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PART-TIME BELLRINGERS

ARE you a bellringer at heart—or merely a ringer in part? Does your enthusiasm brim that joyful cup during the spring and summer months, and then cease to replenish the vessel at the cold approach of winter days? If so, then it is a tonic that you require: for you are a ringer in part.

It is discouraging to learn of the number of churches where it is difficult to raise a team of bellringers, and of churches the bells of which are rung irregularly by a few young people as and when they are able by relying on infrequent attendances of experienced adult ringers. This, not so much from the shortage of recruits as from the apparent apathy of the so-called 'regulars.'

Strangely, those bells which apparently fall asleep in the winter months are heard clamouring strongly again during summer: the stampede usually beginning at about the time the cuckoo calls.

How different from the good old days, when it is recorded ringers tramped ten miles or more through rain and snow in order to be present at service ringing and practice nights.

Nor can we imagine anyone of middle-age walking miles to participate in that friendly and mystical atmosphere peculiar to bellringers. Winter is not wholly responsible for such lack of enthusiasm. It is the age in which we live.

Come practice night: The part-time ringer opens his door and tests the elements, like the dubious bather who dips his toe in the sea. 'Too cold; anyway there'll probably be a team,' thinks he. Since the incredibly rapid development in electronics, he is also frequently to be observed relaxing in a fireside chair, eyes and mind mesmerised, not with the complexities of the blue line but with antics displayed in an unnatural fluorescent glow through the medium of that 17-inch screen in the corner of a warm room.

Another attitude: 'I'll go when the bells are pulled up.' Some people have so many calls in life, that if one particular night is to be given up, then invariably it's practice night.

Consequently the faithful few, beleaguered with doubts, renew their efforts with a young and wondering team, in the full knowledge that there are other capable ringers within a mile of the church who have bedded themselves down with leaves for the winter.

They will be back again in the spring, eager to take part in the activities of the tower. Some may never return.

Naturally, age will take its toll. It is perfectly understandable that ill health and overtime are not helpful factors to the art. The first is largely, and the second most

certainly, due to the rigours and excitement of modern living.

Let us be fair with ourselves and others, bearing in mind those village bells which are now only spasmodically rung and that ancient tower which is pathetically silent: it was not like that a year or so ago.

A New Year is with us . . . let's put in some overtime—bellringing!

T. A. B.

BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

IT is not only the large church bells or the bourdons of cathedrals that have made 'history,' but many smaller varieties have had their share in commemorating historic events of national and international importance. For instance, preserved in many places are portable handbells of ancient origin, which were held in the highest veneration for many ages by the early Christians of the British, Irish and Scottish Churches. These small quadrangular handbells of iron and bronze are most interesting objects of the early Christian period, and various notices have appeared regarding them showing quite plainly that they were regarded with the utmost feeling of veneration.

Perhaps one of the most famous (and certainly the most ancient) of all bells is that of St. Patrick, now carefully preserved in the National Irish Museum in Dublin. It is called 'Clog-an-Eadhacta Phatraic' or 'Bell of St. Patrick's Will.' It is formed of two plates of sheet iron fastened together by iron rivets and bronzed. It has a handle on top, and is 6 inches high and 5 inches broad at the base. It is believed to be the identical bell mentioned in the annals of Ulster, under the date 552, as having been removed from St. Patrick's tomb by St. Colomoille. As is usual with these sacred handbells, it is kept in a shrine which bears an inscription in Irish, to the effect that it (the shrine) was made between 1091 and 1105. The framework is of bronze plates, to which the decorated portions are attached, the handle being of silver with enamel settings and scroll-work. The compartments of the frame retain decorations of gold filigree and interlaced work, and round the front are settings of red stones, some now missing. The crystal in the centre and one below are later work. The back is overlaid with a silver plate of cruciform pattern.

It is, however, not the shrine that is so much thought of, but the old rusty bell it contains that St. Patrick carried around with him. (He died A.D. 493.) There are quite a number of other ancient ecclesiastical bells preserved in private collections and museums in Ireland, Wales and Scotland, all of which were used by early missionaries of the Church, and were held in high esteem and veneration and superstitious reverence.

[To be continued]

JOHN WORTH RINGS HIS 1,000th PEAL

THE Exercise will offer its warmest congratulations to Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, on ringing his 1,000th peal. This crowning event in his ringing career took place in his own tower at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on December 2nd, the peal being conducted by his friend Edward Jenkins, who is also a member of the exclusive coterie of 1,000 pealers.

There are few more popular men ringing today than John Worth. He excels in all branches of the art. He has conducted 554 peals and stood in some record lengths, including 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major in 1950 and 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 1951.

But peal ringing is only a part of his busy life. He has a long record of service to his church, Christ Church, Macclesfield, and with the Chester Diocesan Guild. For six years he has been a member of the Central Council.

John was born at Macclesfield on February 19th, 1910, and educated at Christ Church C. of E. School. He is in business at Macclesfield as a plumber, heating, sanitary and electrical engineer. In his own craft he is highly esteemed and serves on the General Committee of the National Federation of Plumbers and Domestic Engineers for the north-west area. In 1959 he was honoured by being elected president of the north-west area.

CONDUCTED FIRST PEAL

At the age of 12 he entered the belfry of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and was taught to handle a bell by H. Longden. It was not until 1928, when William Gayes came, that the band was taught change ringing. Since then John's membership of the band has been continuous and he took over the official leadership of the tower in 1957, on the death of Mr. Gayes at the age of 84. His first peal was of Grandsire Doubles on June 3rd, 1929, which he conducted and was the first peal for all the band.

Apart from his ringing, he has a long record of faithful service to Christ Church. His membership of the Parochial Church Council dates back to 1931, and he is the present vice-chairman of the Council. For three years (1943-47) he was Vicar's warden. It was through his initiative that money was raised to lower the then ring of eight in Macclesfield tower 30 feet and to add two trebles, thus making a very handy ring of ten.

John is one of the senior members of the committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which he joined in 1930 and his membership is unbroken. Since 1959 he has been Deputy Master of the Guild. Equally long has been his association with the Macclesfield Branch, which he served as Ringing Master and is at present chairman. The Chester Guild have twice elected him for periods of three years as a member of the Central Council. The first occasion was in 1951 and the last in 1960.

A Freemason, he is a member of the Lodge of Unity 261. Another of his interests is billiards. He is a playing member of the Christ Church Institute billiard team in the Macclesfield and District Billiard League. This team has won many prizes; John is a vice-president of the League.

John is married, but Mrs. Worth does not ring. Their three children—daughters Anne and Mary and son John—have all taken up ringing.

HIS PEALS

Six bells.—Grandsire Doubles (2 handbells) 8. Stedman Doubles 2. Minor from 1 to 84 methods 114.

