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## ROYAL RECOGNITION

**T**HE fact that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has graciously consented to take a part in the Bow Bells reopening ceremony next Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, will give a great sense of satisfaction to the Exercise as a whole. The Duke will pull a rope, and that will be the signal for this well-known ring in Cheapside to be heard in rounds before going into changes.

The famous Bow Bells—they were the subject of a feature article by Ernest Morris in a recent issue—crashed into the flames during the blitz on May 10th, 1941. They were recast in 1956, the then Lord Mayor of London (Ald. Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd) being present to see the tenor cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The decorative border of London Pride tells its own story. As the Lord Mayor said on that occasion: 'The City of London, and indeed Greater London, should be proud of this new curfew bell, the largest of the Bow Bells in the restored church of Christopher Wren's finest steeple in London.'

The B.B.C. are determined that this memorable occasion in the history of English ringing should not pass unrecorded. In the Home Service that evening the B.B.C. are broadcasting a 20-minute recorded programme, in which the first rounds and changes by the 12 recast bells will be heard, together with a talk by Albert Hughes, the master bellfounder.

To obtain a proper background, B.B.C. producer Geoffrey Topping and Richard Dimpleby visited St. Mary-le-Bow last Tuesday afternoon and were introduced by the Rector, the Rev. Joseph McCulloch, to some of the people who had helped to bring the bells back to life and whose stories were recorded on the spot for inclusion in the Bow Bells programme.

Ringers throughout the country have a personal interest in these bells. The College Youths naturally had a close association, and the second bell was named Fabian by the then Master. Wing-Commander John S. Mason, and was paid for by members of the Society. The then Rector, the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, sent his appeal to practically every territorial Guild and Association, and at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society that year expressed his thanks to the very large number of ringers who had contributed through their Guilds and Branches. From this source between £150 and £200 was received from ringers in this country and overseas.

The previous reopening day was on Saturday, July 8th, 1933, when there was a big gathering of ringers present. Eight of the bells had been recast, and those not recast were the fourth, fifth, ninth and eleventh, but the canons

were cut off in order to fit iron headstocks. Between 1933 and 1939 only one peal of Maximus—Kent Treble Bob—was rung on the bells, and this was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The presence of the Duke of Edinburgh will give an added interest to bellringing generally. Advantage should be taken by ringers of this special broadcast. Invariably feature programmes on the wireless and television stimulate interest. Towers should be ready to deal with inquiries, especially from young people anxious to have the mysteries of change-ringing unfolded to them. If circumstances permit, open evenings and talks should be given in towers.

One of the pathetic things about ringing in the heart of London is the shortage of ringers. The difficulty arises from the fact that there is no residential population in the City of London. While the College Youths have a standing band for St. Paul's Cathedral and a number of reserves, the College Youths are not really a teaching Society training people from the beginners stage. They look to the territorial Associations to undertake this work, although individual College Youths through these Guilds act as instructors. Much of London ringing today is by visiting bands—St. Clement Danes' is a notable example, and those who follow our quarter peal columns will note the various bands who are assembled to ring these bells. It seems apparent that what is done for St. Clement's will have to be the general arrangement for St. Mary-le-Bow. Like St. Clement's, there should be a well-known ringer in charge to whom people can apply to, and through him arrangements made for visiting bands. It is not likely with the present state of ringing in London that St. Mary-le-Bow will ever have its own band who would assemble there Sunday by Sunday. On the other hand, this church has close associations with the City of London, and there might be a list of fixed days when ringing is desirable, as is the case with Westminster Abbey. For these occasions a special band could be recruited, prepared to undertake occasional ringing.

It would indeed be a wonderful day if all the twelves in the City—St. Paul's, St. Giles' (Cripplegate), St. Michael's (Cornhill), and now St. Mary-le-Bow—each had their own individual band. Circumstances have conspired against it. When their bells are available, the Cumberlands at their corner of London regularly ring at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and there is also ringing at Southwark Cathedral and at various other churches; but there are a vast number of gaps in the programme. In view of the number of provincial ringers who come annually to London a kind of clearing house is desirable.



## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Bedford District

About a dozen ringers were present in the afternoon for the Beds and Northants District of the Ladies' Guild meeting at Higham Ferrers on November 25th. As there were no arrangements for tea, ringers met again at 6 p.m. at Rushden for the evening's ringing. Here the attendance was better and also the standard of ringing. Methods rung were Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and the bells were lowered at 8 p.m.

### Midland District

A very successful meeting was held at Hinckley, Leics. on November 18th. The eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Double Norwich. Shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild. Tea was most enjoyable and was served by local lady ringers. After the gentlemen had adjourned to the tower for further ringing, the ladies held their meeting which, incidentally, was the best attended meeting this year.

Miss Thompson, the vice-president, welcomed visitors from Droitwich and Colehill. From the minutes it was stated only St. Mary's, Nottingham, would be open for the A.G.M., which would be a joint one with the Sherwood Youths, on Saturday, January 27th. The Guild meeting would be held before tea. Oakham was proposed for the March meeting on the 17th, and this is subject to permission being obtained. New members elected were Miss Christine Beasley and Miss S. Hooper (Hinckley), Miss C. Corton (South Wigston) and Miss C. Saunders (Aylestone); this concluded the meeting and the ladies returned to the tower for further ringing.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

On February 15th, 1958, the Llandaff Branch held a meeting at Sully, the first to be held there for 35 years. But on November 25th the Branch held another meeting there, for since the previous occasion the bells have been rehung and have had a new treble added. All this has resulted in an excellent ring of six bells, which was put to full use during the afternoon. Ringing in all standards was organised by the General Master, Mr. A. Hannington. Methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Minor for the more ambitious.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Basil Jones, Rector, who took for his text part of Psalm 150, 'Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals.'

A delightful tea followed at the Church Hall, provided by the ladies of Sully, who were thanked by the Branch secretary.

The business meeting started with members standing in silence to the memory of David Gwyn Lewis, of Neath, who lost his life following a road accident. Eight new members were elected, and four from Bristol to life membership.

The next meeting will be at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, where another augmentation and rehanging job has recently been carried out. R. E. C.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Southern District at Sketty on December 2nd, Canon Garfield James, who presided, asked the company to stand in sympathy with Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis and family, of Cadoxton, in the death of their son and brother, David Gwyn Lewis, who died after a car accident.

There was a change in the officers—Mr. Arthur Hoare took over the secretaryship upon the resignation of Mr. J. T. Williams, and Mr. Trevor Roderick was elected auditor. Two new members from Sketty were elected—Lowri Hancock and Elizabeth Watkins; Geoffrey W. Armitage, of St. David's, Lampeter, was elected a life member. Mr. Barrie Couzins thanked the ringers and wives who provided the tea. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. White, and Canon Garfield James gave the sermon.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—50



MR. ALFRED BALLARD,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

One of the most enthusiastic and competent ringers in the Midlands is Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leicestershire. A very gifted handbell ringer, he took part in the first handbell peal of Surprise Royal and the two peals of Cambridge Maximus, surely one of the most amazing performances of all time. In addition he has scored Stedman Sextuples and Kent Treble Bob fourteen, and has also rung Stedman Triples non-conducted.

Alfred was born at Stoney Stanton, Leics. on December 14th, 1908, and was educated at the local Church of England School, and later at the Hinckley Technical College, where he studied hosiery manufacture. He is now manager of Messrs. Francis & Windlebie, the hosiery manufacturers, where he has been employed since leaving school.

He learnt to ring at Stoney Stanton about 1925, and his instructors were the late Rev. R. P. Farrow and Mr. C. H. Briggs. This tower has always been popular for peal ringing, and a long peal of Cambridge Major was rung here in 1923. Alfred was the only one of eight pupils who started with him who still takes any interest in ringing, but although Stoney Stanton has never had a good change ringing band, they always ring regularly for Sunday services.

His first peal was rung at Wetherby, Yorkshire, on March 19th, 1927, being four methods of Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris, and his next was Stedman Triples, called by that gifted conductor, Walter P. Whitehead, with whom he rang a number of peals, when James George was completing his dates, and often came to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Alfred's present peal total is approximately 830, of which 296 have been rung on handbells. He rang the third to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, on August 24th, 1946, and has completed Stedman from Double to Cinques, Cambridge from Minor to Maximus—in one day! and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells. He has also rung four peals of Surprise in a day. One peal of which Alfred is always proud was rung at Claybrooke. While ringing was suspended at Hinckley for a time, some of them went over to assist Mr. C. Clarke, who had started a number of young ladies there, and four of the local band rang their first peal through this help.

Alfred considers he was very fortunate to be associated with the late Harold J. Poole, who besides being a great ringer was also a personal friend, and who did much to encourage Alfred during his early attempts at handbell ringing. Mr. Redvers F. Elkington,

of Anstey, was also a great help in his early days, and cycled to Stoney Stanton every week for handbell ringing, the Rev. R. P. Farrow being very interested and helpful. It was Redvers Elkington who took him to meet that other great Leicester ringer, the late Frederick H. Dexter, who gave him much sound advice on Surprise ringing. When Alfred really started handbell ringing in earnest, he had to travel the 14 miles to Leicester every week, and when they were practising Cambridge Royal it was twice a week.

In 1949, Alfred rang no fewer than 118 peals, but this did not prevent him from attending all his District meetings. He is both chairman and Ringing Master of the Hinckley District, and is now captain at Hinckley (St. Mary's), where they have a very young band. He has also represented the Leicester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council for a number of years. In 1925 Alfred married Miss Susan Cobby, who, although not a ringer, is always ready to help by providing coffee on handbell practice nights at Hinckley.

