cwt.) of the tour. The ringing was not without incident, taking place literally amid the encircling gloom, lit by one solitary light. Those who went aloft to view well known local landmarks, the college, the jail, etc., came down to find the ringing chamber with no light at all, but eight pairs of lynx eyes were ringing Major well, whilst several couples had no complaints about the conditions!

Tuesday morning was spent leisurely in Durham, as the six at St. Nicholas' were pronounced unringable, so Houghton-le-Spring was our first tower. Here the party received a very cordial welcome from the Vicar, who was most insistent on having a short account of the tour and its reasons from our honorary recorder. Obviously the need for 'prepared statements' and P.R.O.s is drawing near!

## CHESTER-LE-STREET PRAISED

At Chester-le-Street we were met by Mr. Dennis Bayles, and rang on the best eight to date, a fine 19 cwt. Taylor ring, which goes perfectly. In giving a brief historical survey,

Mr. Bayles pointed out that the church was for many years the seat of the Bishops of Durham, before the Cathedral held that distinction.

The road led on to Lanchester, which was reached by various wrong roads, and after ringing on the six the party started on the long climb across the moors, which coincided with the first rain of the week, to Edmundbyers. A fair hostel this; the wardenship has been here since it opened in 1933, but veteran hostellers agreed that the beds were from an earlier period of history.

The road to Consett on Wednesday gave us a fine view of the town and the iron works. Whilst ringing was taking place at Christ Church the local Press interviewed the Master, Mr. George Morris, and we noted sadly in the report later in the week that we had 'played the bells' at various churches in the area. (But perhaps the reporter was a pianist?)

Two sixes followed: Whickham, with a tenor of no recognised note and a floating frame, and Winlaton, where three people managed to break the fifth rope. Rather indifferent ringing was improved on at Blaydon, and Ipswich Minor was added to the repertoire. The second night at Edmundbyers was enlivened by a fine vocal effort at the 'Punchbowl', which was jointly shared by the Army, and later still the local lads gave us a further course of instruction in the language.

The following morning found the party at St. Aidan's, Blackhill (a light but hard going eight). These were thankfully exchanged for the R.C. church nearby, and once the clock chimes had been disentangled some enjoyable touches were rung. We left regretfully for Benfieldside (6) to be greeted by the B.B.C. who filmed and recorded the proceedings, accompanied by the threat of its appearing on T.V. that very evening.

## BRICKLAYER WANTED ON HADRIAN'S WALL

After lunch we crossed the Northumberland border and after 16 miles of hard pedalling reached Hexham. The Abbey contains many treasures, including a Saxon crypt and a unique memorial to a Roman gladiator. The bells are a fine 21 cwt. eight and we made good use of them during the time available. The trip across the moors was a wet one. We passed Hadrian's Wall, now sadly in need of a good bricklayer, and, keeping a wary eye open for Picts and Scots, arrived safely at Bellingham Hostel, and a welcome fire. Despite 'no meals provided,' Mr. Short kindly brought along a huge grocery order by car, and the ladies provided first class meals.

A fine sunny morning with a strong tail wind combined to make a glorious cross moorland 20 mile ride to Rothbury, and a very good toned Mears eight. Owing to distance two towers only were scheduled for this day, and after lunch the party reached its most northerly point at Embleton (another mellow toned Mears six), where ringing included a touch of Spliced Doubles and Minor, and a method called Grandsire Doubles made its debut.

The North Sea looked cold, but Mr. Secretary and three other misguided persons went bathing, whilst another, not to be outdone by this publicity, was stung by a wasp. Friday night was spent at the palatial looking hostel at Rock Hall, where a fine sing-song was held in the Common Room.

Group photos were taken on Saturday morning, and after a pleasant coastal ride we arrived at Morpeth. The party were met by Mr. Nicholas Wright at the famous Curfew Tower, and the bells certainly lived up to their reputation as a grand light eight, which went well to all methods.

The next tower, Cramlington, provided a very pleasant surprise, a fine 19 cwt. Taylor six and a most satisfying find in an area where heavy rings are not the rule. The local shopkeeper, however, did not share our enthusiasm and made us move our bikes from his wall, with the ominous remark that if bells were a passport to heaven, he hoped he would go elsewhere. His sentiments were ours, and some good ringing, especially a course of Kent, followed.

Gosforth (the only 10 of the tour), came next, but the ringing was well below standard, and we certainly did not do justice to this fine ring.

The day ended at Jesmond, a most unusual tower (rather like some gigantic space rocket), but containing a good 18 cwt. Taylor eight. The eternal problem of ringing without upsetting the public has been solved admirably here, where the bells sound perfectly in the ringing chamber, but are scarcely audible outside.

## CROYDON FOR REUNION

By this time the week-enders had arrived and the party moved into St. Margaret's Hotel for the week-end. At a short business meeting in the morning Croydon was chosen for the reunion, with Winchester as an alternative. Bands then split up to ring at the Cathedral and St. John's, with the local company. The eight at Whitley Bay were visited in the afternoon and further ringing took place in the city for Evensong, followed by a quick run to Gateshead (8), where a number stayed to Evensong.

Monday came all too soon, and after visiting the rather odd-struck six at Benwell, where the view from the tower was the best feature, we made our way to Fenham, with undoubtedly the best eight of the tour. In all there are 17 bells, all by Mears, of which nine are hung as a carillon. A perfect course of Rutland was an outstanding feature of the ringing, and all too soon our time was up and another tour was over.

Apart from the usual votes of thanks to the Master, our hard working secretaries and all tower captains and incumbents, a special word of thanks is due to Mr. George Deas, for his invaluable help and guidance in Newcastle.

We left the north-east regretfully, having more or less learnt the language, and when we return the Society has only two requests: a view of the Lambton worm, and a day at the Blaydon Races!

J. B.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### 102 At North Berks Meeting

In the absence of an incumbent, Canon H. Pickles, in his inimitable style, conducted the service, assisted by the chairman (the Rev. F. Martin Gibbs), at the North Berks Branch's meeting at Letcombe Regis on September 23rd.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs. Wilkins (P.C.C. honorary secretary), Mr. George Savle (churchwarden), Mrs. Mullins (Village Hall secretary), Jim Finch, and the band of willing helpers, for the success of the Branch's first meeting at Letcombe.

The sight of so many young people forming a majority of the 102 in attendance was heartening; and well done, Rachel (Wallingford new member), who, together with friend, walked the journey.

The correspondent for Letcombe, by the way, is Jim Finch. The Greyhound, Letcombe Regis, Wantage, Berks. Jim has joined the Guild and hopes to introduce some young trainees in the near future.

G. W. B.

## SHREWSBURY RINGERS IN WALES

Leighton (a loud six near Welshpool, which bells had been applied for but refused, on the grounds of weak foundations) and Machynlleth (a soft eight, with an awkward circle and a flat treble, but pleasant when in changes) were visited by St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, during their outing into Wales on September 16th.

There is no local activity on the lovely eight at Barmouth. Three ropes, brought from Shrewsbury, were used and while the fitting took place it was noticed that the stay of the third was on the wrong side of the third and cracked. The last touch finished when a learner, on the third, pulled too hard, making the slider jump the block but not cracking the stay any further.

An interesting discovery was to find that Dolgelley's bells were ringable again, although the treble needs attention as the rope is apt to catch wheel at the end of a hand-stroke call.

Thanks are due to John Terry for his efficient organisation, and to all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring.

H. P.



## RED MINIBUS TAKES RAVING RINGERS ON 1961 TOUR

THE Raving Ringers began their 1961 tour in style. Gone was the usual convoy of cars of precarious vintage and in their place appeared a sparkling red minibus. Into the minibus piled the main party in the early hours of Saturday, July 29th, and headed off from Reading towards Deddington to pick up further supplies. Here unfortunately we found that with all the equipment loaded in and on the minibus there were five Ravers with nowhere to go. The minibus zoomed off and the five deserted Ravers were forced to resort to the former tour transport, speeding north in the wake of the main party.

Eventually all were reunited at Burton-on-Trent, where the 28 cwt. ten rang out the first touches of the tour, including Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Glossop, in Derbyshire, provided the headquarters for the tour and the camp site was situated in a pleasant rural setting beyond the town.

Four towers were scheduled for the first full day's ringing, when the two Oldham towers were visited. We found the twelve at St. Mary the Virgin difficult to handle. The tower is impressively slender and the twelve hung in three tiers with subsequently a tight rope circle. We satisfied ourselves with rounds on the twelve after an abortive attempt at Cinques and completed our ringing with a service touch of Stedman Triples. After lunch the party moved to the eight at St. Thomas', Oldham, where we enjoyed good ringing and a hearty welcome. We took some time to find St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. We circled the tower several times convinced that there couldn't be any bells in it, and if it hadn't been for the imposing profile of Neil Bennett standing in the gateway we might have headed off. Evening service ringing was at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), where Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung. Here again we were impressed by the welcome of the local band. An extra tower was also included in the 'welcome service' and after Evensong the minibus loaded up with Ravers and new found friends and headed towards Mottram, an imposing hilltop church. Here we rang our first touch of Yorkshire on the eight, returning to Ashton-under-Lyne to celebrate this triumph in Raving manner.

### RINGING IN A DERELICT CHURCH

Seven towers were visited on the first Monday on tour, including Marple, in Cheshire, where two churches stand side by side, with the bells in one and the congregation in the other. It was the first time the Ravers had rung in a derelict church, but the ringing and novelty were greatly enjoyed. Disley and Bollington were also visited before lunch, and Macclesfield and Prestbury concluded the afternoon's towers. Norbury (Hazel Grove) bells were considered the best of the day, where Superlative and Stedman was rung. Stockport practice ended the day's ringing.

By Tuesday the Ravers were well settled in their northern habitat and (blister hardened) set out for Penistone in the West Riding. Here we had our first experience of Yorkshire tail ends, but they did not hinder a good course of Superlative. Silkstone and Cawthorne were also visited, with more Yorkshire tail ends. After an excellent lunch in Barnsley, where we had difficulty in retrieving our 'master' who was mistaken for Hynam Holiday by blushing waitresses, we enjoyed an hour's ringing at St. Mary's. We then headed for Royston, where we suffered our first broken rope. The ten at Ossett were greatly enjoyed and the evening's ringing pleasantly concluded at Wakefield Cathedral. We enjoyed a lovely supper supplied by Wilf and Jo Morton, to whom we extend grateful thanks.

### LITTLE JOHN'S GRAVE

Wednesday's programme commenced with ringing at Hathersage, in Derbyshire, where half the party measured up Little John's grave whilst the other half pulled the bells up. Among the other seven towers visited, Dronfield will be remembered for a broken clock hammer and Thrybergh for being light enough to handle after an excellent 'rectory tea.' Rotherham was the last tower visited and a good practice and warm welcome were greatly appreciated.



The Raving Ringers photographed outside Fairfield Church, Buxton (left to right): Standing: Howard Oglesby (Ringing Master), Denis Bowen, Ron Russ (Master), Tony Mann, Noël Waite; kneeling: Terry Collins, Michael Ling, Chris Clarke, Stan Huckle; seated: Ann Pettiford, Clare Chambers, Olga Critchlow, Christine Bowen.

Thursday again saw the red minibus, Raver pennant flying at full mast, heading for Yorkshire. After a precarious start at Holmfirth, where we rang by candlelight and managed another broken rope, we made for New Mill and Shelley, making up for the earlier start. Almondsbury, Batley and East Ardsley were also visited and we were later pleasantly surprised to find out that it isn't only Ravers who break ropes, as the rope of the eleventh neatly descended on a local ringer at Leeds.