Eight bells.—Grandsire Triples 18. Stedman Triples 12. Little Bob Major 1. Bob Major (14 hand) 41. Kent Treble Bob Major (2 hand) 18. Oxford Treble Bob Major 5. Carisbrooke Treble Bob Major 1. Spliced Treble Bob Major 2. Double Norwich Court Bob Major 31.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 73. Bristol 111. Yorkshire 23. London 91. Norfolk 2. Staffordshire 2. Superlative 17. Rochester 5. Manchester 1. Lincolnshire 5. Pudsey 4. Aldenham 1. Belgrave 1. Stockport 3. Ramsey 1. Guildford 1. Devor 1. Kendal 1. Rutland 4. Hanbury 2. Ealing 1. Lincoln 1. Premier 1. Claybrooke 1. Macclesfield 2. Glasgow 3. Rotherham 1. Watford 1. Londonderry 1. Spliced Surprise Major 2 to 30 methods 76.



MR. JOHN WORTH

Ten bells.—Grandsire Caters 12. Stedman Caters 14. Erin Caters 1. Bob Royal (4 hand) 13. Kent Treble Bob Royal 11. Oxford Treble Bob Royal 4.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 52. Yorkshire 24. London (No. 3) 37. Rochester 5. Pudsey 2. Rutland 5. Metropolitan 1. Ludgate 1. Spliced Surprise 2 methods 1. Bristol 2. Lincolnshire 1. Belgrave 5.

Twelve bells.—Grandsire Cinques 3. Stedman Cinques 9. Bob Maximus 4. Kent Treble Bob Maximus 6. Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 2.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 49. New Cambridge 2. Yorkshire 29. Rochester 1. Pudsey 2. Southwell 1. Belgrave 3. Superlative 1. Londinium 3. Lincolnshire 1. Brigstow 1. Spliced Surprise Maximus in 2 and 3 methods 2.

Long Lengths (included in above).—

Bristol Surprise Major 6,176, 10,080 and *21,600.

Spliced Surprise Major *8,032 (8 methods), *9,568 (10 methods) and *13,440 (6 methods).

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6,720. Cambridge Surprise Royal *15,480.

* Record lengths.

Conducted 554.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch Progressive

During the past year, the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association has enjoyed many good and progressive meetings, but the recent meeting held at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, surpassed them all. Ringing included the standard methods and a number of their 'offshoots,' such as Little Bob, St. Clement's, etc. In the Surprise methods were Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, Superlative and London, and also spliced. A mark of progress was no requests for rounds. The attendance was sufficient to allow someone to stand behind a 'first attempt' in a method. The striking was of a high order.

A light tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brownlow. The annual Branch meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church, January 27th.

RECORD LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

A record length of Royal of 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Worsley, Lanes, on December 23rd in 11 hours 14 minutes. The peal was conducted by Robert B. Smith, and the average age of the band was 22.8 years.

A NEW YORKSHIRE SIX

St. Laurence's, Scalby

There was a full church at St. Laurence's, Scalby, near Scarborough, on December 15th, when a new ring of six, consisting of three old bells (dated 1674) and three more given by a generous donor, was dedicated. Even-song was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. N. Tubbs, and the dedication was by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Ven. F. E. Ford, a former Vicar of Scarborough.

The act of dedication took place immediately after the Collects, when, during the hymn 'In the time of gladness'—magnificently sung to the tune of 'Onward, Christian Soldiers'—the five youngest Scarborough ringers present and one of the Scalby ringers made their way up to the tower whilst the Archdeacon's procession moved from the choir to the vestry, at the base of the tower. Handing the vergers' Communion rope to the Archdeacon, as a token of those in the tower above, the Vicar said: 'Venerable Sir, we request you to dedicate the bells, which have been tuned, restored and now hang in this tower.' The Archdeacon then dedicated the bells and rounds were rung, the ringers standing in the order: E. King 1. Pauline Chase 2. D. G. Murray 3. Mrs. M. Searth (Scalby) 4. D. Hardy 5 and R. Wyatt 6. They returned to their seats during the singing of the hymn

'Lifted high within the tower
All our bells are set on high.'

The Archdeacon based his address on the text 'The Lord is near. Have no anxiety then the Peace of God will keep guard,' taken from the New English Version of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, iv. 4, words included in the Epistle for Advent iv, in which is also included the 'Bell Anthem' text.

In a homely and eloquent address he began by reference to the happy day for the parish of Scalby which, by a generous gift, now has a ring of bells. He welcomed the ringers, with emphasis on the new recruits for the Scalby church, and then spoke of the message of the bells, paying tribute to those who undertook the task of ringing them and who take a delight in this important aspect of church work.

The Archdeacon said that the unworldly were loath to respond to their summons, unwilling to hear the Advent message—'The Lord is near, have no anxiety,' and in the weeks before Christmas there is much anxiety over the preparations for what, for many, is a purely secular feast. Many resent the intrusion of God into their lives and into the world they have come to accept. By contrast, said the Archdeacon, stands the picture of our Lord's beloved disciple, St. John, who, in his old age, wrote with such fervent sincerity and expectancy of the coming of the Lord into the lives and hearts of Christian folk.

THE BELLS

The three old bells are 3, 4 and 5 of the completed ring, which is another pleasing example of the work of the Loughborough Foundry: the 10 cwt. tenor is inscribed:

'The peal of three original bells were
returned rehung and augmented to six
through the generosity of

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mann, of the Parish,
and dedicated on 15th December in
the year of Our Lord, 1961.

Glory to God in the Highest and On Earth
Peace Goodwill towards Men.'

After the service the bells were rung again all visiting ringers participating. In addition to eleven of the Scarborough company and five Scalby learners, those present included the Northern District secretary, Mr. E. Hudson. Ripon, who read the second lesson, and representatives from towers as widely scattered as Bridlington, Kirby Hill, Pickering, Wentworth and Whitby. The evening terminated with refreshments, kindly provided by the donors of the bells.

B. S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS MORNING BELLS

Dear Sir.—After listening to the Christmas bells broadcast in the Home Service, I feel I must write and congratulate the ringers who took part on their good standard of striking.

The Major towers of St. Peter's, Woolton, and St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, were the outstanding ones, although the call changes on eight of the ten bells of St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, were very good and open.

Of Maximus ringing I am no judge, as I get few opportunities of hearing any, but, to me, only the tenor bells, 9, 10, 11 and 12, were distinguishable. Whether it was because of the position of the microphones with which the recordings were made or not, I cannot say, but at this end they both sounded like a fugue on an organ in a vast cathedral, with the trebles played pianissimo and the bass played forte.