Alfred is interested in most sports, and has taken a practical interest in golf for the last few years, mainly for exercise to keep his weight down!

He has proved himself to be the ideal type of ringer, who has not only rung a lot of peals with the best but also faithfully supports his own District by helping and instructing beginners and attending meetings. Men of his kind are the backbone of an Association.

APACE.

## BOW BELLS DEDICATION

The dedication of Bow Bells, Cheapside, London, on Wednesday, December 20th, at 3.45 p.m., will be by the Bishop of London in the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. Ringing on that occasion will be by officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths and members of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild.

It was hoped that there would be open ringing at Bow that evening, but that is not now possible, as the ceremony of confirmation of the election of three bishops has been fixed for that time.

The authorities have promised that as early as possible in the New Year an open day for ringing will be held. Details, when received, will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

[For 'Time Signal Doctored' see Letters to the Editor, page 840.]

## BEAMINSTER'S VETERAN RINGERS

The West Dorset town of Beaminster will have three ringers who have each completed 50 years' service in the tower as change ringers. The three were pupils of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, over 50 years ago, used to walk six miles into Beaminster to inculcate the art of change ringing.

The second member to complete his 50 years' was Mr. A. Tom Gunning. This was on November 26th, and three days later the local Guild assembled to mark the occasion. Several touches of Grandsire were rung with Tom conducting. Taking part were Mr. E. P. Bailey, who has been an active ringer for 53 years, and Mr. A. Winters, who in January next will have 50 years' to his credit.

After the ringing the company adjourned to the Greyhound Inn, where Tom is mine host and drank his health, followed by an excellent supper.

All three have peals to their credit and are capable of conducting Grandsire Triples and all have been officers. Mr. Bailey was secretary and treasurer for 40 years. Mr. Gunning has also held that office and has been captain and vice-captain on several occasions. Mr. Winters has also been captain and vice-captain very many times.

Has any other tower three members, each with over half-a-century's service?



# Durham University Society at Dinner

THE annual dinner of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers was held in the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on November 18th, 35 members and guests being present. Previously, the bells of Chester-le-Street and Houghton-le-Spring had been rung, and the excellent dinner was therefore most welcome.

The president, Mr. Bryan Pattison (Bede College), after proposing the loyal toast, called upon Mr. Peter Newing (St. John's College) to submit the toast to 'The Church.' Mr. Newing said there were in England 5,000 bell towers, all closely integrated with the life of the Church. As ringers they were in a unique position, having a particular kind of work to do. The message of the bells was witness to the eternal truths for which the Church stood and it was their responsibility to assist the Church by sharing in the life of the Church.

In reply, the Rev. G. Foley, Rector of Brancepeth, said there were three sexes—men, women and clergymen—and three types of clergy—the important ones (who wore garters), the useful ones (parish priests), and the ecclesiastical civil servants, for example Directors of Education, into which category he fell.

Brancepeth, he continued, had an ancient and very beautiful church. When he first went there, 18 months ago, there was a congregation of six and the bells were only rung when the parish ringers managed to get up in time. The University bellringers were therefore very welcome to both himself and all in the village. The ringing of the bells brought something to the village life which had been sadly lacking—the traditions of the past. In addition to this, he was now able to get into the 'horse-box opposite the squire's playpen' and preach to a larger congregation—even if the ringers were asleep, their presence was very welcome. Mr. Foley ended by thanking the ringers very much for their services to Brancepeth; may you ring many more bells? he said, 'and God bless you all.'

## ACHIEVEMENTS—TWO PEALS, TWO ENGAGEMENTS

The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. Thomas O. Piercy, a past president, who listed the achievements of the Society as six peals, two engagements, and lots of good friendships. D.U.S.C.R. was founded to keep together the Durham and Newcastle Societies—that ringers should keep in touch with each other and not drop ringing once they left home. The officers of the Society must not take the attitude 'we're all going down this year so never mind next year.' Continuity must be maintained. It was extremely difficult to start a society with good quality ringing and a good spirit; life members could contribute a lot. Mr. Piercy expressed his wish that the future Newcastle University would uphold these traditions, as the Durham Society was doing.

The president, in reply, pointed out that Durham had the nucleus of a very good Society; he was proud to be its president for the second time. It was a great privilege, he said, to ring at Brancepeth—the Society at last had a tower to call its own—and also at Durham Cathedral. Mr. Pattison said when he first came to Durham he had been told he would never get a ring at the Cathedral, but he went up the tower and had not been disappointed. The Society had been allowed to augment the Cathedral band ever since, and was especially privileged to assist in the ringing for King Olav of Norway on his recent visit.

In Durham, he said, they had been very fortunate in the past three years in having a steady influx of ready-made ringers. He thanked all the ringers for their hard work.

He went on to welcome the guests—the Rev and Mrs. Foley, and Mr. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and his wife. He also welcomed Mr. B. S. Shep-



A handbell interlude during the D.U.S.C.R. annual dinner. Left to right, back row: Andrew Bolton, Bill Wilson, Bryan Pattison and Chris Herbert. Front row: Mrs. E. Allison, Mr. E. Allison and Chris Hopkins.

[North of England Newspaper Co. Ltd., picture.]

pard, from Manchester University, and Mr. Allison, bell-major at the Cathedral, and his wife. He expressed the Society's thanks at being allowed to help the regular Cathedral ringers during term-time. Finally, Mr. Pattison welcomed Mr. Piercy and Miss Phillips.

Mr. Sheppard apologised for the absence of the president of Manchester, and brought the Society the best wishes of the University Society and Guild of Manchester. He thanked the D.U.S.C.R. for the kind hospitality shown to himself and all the guests, which he knew they had all enjoyed.

The speeches concluded, the president thanked the D.U.S.C.R. secretary, Miss Mary Marshall, for arranging the dinner. A pleasant evening was rounded off with handbell ringing and discussion.

## THE COMPANY

Mr. B. Pattison, Mr. B. S. Sheppard, Rev. and Mrs. G. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allison, Mr. T. O. Piercy, Miss W. Phillips.

Messrs. C. Herbert, J. Thorley, P. Newing, C. Rees, C. Hopkins, A. Bolton, W. Wilson, D. Stubbs, D. Dredge, J. Constable, B. Redgers, T. Grey, L. Pizzev.

Misses M. Marshall, S. Boiteux-Buchanan, B. Cooke, S. Scott, J. Shaw, H. de Chateleux, A. Durent, J. Somervale, J. Buckley, G. Webb, E. Davies, R. Myers.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The West Lindsey Branch meeting held at Willingham on November 18th, was in place of Upton, where the bells are at present being augmented from five to six.

The service in church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Nicholson), who is shortly leaving the district. Appreciation of the Rector's help and co-operation in Guild matters was expressed later at the business meeting.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the annual meeting to be held at Gainsborough on January 20th should again be followed by a dinner and social evening at the Old Hall.

M. L. M.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

A surprisingly pleasant afternoon attracted a good number of ringers to Harpenden on November 18th. The eight bells were soon tapping round to Cambridge Double Norwich, standard methods and rounds for the many enthusiastic beginners.

At the service, conducted by the Rev. P. Bradshaw, Mrs. J. Dodds, a St. Albans ringer, played the organ. Tea, provided by the local ringers, was excellent. Ringing continued until Evensong, when a business meeting was held. Mr. W. Hughes, president of the Association, was elected chairman. New members elected were: A. Rimmer, R. Lewis, N. Pearce, D. Green, L. Baycock and D. Sadler.

The company was reminded that many subscriptions were long overdue for 1961 and that alterations to the 1961 annual report must be sent to the secretary as soon as possible. The illness of Mr. Bertie Cornell, of St. Albans Cathedral, a very dear old friend of all present, was brought to notice and arrangements were made to send him flowers and a letter from the District. A collection for the voluntary bell fund raised £1 10s.

Ringling continued until 8.15 p.m. when methods rung were Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Pershore Bob Major (special method) and standard methods.

C. M. R.

## SAFFRON WALDEN'S BELLS

Dear Sir.—Work has commenced to lower the ring of 12 bells and dismantle the old frame at Saffron Walden. The bells are to be taken to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough, for tuning and rehanging in a new cast iron frame.

The reopening of the bells has been fixed for Saturday, June 30th, 1962. Will friends and outing secretaries please note this date.

—Yours faithfully,

L. E. PITSTOW.

4, Highfields,  
Saffron Walden.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir.—Bells to be broadcast on Christmas morning will be those from Woolton, St. Mary Redcliffe, Cowbridge, Enniskillen, Sevenoaks, Worcester Cathedral and Greenock.

I believe the majority of ringers who listen are more interested in the quality of the bells rather than the method being rung and I would suggest that rounds be rung at the time of broadcasting.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge.

## IS THIS SPLICED?

Dear Sir.—Referring to the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Stanwell, page 799, can this peal really be termed 'spliced' for 720 numbers four and seven were Cambridge only?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK H. HICKS.

East Grinstead.

## KILIFI BELLS

Dear Sir.—Thank you for printing the architect's drawing of St. Thomas' Church, Kilifi. May I correct a small error in the title of the picture? The cost of the ring of bells is given as £3,200. This is the estimated cost of the church itself, including furniture, electric light, harmonium and architect's fees. It is a remarkably low figure for a strong and beautiful building, which can seat over 120 adults and take a further 300 in the open wings.

The ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) was quoted by Taylor's at £2,194. C.I.F., Mombasa, with all fittings, delivered in pairs. Following Col. Jerram's hint we have now had a new quotation for a ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.) £1,920—not a great saving, owing to the rise in the price of bell metal. We have also made a tentative offer for a second-hand ring of five.

The two lightest bells of Taylor's new quotation would only cost £459 and our bell fund now stands at £111, much of it from local sources, but we are still hoping for contributions from the Diocesan Guilds.

We are coming home for four months' leave in January, and will be able to show some coloured slides of the church and its environment—including one of the drums of the Coldstream Guards, whose scarlet decorated our ringing chamber and gallery for the Remembrance Day service.—Yours, etc.

W. F. P. KELLY.

Kilifi, Kenya.

## STRIKING CONTEST IN ARTS FESTIVAL

Dear Sir.—Following upon Mr. S. K. A. Huson's letter in the issue of November 24th, Mr. Bernard Buckley, of 4, Den Lane, Upper-mill, near Oldham, a tower bell ringer, who is on the committee of the Saddleworth Arts Festival, has suggested a striking contest at St. Chad's Church, within the festival week from May 26th to June 2nd, 1962. The committee favour the suggestion, and have promised a shield and medals for a competition of no less than eight sets.

Might I suggest that a charge of 10s. per company be made, the money to be spent on prizes. Will ringers interested write to me for particulars and made suggestions to help in the cause of good striking, as Mr. Huson and others desire.

If at the end of January, 1962, I find that the contest looks like being supported a notice to that effect will appear in 'The Ringing World'.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

62, Manchester Road, Greenfield, near Oldham.

## BOW BELLS SIGNAL 'DOCTORED'

Dear Sir.—It would seem that the recording of the Bow Bells (recorded in 1934, according to Mr. Ernest Morris, 'R.W.' December 1st) used for years by the B.B.C. as an 'interval' signal, has been edited and recorded on tape, judging by what I have heard on several occasions lately. Rounds are followed by the changes 1234567980. 1234567980; 1234567980. 1234567890; and this is repeated over and over again.

As one amongst very many who have found great pleasure in listening to the old recording, and following blow by blow the changes produced, I find this doctoring of the ringing intensely irritating and frustrating, and I am sure that there must be many ringers who feel the same. At least one full record of the changes exists, and is still used by the B.B.C. from time to time.

Could we make representations to the B.B.C. to use the full record (or if the disc is becoming badly worn, to transfer it to tape in full)? Perhaps the Ancient Society of College Youths, whom I believe made the original recording, would take up the matter.—Yours sincerely,

Yeovil, Somerset. ROGER O. FRY (Rev.)

## BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL

Dear Sir.—The next course at the West Riding of Yorkshire Adult College will be held from Friday to Sunday, April 27th to 29th (the week-end after Easter Monday). As four tutors will be available (Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. Barton, W. F. Moreton and N. Chaddock), it will be possible to have two lectures and activity groups working at the same time, one elementary and one advanced. Varied aspects of tower- and handbell ringing will be dealt with from both learning and teaching angles, and it will be possible to meet almost any individual requirement. Practical sessions will be held at various towers, including Durham Cathedral.

Those attending will enjoy the excellent facilities and food of the college, situated in lovely surroundings, which appear at their best at this time of the year.

The total number of places on this course is only 26, a good number of which have already been taken. Those interested are advised to write to the Warden of the Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks, as soon as possible for an application form. Total cost is £2 2s. for West Riding residents, £3 for others.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.

## A REQUEST FROM CANADA

Dear Sir.—I am writing to inquire if any of your readers know where I can purchase recordings of change ringing? I was a member of the Bath Abbey band, England, but have lived in Canada now for nearly 44 years.

Before I came to Canada there was, I believe, a recording of Bath Abbey bells, and some time ago I read in 'The Ringing World,' which I still take, that there was a recording of Bristol Surprise offered for sale, but unfortunately I never took advantage of the offer. Are these recordings still for sale? Perhaps some of your readers will inform me as to whom I should write to?

I live in the suburbs of Toronto, and in that city there are no bells that can be rung to changes. The ten bells in the Cathedral cannot be rung because of the chiming apparatus. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Television Service exhibited a film showing change ringing from Mission City, British Columbia. I was quite thrilled to see and listen to Grandsire Caters.—Yours very truly,

130, Chalk Farm Drive, M. HELPS.  
Downsview, Ontario, Canada.

## 1,259 STEDMAN & GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir.—The following quarter peal composition may be of interest to Caters ringers.

Grandsire (P.L.)	Siedman
3	2, 5, 8.
1	2, 4, 5, 7.
1	2, 5, 8.
3	2, 5, 8s.
1	2, 4, 5, 7, 9s.
1	2, 5, 8.
4	1, 2, 4, 8.
4	2, 5, 8s.
A	
4	1, 2, 4, 7s, 8.
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Comprises 720 Siedman and 539 Grandsire, with 28 changes of method.

The splices are made at the normal starting positions, with the treble quick bell, so the methods in fact dovetail over several blows. All calls are in Siedman; the calling positions are numbered from the change of method. Course ends are not given because they do not generally coincide with changes of method. The back four bells course each other most of the time in a wide variety of coursing orders; the music is predominantly Tittums, although the backstroke, inverted Tittums and handstroke positions appear frequently. Several interesting touches can be obtained on this type of plan; a peal is quite possible, but with so much different coursing orders proof is tedious.

—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SCHOFIELD.

Wallington, Surrey.

## EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—From recent correspondence received by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which he has passed on to me, it appears that the nomenclature which I used to describe the extension of Evesham Surprise Major to the Royal ('R.W.' page 773) is not a form which is generally understood by those interested in such matters. May I be permitted, therefore, to explain as briefly as possible the origin and meaning of the nomenclature which I used.

Taking Evesham Surprise Royal as the method in question as an example, the description 'Extension DU/E of the Major' finds its origin in the C.C. Methods Committee's Report on Extension, adopted by the Council in 1953.

By dividing a half-lead of the parent Major method into the appropriate front and back sub-sections and following the Rules for extension as laid down in the Methods Committee's Report, starting the extension at 'front sub-section D' and at 'back sub-section U,' Evesham S. Major yields a Royal extension of the 'Expanding' class (E), as opposed to the Static (S) or Double (D) classes. Hence, in summary, the whole of this procedure can be described as 'Extension DU/E of the parent Major method.' This would appear to be the shortest, but possibly not the simplest, way of describing a method extension.

However, to avoid any further confusion, I append the place notation for Evesham Surprise Royal, which is obtained by Extension DU/E of the Major.

I must apologise for an error in the figures forwarded to you of the 5,040 Evesham S. Royal (page 804). The 8th course end should read 32465, and not 43265.—Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Souhampton.

## EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

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## LETTERS—Continued

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR  
A REPLY TO MR. P. J. BROWN

Dear Sir.—I suggest you read my letter again and get some of your facts right. If you think I'm one of these people who go round saying, 'Down with drink and drinkers' you are very much mistaken. My objection is that in the report of this tour drinking is being splashed all over the paper.

I notice that in your letter you call Mr. Williams and company a party of peal grabbers and that you weren't interested in their performances! Later on you say, 'Carry on, Mr. Williams.' Your letters would not be contradictory if you read them first!

As to your suggestion that I go on a peal tour and see what thirsty work it is, you are here talking without your book. Last August I spent two weeks on a ringing tour with a bicycle, covering 850 miles and averaging six towers a day. I should have a good idea of what thirsty work is, but I didn't write to 'The Ringing World' giving details of every inn visited. In the article about this tour (Rambling Ringers) I don't think you'll find mentioned beer and pubs visited, though I can assure you that we did not spend our spare time in a milk bar!

As for telling me to apologise, I honestly can't see anything in my letter to apologise for. A number of my friends gained the same impression as I did.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

## EXPERIMENTING

Dear Sir.—Re Alan J. Blair's letter on p. 809 headed 'Experimenting.' I should like to make a few superficial observations.

The method he gives appears to be a form of Double Kent, place notation being:—  
3456—3456, 18, —1278—, 18, —1278—, 18,  
3456—3456, H.L. (18) L.H. (18)=652743 [3L.C.]

There are two 'blue lines' of the method—one is rung by 3, 5 and 7, the other by 2, 4 and 6.

The method is 'irregular' on two counts—adjacent places in 78 w.o. treble and non-Plain Bob leadheads. This latter irregularity could be overcome by having the 78 section rung as: 3456—36, and have a H.L. of 1458; whatever you do will upset the pretty phase pattern, which obtains within the sections:—  
(+)\*, (-)\*, (+)\*, (-)\*.

The music of the first few changes must really be marvellous with 82 dodging as the lead!

The 'bob' given is no such thing—it is a single.

The false leadheads against the first lead of the 'plain course' are:—

(1/2) 243657, (3/4) 432765, (5/6) 674523, (7/8) 243657.

There appear to be only 360 leads of the method, of which I think only 120 are usable in a true composition, giving a maximum length of about 400 changes—just a nice service touch.

The above observations are only superficial and I have not had time to check any statements thoroughly.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

P.S.—I should be most grateful if 'Junior' (of 'On the use of calls' fame) would get in touch with me at my address: 'The Garnet,' 32, Egerton Road North, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, 21.—G. B. T.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on December 2nd, when about 60 ringers attended. The bells were made full use of from 3 to 4 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Hinton, and the organ played by Mr. B. Elsworth. The collection, which amounted to £3 9s., is to be sent to Kilifi, Kenya, to help to defray the cost of the new ring of bells which it is hoped to install in the church there.