Friday's programme included three good rings in the morning at Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton. Chelmsorton and Youlgreave were also visited and a great difference noted between ringing the 8½ cwt. six and 26½ cwt. eight. Bakewell concluded the afternoon's ringing and refreshed by a good tea, we left for Darley Dale. We were greatly honoured when 'Jafus' himself came to meet us and when he even complimented us on our ringing—with a name like ours, we are often misunderstood—the door of the minibus was not large enough to accommodate our extended craniums. Evening ringing was at Chesterfield, where we recorded our first course of Surprise Royal and later duly celebrated the achievement.

### SURPRISE FOR WEDDING COUPLE

For the first time on tour we arrived behind schedule on the last Saturday and were disappointed in having to curtail ringing at Tideswell, in Derbyshire. Eyam and Brampton made up the remaining morning towers, with well struck touches of Hull, Norwich and London on these pleasant sixes. After lunch we were delayed by a wedding at Ashover, but managed to ring a surprised couple out of the church.

We arrived at Clay Cross, again behind schedule, but it was as well, as the church was also in use for a wedding. Staveley and Old Whittington concluded the day's ringing, where the 5 cwt six blankly refused to be rung at a fast pace. Here we also said goodbye to two Ravers, who were retiring south through the night to attend another wedding.

A working party, complete with tools of every description, was despatched on Sunday morning from the camp site to 'fix' a clapper in All Saints', Glossop, ready for morning service ringing. After climbing up through the bell chamber, rank with pigeon droppings, the

clapper (which was found on the floor) was replaced and with two stayless trebles the good Gillett and Johnston octave rang for service.

The culinary experts were able to prove their worth after morning service when lunch was taken in camp before making for Wentworth. The village has two churches, the present one superseding a now derelict building adjacent to it. Ecclesfield was also visited before evening ringing at Sheffield Cathedral.

The last morning of the tour was spent in a hive of industry as belongings were sorted out and a miracle of packing accomplished in loading the van. Despite the usual last minute rush, however, the little red minibus arrived at Leek on time for the last ring of the tour.

### INCIDENTS TO REMEMBER

During the ten days 56 towers were visited, though perhaps the events that will stick in Raving minds will be the night we couldn't find a tent on returning home in the early hours only to discover it trampled underfoot by cows, unappreciative of their southern visitors; or perhaps having crossed the Pennines one stormy night, arriving back in Glossop to find the camp afloat. Most of all, however, we will remember the wonderful hospitality that we met with throughout the tour.

The Ravers extend their warmest thanks to their hosts in Glossop, the incumbents and tower captains of the towers visited and the many northern ringers who helped make the tour not only highly successful but greatly enjoyed. Last but not least we must mention Chris Clarke and Howard Oglesby, who put hours of patient work into organising the tour. Their Raving comrades wish them to know that their efforts were greatly appreciated. Look out, 1962! C.C.

### Joint Meeting At Hucknall

In a church beautifully decorated for the harvest festival a joint meeting of the Sherwood Youths and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Hucknall on September 23rd. The many methods rung included Yorkshire and Superlative.

The beautiful playing by the blind organist was an asset to the singing at the service. There was a 'festival' tea—more than ample to eat. In all, a successful meeting.



# Oxford Guild's Autumn Meeting

## Another Survey Planned: Gift To 'The Ringing World'

**A**BOUT 140 ringers from all Branches of the Diocese, except Sonning Deanery, came to the autumn general meeting of the Guild held at Blechley on October 7th. Ringing was available in 30 towers in Central and North Bucks and advantage was taken of these opportunities. The ages of ringers present ranged from 11 to over 80. Arrangements for the meeting and for ringing were made by Mr. H. Sear (honorary secretary of the North Bucks Branch) and Mr. J. Hall (honorary secretary of the Central Bucks Branch).

The Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) presided, supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. C. Sharpe), the honorary general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the honorary librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and the chairman of the North Bucks Branch (the Rev. Alan Campbell).

After prayers the Master welcomed the Guild to the North Bucks Branch, of which he is a member, and had a special welcome for the Rector of Blechley. He asked the meeting to stand in silence in memory of Mr. J. Turner, of Simpson, who had been a ringer for 50 years and whose funeral took place that day.

The Deputy Master announced the appointment, by the Bishop, of the Master as honorary canon of Christ Church, in recognition of his work for the Oxford Guild. 'I feel,' concluded the Deputy Master, 'that this is in some measure an honour for the Guild.' The announcement was received with applause.

In thanking the Guild, the Master invited those who could to attend his installation, which would be held on a week-day evening.

### THE CHILTERN BRANCH

By a unanimous vote the meeting approved of the formation of the Chiltern Branch. This would consist of the following towers: Edlesborough, Ivinghoe, Marsworth, Mentmore and Slapton (Central Bucks Branch); Ellesborough, Great Kimble, Great Missenden, Monks Risborough and Wendover (East Berks and South Bucks); Aston Clinton, Bledlow, Stoke Mandeville and Weston Turville (South Oxon and Mid-Bucks).

Submitting the motion, Mr. D. Wheeler said the towers in the new branch had been holding regular meetings on the third Saturday in each month. The Branch had a nucleus of officers and a certain amount of funds. There were two members of Cheddington tower present, who, until the proposal to form a Branch, had never heard of the Guild.

The Master said the formation of a new Branch was an historic occasion. He thanked Mr. Wheeler for all that he had done and wished him every success.

### GRANT TO 'RINGING WORLD'

The honorary treasurer proposed that a grant of £20 be made to 'The Ringing World,' remarking that the journal had served the Guild well during the present year. Mr. C. Kinch seconded.

On being informed that the Guild had about £100 in hand at the present time, Mr. H. L. Roper proposed that the grant be raised to £25. This was seconded by Mr. F. Vickers and carried.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, on behalf of 'The Ringing World' Committee, thanked the Guild for its grant each year and particularly for raising it this year.

### SERVICE BOOK

The Master said he had read the first draft of the Service Book prepared by Mr. D. Smith and wished to congratulate him on its production.

Mr. Smith replied that the project had been going on for a long time. The old book had a very strong Victorian flavour. The new book contained not only prayers from the old book, but also introduced prayers in a modern idiom, new prayers, a shortened form of service for meetings, hymns and an Office for probationers somewhat on the lines of that used for choirs. Miss Cross had suggested that the service be duplicated and sent out to the Branches for criticism before the final draft is printed.

The Master pointed out that before the book could be printed it had to receive the sanction of the Bishop.

Mr. Smith said he wrote to the Bishop when he first began the work and the Bishop had asked to be kept informed of the progress of the work.

The meeting agreed to duplicate 25 copies for each Branch.

### NEXT AUTUMN MEETING

The meeting accepted the invitation of the Chipping Norton Branch for the next autumn meeting to be held at Burford on October 6th, 1962. Suggestions were invited for 1963, and Windsor was named. The honorary librarian said that this should be left to the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

This item was introduced to get the feeling of the meeting as to the value and type of course, if any, required. Speaking from experience, Mr. D. Smith thought the courses should be encouraged. A suggestion was made by Mr. P. Pearce of a mobile training team and giving instruction in either bell handling or method learning.

Mr. A. Diserens, who said he gained a lot of valuable experience at Radley, felt that the type of course needed was for instructors rather than beginners.

The meeting favoured day or half-day courses rather than residential, and it was finally decided on the suggestion of the honorary general treasurer to refer the whole matter to the Branch secretaries' meeting.

### A YEARLY SURVEY

The honorary general secretary said that the Bishop of Dorchester had suggested that another survey of ringing in the diocese should be undertaken so that an estimate of what had been done could be assessed and further steps taken as necessary.

Mr. H. Lawrenson suggested that a survey should be made each year. This was supported by the honorary librarian, who asked that the form prepared by Mr. C. Clarke for the Banbury Branch be used. This was carried.

### 50 YEARS IN MINISTRY

Mr. D. Wheeler announced that Canon G. Dixon, a vice-president, had just completed 50 years in the ministry, and 40 as Rector of Waddesdon. It was decided to send him a letter of congratulations and the best wishes of the Guild.

### APPROACH TO MR. J. BETJEMAN

Mr. H. Lawrenson said the Newbury Branch had suggested that Mr. J. Betjeman should be approached and asked to write a new hymn for the Guild, particularly as he was a past member. This was agreed to.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Wheeler and there was a half-hour break before tea, which was prepared by the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group. The service touch was rung by members of the North Bucks Branch and shortened Evensong was conducted by the Master and the address given by the Rector of Blechley.

## OBITUARY

### MR. C. C. BISHOP

One of the oldest ringers of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, Mr. Cecil Charles Bishop, of Upchurch, has passed away. He joined the Association in 1905 and before he took part in public life he was a very keen peal ringer.

It was on Easter Monday, 1913, that he had the honour of ringing in four peals of Minor in a day. All the peals were in seven methods and were conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins. A start was made at 6.50 a.m. at St. Mary's, Upchurch, and this was followed by St. Mary's, Newington, Bobbing and Tunstall. Mr. Bishop rang the tenor to the last two peals. The ringers were W. J. Wood, sen., Cecil C. Bishop, William J. Hyland, William Nye, James Nye and W. H. B. Wilkins.

At Upchurch he was chairman of the parish council and a member of the Swale Rural District Council. An active member of the church, less than 36 hours before his death he was at choir practice.

In an address at the funeral service at Upchurch, on October 6th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. McNeill Bradshaw) said Mr. Bishop had a sense of public duty far beyond what they saw in many places.

### MR. HORACE E. WERRETT

Tower captain and steeple-keeper at Norton for the last eight years, Mr. Horace Emlyn Werrett died suddenly after a short illness, aged 45 years.

A native of South Wales, he lived in Derbyshire during the war, where he did a lot of ringing, and then moved to Letchworth.

All his family worked very hard to augment Norton's three bells to eight, and when this had been done most of the teaching was his responsibility. He taught many people to ring, and at one time there was a full band of lady change ringers. This probably accounts for the comparatively small number of peals he rang, though they ranged from Plain methods to Spiced Surprise.

He was buried near his father and close to the tower he served, leaving his wife, their son, his mother and his brother. A memorial half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by his friends on October 1st.

### THE REV. G. R. CHANNER

News that the Rev. G. R. Channer, Rector of Revelstoke, Devon, died suddenly on October 1st was received with great regret by all ringers, to whom he was a great friend. He welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed ringers' meetings at his church, whether of the Guild or Association. His loss is felt very deeply by members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. H. H. T.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MUSIC IN CONTRAST

Dear Sir.—To Graham C. Grant. I would say that if open handstroke leads are being rung, then it is obvious to any listener outside the tower with a quarter of an ear which rows are hand and which back—if not then mix 56's and 65's, however you like, no one will be any the wiser.

The old controversy raged furiously some four or five years ago, but has died down in later years.

Personally, I feel that the occasional 65 at back, unresolved as it is usually, adds slightly to the music by virtue of its contrast to 56's.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy,  
Manchester.

## 65's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Surely the answer to Mr. Grant's query re 65's at backstroke is to be found in Mr. Norman Chaddock's excellent introductory article 'Rhythm and Striking' ('Ringing World', September 1st). 'In ringing methods, the rhythm of the whole set of bells should be constant (i.e., 123456123456—123456123456), with equal intervals of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  second between each succeeding note and an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  second for the open lead every other change.'