Altogether an enjoyable broadcast, but, as a Minor ringer, I think we have cause to complain. According to Dove's Guide for 1956, there are 5,208 rings of bells in England, 168 in Wales and Monmouthshire, 13 in Scotland and 33 in Ireland; making a grand total of 5,422 in all. Of this number, 2,580 rings are of Minor, 1,607 of Major and only 57 of Maximus, and yet **not one** Minor tower was represented. My complaint is of the number of Major and Maximus towers represented in proportion to the total number.

I personally know of several outstanding Minor towers, where striking is as near perfect as it is possible for human frailty to achieve, all being members of the Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax and District Association. If you require an independent opinion, I am sure 'Jafus' will back up my opinion, as he was present at the Barnsley shield contest in June, 1961.

Church Warsop, Notts, is outstanding for open lead striking, and that means something coming from a 'Cartwheeler'. Others are: Meltham, Shelley, Silkstone, New Mill, Kirkheaton, Cawthorne, and my own tower, Friesland. I trust that, in future, Minor towers will be fairly represented, and in particular, that a tower I have quoted will be one of them.

—Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR FARRAND,
Honorary Secretary,
Halifax and District Association.

BOW BROADCAST AND BELL MUSIC

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue you mentioned a broadcast featuring the rededication of Bow bells (Home Service, December 20th, 6.30-6.50 p.m.).

Eagerly I looked forward to the twenty minute programme which, I thought, would contain at least five minutes of bell music.

Imagine my concern as the minutes ticked away and the interviews—admittedly interesting—went on and on.

At last we were told we were going to hear a touch of Stedman Cinques. Rounds were drowned by Dumbleby calling out a list of the names of the bells—a thing he had done once before anyway—and then changes were heard for a few seconds.

Did we hear the bells for a minute?

Had it been a service for the rededication of the organ, I think it likely that we should have heard a complete piece of music.

Personally, I think the B.B.C. failed in its presentation.—Yours faithfully,

L. B. JEFFERIES.

Sandy, Beds.

THE RINGING OF BOW BELLS

Dear Sir.—Your leader ('R.W.' December 15th) would be most acceptable to an un-discerning ringing public, but parts of it could open up much for discussion. I would like to refer to one or two points only. It is pathetic that in the heart of London there is a shortage of ringers, but it is not from the 'fact' here is no residential population in the City of London. I have reliable information that the permanent residential population in the City was nearly 4,900 in 1960, and this figure will tend to increase. Moreover, think of the further thousands of people who reside on the boundaries of this 'square mile' area. Having recently seen photographs of three boys (sons of City policemen) in the national press and of suitable physically built men on television—all of them cockneys—surely from this population there is potential material. If the leaders of the several churches could only get these people within their churches, then we ringers would have a chance to recruit some new blood into the empty bellfries.

Next, I understand there is still some paid Sunday service ringing within the City and an extension of this otherwise now dying trend might induce more visiting bands, for, after all, three or four hours away from home and anything up to ten shillings less in pocket is a visiting ringer's contribution to assist in maintaining ringing in the heart of London.

Lastly, there is apparently not an inviting atmosphere in some towers, which causes a ringer to be reluctant in making further visits. On the other hand, because ringing often has to be organised by visiting bands which results in the not unusual quarter peal attempt, a casual visitor may cause various effects, some of which would result in pleasure but others in disappointment for him. I will certainly wait with interest to see if your suggestion for St. Mary-le-Bow is carried out. And roll on that wonderful day which you envisage.

—Yours faithfully,
T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Herts.

THE BOW BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—I hope you get lots of protests about the miserly ration of ringing in the special Home Service feature 'Bow Bells'. A few rounds and 3½ whole pulls of changes! How could anyone call that hearing a recording of the bells? How could anyone (not previously informed, as we were informed) recognise the method. It was an insult both to the listeners and performers, like announcing a piece of music and fading out after a bar and a half.

I was much incensed, especially as I did not bother with the T.V., seeing the broadcast was a special sound radio feature. Yet anglers can have a whole programme regularly. We can't even enjoy our very special one.

—Yours, etc.,
W. B.

Slough.

HANDBELLS, A POPULAR APPEAL

Dear Sir.—The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have, during Christmas, collected £257 for the Greater London Fund for the Blind, £31 more than last year and £14 more than the highest amount ever collected by them. The money was obtained by ringing carols in the streets of Dulwich every evening for the fortnight before Christmas. They have in this way contributed well over £2,000 to this fund during the last 15 years.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS
(Leader of the ringers).

Dulwich, S.E.

THURSO TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I note that Mr. Giles B. Thompson thinks the new Treble Bob method which I described (page 809) has two blue lines, and should like to correct him on this. The method has two red lines on all numbers of bells, but in Major and Maximus there is only one blue line.

On ten bells there are two blue lines, the plain course containing only 80 changes; the Royal may thus be considered irregular. The Minor also has two blue lines, but no more than a plain course is possible; this one lead of 24 changes might be useful for those beginning to ring Treble Bob.

In case the method is discussed further, might I propose that it be referred to as Thurso Treble Bob.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

Thurso, Caithness.

SURFLEET'S THREE 'LEANS'

Dear Sir.—If my memory is correct, the 'lean' of Surfleet tower is even more interesting than Mr. Bevis' charming sketch in the 'R.W.' of December 22nd implies. I think it has actually three different amounts of 'lean.' I think that it began to lean when the tower was about one third completed; the remainder of the tower was built vertical; later this also began to lean; then the spire was built vertical; later the whole went over even more. Thus the spire leans a certain amount, the upper part of the tower rather more, the lowest part considerably more—but I rely on memory.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth.

CHEW STOKE BELLS

Dear Sir.—Those who rang in the peal at Chew Stoke on November 16th (see page 863), will be interested to know that what was believed at the time to be the first peal of Minor on these bells was rung on October 15th, 1935, in 11 Surprise methods.

I think that the weight of the tenor was overestimated by both bands in 1935 and 1961.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH SERVICES

Dear Sir,—What a waste of argument! If a ringer has to attend every service for which one rings the bells then, logically, one must only ring for those services which one is going to attend. Enforce this and both the service of the ringer and the ringing for service would be poorer.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 5th, 1912.—

We have, without question, established a record this week in the annals of the Exercise. Our columns contain no fewer than 89 peals, the largest number ever published in one issue of a ringing paper. Although we have enlarged again to 20 pages the pressure on our space necessitates holding over several items. This issue might very appropriately be called a 'Peal Number.'

At Halesworth, Suffolk, where the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells was rung on Thursday, December 28th, the ring is hung in a curious manner, the ropes running in a circle in the following order: 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 5; 3, 8. One can quite imagine that the conductor's lot is not altogether a happy one, and that the course-ends want a good deal of picking out.

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PINCHBECK — A POSTCARD VILLAGE

By T. A. BEVIS

MANY have heard of it—more have seen it: its colourful acres are known throughout the length and breadth of the country—and abroad.