Bridport ringers and their wives entertained the company to tea in the Church House, and a foretaste of Christmas was hot mince-pies.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and gave a warm welcome to the visitors, especially Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Brinkworth, of the Dorchester Branch. He also thanked Bridport ringers and their wives for their generous hospitality. A letter was read from the Master of the Guild expressing his good wishes and sorrow at not being able to be present owing to his own annual meeting being on the same day.

The following new members were elected: from Hawkechurch, Miss R. Bowditch, Miss Marsden, G. Rawlins, K. Froom; Lyme Regis, Miss H. Davis; Netherbury, Miss J. Tither, B. Tither, J. Davis, G. Hawkins; Broadwindsor, Rev. F. B. Horsey, and confirmed as a member was R. Master-Curtis, of Milton Abbey School.

Points from the honorary secretary's report were average attendance at quarterly meetings, 25; increased membership over last year's figure; there were now fifteen lady ringers, and one the deputy leader of her tower. There is hope of at least one more tower joining the Guild. Sunday service ringing has not been maintained as set out in the Central Council survey. Whitechurch, Hawkechurch and Thorncombe members have now become method ringers; this latter tower also receives praise for its efforts to obtain a sixth bell. They now have £300 and the new bell has been ordered. Netherbury and Askerswell were mentioned for their youthful members, who were giving a good account of themselves.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £67 11s. 4d. The chairman thought another £20 might be put into deposit account and this was agreed. The honorary secretary was thanked for his work and for the manner in which it had been carried out.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. J. S. Arthur, chairman; C. W. Powell, vice-chairman; J. T. Barrett, honorary secretary and treasurer; D. Bishop, G. S. Morris and H. Keeley, ringing Masters; Canon C. C. Cox and F. Knight to branch committee.

Meeting places for 1962 were agreed, the next meeting to be at Bradpole on February 24th, subject to the Vicar's consent. Canon Cox thanked Mr. Hinton for conducting the service and for his interesting and thoughtful address. Mr. Bishop mentioned the passing of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, and the departure of Dr. Brown from Wareham. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Rev. R. P. Farrow. Ringing continued for the remainder of the evening at Bridport, Bradpole, and Symondsburry.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## Chertsey District

Over forty ringers attended the nomination meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Walton-on-Thames on December 2nd. There was ringing from rounds to Stedman Triples during the afternoon, and a service followed. This was taken by the Rector, who struck an unusual note by not speaking entirely on the subject of bells and ringers.

The tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. R. Collins, District Master, took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. W. Denyer (Guild Master), Mr. F. Hawthorne and Mr. W. Shepherd. The following nominations for District officers for 1962 were submitted: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; secretary and treasurer, Miss E. Loveland. The retiring committee member, Mr. J. Maybrey, was re-nominated, and also Mr. W. Shepherd as District auditor, and Mr. C. Archibald, 'Ringing World' correspondent. Eleven new members from Chertsey, East Molesey and Walton-on-Thames were elected.

Some discussion took place on the proposed amalgamation with the Surrey Association. It was stated that there would be a general meeting in Guildford early in 1962, to see whether the Guild as a whole would be for or against this. The importance of members attending to record their votes was again stressed. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the ladies, for providing such a wonderful tea, to the Rector, for taking the service, and to the organist.

There was ringing, up to Double Norwich, during the evening, some handbells being rung for a short time while a broken rope was repaired.

C. M. P.

## OUTING

## MARCH, CAMBS

Bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their annual pre-Christmas tour on December 2nd, and visited four churches in Huntingdonshire. St. John's, Holywell, a tiny church overlooking the Ouse valley, was first visited and the six bells were rung prior to a service.

Picturesque Hemingford Abbots came next and the bells of St. Margaret's soon were echoing above the lovely river; a three-hundred year old clock—still marking time—was the centre of attraction here.

An excellent tea, including Christmas fare, was enjoyed at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, renowned for Shakespearian performances in its old-world courtyard. After a warm in front of an 'old-fashioned' fire the party entered All Saints' Church and rang the bells, three of which bear the date 1607 and one 1677. Oliver Cromwell, who was baptised here, would have heard these bells.

Speeding along the Great North Road the bus eventually arrived at St. John's, Stanground, where the six bells, of fine total quality, were set going; one of these was cast in 1588—the year of the Armada.

Rounds and call changes were rung for beginners and other ringers indulged in the methods Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Double Oxford and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.

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# A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

ONE of the most surprising decisions of the Central Council in recent years has been the acceptance of peals of Minimus. The reaction of the general body of ringers to this appears to be shock, disgust, grudging tolerance, perhaps complete indifference, but hardly wild enthusiasm.

How did all this come about? Did some stunt ringers, some 'Ogres of the Exercise' creep up on us by stealth to make fools of us by ringing peals on four bells? A careful study of the last few years of 'Ringing Worlds' would show that this is not the case. In fact, the trend towards acceptance of peals on lower numbers has surely been apparent since the end of the nineteenth century.

## ANCIENT HISTORY

The earliest definition of a peal was what we now call an extent. By Stedman's time, four-bell 'peals' were considered beginners' stuff and 'peals' of Doubles were very popular, each 'peal' being considered as a separate method, while Minor was in the experimental stage. Later, with Minor came the idea of composition, the semi-mathematical skill of using Bobs and Singles to produce different 'peals' in a given method being the new approach to ringing.

The difficulty of composing a true peal of 5,040 Triples proved a stumbling-block for many years, but by 1715 or perhaps earlier this was rung and 5,000 changes came to be the new definition for peals of Major to Maximus, the first peals of which were all rung within eleven years of the first known peal of Triples. For over 150 years any peal length rung to less than Triples was ignored by the 'Peal Purists' of the day.

In the early days of the Central Council, Minor ringers, let alone Doubles ringers, were apparently not represented, judging by the subjects discussed. Gradually Minor peals, although accepted, became recognised as worth while, thanks to the efforts of pioneers like the James brothers and, later, C. K. Lewis, W. Ayre and others. Treatises and opinions on regular v. irregular Minor methods and Spliced Minor began to appear in the Press.

Minor and above were now accepted, but anything less was 'rubbish'—according to many 'Minor and above' ringers. Even now, in spite of lengthy discussions in 'The Ringing World' and an authoritative book by the Central Council Methods Committee, Doubles peals are still lumped together in the annual analysis of peals, irrespective of whether the methods rung have individual plain courses or are merely variations. Perhaps there are so many names rung in some of them that they are not worth bothering about. This attitude used to be applied to Minor also.

Peals of Minor were accepted and with them, the important idea of repetition of changes in a peal. Shortly afterwards, I believe (I am open to correction), peals of Doubles were accepted, with the necessity of having every change repeated 42 times. No proviso was made that 42 different extents be required, why I do not know, but for many years now we have had the possibility of an easy peal of 42 extents in one calling of, e.g., Plain Bob or Grandsire. Perhaps this is allowed to encourage struggling village bands who would otherwise never reach the dizzy heights of a peal. But surely, any bright, keen band, with luck, could ring an interesting peal of even Bob Doubles, by using the four callings, each bell in the hunt in turn and three of the 'variations' of Plain Bob (i.e., different bobs).

## MODERN HISTORY

Coming now to four-bell ringing, Minimus. How did the present interest begin? It is all in the pages of 'The Ringing World'—now probably lost or forgotten by most readers.

In the issue dated February 15th, 1957, appeared a letter from D. P. Jones asking if it would 'be possible for Mr. R. Dove to add a supplement, one day, to his excellent "Guide," giving a list of churches with four bells, if hung for ringing.' He thought that the increased interest shown by possible visiting parties might arouse local enthusiasm towards change-ringing and possibly augmentation. For the next six months followed a stream of letters listing four-bell towers with, in many cases, information on the condition of the bells.

As a result, the first quarter peal to be published was rung in June, 1957, at Carlton, Beds, being Plain Bob. Quarter peals in up to four methods were rung in Somerset before an article by Peter B. Knights was published on October 11th and 25th, entitled 'Change Ringing on Four Bells.' This was a comprehensive study and has strongly influenced Minimus ringing since, but several things in it are open to question. In fact, some of it is contrary to the spirit of the Central Council decisions on methods and extents. No comment was made by any Central Council committee member, at least not in 'The Ringing World,' but then no peal ringing was envisaged—yet.

Two months elapsed. Then, on December 20th, appeared a letter from Cyril A. Wratten, pointing out that there was nothing in the Central Council rules and decisions to prevent a peal of Minimus being rung and accepted. This warning of what might happen was ignored by the Central Council at Dublin (1958) and at Southport (1959), although a motion to broaden the scope of Minor and Doubles peals was defeated on the grounds that peal standards were low enough already.

Nothing important happened for nearly two years, apart from a few quarter peals in up to nine methods. Even six- and eight-bell towers joined in these with tenors covering. Then, on October 1st, 1959, Geoffrey K. Dodd conducted a peal of Minimus in five methods at Newtown, Hants, just south of Newbury. There were 42 repetitions of each method, no more than in peals of Undershaft or Smithfield Doubles. Although submitted as a peal, it was published as a performance on the advice of Mr. E. A. Barnett. Two of the methods were claimed as new, but were subsequently renamed correctly by the conductor, since they were merely contractions of well known methods on higher numbers, and at the time he requested that it should go forward as a peal. Nothing further was mentioned in 'The Ringing World' until the Central Council meeting at Folkestone (1960).