If this rhythm is adopted, although the listener outside the tower may not know the two changes making a pair are called 'handstroke' and 'backstroke' he will notice there is a difference between the two.

If 65 occurs at the end of a handstroke change it will be in the middle of a two-change sequence and so sound inoffensive; if it occurs at the end of a backstroke change it will occur at the end of the two-change and the rising small interval, rising indeed from the key tone of the ring of bells, will give an extremely unfinished effect, particularly to a musically-trained ear. If the final notes of the two-change sequence are 56, the natural fall to the key tone of the ring will give a finished, and therefore very pleasing, effect.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON.

Willesborough. Ashford, Kent.

P.S.—If the bells are 'cartwheelled' I agree it doesn't matter what you ring.—R. J. C.

## WHY? WHY?? WHY???

Dear Sir.—I was glad to see Mr. Grant's letter (page 648), as it shows at least one critical reader for 'Treble Bob.' There are many things connected with the Exercise which beg the question 'Why?'

'Why, for instance, Bob Major lead ends? Why are only two odd-bell methods normally practised on the higher numbers? Why is (or was) Cambridge Surprise more popular than Yorkshire? etc. The answer is often merely that things have grown up that way and become accepted.

I am not a musician, neither am I particularly musical. But, while I have no objection, when listening to 'Abide with me' or 'Land of Hope and Glory' or even 'Tiger Rag,' to variations on the less important notes to give variety to different verses or renderings, my ear expects to find the main notes of the tune remaining the same. And the 'tunes' to which we have become accustomed in our even-bell ringing have the most prominent notes in the order 56 (or 78, etc.) at backstroke. Sufficient variation is obtained by the alteration of the smaller bells. Hence, to many of us the 'tune' sounds right that way and wrong the other way.

There were articles in 'R.W.' not long ago to show that 65's (or their equivalent) are not regarded as unmusical. That may well be so, but when ringing I prefer the accustomed 'tune' and I am sure that beginners, for whom the article was written, find things complicated enough to justify the retention of the simpler 'tune.'—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

## RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—I was horrified on opening a recent 'R.W.' to see the letter headed 'Ringing at Pershore.' As Ringing Master at Putney at the time referred to, I feel I must offer an unconditional apology to all Pershore ringers for the insult paid to them. Perhaps unknown to the two Putney ringers, the outing which they have so falsely castigated was organised by Mr. P. Cattermole, who has given great assistance at Putney, since he has been studying in London. Furthermore, I very much doubt if the outing was a Pershore Abbey outing. It appears that we at Putney have not learnt Christianity very well if we only use it to further our own spiteful ends.

To all Worcestershire ringers my sincere apologies.—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Dear Sir.—I wonder how many ringers appreciate the great opportunity offered to them at this time to make a real worth while Christian gift to a church overseas. I mean the church at Kilifi, in Kenya, where a local District Commissioner—Mr. Paul Kelly—himself a bell ringer, has done some really hard work for the Africans and settlers in helping to build the church and has insisted all the way through that the tower should be constructed to take six bells.

We are called upon at harvest time to contribute to the various missionary societies. We sometimes wonder (I know I do) where the money goes. Administration perhaps? Well now we do know where the money could go. To help a Christian society in East Africa to have some bells to ring. Africans love making a noise to rejoice. Let them do it in our way, with a ring of bells and ring out a Christian message to a troubled multi-racial world—that all at home do care and are prepared to help. The address is Mrs. Kelly, Kilifi Church, P.O. Box 29, Kilifi, Kenya.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

## A BISHOP'S PLEA

Dear Sir.—I see in your issue of September 22nd that notices of peals rung in churches at Llanveigan and Knighton are listed under the Hereford Diocesan Guild. I write to point out that these churches are both in my diocese and we have a vigorous Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. Perhaps you would kindly rectify this in future issues.—Yours sincerely,

✠ JOHN SWANSEA & BRECON.

## NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir.—In giving the continuation to the Bidding Prayer used at the recent enthronement in York Minster (which is really no more than 'E. & O.E.' at the foot of a bill), Mr. Walker was no doubt quoting from the Order of Service, and if so I would point out that in delivering the prayer Dr. Coggan added 'singers' to those given special mention. It was this which prompted my letter.

Ringers, while acting in the discharge of their duties, are not perhaps as ornamental as the choir, but they are just as useful and just as worthy of mention.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Dear Sir.—The composition used for the peal of 5.088 Lincolnshire rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford, recently seems to have been a three-part arrangement of mine, published in 'The Ringing World' some time in 1955 or '56.

A fortnight after the figures appeared I was told with some force that it was William Barton's peal, not mine. I grovelled abjectly by return of post. The two arrangements are, in fact, alternative forms of each other, and Barton had the idea first.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Shrewsbury.

## TESTING 6-5's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Like your recent correspondent, I have been brought up to believe that 6-5's at backstroke in Minor were to be avoided owing to the 'unfinished' musical quality of such rows. As these are followed immediately by other changes, just as if they had occurred at handstroke, it may be that these do not matter overmuch to the listener. To test both sides of the argument I, being required to conduct two peals of Delight Minor of very similar construction, deliberately rang one peal with all 5-6's at backstroke as usual, and the other one with numerous 6-5's, including a 720 (C.C.C. 78) where these even occur at lead-ends!

The opinion of the band was that the peal with 6-5's produced much more entertaining music, especially where rounds at handstroke seemed inevitable until the row came up with only one pair reversed as it were in the nick of time: it kept us guessing what would arrive next! We will never again avoid a Minor composition merely because it produces backstroke 6-5's.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK P. JONES.

Burton-on-Trent.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Towcester Branch held its quarterly meeting on September 30th at the recently restored church at Easton Neston, this being the first there for about 40 years. The service was conducted by Canon D. H. Curtis (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. R. G. Richards (president) and the Rev. J. M. Warwick.

About 60 members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Major the Hon. J. B. Fermor-Hesketh in the grandstand of Towcester race course. At the meeting members were informed that Mr. G. Atkins was leaving the district and he was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Ringing on the eight bells (one of the finest rings in the county) continued until 9 p.m. in a variety of methods, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

A social evening followed and a hearty vote of thanks was given to Major Fermor-Hesketh, for his very generous hospitality.

B. M.

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Congratulations to Mr. Dennis Starkey, of Shenstone, on ringing his first quarter there on October 8th. He is the first of the newly-formed band to do so, and we hope others will follow.

With a £10 collection at harvest services, Athelington, Suffolk (population 40), has inaugurated a fund for the restoration of its three bells, described by Raven as a 'pretty little ring, "maiden" and in good tune.' For 18 months the bells have been silent, resting on the belfry floor.



# TOM LOCK'S PARTY TOUR DEVON

FOR the keen ringer, and being one who finds pleasure in spending a whole week of his annual holidays amongst the bells, the anticipation of and preparation for a tour holds a certain amount of excitement. To have the tour in Devon adds to the interest and excitement, for the people who live in this south-western part of the country seem to be able to enjoy many of the good things which life holds for them. One ringer was actually heard to say that if it were possible he would come to Devon every year for a ringing tour. However, the party on this particular tour, arranged by Tom Lock, was last in Devon in 1949, so the visit was by no means out of turn.

The touring party numbered twenty-seven (ringers and non-ringers) and we were assisted by three of the king-pins of the Devon Guild—Aubrey Bennett, Norman Mallett and Fred Wreford, and others who knew of our whereabouts.

With headquarters in Exeter, where Parliament Street, varying between 35 and 45 inches wide, is believed to be the narrowest street in the world, the tour took place during the first week in September and the programme opened with successful peal attempts at Exeter St. Thomas', where Rev. Roger O. Fry was the first to call, 'That is all' to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and at Newton St. Cyres, where Alick Cutler completed his 50th peal of Yorkshire S. Major.

One the day following, Sunday, September 3rd, we made our presence known to as many of the local inhabitants as we were able. By ringing for various services at the Cathedral, St. David's (twice), St. Mary's and Heavitree (twice) we, with the local ringers, found the hours of daylight well occupied. At St. Mark's we had the pleasure of ringing Grandsire Triples with the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Poulton, and members of his local band.

For Evensong at Heavitree a quarter peal of London S. Major, reported in a previous issue of this journal, was rung as an 88th birthday compliment to George H. Williams, an ex-Birmingham ringer who has been living and ringing at Heavitree for the past ten years.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

There are other interesting things happening at this well known tower, as evidenced by some scale drawings hanging on the walls of the ringing chamber. Miss Patt Woodland is winning her way through the Church Bell Ringing (Campanology) Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for Girls. She has nearly completed the first level by having rung rounds, raised and lowered a bell unaided, rung treble to two standard methods, demonstrated parts of a bell and how it is rung, demonstrated splicing of a bell rope and attended Sunday ringing and practice regularly for the preceding six months. There is a second level entailing a further six months, and the emphasis of the award is on genuine effort and individual progress.

On Monday we journeyed in a northerly direction to Broadclyst (six methods spliced), Cullompton (Cambridge S. Royal) and Uffculme (Yorkshire S.). Those who were not peal ringing moved on to Thoverton for an hour's exercise.

Whilst Bristol S. was being rung at Heavitree on Tuesday morning the remainder travelled along a Roman road to Alphington and then retraced their steps to call at Exeter St. Thomas', where it is recorded on a board John R. Hayman vice Edwin Shepherd rang the sixth in the first peal of Grandsire Triples there. It was noted also that whilst the Rev. Wm. Ellicombe (1780-1830 approximately) was Rector of Alphington six ringers sheltering in the belfry from a thunderstorm were struck by lightning. During the afternoon an attempt for a peal of four methods spliced was made at Witheridge, but this came to grief after 24 hours.

## RECORDER v. T.V.

South Molton was visited before we returned to headquarters. In this establishment, by the way, because of no alternative room being available we had to persuade the other occupants of the lounge that a demonstration on handbells and a playback of our ringing at the various towers on Norman Mallett's tape

recorder was preferable to watching the television screen—we did not win every time, however.

The party was split up for most of the next day for ten ringers plus made a distant journey to Plymouth, where, at St. Andrew's, an attempt for a peal of Yorkshire S. Royal was lost again, after 2½ hours. Those who were left half-way were not troubled by the human element for, in the morning, seven extents of Minor were rung at Dean Prior, where the bells ring out in memory of Robert Herrick, the poet (1591-1634), for they were hung in 1929 as part of his memorial.

In the afternoon a five thousand of Cambridge S. was completed at Buckfastleigh. It is not often that a first peal is recorded on a ringing tour, but this was duly accomplished at Dean Prior by Martin Lock after a very creditable performance. The Parish Church at Buckfastleigh has a very high situation and one of the ways to approach it is to climb up 195 steps. Having actually surmounted this obstacle we were able to hear quite clearly the monks, assisted by members of the Devon Guild, ringing Buckfast Abbey bells at their weekly practice.

## A PERSONALITY!

A near crisis developed at the breakfast table on Thursday morning, when, on opening the additional copies of 'The Ringing World,' it was found that within our company was the Personality of the Exercise. One member threatened to return his own copy to the 'R.W.' office unopened! Poor Arthur's leg must have been pulled two inches longer, but we hear that he did not have to get a size larger in hats. He claimed that his wife gave the details whilst he was abroad on business.