Tulips and hyacinths at Pinchbeck—a well-known sight around Spalding district in spring!

Picture postcards proclaim it and convey to the recipient a mere glimpse of the vivid attractions of this part of the Fens at that welcome time of the year. And always, gracefully reclining in the background as if fearful of detracting from nature's rainbow display, the massive bulk of St. Mary's Church tower peers above gaunt trees towards distant marshes and the sea.

This impressive sentinel is the centre-piece of a widespread, unwieldy village, which had the distinction of being called a town in Saxon times, but now is a rapidly-developing suburb of flower-minded Spalding town.

Pinchbeck's grand old lady has a bent appearance—a vain attempt to emulate near-neighbour Surfleet—due to a partial collapse of the foundations, the tower being 18 inches out of true. It has a remarkable cinquefoiled arch and a rich band of quatrefoils encircle its base.

A significant feature of the church, the clerestory—ten three-light windows on each side—is said to be hardly surpassed in all Lincolnshire. Also worthy of note: the chapel roof with carved beams, a magnificent and extremely lofty tower arch and an elaborate 15th century font.

According to the dictionary, the word 'pinchbeck' is an inferior metal or cheap jewellery. Pinchbeck bells, however, are certainly not cheap, nor are they inferior in their handling. Their tonal qualities are good—unusually so for old bells; it is not surprising though, as four of them were cast many years ago at Stamford foundry.

The Norris family of Stamford are fairly well represented in the Fens. Tobie I and his son did a profitable transaction with Pinchbeck Church, it seems, and until 1934 their handiwork was predominant in the tower, for at least five of the six bells had made the journey from Stamford.

William Stapleton Royce and his wife, Emma Louisa, were well known and respected in Pinchbeck, and it is abundantly clear that they loved bells. Mr. Royce died in 1924 and his wife expired in 1934; the latter year witnessed the augmentation of the bells to



ST. MARY'S CHURCH - PINCHBECK

eight, two new trebles reminding all within hearing distance of the village's generous benefactors.

The new bells weigh 4 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. and 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. respectively; they bear appropriate inscriptions in accordance with the circumstances of the augmentation.

Number three (7-2-1) was recast in June, 1902, and is possibly a creation from a former Norris bell. It is inscribed **FEAR GOD. HONOUR THE KING.**

The fourth (9-1-20) is also patriotic and comes out with **GOD SAVE THE KING.** 'Tobie Norris cast me, 1677,' an inscription emulated by the fifth (10-0-25) of the same year.

A 'CAPITAL CONSTABLE'

Tobie Norris I created the six (11-2-1) in 1624 and on it was inscribed **NON VOX SED VOTVM NON MYSICA CORDVLA SED COR.** This founder succeeded his father, Matthew Norris, of Leicester, who was in business as early as 1575. Incidentally, Tobie I, an influential man, took up the Freedom of Stamford in 1607 and was one of the 'Capital Constables' in that year; he held the position

of churchwarden at St. George's Church, Stamford. The founder died on November 2nd, 1626. His son departed this life in 1698 and is interred at his father's church, where may be seen a bellmetal tablet to his memory.

Caris Holyday, Thomas Ellin and Thomas Ansell (churchwardens of Pinchbeck) had their names on the cope in 1699, when the seventh bell (14-0-9) was cast, and the tenor (18-0-9), not to be outdone by four roars in the stentorian key of **E. GOD SAVE THE KING,** adds for good measure 'Tobie Norris Cast Me, 1677.'

On the south wall within the tower, illuminated by the beautiful west window, a plaque has been placed to the memory of George Ladd, who rang at Pinchbeck from 1885 to 1940. A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1910 until his death, Mr. Ladd was a former secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the aforementioned Guild.

It is an appreciable ascent to the commodious ringing chamber, but a most interesting journey to observant visitors: the walls of the newel stair are marked with numerous scratches placed there by zealous masons, hundreds of years ago. These also occur on the stair wall itself and are delicately and beautifully designed. Only one 'mark' has been discovered on the exterior. This collection may well be unique.

On reaching the ringing chamber one gleans further information concerning the bells, which were rehung during August, 1890, by Messrs. Taylors, and reopened by the Very Rev. Edward King, D.D., Lord Bishop of Lincoln, on September 29th, 1890.

The Laxton family have played a notable part in the long life of St. Mary's Church. Not only did they ring the bells for a very considerable time, they also discharged duties in the honourable occupation of sexton: the first sexton of this old Pinchbeck family commenced his responsibilities on February 23rd 1784, and the last finally retired in 1908—a total of 124 years.

PEAL BOARDS FROM 1816

A few peal boards have been preserved, and the oldest of these records that on March 13th, 1816, 5,040 changes were rung by Matthew Laxton, Charles Laxton, James Broughton, William Willson and Thomas Laxton. This effort was witnessed by John Willson.

The first peal on the bells by a local company of ringers transpired on March 4th, 1905, and it was composed of three methods. On October 31st, 1925, our old friend, the late Horace M. Day, conducted a peal of Minor.

March 9th, 1935, was a significant day for the tower, when the octave rang out for the first time to a peal of Plain Bob Major, conducted by that well known ringer, the late Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet.

Another notable peal was that of Stedman Triples (Heywood's No. 1) on September 28th, 1935, ringers taking part from Pinchbeck, Derby, Sheffield and Spalding. It was the first in that principle on the bells and was conducted by Albert H. Ward, as a compliment to George Ladd and S. Palmer.

Several other peals (including Surprise) have been rung on the bells of St. Mary's, which are agreeably pleasant to the ear—and yours truly should know, he first seeing the light of day a few hundred yards away from that stately fane.

It is not difficult for the 'exile' to imagine the familiar sound of Pinchbeck bells—especially at Christmas time, when they join the brazen-throated throng, unanimous in that imperishable, age-old message of the angels:

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 874)

The practice at Hexworth tower is about to begin. Introduced in the opening instalment were: Joe Smith, head ringer at Hexworth; Annie, his wife; Phyllis (21), his daughter, confidential secretary to Joshua Bertram, churchwarden; Henry (23), her boy friend; John Smith, schoolboy son of Joe Smith.

Joe removed his jacket, hung it up on pegs screwed to the panelling, and walked across to the cupboard, automatically strengthening the pile of boxes in the middle of the floor as he passed them. The cupboard was near the towel roller and contained the usual belfry impedimenta: a bucket, broom and small shovel; a set of leather 'mufflers'; two stays (intact) and several broken ones; a hand-saw, a brace and bit and an adjustable spanner; a large cardboard box containing nails, bolts and an empty boot polish tin; a smaller one containing chalk (white) and some toffee papers; several paint tins, partly filled with paint, now as hard as the proverbial bell-metal; a couple of paint brushes, with their bristles in a similar degree of hardness; a bottle containing oil; a set of old ropes and a dead sparrow.