## THE DECISION BY DEFAULT

The Peal Analysis Committee report was submitted by the convener, Mr. W. Ayre, together with a Standing Committee recommendation that a peal of Minor where two ringers changed places be not accepted and the peal of Minimus be accepted. A vigorous discussion took place over the peal of Minor and although the wording of the appropriate rules was found to be possibly ambiguous, the spirit of the rule was perfectly clear and the

Standing Committee recommendation was accepted, together with the report. No discussion took place on the Minimus. (Perhaps the small number of bells involved made it unimportant in members' minds?) If it had not been for a question from the floor, the very last item in A.O.B., members—and perhaps 'The Ringing World' report also—would probably not have been aware of the acceptance of the Minimus peal. It would have been accepted but not recorded as a peal, which would have been very unsatisfactory.

As it was, the 'Decision by Default' created quite a stir although the storm did not break immediately. The first reaction was not condemnation of the Central Council, but the ringing of the first handbell peal of Plain Bob Minimus by D. A. Cornwall and J. E. Camp at High Wycombe on June 29th. This brought forth information from Rev. M. C. C. Melville and C. K. Lewis that two young brothers, Jocelyn B. and Ivan B. Gardiner, had rung a few peals before the last war, the first one being on July 30th, 1938, at Marple, Cheshire. As these were rung before the Central Council decision, the High Wycombe claim must presumably stand.

A further handbell peal, this time by well known ringers in Leicester, really set things going. P. H. Whitaker, of Coleraine, registered the first protest in the issue of August 19th, when he rightly said that 'the lack of criticism in "The Ringing World" is a regrettable sign of apathy in the Exercise.' It could not have happened 50 years ago without an uproar. In fact, one of the arguments against allowing five- and six-bell performances as peals was that if they were allowed, four-bell peals would follow. Well, they have: and as sure as fate, three-bell peals will follow too unless the acceptance of four-bell peals is rescinded.... The real point is that the acceptance of peals on four bells allows a much lower standard.

As an example of 'lowering of standards,' he mentioned that single-handed handbell peals had become acceptable—in fact, one such had recently been rung at Stevenage, Herts.

This was followed by many great names in our peal columns, one after the other condemning Minimus peals. Certainly the standard for a peal had fallen, but a few lesser voices and the champion of the 'little man,' P. Amos, came out in favour, claiming that interest in ringing might be aroused in these lesser towers and that the bells might well be augmented as a result, as at Leire, Leics, or at least be rung and maintained—much the same argument that D. P. Jones used in his original letter.

The second tower bell peal was also conducted(?) by G. K. Dodd and was on September 30th, 1960, almost a year after the first, at Stanford Dingley, Berks. This time it was in only two methods, thus lowering his previous standard. Stanford Dingley has a very strong team of twelve ringers who are now considering adding two more bells and this peal gave their leader, W. A. Cummins, the satisfaction of scoring his first in his own tower. The interest shown by their band, combined with a wish to augment their bells in the future, seems to be contrary to the fears expressed in a second letter from P. H. Whitaker on November 11th.

Next followed a couple of handbell peals of Plain Bob Minimus, one at Redfield, Bristol (October 30th) and the other at Wadham College, Oxford (November 2nd), by two undergraduates. This latter was rung for the Universities' Association who, two months later, expressed their natural disgust by refusing to accept this or any peal of Minimus in their records, maintaining that the Central Council decision was a deplorable mistake which would surely be rectified the following year. Thus they accepted that Minimus peals could be rung, but not for their Association.

The last peal brought forth some scathing comments from correspondents, who wondered if the young men concerned could not be more usefully employed. No real tolerance was shown of handbell peals of Minimus by any correspondent and when F. Keith Williamson rang a 'one man' peal in three methods at Leeds on December 11th, most ringers considered things had gone quite far enough. One interesting point that was overlooked was that this was the first handbell peal of Minimus in more than one method—a little more credit to him than to any of the other 'teams' and he claimed it only as a 'novelty'! Incident-

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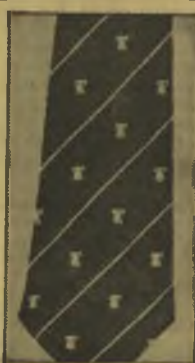
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**A Review Of Minimus—Cont.**

ally. I wonder when the first peal of Doubles or Minor will be rung in hand 'solo' as I have seen short lengths being rung 'six in hand.' I wonder how ringers would react to that!

In the meantime, more quarter peals were rung, nearly all in only one method and many in towers where there were more than four bells. An indication of things to come from Carlton, Beds, was a quarter peal on December 31st in 15 methods, many based on those published three years previously by P. B.-Knights, so be careful, Carlton, if you are thinking of ringing these to a peal!

Cambridgeshire produced the third tower bell peal, Plain Bob, rung at Conington on February 4th, 1961, in which there were two first pealers. The fifth and last handbell peal of Minimus ever to be rung, we trust, was on March 11th at West Hartlepool and was another of Plain Bob. A more constructive action than this last was reported on April 7th, being an account of the restoration of the four bells of Basildon, Berks.

The final rush of peals before the expected condemnation of Minimus by the Central Council resulted in two peals of Plain Bob, 5,088 (!) changes, at North Aston on March 25th and at Towersey on April 4th, both in Oxon, a peal in five methods at Wapley, Glos. on April 26th, a peal of Kent T.B. at Newton, Hants, on May 1st, and a peal in 11 methods at Randwick, Glos. on May 3rd.

The peal at Wapley was in the same five methods as the first one at Newtown, but Wapley is a ring of five and the tenor was rung as a cover bell. As there was no Decision against it at the time, presumably it stands as a peal. Does this also apply to the peal of Kent which produces true 48's with every change at hand being repeated once at back? This is allowed in Pitman's and Morris' 240's of Grandsire Doubles, but not otherwise in Doubles and Minor. There is no comparable rule for Minimus. Will it be ethical merely to assume that Minor and

Doubles Decisions automatically apply to Minimus?

The peal at Randwick raised the standard somewhat, all the 11 plain hunt Minimus methods being rung. By ringing them to a peal, all these are now named (see Appendix). Each extent was rung 19 or 20 times, i.e., slightly fewer than in a peal of Doubles in two callings rung a few months earlier!

(To be continued)

**HEAVY & LIGHT HANDBELLS**

In March, 1927, 'The Ringing World' reported a handbell peal of Stedman Triples thus: 'Having scored the heaviest handbell peal yet rung, with a tenor size 26 in G and weighing 4 lb. 2 oz., diameter 9 inches, certain Leicester "pealites" desired to score the "lightest ever."'

After several unsuccessful attempts on Mr. Josiah Morris' "midgets" they were dropped for the time being, but coming once more on the scene they met with a successful peal on March 15th (1927). This miniature peal was bought originally with wooden handles and iron clappers, but Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham "rehung" them with strap handles and bored the clappers, inserting boxwood strikers. The tenor weighs 3 oz., and is 2½ ins. diameter, while the total weight of the whole eight is but 22 oz. Thus the single tenor of the "heavy" peal is three times the weight of the whole light peal.

Now the present Leicester handbell peal ringers, having scored the heaviest peal of Major (May 14th, 1961), have with the Kent Treble Bob Major, reported elsewhere, scored the lightest peal of Major yet rung E. M.

**WOLVERCOTE, OXON.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): J. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. C. Godwin 2, N. Chamberlain (cond.) 3, P. J. Heritage 4, W. C. Godwin 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Rung on the annual Ringers' Sunday. First quarter peal by the regular Sunday service band.

**HOWARD'S HAUL OR THE SQUIRE'S SNATCH**

November the 25th proved to be a lovely morning for the time of the year, when ringers from East Grinstead and two friends from West Hoathly set out on the 'Squire's Snatch.' The squire, John Howard to the unenlightened, gave a programme sheet to each member, and it was quite a stiff one too!

Lingfield started the ball rolling—Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and plenty of rounds for the lesser brethren. These bells proved just right for the whole band, whilst the two youngest, Elizabeth and Vivienne, aged seven and five, were busy brass rubbing—permission granted of course.

At Oxted, where we were met by Mr. Newnham, the bells were a trifle noisy inside, but Kent, Cambridge, Plain Bob and rounds were enjoyed. Limsfield gave evidence of a keen local band with a well kept belfry, numerous methods on the wall, a new set of handbells and the bells, a good ring of six, didn't disappoint us. Hull Surprise went very well.

On to Limsfield Chart, where we were met by Mr. Tidey. The iron ladder on the outside of the tower of the ringing chamber frightened some of the lady members. However, the bells were well worth the climb. A picnic lunch was partaken on the green opposite the church.

Ringing followed on the lovely eight at Edenbridge, where Mr. Leigh met us and led us up in peal. Hever's six have just been rehung and now 'go' very well, though London proved our Waterloo. A good tea followed at the Henry VIII, opposite the church.

On the quiet eight at Chiddingstone, our ringing was not of its best. Mr. Goater met us at Penshurst and rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The last tower was Speldhurst, where non-conducted Grandsire Triples was rung, but Stedman let us down. Our sincere thanks to Vicars and ringers who met us, and to the Squire, who fixed everything up, and made 'Howard's Haul' such a success. F. H. H.