Peal failure number three came to us later in the morning when at Clyst Honiton after three hours' ringing two bells had shifted in Pudsey S. There was competition in endurance at the early stages of this attempt for the hand had to overcome the sudden noise of jet planes, which seemed to be flying just above the tower. However, the day witnessed two successes. Rutland S. at Ottery St. Mary and Cambridge S. at Woodbury. Ottery St. Mary is, as quoted in 'The King's England' series of books by Arthur Mee, an exquisite church—

to be seen to be believed—with two towers. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, author of 'And while old Otter's steeple rings,' was born here, his father being vicar and school-master. The peal at Woodbury was faster than it would normally have been, but the band was pushed for time because of a choir practice. Whilst this peal was in progress others visited Sidbury for a ring and a real Devonshire tea.

## PROCESSIONAL CROSS FROM ZEPPELIN

Friday's first peal attempt also ended prematurely. Bovey Tracey bells were stood up after ringing Tavistock S. for nearly 1½ hours. This church, above the river Bovey, apparently replaces another church which was one of three built by Sir Wm. Tracey as an act of penance for his share in the murder of Becket. The rest of the party visited Ashburton and Ipplepen for short rings. During the afternoon two peals of Lincolnshire S. were recorded—at Wolborough and at Chagford. The church at Chagford contains a processional cross made from the aluminium of a Zeppelin brought down at Cuffley in 1916, the first to be brought down in England. The other scheduled call was at Moretonhampstead, where Rev. A. D. Coleridge, a nephew of the late Canon Coleridge, is Rector.

Saturday morning's attempt was at Exminster, where the eighth conductor of the week was successfully employed in calling London S. And he created a personal record when, in the afternoon, he conducted a second peal in the same day, this being three methods spliced at Newton St. Cyres, which we were privileged to revisit whilst the local band were on their annual outing. The patron saints of Newton St. Cyres, Julitta and Cyr, were mother and a young son, who suffered torture because they were Christians. Others of the party attended the Devon Guild meeting at Tedburn St. Mary and Whistone, bringing the list of towers for the week up to twenty-nine.

So ended another pleasant and successful tour, for which we are indebted to all incumbents and ringers, especially the king-pins, concerned, who so kindly put at our disposal their bells for our use. We hope to visit Herefordshire and Shropshire for our tour during the same week next year.

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD VISIT SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA

THE autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Southend-on-Sea on September 30th. Over 40 members gathered to take part in the day's programme, and although 17 apologies were received from those who were unable to attend all regions were represented. The weather was kind and helped to keep the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Roy Tomlin.

The few who arrived on Friday evening enjoyed the privilege of joining the local practice at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood, and afterwards saw Southend illuminations.

The first tower on Saturday morning was Holy Trinity, Rayleigh (8), where ringing was scheduled to commence at 11 a.m. During the hour spent here a high standard of ringing (and this includes all the ringing throughout the day) was really enjoyed by everyone. After refreshments, which were something other than jellied eels or oysters, the next tower visited was St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay (another grand eight), and all too soon these were lowered in peal, and a move was made for St. Mary the Virgin, Prittlewell (10), where the bells were very soon ringing to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and even Duffield Major—not forgetting Bob Royal and Kent.

Tea at 5 p.m. which was laid on at the Park Cafe, Prittlewell, followed.

The Master, Mr. Bertram Kynaston, in proposing a vote of thanks, expressed his pleasure with the day's programme, and thanked Mr. Roy Tomlin for the perfect arrangements made for the Guild's visit to Southend. He also thanked the incumbents of the churches

for the use of the bells, tower captains and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Supporting the vote of thanks, Mr. Syd Foskett expressed his pleasure at seeing with them Mrs. Seagar and Miss Hogg and hoped to see them again at the next meeting.

Before retiring to Prittlewell Parish Church for further ringing all were reminded of the A.G.M. at Derby on the last Saturday in April, 1962. J. A. H.

## Marlborough Branch Outing

Two coaches were needed to accommodate all who participated in the Marlborough Branch outing on September 30th, which was organised by the Branch secretary (Mr. Arthur Palmer), assisted by the chairman (Mr. George Newman).

Heavy rain was falling at 8.30 a.m. when the party left for Lyneham, Wilts, where good use was made of the six bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were enjoyed at Kingston St. Michael, and lunch followed at Chippenham.

After ringing on the nice six at Bathford, a disappointment awaited us at Bathaston, as we were not able to ring. Following tea in Bath, St. Mark's and St. Matthew's churches were visited and in each tower 45 minutes' ringing was possible.

On the way home thirsts were quenched at Devizes and an excellent and satisfying day ended around 10.30 p.m., with thanks to incumbents and tower captains and not least to Arthur and George.

W. A. E.



## PACKWOOD BELLRINGERS' TOUR

PACKWOOD bellringers this year selected the Lake District for their tour and set off in the early hours of September 3rd, considerably augmented by ringing friends.

The first tower was Breton, in Cheshire, where we rang for Holy Communion. At Sandbach, Cheshire the local ringers very generously let us take over the service ringing for Matins. An electricity power cut, resulting from a thunderstorm, caused us to ring in relative darkness. The ten bells at Kendal were rung for Evensong, and once again the locals stood down for us. Here an advance party of three joined the main party of nine, after a breakdown on the Lancaster By-pass.

Keswick was the centre for the tour and we travelled daily from there. On Monday, the first tower was Bridekirk. From there we went on to Aspatria—a much renovated church with a pleasant ring of eight. The six at Thursby proved rather a handful, but our efforts were much rewarded when the Vicar and his wife invited us into the Vicarage and provided us with a most excellent tea. At very short notice we were given permission to ring at Brampton. We ended our ring here with rounds for a local 94 year old ringer. Carlisle Cathedral practice concluded the day's programme.

### TREBLE CREATES PROBLEM

Bowness-on-Windermere provided a fine ring with which to begin Tuesday's ringing. Many of our party were almost too tall to ring at Shap, where the roof of the ringing chamber is rather low. From Shap we journeyed to Bampton, where the fact that the treble strikes at least twice at every stroke did not facilitate the ringing. The eight at Kirkby Stephen were a considerable improvement, and the six at Appleby went very well to everything attempted. Penrith bells were undoubtedly one of the finest eights on the tour. Great Salkeld was the day's last tower and here we were joined by the local band.

Wednesday's ringing began at Cockermouth on a very fine eight. At Cleator Moor we were joined by Mr. Tembey, who acted as guide for the rest of the day. Egremont, Hensingham, Workington and Crosthwaite, Cumberland, were the other towers of the day—all have eight bells and all are very fine.

The first tower on Thursday was Crosthwaite, Westmorland, where the Vicar had laid on a welcome cup of coffee for us at the 'local.' Heversham was the next tower, followed by Burton-in-Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale. A trip over the county boundary into Lancashire saw us ringing at Hornby and Melling; finally into Yorkshire, where that method came round successfully at Sedburgh.

### IN LANCASTER

Friday's ringing began on Langdale's excellent ring of six bells. Our advance party had not been idle and after staying in Lancaster overnight, on their way up, Lancaster Roman Catholic Cathedral and Lancaster Priory were available for us on Friday afternoon. Amble-side bells were a fine eight with which to end the day's ringing.

Saturday's ringing took us first to the fine eight at Arlecdon. St. Bees and Broughton-in-Furness were excellent bells with which to continue the day's good start. During the afternoon a visit was paid to the Lancashire Association's meeting at Dalton-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness. Ulverston and Flookburgh concluded the day.

On the return journey on Sunday we rang at Hawkshead for Matins—yet another excellent eight. At Liverpool we lost two of the party, but for the benefit of the remaining seven ringing at Liverpool St. Nicholas' for Evensong began an hour earlier than usual.

Methods rung on the tour were: Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, Plain Bob from Doubles to Royal, and Stedman from Doubles to Caters. Minor methods included Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, London, St. Clement's, Double Court and Little Bob. Major methods included Little Bob, Kent, St. Clement's, Yorkshire, Bristol and Double Norwich.

An enjoyable week was spent and we wish to thank incumbents, tower captains and all those who met and helped us. Thanks again, to our three never tiring drivers.

P. M. T.

## A BRITISH COLUMBIA BRIDE



On July 8th a wedding took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, of Miss Margaret Horne and Mr. E. J. Moore. Margaret first learnt to ring in 1948, at the age of 13, and has been a regular ringer ever since then.

She has taken part in the ringing on many special occasions, including the visit of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, when he was so pleased with the ringing of the Cathedral bells that he asked to meet the ringers, and said how pleased he was to learn that the Guild included lady ringers.

Margaret took part in the ringing when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited Victoria, and for the service ringing when Princess Margaret attended Matins.

For Margaret Horne's wedding, ringing commenced one hour before the service and the bells were rung again and fired as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral. The Very Rev. Brian Whitlow officiated in the presence of many guests. The reception, after the service, took place at the Empress Hotel.

The ringers who rang for the wedding were: Dr. Longridge, Ian Izard, Margaret Izard, A. Izard, E. W. Izard, Dr. Batten, Douglas Boniface, V. Donaldson, L. Kerridge, Mrs. Guthrie, B. Guthrie.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 13th, 1911.—

### LADIES IN THE BELFRY

To the Editor. Dear Sir,—I have read the letters of 'E. J. B.' and others re the subject of ladies in belfries, and these. Sir, are my deductions: (1) That the person who would suggest anything wrong just because there happens to be a female in the belfry must have distorted views; (2) that that particular person is not fit for the society of any female outside his own family, and certainly should not be allowed to wear the garb of a profession which stands for the uplifting and not the damning of human nature; (3) that any lady ringer would show more brainpower than the person who suggests anything wrong, or the person who says that females should be kept out of belfries and middle class men brought in. If the interdict that devised the objections is a sample of what we might then expect, may all belfries be preserved from it. I think that is sufficient to sum up the whole case. It would be interesting to know what some of the clergy think about the matter. They seem very reluctant to say anything. If there is any defence let them defend the accuser. If not, denounce him.—Yours sincerely, Thos. Smith, Goole.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, W. G. Lavers 3, H. Stacey 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, F. White 6, C. Taylor 7, G. Halford 8. For Evensong.

## BRISTOL, 1961

RECENTLY a ringer from Australia was planning to visit Britain for a period and wishing to do as much ringing as possible whilst here consulted 'Dove' to see where the most number of bells could be found in a small area. He naturally came to Bristol. There are, in fact, 27 rings of bells within four miles of the city centre, which is more than there are in the whole of Australia; for that matter it is more than there are in the whole of Scotland and five of our English counties as well. There are more rings of ten within half a mile of the city centre than can be found in the whole of fifteen English counties.

What better place could there be for holding a ringing festival? There is something for all tastes: a twelve, tens, eights and sixes; heavy bells and light ones; fine examples of the art of the 18th century bell founder (St. Stephen's and Westbury-on-Trym, for example) and also examples of very recent renovation and recasting at the Cathedral and Filton. On October 28th there will be an opportunity for connoisseurs of bells to come and taste these delights in a full day's ringing programme, during which almost all the towers will be open to visitors.

Bell ringing is a very public art and a ringing festival in a city as full of bells as Bristol must cater for the public as well as the ringers. The day therefore includes lunch with the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Archdeacon of Bristol, as well as Evensong at the Cathedral. A special feature of the day's activities will be a public lecture on ringing given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, to which not only ringers but also members of the general public are invited. This will certainly be worth hearing.

We are looking forward to seeing you on October 28th.

P. M. J. G.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The place for the quarterly meeting was St. Ippolyts (so many ways of spelling it that few agree) on October 7th. Ringing began promptly at 3, to speed a newly married couple on the way.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Quinn, conducted the service, and Miss C. Taylor, the organist, played a brief prelude based on rounds and call changes before the last hymn.