Joe regarded the dead sparrow for a few moments with mild interest, picked it up somewhat gingerly by its tail and carried to the west window which, after a struggle, he opened.

'Ashes to ashes....' he murmured, and dropped the dead bird through the window, which he then reverently closed.

Joe looked round the belfry. In several places on the seats and near the edge of the floor, where there were no seats, the stone dust had trickled down from between the junction that the match-board ceiling made with the tower walls. High winds and gales always accelerated the flow from above and, if one was sat on the seats under these conditions it was an advantage, mused Joe, to have sandy coloured hair and a brown suit!

He swept the seats and the floor, collected the dust into a small shovel and emptied it through the window, observing to himself, meanwhile, that there was sufficient material to give the dead sparrow a decent burial. As he performed the latter operation sounds of activity echoed up the steps; agile feet and the chattering of young voices. A few moments later two young girls came bubbling through the doorway.

They were about 12 years of age and so much alike in every detail that deciding that they were twins was not exactly a miracle of deduction. Alice and Rene Browning were daughters of one of the three grocers of the village, who squeezed a living, and brought up a family, from the requirements of its inhabitants. In ringing, their accomplishments were about equal, both girls being able to ring Plain Bob ('inside'), and Joe, who couldn't tell them apart (or together) addressed each one as 'Twinn!', although, had he been more observant he might have noticed that Rene had a slight scar on her left eyebrow, the legacy of an argument with a broken bottle when she was but a baby.

'Good evening, Mr. Smith,' they said together.

Only 'Old George' and William ever addressed him as 'Joe,' to everyone else he was 'Mister,' a privilege reserved for only one other member of the company of ringers, Mr. Challen, the retired colliery manager, who, when he was present, rang only the 3rd bell, but who was at the moment absent on some conference or other.

'Hello, girls,' replied Joe. 'Be getting the front end up.'

On practice night he offered no objection to the raising of odd bells, but insisted, on Sundays, that they were always raised in peal. By this time ringers began to arrive, thick and fast. Three boys about 10 or 11 years of age burst noisily into the belfry and were, temporarily, silenced by a look from Joe. William, a man about the same age as Joe, and in fact one of his old schoolfellows, slightly bowlegged and with a drooping moustache, arrived with 'Young' William, his son, a quiet youth, tall and bespectacled, who retired to a corner, pulled out a notebook and began to study a diagram of Cambridge Surprise, with the intentness and devotion that an archaeologist might study some recently unearthed hieroglyphics.

Old George came up the steps, wheezing like an old traction engine, and sat down to regain his breath and finally Phyllis arrived with Henry, closely followed by John.

Immediately after the arrival of the three boys, whilst the last few ringers were arriving, Joe, never one to waste time, spent several minutes supervising Harry, the youngest and therefore the most roguish looking, and (in ringing) the most inexperienced of the three boys, who was in the early stages of bell-handling. He placed him on the tail end of the second bell, selecting this because, in addition to being light (but not too light) and 'a good 'un to handle,' it had plenty of set on the backstroke, a point which suited Joe's immediate purpose. Joe, himself, took charge of the handstroke.

He pulled off.

'Keep your hands together, they don't want to be a yard apart—don't look up at that sally, it knows its way up there; and back—steady, don't pull so hard, you'll have the bell down on top of us—feel it on the balance; no, not so far, over as that, you'll make hard work of it—nay, don't snatch; a nice even pull; bring your hands well down from the back and then the rope won't wriggle; you're not a snake-charmer—I said "don't look up," look at me, look straight into my eyes; imagine I'm Mona Lisa or the Laughing Cavalier (about the only two paintings Joe could recognise on sight)—that's better, nice and even—now let it set on the backstroke; there you've bumped it off—try again; that's it—now ease it off gently—now see if you can hold it on the balance—'

So Joe went on, entreating, cajoling, instructing, imploring, commanding, always good-humoured, always respected, always obeyed. He had made no detailed study of the art of instructing, or of the science of teaching,

but he possessed a fair share of common sense and a large fund of experience, and what is more he knew what he wanted, and what he wanted, in the belfry at any rate, he usually got. He, himself, was a good bell-handler; quiet, efficient, economical of effort, and all his pupils (and he had had many), whether by example or precept is problematical—and unimportant—were good bell-handlers too: they all seemed to develop that quiet, easy manner, without mannerisms, that is the hall-mark of a good ringer.

When the bell had been finally set at hand-stroke, Joe turned and surveyed the belfry.

'Cambridge!' he said tersely.

Young William sometimes wondered what magic there was attached to the name of 'Cambridge.' True, Mr. Challen, who was fond of trotting out odd facts about divers subjects, often declared that, 'Cambridge Surprise Minor was the first Surprise Minor method ever rung.' Young William didn't know whether this was true, but supposed it must be since Mr. Challen said so, for Mr. Challen was seldom wrong; in fact, Mr. Challen had never been wrong during living memory. Perhaps, sometimes Mr. Challen was nearly wrong, or even sometimes, just a wee bit wrong, but even then it was always someone else's fault; some stupid oaf missed a dodge, or refused to make places with him.

Even accepting Mr. Challen's information as correct, young William felt that it was not the antiquity of the method that gave Cambridge its peculiar qualities; it seemed to him as though Cambridge had become a kind of yardstick whereby the standards of ringers were measured. How often at a ringing meeting had he heard the Ringing Master say, 'Take hold for Cambridge,' and then with apparent nonchalance turn to some ringer or other and inquire: 'Would you care to take hold for Cambridge?'

Ah, thought young William, then was a ringer seen in his true colours. He remembered, quite vividly, an incident that had taken place not very long ago. He had been attending a district meeting and there was a young up-and-coming ringer present from another district. How young William had admired him. He had rung quite expertly in several touches: Treble Bob and Plain methods, London Scholars and Kingston, St. Clement's and Double Oxford; he had conducted a few 'touches' (including a 216 of Plain Bob, with—it seemed to young William—an amazing number of calls), making no mistakes and even correcting others twice, or thrice, his own age.

And then the fatal question.

There had been no escape; they were one short and the second rope hung there, inviting, unclaimed. Everyone had looked expectantly at the young ringer.

'No,' he had admitted, 'I don't ring Cambridge.'

Young William had felt almost sorry for him. The balloon was pricked. Deflated and dejected he had sat there trying to look indifferent while the Ringing Master made arrangements to ring something else. He disappeared during the next 'touch'; young William saw him steal through the belfry door. It would be a long time, he thought, before his prestige was restored in this district, and never unless he learnt to ring Cambridge.