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Another handbell peal of Cambridge Maximus has been rung, and at Leicester too! We understand that this is only the second peal of Cambridge Maximus to be rung 'in hand.' Taking part in both peals were Mr. Alfred Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Sending his regrets for not being able to stand in a peal, a Sussex ringer received the following telegram: 'Must have a **wringer** of some sort.' He evidently put his neck in it!

The band who rang the peal in eleven Treble Bob Minor methods at East Drayton, Notts, wish to associate Mr. R. Mills with the peal. He stood in for practice, but was not available on the day.

Mr. T. Ogden, of 110, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, near Oldham, reports that he has had a very heavy demand for his music for handbells, but all received to date have now been dispatched. He apologises for any delays that occurred.

With the peal of Cambridge Minor at Tirley, Glos. on December 2nd, Barrie Hendry has at last completed the Cambridge 'family' to peals after several unsuccessful attempts for Minor in the last two years. To 'beat the bogey' a strong band was chosen: three of the remaining five ringers had already completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, one only needed Royal, and the fifth member needed only Maximus. As was hoped, a good peal was scored.

Mr. John Euston recently visited Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, who is now in West Park Hospital, Epsom. His many friends will be pleased to know that he looked very well, smart and well cared for. He wishes to be especially remembered to J. Hawkins and W. Shepherd and his Yorkshire friends. Len Rodmell and Albert Sellers, and expresses his gratitude to Harold Rogers and others who have visited him. Unfortunately, his wife underwent a major operation at King's College Hospital on December 2nd. Her condition is now reported as satisfactory.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Howard W. Egglestone and his band deserve a word of congratulation for their peal at Stisted, Essex, on November 30th—41 Surprise Minor methods. This is the most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

With the peal at Southwark Cathedral on December 2nd, Mr. R. James Cook has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Shenfield, Essex, has a regular Sunday service band who this week rang a peal of 28 Spliced Surprise Minor methods.

The popularity of 'The Ringers' Diary' is not confined to this country. Bulk orders have been received from Sydney and Adelaide, Australia, Christ Church, New Zealand, and Victoria, British Columbia.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, Co. Durham, on September 9th has been published twice in 'The Ringing World,' on pages 670 and 813. Will those responsible for records please note.

The Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, who when Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, launched the appeal for Bow bells, has been appointed a Canon of Gloucester Cathedral. In honour of his installation, a quarter peal was rung at Cheltenham.

Yorkshire seems to thrive on veteran ringers. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at St. James', South Anston, in honour of Mr. Herbert Turner completing 70 years with the South Anston company. He would be pleased to hear of any who have exceeded this record of service in one tower. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by him.

The Worcester Cathedral band are participating in the Christmas Broadcast and a recording has been taken of Stedman Cinques rung by the Sunday service band. As far as is known, a Sunday service band had never previously rung Stedman Cinques at Worcester before this year. In fact, if it had not been for the encouragement offered by the opportunity of the broadcast they probably would not have rung it, is the opinion of our correspondent.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LONDON, S.E.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 8
*R. JAMES COOK .. 3	ALAN ROGERS .. 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. 10
JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
ROBERT W. HINDE .. 6	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal on 12 bells. This peal contains the Whittingtons.  
Rung for Advent.**TEN BELL PEALS**

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 23 cwt. 104 lb. in D flat.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 9
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 5	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Prudence Singleton and Jolyon Dodgson, who were married earlier in the day at St. Paul's, Lindale-in-Cartmel.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. Treble	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. 6
†D. JOHN HUNT .. 2	†DONALD E. COBB .. 7
†DON C. EXELL .. 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 9
DAVID J. KING .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Cambridge.

§ First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

COLIN A. TESTER .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
OLIVE D. TESTER .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER .. 7
*†ANN GEORGE .. 3	†BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 8
†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	††STANLEY JENNER .. 9
ERNEST J. LADD .. 5	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal on ten. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Caters. First

10-bell peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 6
BRIAN DOWNES .. 2	DENNIS RANDALL .. 7
JOHN D. ROCK .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 8
ALAN J. FROST .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 9
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	†JAMES B. MORLEY .. 8
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. 9
†ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*COLIN A. LEWIS .. Treble	DAVID W. BEARD .. 5
(Aberystwyth)	(London)
*GILLIAN E. GRANEY .. 2	†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 6
(Aberystwyth)	(Aberystwyth)
*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 7
(Liverpool)	(Liverpool)
*GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 4	†PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor
(Liverpool)	(Liverpool)

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. First on the rehing bells.

In memory of Glyndwr Davies, student at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, killed on Snowdon, October 29th, 1961, aged 19.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. 3	†RONALD C. NOON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.58).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
MRS. P. A. M. HALLS .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ALEX RICHARDSON .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*MONICA MOORE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	†R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3	†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*CHERRY WITHELL .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. 2	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

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



## GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	PETER A. WHITEHEAD .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.
PETER MORRIS .. .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. 2	IAN FRIEND .. .. 6
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4	MICHAEL J. HAYWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

On the Margaret eight.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	† JOHN E. ADAMS .. .. 5
* WILLIAM G. HURST .. .. 2	† TREVOR G. STILL .. .. 6
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. .. 7
G. HARRY BRAY .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung by the local band as a 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bray.

## KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. .. 5
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2	* ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 6
ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the marriage of Miss P. Ruth Hosken to Dr. Ian Lloyd, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

## LONDON, S.W.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

PAULINE M. FENNELL .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 5
MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. .. 6
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 3	PAUL CATIERMOLE .. .. 7
MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

* THOMAS DARLEY .. .. Treble	† KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 5
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. .. 6
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	G. FRED TERRY .. .. 7
† ALAN EVANS .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.

‡ 50th peal.

## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 5
* FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

## SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 5
JAMES L. BOYLIN .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
* ALAN L. WESTWOOD .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
CLIVE P. PARKER .. .. 4	† RICHARD L. JOYCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at St. Mary's. All are members of the Sunday service band.

## SHEFFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUGH N. EVANS .. .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 6
NORMAN HAYES .. .. 3	* DAVID FORDER .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* 25th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

Rung without previous practice.

## SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.
* AUBREY T. BEAREHAM .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
THOMAS BIRD .. .. 2	† MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6
DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
JACK H. BRETT .. .. 4	ARTHUR R. RUFFLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

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

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to B. W. Pettit, and a 48th to E. W. Brown (both local ringers).

## SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN S. CHETTLEBURGH .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 5
* GEOFFREY GOODALL .. .. 2	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 6
LYNNE THOMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 7
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 70 years of loyal service as a ringer at this church by Mr. Herbert Turner.

## SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt., approx.
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 2	PHILIP REYNOLDS .. .. 6
NORMAN B. FOBARQUE .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
* J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 4	* FREDERICK DERRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* First peal of Triples.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds.

## WARWICK.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. .. 5
FRANK W. PERRINS .. .. 2	* PERCY STONE .. .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 7
* ROGER HARRIS .. .. 4	* J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN JACKSON .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 6
* MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 4	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method.



## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.
*DEREK SLATER .. .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
M. PETER HOWARD .. .. 2	JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 7
HARRY N. VAUGHAN .. .. 4	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Vaughan, wife of Harry N. Vaughan.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Tues., Nov. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. DANIELLS .. .. 5
*H. MARY WILLIAMS .. .. 2	DONALD J. MEAGER .. .. 6
ROGER CADAMY .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal.

Arranged by St. Mary's ringers as a farewell and an appreciation to Miss H. Mary Williams for her assistance whilst a student at Bletchley Park Teachers' Training College.

## BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5184 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE I. DEAR .. .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ASH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
*JOHN T. LOCKE .. .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 2	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 5
ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* 60th peal.

## TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being (1) Cambridge, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Kent T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4
*ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 5
*WILLIAM A. NEWMAN .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal in eight methods.

## MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. 4
*STEPHEN TURNER (14) .. 2	ALAN W. ROBINSON .. .. 5
HAROLD TURNER .. .. 3	ALAN W. BEST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN W. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cuneastre, (2) London and Wells, (3) Bourne and Netherseale, (4) Ipswich, (5) Norwich, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley, Cambridge and Surlfeet; with 60 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

C. GAY WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 3	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 12 Surprise Minor methods by all the band, and for the Society.

## SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being four extents each of Northrepps and Southrepps, 14 of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, three each of Clifford's Pleasure and four of April Day.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. .. 4
JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 3	N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael J. Copson.

## COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN LOXTON .. .. Treble	HAROLD SPENCER .. .. 4
†JOHN BRINSON .. .. 2	HAROLD HOOPER .. .. 5
ALBERT PETERS .. .. 3	JOHN HOOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HOOPER.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in five methods. First as conductor. First peal to be rung in the tower by the Sunday service band.

Rung for the opening of the annual bazaar by Mrs. Henderson, the wife of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

## EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 11 methods, being the following extents: (1) Ockley, Morning Star, Norbury, (2) College Exercise, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) Capel, Kingston, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER HUMPHREY .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 4
†CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. 2	†BRIAN MILLS .. .. 5
DOREEN BRADLEY .. .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal. † First in 11 methods.

## GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*DERICK E. TUPPER .. Treble	DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
PETER L. WOOD .. .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal on six bells.

## KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and six extents and two of 240 (Morris's) Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. .. 4
DAVID J. BARNETT .. .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 3	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

## ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. .. 3
MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 4

ALAN C. COZENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. W. Jeffs, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

## ROYDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
ALFRED A. LIVINGS .. Treble	CHARLES W. SAMS .. .. 4
FREDERICK C. WHITBY .. 2	EDWARD CURSON .. .. 5
REGINALD H. HAYDEN .. 3	WILLIAM H. ALEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. ALEY.



## SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 28 methods: (1) Morpeth and Canterbury; (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden; (3) Newcastle and Alnwick; (4) London, Wells and Cune-castre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham and York; (6) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 4
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. .. 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. .. 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 28 methods by all the band, who are all members of the regular Sunday service band of this church.

## SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Treble	ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. .. 2	RONALD J. HILL .. .. 5
ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Thomas Briggs for his long service to ringing.

## STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	*J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal in 18 methods.

Rung for the borough quinqucentenary celebrations.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 41 methods, as follows: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2) and (3) 1,440 in 12 methods: Cune-castre, Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Morpeth, Newcastle, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Beighton, Redcar, Appleby and Hatfield; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 125 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER J. EVES .. .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

## SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. SAYERS .. .. Treble	*ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. 3
*MARK W. SAYERS .. .. 2	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours.

IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal of Surprise Minor 'in hand' by all.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7—8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4	†ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 9—10
*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 11—12

Composed by WILFRID F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' † First on 12 handbells.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET, WIGSTON.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of four Minor methods 'in hand.'

## SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT 3, LON DERW, TYCOCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 20 extents Grandsire and 20 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*BARRY COUZINS .. .. 1—2	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 3—4
*EDMUND MORRIS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by J. ARTHUR HOARE.

\* First handbell peal.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 13 methods in the following seven extents: (1) London Bob, Lytham Bob, Westlecott Bob, College, Wavertree and Rodbourne College; (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College; (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (4) and (5) Kent T.B.; (6) and (7) Oxford T.B.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most methods to a handbell peal by the band, and for the Association.

## LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER J. SHIPTON .. .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size not known.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

The combined weight of these bells is 22 oz., and they are the lightest bells to be rung to a peal.

## WESTLECOTT BOB MINOR

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## HALF PEAL

**NORWICH, NORFOLK.**—At St. George's, on Nov. 24th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cubitt 1, G. E. Larter 2, J. B. Gardiner 3, H. Lubbock 4, T. Speight 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6.

**APPLEFORD, BERKS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Ken T.B. and Plain Bob): Angela G. Wakefield 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Marie R. Cross 4, Daphne J. Pollard (first as cond. in two Minor methods) 5, P. A. Sharp 6. First in two methods by 1 and 2.

**BATTERSEA, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Foot (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Mrs. S. R. Foot 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, C. W. Otley 5, D. R. Randall 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. E. Dodds 8. For Evensong.

**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Allison 1, R. W. Leighton 2, S. Thompson (cond.) 3, M. Maughan 4, T. Bullerwell 5. For Confirmation service.

**BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Young 1, W. Stevens 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, L. Morrell 4, D. G. Miller 5, A. G. Comer 6. Arranged to enable Mr. Comer, captain of Bradford-on-Tone ringers, to ring his first quarter in his home tower.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Willard (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, A. Pryke 3, E. Furbank 4, B. Hines 5, P. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For morning service.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Stratton 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. C. D. Mann 3, F. W. Rivett 4, C. M. Payne 5, P. Inskip 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, C. D. Mann 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. M. Skinner, of Bromham Hall, whose funeral took place in this church this day.

**BURGHILL, HEREFORDS.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, J. Bourne 2, W. A. Stokes 3, Miss A. M. Gladwell 4, G. Cousins 5, G. Morris (first quarter) 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, H. C. Chandler 8.

**CHELTHENHAM, GLUS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, C. Burridge 2, A. Paton (first of Stedman) 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, I. Goulter 6, W. A. Farmer 7, J. Tyler 8. Rung in honour of the installation of the Rector of Cheltenham, the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, O.B.E., as a Canon of Gloucester, this day.

**COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Cammack 1, Catherine Harrison 2, R. H. Rogers 3, D. P. B. Miles (first quarter) 4, R. D. Gibson 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston (first 'inside') 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8. First of Major '4, 2 and 3.

**DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Bailey (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Bond 2, Miss B. D. Munday 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. Hill 6. After Evensong, on the back six. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

**GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. Wigmore 2, J. G. W. Harwood 3, A. W. Fulcher 4, A. W. Bird 5, W. B. Dungan (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: C. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. Rung for Children's prizegiving service, and to welcome the Rev. B. Fernyhough as Rector.

**HODNET, SALOP.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hayward 1, P. Morris 2, R. E. Morris 3, F. Leech (cond.) 4, M. Wycherley 5, A. Turner 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3. Rung as a 23rd wedding anniversary for the ringers of third.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparkes 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, D. Salter 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Salisbury 1, A. Grainger 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. Fines 5, J. Fowler 6, A. Gargrave 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallert (first as cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

**ILCHESTER, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. E. Down 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, G. W. Rendell 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field 5. First silent and non-conducted quarter by all the band. In memory of Flo, wife of the ringers of the fifth, on her birthday.

## QUARTER PEALS

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Smith 1, U. Wildney 2, R. Harrison (first quarter) 3, B. Rouse 4, Frances Smith (first of Major) 5, J. Felgate 6, Gillian Brown (first of Major as cond.) 7, W. Felgate 8. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

**LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Law 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, B. Hone (first 'inside') 4, P. J. Rothera 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, F. Taylor 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, R. D. Bailey 4, K. R. Davey 5, A. G. Payne 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bevan W. Willgress.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannerling 1, W. T. Grice 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, G. F. Cantrill 4, F. A. Leason 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Hogan 7, J. C. Wallis 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. G. Bax 1, E. Ford 2, Joy Turner 3, H. Stacey 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, M. Sherwin 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Walsh 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, P. A. Law 3, P. J. Rothera 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round because of a fraying rope.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Struckett 1, T. Walke (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, M. Bartlett 4, D. M. Boniface (cond.) 5.

**OLD WOKING, SURREY.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin (175th quarter) 3, D. Leach 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Priestley 8. For evening service.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Lavers (cond.) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Dav 3, H. W. Milford 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, A. W. Myers 7, T. C. Myers 8. For Evensong, and in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the consecration of this church.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Rimmer (first of Minor) 1, P. Atkinson 2, Christine M. Rimmer 3, Celia Bland 4, D. Fellows 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob: R. Lewis (first quarter) 1, D. Fellows 2, P. Fells (cond.) 3, Celia Bland 4, P. Atkinson 5, A. Malyon 6. First quarter in the method for all. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the first occasion on which a peal (in Bob Minor) was rung on the (previous) bells by its own ringers, all having been taught to ring by the conductor. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, P. Atkinson 2, Celia Bland 3, Christine M. Rimmer (first as cond.) 4, D. Fellows 5, R. Last 6. Rung for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—On Nov. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. E. Price (cond.) 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, B. Balderson 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, D. Armstrong 7, J. S. Seager 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, B. Holland 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Haydn Thorpe and Sidney F. Palmer, both of whom gave long and faithful service as members of the Cathedral company.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bisat 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. For the Patronal Festival, also the 50th anniversary of the bells.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Goddard (first quarter) 1, Miss C. White 2, J. Rea 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Perrett 5, K. Cheffrell 6, M. Harbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**TAVISTOCK, DEVON.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, T. G. Myers 2, C. E. Taylor 3, H. F. Myers 4, H. Stacey 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, W. G. Lavers 7, W. H. Marks 8.

**THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. S. Bedford 1, J. M. Bailey 2, C. J. Gibson 3, J. Pilgrim 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, H. W. Barrett 6. Rung to mark the 7th anniversary of the Rector's induction.

**THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Oliver 1, B. Branstor 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. For St. Andrew's Day.


**THRYBERGH, YORKS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Green 1, Clara Green 2, Miss M. Oakley 3, Miss M. Gaskell 4, F. Brunt 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to mark the marriage in Cambridge on that day, of Miss C. E. Lecke (Thrybergh) and the Rev. P. Gardner-Smith (Cambridge).

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Aven 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. G. Smith 3, Jennifer M. Bunyah 4, R. D. Bell 5, F. Southwood 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Staman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**WATH-ON-DEARN, YORKS.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss S. Crossley (first quarter) 1, B. Heppensall 2, W. Green 3, C. R. Hiner 4, G. W. Pilkington (first quarter) 5, H. Mortimore (cond.) 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 1, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge (first of Surprise) 4, T. E. Roberts 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. For Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margie Ness 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Rawlings 4, C. Walters 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Anne Garnett 1, J. Perret 2, Susan Rawlings 3, A. Bagworth 4, N. Waite 5, K. Newman 6, C. Walters 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for all the band except 1 and 4. For Evensong.