The usual excellent tea had been provided by the Harris family. Sixteen ringers were able to do full justice to such a spread. Mr. L. B. Scoot was chairman for the business meeting. The elections of the following non-resident life members were confirmed: Messrs. D. Eames, V. Mephram and H. Tembey. Ordinary members were reminded that subscriptions must be paid quickly.

Two deaths were announced, a ringing member, Mr. H. E. Werrett, captain at Norton, and an associate member, Mr. E. G. Anderson, churchwarden of Norton. The members stood in silence. More ringers came later, and the pleasant meeting, held in surprisingly good weather, ended about 8 p.m.

J. S.

## THREE PEALS IN 50 YEARS AT TORQUAY

Prior to 1911, the Church of St. Saviour, Tor Mohun, the parish church of Torquay, Devon, contained three bells, but for some years only two were in use as the other was cracked. In 1911 three new light bells were cast by Warner and Sons, and the cracked bell was recast. The six were then hung in a metal frame by Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, Devon. Later that year it was found that one of the two 'old' bells was cracked and this was recast by Warner and Sons. Therefore the ring consists of three bells cast in 1911 (Nos. 1, 2 and 3), two recast in 1911 (Nos. 4 and 5) and the tenor dated 1623.

Three peals have been rung on these bells, the first in 1956, and the one just rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the bells is the first to have had three members of the local band taking part. A new change ringing band was formed two years ago and this was the first peal for two of this band, Keith Fursdon (16) and Neal Forester (15).



## MR. GEORGE FEARN'S PEAL WEEK

LINCOLNSHIRE was chosen as the venue of George E. Fearn's 11th annual tour. This was partly because it was new territory for the company and also to satisfy the Brum Maestro's demand for 'more potatoes, please.'

The journey to Lincoln was made by car and motor cycle on Saturday, September 30th, and, as in previous years, Bristol was chosen for the first attempt, which was at St. Giles', Lincoln. On this fine Rudhall eight (which came from the old St. Peter at Arches Church in the city) our first peal was rung. A quick move to the house of Jack and Betty Millhouse for tea, and then on to the Cathedral, where Peter Border's shortened peal of Cambridge Maximus was enjoyed. By the time headquarters at Moor Lodge, Branston, had been reached, we felt a satisfactory beginning had been made.

On Sunday morning the Cathedral company was joined for service ringing. In the afternoon we went to Ewerby, in lovely Haverholme Park. Cambridge Royal was rung on bells which are deep toned for their weight (15½ cwt. in D).

### LOCALS JOIN IN

Lincolnshire ringers joined in four peals, which were rung on Monday. London was as usual the morning method, and one peal was rung on the Mears eight at Sibsey, where it was impossible to avoid the sunshine streaming in the four large windows, and the other on the light eight at Bicker. The efforts of the band at Bicker had been tape recorded and the ringers enjoyed listening to the play-back as they descended the tower. After lunch at Boston, near the Stump of St. Botolph's, Rutland was rung at Sutterton and Donington, both good modern rings from Loughborough and Croydon respectively.

On Tuesday we travelled to the north of the county to Burton-on-Stather and were met by Mr. George Moody, the Branch secretary; London was successfully rung on this crisp

eight. Afterwards we were met by Mr. Ron Chafer, who directed us to lunch at the Ferry Boat Inn.

A pleasant ride took us along the Humber bank to Barrow-on-Humber, where Mr. and Mrs. Crowder and their family welcomed us. Happily it was Mr. and Mrs. Crowder's silver wedding day and we were able to compliment them by a peal of six spliced. After enjoying the hospitality of the Crowders, we hustled back to Scotthorne, where George and Norah Randles entertained us.

Our four towers on Wednesday were in the far south of the county. London was rung and enjoyed at Long Sutton, which is nearly 100 miles from Barrow-on-Humber and reminded us of the size of the county. Cambridge was rung at Pinchbeck, nearby, where Miss Anne Dernley stepped in at short notice to ring her first peal. Holbeach (with its long draught and good sound eight) was visited later for Bristol, while George Fearn and Peter Border joined the local band at Spalding for Lincolnshire.

### FIRST FAILURE

Wednesday's late night was blamed for our first failure at Epworth, in the west of the county. We did not settle down in the first twenty minutes so a rest and lunch put us on form again for a good peal of Lincolnshire at Gainsborough in the afternoon. Returning to Lincoln we met the Lincoln Cathedral company at their local hostelry after their practice.

Edenham's well kept bells and belfry were appreciated on Friday for London. Lunch was taken at Folkingham and reminiscences were exchanged here with Mr. C. T. A. Bradley. Yorkshire was the method for the afternoon and peals were rung at Heydour and Caythorpe, preceding their harvest thanksgiving services.

Our final London was rung on Saturday morning, after a short trip to Wasingborough. Afterwards the company divided when some of the party went to Hull and the

remainder tried for Cambridge on the fine bells at Bottesford, in Leicestershire. Unfortunately the tenor bell rope became untucked after an hour, and though a great effort was made for another hour we had to stop when purchase on the rope became impossible.

One again, an enjoyable week—on the social side we had great moments—a dancing exhibition by our leader, for instance. An anxious moment—or longer—ten minutes, when we were locked in Edenham tower after our peal was over. The lady who locked us in forgot she had done so! Personal records show that one of the company rang his 100th, two their 250th and one his 500th peal.

Our thanks go to the incumbents, ringers and friends in Lincolnshire. Their generous welcome gave an enjoyable and successful week. J. M.

### THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held its meeting at the riverside Church of St. Mary's, Putney, on September 30th. During the afternoon an all ladies touch of Stedman Triples was rung.

The church was very tastefully decorated ready for the harvest festival and made a lovely setting for the short Guild service, which was conducted by the curate. Hymn singing was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Lock.

We were the guests of the Putney ringers to a 'harvest festival' tea in the Vestry Hall. At the business meeting a letter was read from the Southern District, inviting members to Portsmouth on November 4th, when there would be ringing at St. Mary's, Portsea, in the afternoon and on the Cathedral bells in the evening. One new member was elected—Miss Susan Frost, of St. Albans. E. S.

At the Oxford Guild autumn meeting at Bletchley on October 7th tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. Harry Turner, of Simpson, Bucks, who died last week at the age of 82. For 60 years he had been a faithful ringer at this tower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Formed in 1959, the new band at St. Peter's, Droitwich Spa, has made considerable progress this summer. Friday practices are well attended and there is regular Sunday service ringing. On harvest festival Sunday two quarters were scored and Grandsire rung before 8 a.m. Communion. Special thanks are recorded to Mr. W. Raxter for his help on practice nights and in the band's nocturnal wanderings into rural Worcestershire.

Watford Grammar Schools' Society rang handbells all the way up the A5 on their outing on September 23rd.

Miss V. Relf had her name spelt wrongly in the account of the Kent County Association dinner (page 679)—a poor reward for her excellent work as organiser. Our regrets.

Two peals were rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Carol Fernley, one of the young ladies who have brought prestige to Cheshire's enthusiastic juniors.

**Correction.**—The peal at Bredons Norton, rung on September 5th and printed on page 633, consisted of three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet Surprise.

According to a letter quoted at the Oxford Guild autumn meeting, Mr. Russell Young hopes to bring a party of boys over from the United States for the Oxford Guild festival in 1962.

By special request, a band of ladies drawn from the Western District of the Ladies' Guild rang for the Almondsbury Mothers' Union Deanery Festival on October 4th at Filton Church, Bristol. This ring of six has recently been rehung.

His friends in the Exercise will note the progress of Mr. W. Hibbert in ringing his first quarter of DOUBLES! This took place at Kingsclere, Hants, and he was one of five who made this excursion into a new realm. For three of the band (aged 13, 15 and 15) it was their first quarter. With the fatherly eye of Mr. Hibbert upon them, their advancement in the Exercise can be looked forward to with interest.

A great friend of Sheffield Cathedral ringers, Mr. S. R. Pentecost, has retired after 41 years as head verger. His retirement was marked by a quarter peal rung on October 1st which was also a compliment to Miss Barbara Elizabeth Long (daughter of Mr. R. J. Long, Cathedral ringer) and Mr. A. E. Hawksworth on their wedding. The ringing also coincided with harvest thanksgiving service.

Mrs. Mary C. Poyner is the first lady to ring a peal on Ellesmere, Shropshire, bells.

Our Australian readers will note the thrill of two Adelaide ringers (C. H. Bagot and B. R. Cox) in notching a quarter of Caters (their first) at St. Clement Danes'.

'Nor would we wish church bells to be severely controlled: few enough now hear the chime and come to church on time.'—'East Anglian Daily Times' editorial, September 25th.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Moss, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Diss, 720 Plain Bob Doubles was rung at Blo-Norton, Norfolk.

First hung in 1833 and last overhauled in 1894, the bells of St. Mary's, Diss, are now receiving attention from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, inquires if there are any other change-ringers besides himself who take a practical interest in the playing of chimes or carillons either in this country or abroad.

Well-known ringers (we might say personalities) assembled at Holy Trinity, Hull, on October 7th, for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, so that the peal band could ring for the morning service on October 8th, at which the new Archbishop of York preached before the Lord Mayor and members of the City Council.

An open day at Rotherham on September 30th resulted in 500 members of the public making the not-too-easy ascent to the bells and ringing room. Almost £13 was collected for church funds. In the evening 50 members of the public watched the local band ring Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

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On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FREDERICK WREDFORD .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	REV. ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REV. ROGER O. FRY.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods: 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 each Bristol, Yorkshire and Superlative; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

**CULLOMPTON, DEVON.**

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 8
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

**UFFCULME, DEVON.**

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN (arr.). Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

**HEAVITREE, DEVON.**

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt.

DENNIS KNOX .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARTIN F. LOCK .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal at first attempt. First in seven methods on the bells.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.**

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD THE CONFESSOR AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.  
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt.

Johnson's variation.	C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.  
First peal of Major on the bells.

**WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.**

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 2	*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 6
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.  
\* First peal in the method.

**CHAGFORD, DEVON.**

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

**EXMINSTER, DEVON.**

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In three methods: 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
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On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 10
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 6
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 3	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 7
*LOUIS WILLIERS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 250th peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 500th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crowder, of the local band

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*ANNE DERNLEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

PETER A. SHARP .. .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 250th peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	*DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 100th peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH .. .. Treble	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.



## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 6
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
*CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 100th peal.

## WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

JOHN WALDER .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JACK L. MILHOUSE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A NIGHT PEAL WEEK IN THE  
MAIDSTONE AREA

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.)	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.
MARGARET A. LADD .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 6
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. 4	† MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples.

## LEEDS, KENT.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MONTY W. GILBERT .. Treble	GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 5
PETER F. BORER .. .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	PETER F. BORER .. .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 6
†TREVOR A. CROSS .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 7
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 250th peal. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

BERNARD GROVES .. Treble	DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4
*OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

\* 75th peal. First in five methods as conductor.

## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 6
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 7
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' This is the 18th tower the treble ringer has 'circled.'

RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE BOROUGH OF  
EASTLEIGH'S SILVER JUBILEEALL PEALS FOR THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

NORMAN HAYES .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
*DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 2	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 9
†DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

† First on ten bells. First of Royal

as conductor.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*R. ROGER SAVORY .. Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON .. 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 2	†DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 7
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 9
†RAYMOND C. HAYNES .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

\* 200th peal, and has now 'circled' to Surprise Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

TOM CHAPMAN .. Treble	DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 5
*VERONICA J. TUMBER .. 2	†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 6
*CAROLYN VIBERT .. .. 3	†NICHOLAS R. TUMBER .. 7
VIVIEN ROWE .. .. 4	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 300th peal. ‡ First peal.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

## KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. 11
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 9
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 10
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 11
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## LONDON, E.C.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. Treble	JACK A. WAUGH .. .. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. 9
DENNIS RANDELL .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 10
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 11
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 6	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung following the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Robert Wright Stopford, C.B.E., D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of London.



## TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
*CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 2	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 7
*JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 8
*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 9
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 5	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

BRYNLEY TAYLOR .. Treble	†ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 6
*GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND .. 2	†WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 3	*M. JACK PRYOR .. .. 8
†NIGEL LAMPING .. .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 9
†NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 5	*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Royal. † 1st on ten bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon W. E. C. Thomas.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 6
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 2	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. .. 9
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 5	PETER BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung to welcome the Rev. John Hanson Read, M.A., Rector of Beddington, whose institution and induction took place on September 15th, 1961.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL PAULSON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 7
MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. 4	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung to welcome the new incumbent, Rev. G. K. Bathie.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
*FREDERICK DERRY .. Treble	†PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 6
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 3	NORMAN B. FAVARGUE .. 7
*J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

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

A wedding compliment to Miss Patricia A. Baker, of Disley, and Mr. Clive Watson, of Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorks, who were married previous to the peal.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*VICTOR DRAPER .. Treble	*FREDK. PEARSON .. .. 5
*MRS. FRANCES LOW .. .. 2	*ERIC COOK .. .. 6
*PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 3	PETER COXALL .. .. 7
*CYRIL LOW .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Gladys Rogers and George Gibson, both members of the local band, and Miss Jean Marshall and John E. Waterworth, of Parbold.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTLEWORTH .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble	*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* First peal of Four-Spliced Surprise Major. First of Four-Spliced as conductor.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON, N.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	HAROLD HOWSON .. .. 5
ALAN G. SPREDBURY .. .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAYER .. .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. ROWE .. .. 7
ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.  
Rung for the centenary celebrations of the church.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. .. 4	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Rung as a welcome home to John F. W. Read, on leave after spending four years in Malaya and Borneo.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 3,584 Cambridge and 1,472 Yorkshire.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Treble	*†JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	JOHN WARNER .. .. 6
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 7
*†IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal of Spiced Major. † 25th peal for the Association. The conductor's 250th peal.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howard; also a farewell to Andrew Hudson, who is going to Cambridge University.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

CECIL RADDON .. .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 5
JOHN RYDER .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 6
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Maddock, the conductor's father, and also for the engagement of Cynthia Bibby and Robert J. Warrilow. Tenor 16½ cwt.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BIBBY .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method. † Rung for the engagement of Miss Cynthia Bibby to Mr. Robert J. Warrilow.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARGERY MAUGHAN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. .. 5
ROBERT WEBSTER .. .. 2	*JACK MAUGHAN .. .. 6
*MARGARET MACHIN .. .. 3	PHILIP DRAFFAN .. .. 7
*JANET PAYNE .. .. 4	†ANTHONY APPELGARTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP DRAFFAN.

\* First peal in the method. † Rung to commemorate the induction on October 2nd of Canon Hancock, Vicar of Stranton for 16 years, as Rector of Sedgfield.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 2	GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. .. 6
SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. .. 3	MELVYN STEVENS .. .. 7
W. DAVID WARD .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 6
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	PETER T. DALE .. .. 7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Fernley.

## BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 75 lb. in E flat.

*PETER BRIDLE .. .. Treble	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 5
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 6
†DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 7
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Rutland. ‡ 75th peal.

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 6
HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
ALFRED BAYLEY .. .. 4	HARRY EDGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

## ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*PETER MORRIS .. .. Treble	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. 6
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. 3	†JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 7
*J. BARRY JONES .. .. 4	†MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First on eight.

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt., approx

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. Treble	MICHAEL HOLT .. .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	MICHAEL FREEMAN .. .. 6
MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. .. 3	ROLAND ECCLES .. .. 7
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

\* 25th peal.

Rung as a welcome for the new Rector, and for Harvest Festival.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
IAN R. PANTON .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7
JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Association. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ann Cosette Lufkin for her 21st birthday on October 6th. Tenor 7½ cwt.

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

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

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

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. Treble	BARRY M. COX .. .. 5
JUDITH K. ROBINSON .. .. 2	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
*PAULINE JEPPESON .. .. 4	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK.

\* First peal. First as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Woodcock, of Galleywood, Essex, upon the birth of a son, Stephen John, on September 29th, 1961.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

ELSIE K. HART .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 2	A. DAVID LEACH .. .. 6
CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. DEASON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. R. W. Stopford as Bishop of London.

## KIRTlington, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
JEREMY A. SALTER .. .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 5
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. .. 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT .. .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 3	JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. PUSEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. First as conductor. Congratulations of the band to Frances and Brian Threlfall on the birth of a son, David.



## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 960 London, 736 Bristol, 640 Rutland, 480 each of Cambridge, Ealing and Wembley, and 320 each of Pudsey, Superlative, Watford and Yorkshire: with 133 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. Robert W. Stopford as Bishop of London.

## WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's .. .. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 4
*ELIZABETH WILLS .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 3	†A. REX AGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tembey upon the 40th anniversary of their wedding.

## CULHAM, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, consisting of 720 each of April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

ROY H. JONES .. .. Treble	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 3
PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

Rung for the wedding of Christine Woodward to Geoffrey Lannegan; also for the anniversary of Battle of Britain Day.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 4
*JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 2	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* 25th peal for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. .. Treble	J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

## DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (3 and 6) St. Clement's, (4 and 7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*PAUL CODDINGTON .. .. Treble	*TREVOR R. SMITH .. .. 4
†PETER BURTON .. .. 2	JOHN BURTON .. .. 5
*WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for Michaelmas.

## ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: Two of London and Cambridge Surprise, one each of Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

J. HARRY COOK .. .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 4
RONALD J. HILL .. .. 2	JAMES W. HAW .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	FREDERICK H. HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung for the dedication festival.

## BELTON (ISLE OF AXHOLME), LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Lindsey Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN H. SELBY .. .. Treble	RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 4
†MELVYN A. ROSE .. .. 2	JAMES THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## BETHERSDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 2	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

## EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PEVERIL DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2.160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 80, -81, -75, 78, 73, 74, 59).

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

DAVID EAMES .. .. Treble	BRYAN J. WYLDE .. .. 4
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.20), and believed to be the first of Delight Minor in Shropshire.

Rung half-muffled upon the passing of Miss Rosamund Nightingale Asterley, aged 91, oldest inhabitant of Edgmond; also in memory of Sarah Furr, and of Horace E. Werrett, Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Norton, Herts, who died September 21st, 1961.

## MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LEASOWE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke (C.C.C. Nos. 69, 67, 68, 64, 65, 59, 58).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

DAVID EAMES .. .. Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 4
BRYAN J. WYLDE .. .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.22).

Rung in honour of the engagement of Robert J. Warrilow and Cynthia Bibby.

## ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Leonard and James,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4
*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in nine Minor methods.

Rung on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. J. Goddard to the united benefice of Heyford Warren with Lower Heyford and Rousham.



## BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*GERALD PARSONS .. .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER J. REES .. 4
HILARY L. HORN .. .. 2	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 5
PETER W. HORN .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Single Court, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. GREEN .. .. Treble	*GERRARD H. HALLAM .. 4
LEONARD G. THOMPSON .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. C. Lucas to the living of Branston; also for the Harvest Festival.

## CHURCH LEIGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. GEOFFREY BURTON .. Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. .. Treble	*RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN COATES .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

## FARNINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
††MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. †† First of Surprise Minor. Mr. H. E. Audsley has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

## GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris) and 40 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*TERENCE R. H. COYNE .. Treble	MORRIS G. TURNER .. .. 4
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 2	KEITH WILLIAMS .. .. 5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 3	ROY COLEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Faulkner, a ringer of Great Barr, at present studying at Leeds University.

## INGRAVE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DONALD A. BEDFORD .. Treble	*PHILIP BEDFORD .. .. 3
†NORMA JEFFERY .. .. 2	†ALLAN DUGGAN .. .. 4
FREDERICK J. WOOD .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP BEDFORD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Norma Jeffery, for some years secretary, who is temporarily leaving the district. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a Sunday service hand.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*STUART COULTS .. .. Treble	BRYAN RUMNEY .. .. 4
FREDERICK HOWARD .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
†GEORGE W. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*CHRISTINE J. HART .. Treble	MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 2	JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 5
MICHAEL WHITE .. .. 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to Gillian White, both of this tower.

## TORQUAY, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAUVOUR, TOR MOHUN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine 240's of Grandsire, six 240's of Plain Bob and six six-scores of each.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KEITH E. FURSDON .. Treble	†PETER A. LOCK .. .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 2	†DONALD J. ROBERTS .. 5
WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. .. 3	*NEAL G. FORESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the three 'old' bells and the founding of the three 'new' bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5880 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and 19 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
RUPERT A. CEARKE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALAN A. PRICE .. .. 1—2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3—4
ANTONY JACKSON .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Chichester to bless new sanctuary furnishings; also as a farewell to the conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1—2	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4	†GEOFFREY DREW .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* 350th peal. † First 'in hand.' First of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1—2	*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First of Minor 'in hand' by the Society.



## HALF PEALS

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On July 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Mulvey 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, Miss D. E. Rider 3, E. Hough 4, A. C. Mason 5, J. P. Burton 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. G. B. Jones to Miss R. E. Ford.

**ALVECHURCH, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part): R. Perkins 1, A. J. Martin 2, W. H. Raxter 3, J. W. Perkins 4, C. B. Longmore 5, H. E. Raxter 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, G. Balls 8. A peal attempt called round.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.**—On Sept. 28th, 2,592 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Johnson 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, A. Ballard 3, Christine Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsay 5, J. Vernon 6, M. E. Brown (cond.) 7, M. C. Faulkes 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Sheilagh Proctor (ringer and chorister at this church) to George Nichols.

**CLIVE, SALOP.**—On Sept. 23rd, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Kent T.B., 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Plain Bob): F. Cattell 1, R. G. Newton 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, F. Beddows 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, E. F. Wilcox 6.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Ellaway 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Anne Rowson 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, M. Patricia Dixon 6. Rung as a thankoffering for the life of Lorna Mary Cobban, of Abingdon School.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. O. Goulter 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, H. F. Cox 3, Enid Roberts (cond.) 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, P. H. Bagot (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**ALVELEY, SALOP.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Alveley Bob Doubles: C. Woodbridge 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, J. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. E. Pullon 6. First in the variation (Oldswinford with Antelope Singles instead of Grandsire Singles).