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A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

(Continued from page 882)

3. PLAIN METHODS—TWO HUNTS

Continuing the layout of P. B-Knights ('R.W.' October 25th, 1957, page 692), we have four variations of Grandsire. All these have two-lead courses, but leads can be spliced to produce extents. Certain extents require asymmetrical leads which can be called either 'Evening Delight' (cf. Minor —16—16—16—36—14—16) and 'Evening Exercise' (cf. Minor —14—36—16—16—16—16) as suggested by F. T. Blagrove, or Bob leads of their respective methods, as shown below. Mr. Blagrove prefers not to introduce bobs in Minimus, while I prefer not to introduce asymmetrical methods as such. Since calls are not part of any method (C.C., Handbook, page 26), I have introduced appropriate forms of Bob. None of these names have been confirmed in a peal.

L Grandsire	M New Grandsire
1234	1234
2134	2143
2314	2413
3241	4231
3421	4321
4312	3412
4132	3142
1423	1342
1243	1432

N Reverse Grandsire	O Reverse New Grandsire
1234	1234
2143 Bob	2143 Bob
2413	2413
4231 4231	2431 3412
4321 4321	2341 3142
4312 —4312	3214 —1324
4132 4132	3124 1234
1423 1432	1342 2134
1243 1342	1432 2314

or Evening Delight	or Evening Exercise
1234	1234
2143	2143
2413	2413
4231	4231
4321	4321
4312	4312
4132	4132
1423	1423
1243	1243

4. PRINCIPLES USED AS METHODS

Apart from Original (Plain Hunting) there are four other principles, two being the reverse forms of the other two.

P	Q	T Original
1234	1234	1234
2134	2134	2143
2314	2314	2413
3214	2341	—
2341	3214	4231
3241	3241	4321
3421	3421	—
—	—	3412
—	—	3142
—	—	—
—	—	1324
—	—	1234

R	S
1234	1234
1243	1243
1423	1423
1432	4123
4123	1432
4132	1342
4312	4312

P. Erin.—It will be noticed that the division chosen for the sixes is taken three changes later than usual, which gives forward hunting on the front three bells. The division is made at the second line of symmetry in the 'six' to assist in splicing with method Q. I believe the method has often been loosely called 'Stedman Minimus.' The method is correctly named by P. B-Knights, and he gives the normal start for Erin.

Q This is similar to Erin, but where Erin (method P) has dodging in 1-2 and progressive places in 3-4 over the middle of the 'six,' this method has progressive places in 1-2 and dodging in 3-4. Arranged in this way, the two methods have identical changes in any corresponding 'six.' I believe this is an entirely new principle, not applicable to higher numbers and P. B-Knights has provisionally named it 'Reverse Stanton,' although he starts it at the second change of a 'six.'

R Reverse Erin.—The reverse of method P and named correctly by P. B-Knights.

S The reverse of method Q and provisionally named 'Stanton' by P. B-Knights.

5. EXTENTS—PLAIN METHODS

Methods having identical changes in corresponding leads can be spliced by interchanging these leads. Methods which can be spliced are:

B Reverse Bob & F Canterbury Pleasure Bob.
C Double Bob & D 'St. Martin's' (i.e. Reverse St. Nicholas').

G D. Canterbury P. Bob & H St. Nicholas'.
J Reverse Court & K Double Court.

Each pair can produce six spliced extents, e.g. CCD, CDD, CDC, DDC, DCC, DCD.

This gives up 24 spliced extents. The first three pairs were covered by P. B-Knights.

There are three trios of methods and two pairs, which, when one of the pair is bobbed, will splice by cyclical arrangements.

a. M New Grandsire, L Grandsire & I Single Court.

b. N Reverse Grandsire, O Rev. New Grandsire & J Reverse Court.

c. N Reverse Grandsire, O Rev. New Grandsire & K Double Court.

d. L Grandsire & O Reverse New Grandsire.

e. M New Grandsire & N Reverse Grandsire.

Each of these will give us three extents, viz.:

a	b	c
MLI	NOJ	NOK
LIM	OJN	OKN
IML	JNO	KNO

d	e
L—O O	M N—N
—O O L	N—N M
O L—O	—N M N

We thus have a further 15 extents. The total number of plain extents is now

$$11+24+15=50$$

and with each bell in the hunt in turn, in place of the treble, we now have

$$50 \times 4 = 200 \text{ plain extents.}$$

6. EXTENTS—PRINCIPLES

By arranging methods P and Q and methods R and S in the way shown, with corresponding 'sixes' having the same changes, these pairs of methods can be spliced by interchanging 'sixes,' i.e.

PPPQ, PPQP, PPQQ, PQPP, PQPQ, PQQP, PQQQ, QQQP, QQQQ, QQQP, QQQP, and similarly for R and S.

Lastly, there is one extent of Original, in which the composition (not the method) can be started in each of 12 different places. This is composition No. 2 by P. B-Knights.

1234
4123 —2
3412 —2
4132 —1
4231 —4
2341 —1
1234 —2

P. B-Knights' composition No. 1 is already included in spliced extent MLI. His extents of Reverse Original (i.e. Backwards hunting, cf. C.C.C. Doubles 1.2) are only Reverse Bob rung backwards with each bell in turn as the hunt bell.

The total for Principles turns out to be

$$32+12=44 \text{ extents.}$$

7. CONCLUSION

The grand total of different extents of Minimus, without resorting to starting a method at a different place or to ringing an extent backward, is $200+44=244$.

If one considers that there is only one extent of Original (i.e. the other eleven only start at a different place in the extent) we are still left with 233. Two hundred and ten extents are required for a peal of 5,040 and we have available 5,856 (or 5,592) changes, every extent different, without resorting to 48's or other multiples. Here is scope for interesting peals of Minimus.

[To be continued]

A CELEBRATION AT ECCLESTON

Once again the birthday of Mr. Sam Jones, of Eccleston, now aged 93, was honoured by a peal on the fine eight at St. Mary's Church on December 17th. The band, representing several Branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild, met at this picturesque village in the early afternoon and the long ascent to the ringing chamber was made.

It is perhaps interesting to note that G. F. Bodley, the architect responsible for the building of this fine Perpendicular church, used Evercreech as his model and indeed the details have been most successfully carried out.

The bells were soon raised and a peal of Bob Major completed in due course, after which a short walk to the village brought the party to Mr. Jones' cottage, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared. After a peal on a chilly December day nothing is more likely to be appreciated than the sight of a table laden with good things to eat and it is perhaps hardly necessary to record that full justice was done to the delicious fare so generously provided by Sam's daughter, Mrs. Parry.

The climax came when Mr. Sam Jones jun. proposed the toast of the evening and all stood with glasses raised to honour it.