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# Christmas Greetings

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE. The Editor and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

The ALVASTON St. Michael's ringers wish all our ringing friends seasonal greetings and good wishes for 1962. And, of course, thanks to all those who have made 1961 so successful for us. 9321

Greetings from the ringers of St. Mary's, APSLEY, to all our ringing friends. A joyous Christmas and good wishes for the coming year. 9304

To all at 'home and far away places' Christmas, 1961, greetings.—J. E. ARM-STRONG, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth. 9298

MR. PETER N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, to all ringing friends, especially fellow-Cumberlands. 9296

Sincere best wishes for Christmas and 1962 to all my ringing friends, and especially to the 'Tuesday' and 'Wednesday' bands. Also grateful thanks for good companionship in 1961.—PAUL FIELD, Marshfield, Knote, Langport. 9302

That our ringing friends may have a most happy Christmas, with good health and prosperity in 1962, is the sincere wish of DONALD, JOHN and IAN FRANKS, of Radlett, Herts. 9314

Greeting and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, Sussex. 9312

Greetings to Peter Raynor and Mrs. Valhalla Grossmith and their friends in Southern Rhodesia. Often in our thoughts and conversation. From Mr. and Mrs. WALTER JUDGE, JEAN and KEN. 9301

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to members of the Railwaymen's Guild and ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 9316

To all ringing friends, Christmas greetings and ringing in the New Year. From C. LONG-HURST, West Grinstead. 9297

Wishing all friends, old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From St. Michael's bellringers, MADELEY, Shropshire. We make all ringers welcome at all times. 9305

To all our friends we send best wishes for a joyful Christmas, followed by a year of good health and happiness. From DAVID, FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, at Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 9387

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. PITMAN send sincere greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, old and new, with the hope they will have plenty of good ringing, and success when ringing 'spliced'.—Libington, Leamington Spa. 9300

Wishing all our ringing friends everywhere a happy Christmas, a good table and all that goes to make it so, and a prosperous and bright New Year.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea, in the County of Zummerzei. 9295

CECIL and SYLVIA PIPE send Christmas greetings to all Pipe's Pilgrims, past and future, and look forward to seeing you in glorious Devon, August 5th to 11th. Forty good towers, superb scenery and seaside. 9320

A happy Christmas and a prosperous, peaceful New Year to all ringers, old and young, everywhere, and continued success to 'The Ringing World'.—Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 9386

To all my friends, a very merry Christmas and the best of health and happiness in the coming year is the wish of EVELYN STEEL. 9322

To our very many ringing friends, 'The Ringing World,' especially the Editor, our grateful thanks for the many happy hours we have had with them. With best wishes for Christmas, and all it means, and for the new and succeeding years in all they bring.—W. FRANK and ADA STENSON, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 9361

To all ringers and friends, merry Christmas and happy New Year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, 'The Laurels,' 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9389

Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering, especially at this time, those who are ill and those no longer able to ring. From REG JOHNSON, Master. 9390

To all members of our Guild and friends everywhere, a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.—LES BRETT, Framsdon, Suffolk. 9319

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Long Ashton on December 2nd. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Association's service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Cook.

About forty members and friends were present for tea, which was served in the Church Hall by ladies from the local company.

The Rector presided at the business meeting when the following officers were elected: Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master; Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick, vice-chairmen; Mr. D. G. Yeo, honorary secretary; Mr. J. Brain, 'Ringing World' correspondent. The meeting thanked Mr. M. J. Horseman for his work in this last named post, for which he did not seek re-election.

Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Winford, with practice meetings at Chew Stoke (January), Barrow Gurney (February), and Clevedon St. Andrew in March. The half-yearly Corporate Communion will be held at Wrington on April 29th.

The following were elected new members: Long Ashton, E. Abrahams, D. Peters and W. Wivell; Nailsea, C. Boulbee; Portbury, R. Goodliffe and M. Clavey. Miss D. Wood (Wrington) and Mr. W. Payne (Yatton) were elected associate members.

During the last quarter two peals were rung in the deanery—Stedman Caters at Wrington by the College Youths, and Stedman Triples at Long Ashton—and eight quarter peals.

The question of a report from each Branch to be inserted in the annual report was brought up and the secretary said he would raise this at the next committee meeting.

Votes of thanks to all those who had helped in the afternoon's arrangements were expressed by Mr. Knight, after which the company returned to the tower for further ringing. J. B.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Society was held at Eckington and Barlborough, jointly with the Derbyshire Association. At the former tower, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung in good style, and at the latter tower methods included London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At the business meeting, after tributes had been paid to Mr. Sidney F. Palmer and Mr. Haydn Thorpe, recently deceased, the meeting stood in silence in their memory.

The next meeting will be held in Sheffield on January 6th, when, in addition to the Cathedral (12), it is hoped that the fine eight at St. Marie's and the handy eight at All Saints' will be available. N. C.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch took place at Mere on December 2nd, when 34 ringers and others were present and ringing started at 3 p.m. in this fine eight bell tower. At the Guild office the Vicar, the Rev. N. E. E. Johnson, welcomed the ringers. The chairman of the Branch (the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the honorary secretary (Rev. R. N. Longridge) also took part in the service.

At the meeting after tea, Mr. Chaffey Moore was unanimously re-elected chairman, and the other Branch officers were elected as follows: Vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; honorary secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; committee members, Messrs. J. Ralph and E. Chant; Ringing Masters, Mr. W. C. Shute, Mr. B. Ridout and Mrs. Godley.

In his report for the year the honorary secretary said that ringing membership had increased by 29 to 195, and that 3 more towers had affiliated, namely, Stourton Caundle, Horningham and Stourton.

Two items of general relevance were discussed and agreed upon: in future there would be a fixed charge for tea, 3s., with half-price for junior members; and in order to discourage too great a dispersal after quarterly meetings, only one other tower would be made officially available, and that nearby if possible.

Meetings for 1962 were suggested as follows (subject to confirmation): March, Marnhull; June, Stourton; September, Okeford Fitzpaine; December (annual), Sherborne. It was furthermore decided to revert to the former arrangement of meeting on the second Saturday of these months.

Finally ringers were reminded of the Guild festival next year, the 80th anniversary of its foundation, at Salisbury on May 12th.

R. N. L.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. Robert E. Lester conducted the West Central District's winter evening practice meeting at Wetherden on November 25th.

Despite the threat of fog a good crowd gathered in the belfry including a contingent from Mendlesham and Bury St. Edmunds. As always, we were very disappointed in our own District members, of whom only a small regular band appeared. There may be a flair for Royal and the like, but members should not let themselves become too good for humble Minor ringers and neglect their duties to their own District. E. H.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 15th, 1911.—

### ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED Lord Portman's Generosity

From a manuscript in the Record Office, dated 1552, it appears there were four 'Great Bells' at Durweston, Dorset, whilst at the neighbouring town of Blandford there were no more. In 1887 a treble was added at the former place, making five, these were inscribed as follows:

Treble.—Victoria R. et I. Jubilee A.D. 1887. Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

2.—X Sancta Maria.

3.—Mr. John Prower and Mr. Edward Hart, Churchwardens, 1766: T. Bilbie Fecit.

4.—Praise the Lord, 1602. I. W.

Tenor.—Feare God Honour the King. T(bell maddillon) B. 1670, Stephen Frampion, William Haytor.

With the exception of the pre-Reformation bell (the 2nd) the whole ring has now been recast, and a new treble added. The bad 'go' of the old ring was brought to the notice of Lord Portman at the last Easter Vestry by the Rector (Mr. Anderson), and resulted in the bells being rehung in a new steel and iron frame, the greater part of the expense being borne by Lord Portman, who also gave the new bell in memory of his eldest son....



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For the issue of December 29th, the very latest date is first post Saturday, December 23rd.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BULLEN—JOHNSON.**—The engagement is announced of Keith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. S. Bullen, of Dore, Sheffield, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, 12, Vicar's Walk, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. 9307

**MAY—LANE.**—The marriage between Douglas and Jill will take place at St. John's, Merrow, on Saturday, December 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Friends welcome at the church. Future address, 6, School Lane, East Clendon, Guildford, Surrey. 9303

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 16th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper. 9384

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9375

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All Saints' bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood. 9370

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8). St. Albans. Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea p.m. Names please to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans, Herts. Special method: Ipswich.—M. A. Coburn. 9349

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, December 16th. Bells (10) from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. Ogden. 9391

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chenies, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompius Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9367

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester.—E. Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9329

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. H. Brown, 11, Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9382

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Essex, on December 30th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in Memorial Hall. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 27th to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford. Nearest station, George Lane (Central Line) or bus to Gates Corner. 9309

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. All visitors welcome. 9279

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 1st to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9294

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9372

**SUFFOLK (S.W. and N.W. Districts).**—Joint dinner and social will be held at Cockfield Institute near Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, January 27th, 1962, 7 p.m. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, obtainable before January 20th from the Dinner Committee or Miss G. Reeve, Hartley Place, Hockwold, Thetford. Ringers from other areas also invited. Lavenham bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9308

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY DINNER.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 1962, in the University S.C.R. Tickets, 13s. 6d., from treasurer, Miss J. Gambling, Chesil Bank, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts. 9293

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Guild at Ripponden on February 3rd. High tea, price 6s. 6d., at Queen Hotel. Names essential to D. Smith, 9, Bower Road, Elland. 9318

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### Corrections

The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is Mr. A. V. Bennett and not Mr. Truman as was inadvertently stated in our last issue (see page 825).

The meeting held at Exeter on November 18th and reported on page 826 was of the Devonshire Association of Ringers and not the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. J. Wade 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, I. Papworth 4, H. Nichols 5, C. W. Burton 6, A. I. Beckwith (cond.) 7, D. B. Shepherd 8. For morning service, also an 88th birthday compliment to the mother of the 6th ringer.



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**BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.**—On Dec. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Everex (first quarter) 1. F. Castell 2. C. Adam 3. Angela M. Ayres (first of Doubles) 4. R. Partridge (cond.) 5. Joan M. Holloway (first quarter) 6. Rung for the engagement of Joan Holloway.

**BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel 1. J. J. Spraggett 2. M. L. Baughan 3. Dorothy Williams 4. V. A. Perry (cond.) 5. F. W. Hutt 6.

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