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Farrow (first quarter) 1, Christine Sanders 2, Patricia Morris 3, J. Poynor 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Jelley 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Christine Sanders 1, Marie Davenport 2, Patricia Morris 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples (first of Surprise) 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, J. Poynor (cond.) 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

**BALDERTON, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Williams 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, Mrs. C. W. Reed 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. Pritchett (first 'inside') 5, Miss G. Pritchett 6. For Evensong.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Robinson 1, Ann Warnes 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. For Harvest Festival Matins. Also on the same day, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Ann Warnes 1, Amy Warnes 2, R. D. Flowers 3, W. Illston 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling and R. Kirby 6. For Evensong.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. D. Minns (first quarter) 1, J. Prentice 2, W. S. Girling 3, E. Houtine 4, Alice Lester 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kendrick 1, M. Barsby 2, J. Lew 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, B. Lowe 5, M. Godwin 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BELTON (Isle of Axholme), Lincs.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Selby 1, J. Thorley 2, R. Stephenson 3, J. F. Underwood 4, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 5, E. Gollard 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter on the bells. For Harvest Festival.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, Miss L. Doon 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, W. R. Chandler 5. For Matins.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Diana Bowler (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda Harris 3, Diana Harris 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. McCleary 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Rev. B. Prior 1, Rev. R. Rutter 2, Rev. A. O. Mowan 3, A. L. Bennett 4, Rev. W. P. Dowling 5, E. M. Atkins 6, Rev. A. de Guinand 7, W. C. Lavers 8. First of Major for 2 and 3. Rung on the eve of the Lord Abbot's Feast Day. Also as a farewell to the 3rd ringer, who is returning abroad.

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

## QUARTER PEALS

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry (14) 1, W. F. Woodward 2, D. P. Jones 3, P. W. Grice 4, D. Eames (first as cond.) 5. Rung fully muffled, after the memorial service for George Winfield, fatally injured at Gresley Colliery.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. Smyth (first of Plain Bob) 1, Miss M. Adamson 2, Mrs. J. Livingston 3, D. Kirkaldy 4, A. C. P. Pugh 5, T. Toocock 6, J. R. A. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CROPTHORNE, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Ann Broxton 2, M. Hawkes 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. M. Newby jnr. 1, Miss M. Turner 2, W. T. Turner 3, W. Forshaw 4, K. Newby 5, W. Wall 6, A. H. Wood 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drown (first quarter) 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. Potter 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, M. Drake 6. For Harvest Evensong.

**DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, H. A. Mitson 2, E. A. Cracknell 3, W. S. Girling 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. Houtine 6. For Harvest Festival.

**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—At St. Peter-de-Wilton, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell 1, C. L. Hawkins (first quarter) 2, Jean M. Baker (first quarter) 3, C. J. Hawkins (first quarter) 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg (first quarter) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins (first quarter) 1, G. A. Rawlings 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, J. E. Pullon 4, R. Skerratt 5, Sylvia Cater 6. Both rung for Harvest Thanksgiving services.

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Ann Broxton 2, E. Maund 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, A. Hawkes 6.

**EYNHAM, OXON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Miles 1, A. Hicks 2, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, F. C. Farnsworth 2, C. J. Eades 3, Miss K. M. Walsh 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. T. Eades 7, G. E. Nicholson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**GNOSALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Walker (first quarter) 1, Pamela Key 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, D. W. Friend (cond.) 4, B. G. Key 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Pamela Key 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, I. Friend 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, D. W. Friend 6. Both rung for Harvest.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chown 1, R. H. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. C. Hall 4, C. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, C. Rigby 2, F. P. Brangwyn (first quarter) 3, W. A. Denny 4, Betty M. Mansfield (first as cond.) 5, G. G. Mansfield 6. For Harvest Festival.

**GRETTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): Maureen K. Easton 1, Elaine W. Woolston 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, P. S. Heath 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. First in five methods for all except conductor. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, Mrs. M. Hibbert 2, H. K. White 3, J. Hibbert 4, C. Hibbert 5, C. Garlick 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Large 1, W. White 2, J. Gordon 3, M. Bishop 4, A. H. Webb 5, H. L. Bishop 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smallbone (first quarter) 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Cobburn 3, R. Newson 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, L. G. Cobburn 6. For Evensong on dedication festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nina Thomas (first quarter) 1, Amy Cobburn 2, A. Day (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, L. G. Cobburn 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. E. Rammer (first quarter) 1, L. F. Cox 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, R. G. T. Bennett 4, W. Corderoy 5, P. Corderoy 6. For the Feast of St. Matthew, after meeting short for practice.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thompson 1, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 2, K. Barnes 3, R. Fuller 4, M. Major 5, T. Hyde 6. Also after Evensong, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, M. Major 2, R. Fuller 3, J. Church 4, G. Mayes 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Miss I. E. Down 1, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, T. E. Marks 4, T. J. Setter 5, A. J. Sherrin 6.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joyce Drury 1, Gwen May 2, Pauline Drury 3, John Martin 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, D. Priestley 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. A welcome to the Rev. R. E. Shapland, assistant curate. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Pauline Drury 1, Gwen May 2, Joan A. Smith 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, J. Martin 8. Rung for the engagement of Colin N. Chinnery and Gwen May.

**HILTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland 1, A. O'Shaughnessy 2, K. Barnett (first 'inside') 3, F. Moland 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, B. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, H. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. R. T. Lambert (first on eight) 1, Miss M. J. Lambert (first of Major 'inside') 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, F. Bromley 5, E. Bromley 6, A. V. Bromley 7, A. W. Durham 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Chambers (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5. For Evensong, with best wishes to Miss M. Chambers for a good voyage on her return home to Australia.

**KILDOWN, KENT.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. T. Lambert (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Lambert (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, K. Dengate (first 'inside') 4, F. Pattenden 5, G. Waghorn 6.

**KINGSCLEERE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wellman (age 13) 1, J. Pares 2, D. Papworth 3, G. Weston (aged 15) 4, W. Hibbert 5, P. Myers (age 15) 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. The first of Doubles for all the band except D. Papworth, who conducted.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Wright 1, A. Fasey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, C. Peakman 4, C. F. Jukes 5, R. A. Peakman 6.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, E. W. Colley 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, P. G. Golder 4, E. P. Ellis (first of Minor 'inside') 5, M. W. Fairry (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**LEICESTER.**—On Oct. 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): E. H. Bowley 1, C. Cattell 2, A. Cattell 3, E. Cattell 4, B. Brown 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Rawlings 1, M. Sprackling 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, C. H. Bagot 5, Miss M. E. Lewis 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. Perrett 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. For Matins. The 'second Sunday' band specially welcomed the ringers of 5 and 7, from Adelaide, Australia, for their first in the method.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 8th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Livingston 1, Miss K. North 2, G. Gibbs 3, E. E. Gosling 4, Mrs. J. Livingston (cond.) 5, J. Blackwood 6, G. Lister 7, D. Young 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Smith 1, T. E. Sone 2, F. Leeson 3, L. Head 4, L. Mannering (cond.) 5, C. Cantrill 6, B. Baker 7, F. Thwaites 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**MANSTON, DORSET.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,140 Doubles (seven methods): Miss D. Down 1, H. P. Sparks 2, F. Hilliar 3, B. Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia A. Chandler 1, Elizabeth A. Miller 2, Margaret J. Cozier 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5, R. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Ward to Mr. Albert Baker. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (11 methods): A. J. Dunkley 1, R. H. Jones 2, Elizabeth A. Miller 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Harvest Festival.



## QUARTER PEALS

(Continued)

**MALVERN LINK, WORCS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. V. Hobden 1, Anne J. Bullard 2, Ruth M. Simons 3, G. Edwards 4, R. G. Morris (cond.) 5, W. Bullock 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Harvest Festival.

**NORTH BARROW, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Dear 1, W. Hitch 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, I. Werrett 4, L. B. Scoot 5, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 6, E. G. Buck 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. In memory of Eric G. Sanderson, associate member of the Hertford County Association and churchwarden of Norton.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Struckett 1, B. Ash (first quarter) 2, M. Barlett 3, Miss M. Gibson 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5.

**OKFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. M. C. Hill 1, Ben Ridout 2, Bert Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, Bob Ridout 5, E. T. P. Field (first of T.B. as cond.) 6. First in the method by all and of T.B. by all except the conductor.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, L. F. Palfrey 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A compliment to Bob Hills, a member of the local band, and Sylvia Kimblings on the occasion of their marriage.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Bing 1, Janet Millen 2, B. E. Jemmett 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, Ann Dadson 6, N. Tumber 7, W. Epps 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, C. J. Eades 2, Miss K. M. Walsh 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, W. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. E. Ivings 3, J. Venn 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, R. Benstead 6. By local band, for Harvest Festival Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, J. W. Perkins 3, W. G. Lavers 4, A. W. Myers 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Harvest Evensong.

**POTTER'S BAR, MIDD.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Derry 1, M. Soper 2, A. Price 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, C. Ward (cond.) 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Marsh 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, G. Cornick 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. H. Perry 6. For the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Conway Ward and Mr. John Ainsworth Kelsall.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Oct. 7th, 2,016 Plain Bob Major: P. Robinson 1, G. Tavener 2, M. Lewis 3, A. Mann 4, C. Ottley 5, L. Allen 6, B. Buil 7, C. Mew (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Ann Martin, of the local band, to Peter Tuppen.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Angela G. Wakefield 1, Janet M. Turner 2, Pamela Buckle 3, Christine M. Chapman 4, Daphne J. Pollard (first as cond.) 5, Marie R. Cross 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung for Evensong, and for the 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross, also for the 81st birthday of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, a former Vicar and member of the band. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Daphne J. Pollard 1, Angela G. Wakefield (13) 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Gillian M. Weston (14, first on a working bell) 4, Jocelyn M. Cooke (12, first 'inside') 5, Marie R. Cross 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 called two 120's each and the ringer of the 6th one. Rung for Evensong, and for the birthdays of all the band.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Surfleet and Beverley): J. Fray 1, R. Beck (cond.) 2, E. Wadman 3, J. Brain 4, E. Chivers 5, M. Horseman 6. An engagement compliment to Donald Cobb and Sally Oates, of Bristol.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Kitcher 1, Miss S. Edwards 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, Miss A. J. Knight 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, M. L. Northway 8. For Harvest Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Bruce (first quarter) 1, D. Nichols (first of Royal) 2, N. Donavan 3, E. Chaddock 4, A. Holroyd 5, M. Burns 6, A. Armeson 7, P. Walker 8, G. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Miss R. V. Greaves 1, Miss J. E. Wright 2, E. R. Nice 3, E. A. Daniels 4, R. Rose 5, M. J. Rose (first as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 1st, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, K. J. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, F. J. Spicer 7, R. W. Darvill 8, B. C. Johnson 9, T. J. Southam 10. First of Surprise Royal 3 and 6.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day): R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. G. Wheeler 4, P. G. Braund 5, A. Trigg 6. Alternate 120's conducted by 3 and 5. Rung on the departure of Rev. W. F. Willoughby, after 11 years as Vicar.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilary Muirhead 1, D. Pepper 2, D. F. Murfet 3, T. R. Dennis 4, S. Brown 5, D. E. Latchford 6, G. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. G. Gipson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,200 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Stratford 1, L. Watkins (first of Surprise) 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rolfe 1, Miss S. L. Murray (first quarter) 2, C. N. Tilley 3, A. W. Johnson (first 'inside') 4, R. H. Daw (first as cond.) 5. Rung after Evensong, to mark centenary of church, service attended by Bishop of Salisbury.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Marshall 1, Cynthia Webb 2, W. Simpson 3, D. Carlisle 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. A compliment to Mr. Brian Pearson, of this parish, who was ordained deacon at Derby Cathedral this day.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Isobel Pearce (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Corby 2, Janet Buss 3, A. Corby (first 'inside') 4, R. V. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. E. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby 7, D. Woodcock 8. For Harvest Festival.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ward 1, R. S. Long 2, J. Seager 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, D. Armstrong 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, R. Birch 8. Rung on the back eight prior to Evensong.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. Starkey (first quarter) 1, C. M. Smith 2, Ann Barr 3, Lucy Allen (cond.) 4, M. Elson 5. Rung prior to the Harvest Festival Evensong.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 1st, at St. Chad's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Gethin 1, N. Round-Turner 2, Beryl W. Abbott 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, F. Leech 5, R. Newton 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, F. G. Beddow 8, H. Poyner (cond.) 9, F. Cattell 10. For Harvest Evensong.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy R. Austin 1, G. Eastman 2, G. Kenward 3, J. Clark 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, Wendy Austin 2, Fredericka R. D. Underhill 3, G. Eastman 4, J. Davey 5, G. Kenward 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8. First of Bob Triples for 2, 3 and 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,408 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Linda J. Kew (first of Spliced) 2, W. Birmingham 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, D. P. Hilling 5, D. K. Walters 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band. First quarter in these methods spliced by all.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. C. Marshall 1, J. Richards (first quarter) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, P. Jarvis 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. V. H. Relf 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, A. A. Upton 3, T. J. Warner (cond.) 4, M. S. Hart 5, P. Warren 6, E. C. Shepherd 7, T. R. Hayward 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. A. Upton, prior to his entry into Wells Theological College.