The party then moved to the sitting room and here learned with surprise and interest that much of the peal had been recorded. To listen to parts of a peal in which one had participated but a short time previously was a novel and interesting experience, which was greatly appreciated. The recorder, however, demanded something more. The microphone was passed to each member of the band in turn with a request that some comment fitting to the occasion should be made. Only one member was too shy to speak (he is associated with Frodsham tower), but he was later caught without his knowledge and the record was thus completed.

This was a signal for departure and with renewed good wishes to our veteran and his family the visitors left the cosy room for the cold journey home.

J. W. C.

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Eye Bells Rehung

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the bells of Eye, Suffolk, in the old wooden frame, which has been strengthened. The tenor, which was found to weigh 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., has been recast and now weighs 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.—note D.

Over a dozen Suffolk ringers gave the bells a two-hour try out on December 18th.

The Vicar has indicated that the rededication service will take place in the spring and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

TOWER CAPTAIN A BRIDE

THE marriage took place at St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, on December 2nd, between Freda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Greaves, of King's Lynn, and Bevan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Willgress, of Acle. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Lillingstone (past president of the Norwich Diocesan Association), assisted by the Rev. Lloyd Caddick, was fully choral.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length parchment brocade dress, and a long veil held in place by a headdress of orange blossom and lilies of the valley. She carried a bouquet of white freesias, carnations and heather, from which trailed a length of white satin ribbon, decorated with minute silver bells. Her bridesmaid was Miss Joan Willgress (sister of the bridegroom), who wore a lemon organdie dress and carried a bouquet of flame carnations and lemon freesias.

Before and again after the service the ten bells of St. Margaret's were rung by members of the tower, five of the ringers being from those taught by the bride, who was captain of the tower prior to her marriage.

At the reception, held in the Priory Hall, greetings and telegrams were received from ringers of Acle (the bridegroom's tower), Danbury, Essex, Bridgwater, Somerset, Cheltenham, Glos. London and Leeds, and other more local towers. The wedding cake was decorated with numerous tiny silver bells and surmounted by one large silver bell. The honeymoon was spent in the Cotswold country.

The couple's new home is unfortunately in a parish without tower bells, and therefore



[Photo by courtesy of 'Lynn News and Advertiser']

they are becoming unattached ringing members of the Norwich Association. Their address, yet another 'open house' for ringers, is 'Treblelea,' 1, Peregrine Road, Sprowston, Norwich, NOR.77.R., Norfolk.

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Mr. Richard Deal In Hospital

The many friends of Mr. R. F. Deal, of 10, Kimberley Avenue, East Ham, E.6, will be concerned to hear that he has been seriously ill since June, during which time he has been nursed by his wife. He has now had a stroke and has been removed to Osman Ward, Plaistow Hospital, Samson Street, E.13. The sympathy of all ringers will go out to Mrs. Deal, together with their wishes that Dick may soon recover.

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The quarter peal rung at St. Clement 'Dances' on December 17th, served two additional purposes. It was a farewell to J. D. L. Richards, who is shortly returning to his native New Zealand, and it provided an opportunity for B. Cox, who is by now on his way back home to Australia, to tape record the bells. This gave the remainder of the band their chance to express pleasure at meeting and ringing with these and other overseas visitors and to wish them all success in their future.

Mr. P. Town has produced an attractive number of 'The Belfry' for his first issue as Editor.

Mr. Keith Fleming, a ringer from Mauldon, Beds, writes from 'S.S. Khyber' at Port Said on December 23rd: 'May I say that it was with great interest and pleasure that I listened to the B.B.C. Overseas broadcast about the rededication of Bow Bells at 11 p.m. (local time) yesterday.'

His many friends in the Exercise, particularly in the London and Essex area, will welcome news of Mr. R. Stannard. 'Dick' is at present in a hostel for old people, 'The Willows,' St. George's Hospital, and may be visited at any time. At 92 years of age he is in excellent shape physically and still retains quite an interest in the Exercise. He is visited regularly by members of the Hornchurch band and was able to take a pair to a course of Grandsire Triples, when visited on Christmas morning.

It is interesting to note that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Beaconsfield, Bucks, for the consecration of a new daughter church of St. Thomas, Holtspur, has a ringer, the Rev. L. G. Reeves, as curate-in-charge, and his daughter, Miss Gwen Reeves, scored her first peal (at the first attempt) on this very special occasion. Gwen was very diffident about tackling a peal at all, but she rang splendidly, and showed no signs of wear—not even a blister! It is to be hoped she will now join 'The Crazy Gang' and indulge in further peals.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Diss, are to be rehung. Estimates for repair and maintenance work have been invited from bellhanging firms. Erected in 1833, at a cost of £600, they have only been repaired once since then—in 1894. The longest peal on the bells was 6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung (according to a peal board in the belfry) in 4 hours 3 minutes in 1866.

Mr. Stephen Ivins writes that he has not composed a 5,184 Apsley Surprise Major (see page 813, December 1st).

In Mr. Trevor A. Bevis' article on Surfleet Church, the number of peals rung by Mrs. A. Richardson is incorrectly stated, through a typographical error. The correct total is 270.

At Rye, Sussex, Miss Noreen Winter and Miss Gillian Sewell were recently elected captain and vice-captain of the band respectively, with Mr. S. Skinner to act as steeple-keeper.

We note with satisfaction that a local band rang Grandsire Doubles for a Confirmation service on December 17th at Ilfracombe Parish Church. This is the outcome of the training this young band has received from Mr. J. A. Hill, who has been residing at Ilfracombe since October, and Miss B. Boyle and Mr. Sangwin, of Combe Martin.

With the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Englefield, Berks, on December 14th, Mr. G. Dodd has now completed peals in all the nine towers visible from the 17 miles stretch of Bath Road between Newbury and Reading. These towers are Shaw (6), Thatcham (8), Midgham (6), Beenham (6), Aldermaston (8), Padworth (6), Englefield (6), Theale (6) and Tilehurst (8). The four-bell tower at Brimpton has yet to be conquered.

The ringers of the peal at Beaconsfield would like to thank the Misses Fletcher for the repast that followed its successful conclusion. They also had in mind their former Branch secretary, Bill Butler, and his ringing wife, Audrey, who became the proud parents of a daughter, Alison Jane, earlier in the week. Congratulations!

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	*CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 7
*MRS. FRED A. WILLGESS .. 2	*JOHN H. SOANES 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	HENRY TOOKE 9
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 10
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 5	*BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 11
*TERENCE G. PAGE 6	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

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On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. Treble	†MALCOLM PHIPPS 6
*NEIL DONOVAN 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 3	DAVID FRENCH 8
MRS. M. BURNS 4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 9
†STUART ARMESON 5	PHILIP WALKER Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. 150th peal as conductor for Yorkshire Association.