**STANWELL, MIDD.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 17 methods. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on same date, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 of Cambridge and Beverley, 540 of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose). Also on Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on same date, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, 540 Cambridge and Primrose). Also on same date, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, 540 Cambridge and Primrose). Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (cond. D. Boniface). Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 19 methods. Also on same date, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge). Also on same date, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Unless otherwise stated all quarter peals conducted by C. B. Fynes. Ringers taking part were: D. Pickett, Miss M. Gibson, D. Boniface, K. Young, J. Boyd, P. Brand, C. Fynes, M. Lane and T. Tyres.

**STRENSHAM, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nadine Price 1, M. Hawkes 2, D. K. Penn (age 14, first as cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. F. Hawkes 6.

**WROXETER, SALOP.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pugh 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, W. Gethin 3, H. Poyner 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**WYCHBOLD, WORCS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Rhys-Morgan (first quarter) 1, A. D. Cook 2, P. Cattermole 3, R. Skerratt 4, J. E. Pullon (cond.) 5, B. M. Gittins 6. For Harvest Festival, and a farewell to A. D. Cook, tower captain, leaving for Bewdley.



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JOHNSON.—On Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1961, to June (nee Steadman) and Christopher Johnson, a daughter (Caroline Ruth). The Old Brew-house, St. Aldate's, Oxford. 9101

### DEATHS

BLATCH.—On Oct. 10th, 1961, Constance (nee Connie Chinnery), wife of Fred Blatch, of Fyfield, and daughter of the late Harry Chinnery, of Orsett, Essex. No letters, please. 9060

MELLIN.—On Oct. 12th, 1961, suddenly, at 66, Cressing Road, Witham, Essex, and sometime of Wrentham, Suffolk. William H. P., beloved husband of Winifred and father of Win and Fred. 9073

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. A. F. Bogan, president of the Irish Association, is now The Glebe House, Killanully, Ballygarvan, Co. Cork. He will be pleased to hear from any ringers visiting Cork and will do his utmost to arrange ringing for them at St. Finn Barre's tower. 9062

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### MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9039

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9054

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Hatfield Heath (6) on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9049

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 8978

HILLINGDON.—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on October 21st. Iver (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Bishop of Kensington. Tea and evening social to follow in St. John's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to secretaries or F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath Bucks.—Mrs. S. Bullock, Miss D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch Secs. 8997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD.—The annual District meeting of the Rochester District, combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch), will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 21st. Choral Evensong in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. (not ringers' service.) Chatham bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting at George Inn, 35, High Street, Rochester, 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells after meeting. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. Barton and S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Secs. 8980

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Leigh meeting (not Thorpe Bay), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9044

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of Southern and Western Divisions. Southover, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9020

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Phoenix Inn, for those who notify. Names to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottages, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 9037

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Churchill, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 9066

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9065

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting for October will be at Warwick (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Oct. 28th (please note change of venue and date). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea would be appreciated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9005

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Ilkeston. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Evening ringing 5.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 25th to Mr. J. F. George, 17 Dale Street, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 9097

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) 3 till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9089

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Harworth, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 2.30 p.m. Please will you make own tea arrangements.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9098

### DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH  
Saturday, Oct. 28th

Ringings 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.  
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.  
All Dorset ringers welcome. 9061

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9087

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 1961. Time 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. from Hon. Sec., F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E. please. Closing date: October 24th. 8970

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at Welford-on-Avon (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 3 to 4, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 24th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Branch A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 9th. 9092

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 26th to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 9072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, 6 to 9 p.m. at Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. 9094

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 9071

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 9064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Westhoughton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea, 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 9100

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Otley, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 until 8 p.m. Tea available at local cafe. 9069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Saddington. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 9104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Goxhill (6), October 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 25th to Mr. S. Neave, Ainslie House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 9036

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne on Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, October 23rd, to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9053

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Bleanavon, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Method practice: Double Norwich. Numbers for tea by October 23rd, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 9046

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Thetford on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, by Wednesday, October 25th.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 9027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Burford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 9034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—An evening meeting will be held at Horton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Miss Hague. 9087

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rushton (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Hon. Sec.—M. A. C. 9067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a Branch meeting at Wootton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements. Committee meeting after tea. Full attendance, please. Names for tea to Mr. Smart, 87, Water Lane, Wootton.—T. M. Haines, Sec. 9084



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rushden, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden.—J. E. S. 9083

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 9096

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, St. John's, Broad Street, Alloa, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. 9088

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting, Cound (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th, commencing 6.30. 9010

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting, Tamworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 25th, to Mr. George Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. Annual dinner tickets available at meeting. 9058

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Meeting at Aldeburgh (8), Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before Thursday, October 26th, to J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh (T.N. Aldeburgh 3395). 9025

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9090

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Broderick Hall, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 9086

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Liss. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 25th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 9080

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Overton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Ringing at Laverstoke from 2.30, owing to wedding at Overton. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. G. Holmes, 4, Dellands, Overton, Hants.—John Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9085

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Hinton-on-the-Green. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 24th, to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham, Wores. 9076

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 9091

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, 1961, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Full details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8986

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec. 9070

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Meeting at Springfield, Saturday, November 4th. Finals of striking competition will take place at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 9040

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9079

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsea, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding. 9069

**READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th at the Caversham Bridge Hotel, Reading. Tickets (16s. 6d.) and details of ringing arrangements, from Miss J. Foster, St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road, Reading. 9032

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Sunday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m.

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**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Lenton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to Mr. K. F. Lee, Midland Bank Flat, 37, Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 9099

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 24th annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th, at 5.45 p.m. Accommodation for 300. Cathedral bells (12) available 3.30-5 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, November 1st, from Dinner Committee. Branch officers, or from J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., 'Aubyns,' Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham (Tel.: Ashton-under-Hill 309). 9043

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

**SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Preliminary notice.—The annual reunion will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham. Ringing and dining details later.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec., 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, near Leicester. 9093

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### South-West Branch

The autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Plympton St. Maurice on September 30th, when some 50 ringers were present, and were representative of several other Branches in the county.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sholto-Douglas), and as there was no organist the Rector also proved himself quite an expert in this department. He extended a hearty welcome to all present and said he always admired the loyalty of the ringers in their service to the church. He had learnt to ring, but really never made the grade.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth). The gathering stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Preb. E. V. Cox (late president of the Guild), Mrs. Myers (mother of T. F. and W. Myers, St. Andrew's) and Mrs. Andrews (wife of the Rev. J. H. Andrews, who a few days before her death was elected president of the Guild). A cordial welcome was extended to all visitors, particularly one from Manchester.

The secretary was asked to write and congratulate the Rev. J. H. Andrews, of Chittlehampton, on his election as president of the Guild. Mr. W. G. Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice, was congratulated on being elected a vice-president of the Guild, the chairman stating there was no one more worthy of this honour in the Branch. Miss J. Patterson, of Plympton St. Maurice, was elected a member. A letter was read from Mr. Aubrey Bennett, as to a proposed visit to Loughborough in May, and any interested were asked to contact him.

A discussion took place as to proceeds of sale of handbells bequeathed to the Guild by the late president, for use in the instruction fund, and the feelings of the Branch were noted by the representatives on the General Committee.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and rounds were rung during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers).

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the energetic young captain, Mr. D. Farnham, and his ringers, for what they always did to make the gatherings at Plympton such a success, and to the ladies for such an excellent tea. H. H. T.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Charminster on September 16th, when ringing took place on the recently augmented eight bells. Many expressed their satisfaction at the job done by Messrs. Taylors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon P. Anderson) and in his address he referred to the work of the late Archdeacon of Sherborne, Ven. J. C. Chute, who was for some time vice-chairman of the Branch and vice-president of the Guild.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the Charminster ringers. The meeting was conducted by the chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, and members stood in silence in memory of Archdeacon Chute and Mr. J. Squire, a former captain of St. Peter's, Dorchester, who had died since the last meeting. Miss K. Adams, of Cattistock, was elected a member.

Next meeting, annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 20th. Branch practices (subject to confirmation): Puddletown, October 7th; Cheney, October 21st; Leigh, November 4th; Upwey, November 18th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, December 2nd; Bere Regis, December 16th; Fordington, December 30th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. K. Meiklejohn, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Adams (first quarter) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. Foot 3, J. G. Cull 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, W. Tizzard 6. Rung as a 94th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Greenwood Comben, of Portland, Dorset, grandfather of the ringer of 4th.



### QUARTER PEALS

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Maple 1, Jean Horton 2, R. G. Blackman 3, L. Stilwell 4, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. R. Horton, parents of the ringer of second.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marcia Nott 1, Mary Browne 2, P. E. Jupp (cond.) 3, W. Bye 4, K. G. E. Wannell 5, R. Berry 6. For Evensong (Harvest Festival), and as a farewell to Mary Browne, who is shortly leaving for Manchester University.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Stripp 5, J. Cloughton 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. Harvest Festival morning service.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDY.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Rowlands 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, P. Phillips 3, H. W. Impey (cond.) 4, F. H. Corke 5, Miss J. Reeve 6, E. R. Gotham 7, F. Bedford 8. For Evensong.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (in 11 methods): K. West 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to M. King, who is leaving to attend St. John's College, York.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Horseman (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, J. Fray 3, C. York 4, H. Ball 5, C. Clark 6.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking 1, B. Crook 2, C. Barber (first quarter) 3, A. Syder 4, A. Pigott (first 'inside') 5, J. Warner 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For Harvest Festival.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 2, 6, 8 covering): J. Glanvill 1, P. Gatter 2, F. Mack (cond.) 3, T. Gooding 4, F. Bastin 5, J. Smith 6, J. Gooding 7, A. Knight 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 26th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, A. R. Mann 5—6, R. J. Palmer (first as cond.) 7—8.

**WORKSOP, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Simons 1, R. G. Fanthorpe 2, H. G. Smart (cond.) 3, G. Chellans 4, D. A. Whetton 5, T. Flint 6, A. Hill 7, J. S. Eastland 8. First quarter of Triples on bells since rechanging. A welcome to the Rev. Barrie G. Hodges.

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