A tribute of respect to Sydney F. Palmer, of Sheffield, who passed away on November 18th, 1961.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 8
†ALEC W. FRY 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* 25th peal. † First of Royal.

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On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 2	*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 8
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON 9
THOMAS M. COX 5	FREDERICK ROSS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*FRED C. PUGH Treble	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5
*MICHAEL G. SELBY .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6
†WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 3	†MARTYN HAWKES 7
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Pudsey. ‡ 25th peal.

A 14th birthday compliment to Michael J. Fellows.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. Treble	DAVID J. ORLEDGE 5
DEBORAH HOPKINS .. 2	KENNETH W. PRICE 6
ROBERT E. DAY 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
*ROY R. TIFFIN 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major in more than one method by the Society.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*LESLIE HAWKINS Treble	DAVID J. KNIGHT 5
†FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 2	*WALTER BEAVEN 6
ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT .. 3	NORMAN G. N. KNEE .. 7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4	SIDNEY G. GRANT Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. N. KNEE.

* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal for the Guild. First peal as conductor.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN E. BROUGH 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Rung in celebration of the 93rd birthday of Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5056 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*PETER J. HERITAGE .. Treble	*EDWARD R. VENN 5
*MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
*JOHN G. PUSEY 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Evesham.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*MICHAEL THOMSON .. Treble	CLIFFORD SHAW 5
JOHN BREEZE 2	JOHN RYDER 6
†FRANK KING 3	†HAROLD MONK 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	CHRISTOPHER JONES .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* 25th peal for the Guild. † First in the method, and of Major.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Leach, an honorary member of the Chester Guild.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 40 lb. in F.

DAVID CUBITT Treble	WILFRED SAUNDERS 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	ROY DUESBURY 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 7
FRANK C. ARNOLD 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

DAVID J. FORDER .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5
VIVIEN ROWE 2	*ANTHONY CARTER 6
VERONICA J. TUMBER .. 3	NORMAN HAYES 7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN.

Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the new Dean of Winchester, the Rt. Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith, whose induction took place this day.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*GORDON W. LAND .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
IVOR GOULTER 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW 7
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4	ERIC SUTTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th for the Association. First in the method by all the band (except the ringer of the fourth), on the bells, and for the Association.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland, 1,440 Yorkshire; with 69 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.
GEORGE DAWSON Treble J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2 ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT 6
JOHN E. ALLEN 3 RONALD C. NOON 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4 CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor
Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.
STEPHEN IVIN Treble RONALD J. SHARP 5
DONALD F. MURFET 2 GEORGE E. THODAY 6
AVRIL IVIN 3 GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON 4 MANSFIELD GINN Tenor
Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.
*PETER J. HERITAGE Treble †EDWARD R. VENN 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2 JOHN G. PUSEY 6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY 3 GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 4 GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE .. Treble FRANK LAWRENCE 5
†ARTHUR C. BERRY 2 PHILLIP MORGAN 6
†GERALD W. EDWARDS 3 †JOHN CLEMENTS 7
ARTHUR JOPP 4 R. GEORGE MORRIS Tenor
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. John Clements.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.
*ERIC S. WHITE Treble GEORGE S. DEAS 5
ALAN R. PATTERSON 2 FREDERICK ROSS 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3 J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
ERIC N. HARRISON 4 BRYAN PATTISON Tenor
Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.
*GWENDOLYN C. REEVES .. Treble A. JAMES GLASS 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3 WILFRID G. WILSON 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4 EDWARD S. T. FARR Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the consecration on St. Thomas' Day (December 21st) of the new Church of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr, Holtspur, a daughter church of the above parish church, by the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. H. Carpenter.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 Ealing, 768 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 each of Bristol and Superlative, and 576 each of Rutland and Wembley; with 136 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
HOWARD OGLESBY Treble †ALAN J. GRIFFIN 5
DENNIS KNÖX 2 †DAVID J. TAYLOR 6
*THOMAS J. LOCK 3 †FRANK C. PRICE 7
†B. CLARE WEBSTER 4 JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor
Composed by ERNEST C. S. TURNER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 250th tower for a peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.
ANN GEORGE Treble †JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 2 STANLEY JENNER 6
ANDREW M. MACVE 3 JOHN R. COOPER 7
*IAN H. ORAM 4 *A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor
Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* 50th peal together. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2 J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3 COLIN A. S. HARWOOD 7
PETER J. COLES 4 JACK S. DEAR Tenor
Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb.
STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble FREDERICK R. SCOTT 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2 *J. KEITH WARD 6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH 3 ROBIN G. LEALE 7
*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4 PHILIP MEHEW Tenor
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Bristol.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.
LIONEL S. WOODS Treble DENNIS A. HEWITT 5
FRANK V. GANT 2 CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
ANDREW J. SALISBURY 3 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 7
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS 4 ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*KEITH GOULD Treble ARTHUR NEWTON 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2 SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6
†JOYCE BARTON 3 JOHN E. CAMP 7
WALTER AVERY 4 DAVID A. CORNWALL Tenor
Composed by J. R. PITMAN. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.
JOHN PLADDYS Treble GEORGE S. DEAS 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON 2 ERIC N. HARRISON 6
ALAN R. PATTERSON 3 FREDERICK ROSS 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON 4 J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor
Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
Carter's No. 33. DAVID J. TAYLOR Treble H. GEORGE HART 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2 HENRY D. BUTLER 6
ELSIE K. HART 3 JOHN R. MAYNE 7
FREDA CLAYTON 4 *PENELOPE R. PAGE Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung by members of the local band for the Christmas Festival.

BLEWBOY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 19½ cwt.
 HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 5
 *PETER CORDEROY .. 2 ROBERT B. BLOND .. 6
 FRANK E. GODDEN .. 3 CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 7
 WILLIAM J. IRVING .. 4 WILLIAM E. FULKER .. Tenor
 Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
 * First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 PDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
 JOHN G. AMES .. Treble RONALD C. NOON .. 5
 JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2 EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6
 STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3 MAURICE BENNETT .. 7
 J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4 CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor
 Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

SIX BELL PEALS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, viz.: Grandsire Rev. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon, St. Mar's, St. Simon's and Plain.
 Tenor 9 d. 2 qr. 12 lb.
 JOHN TICKLE .. Treble TOM HARRIS .. 4
 CELIA COWLEY .. 2 RON CARTER .. 5
 DAVID SWIFT .. 3 *HARRY LACEY .. Tenor
 Conducted by TOM HARRIS.
 * First peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Spliced Oxford and Capel, (2) Oxford and Sandal, (3) Oxford and London scholars, (4) Oxford and Kingston, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) ent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt 0 lb. in F sharp.
 MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON Treble HENRY KIRK .. 4
 *LYNNE V. SHERWOOD (16) 2 J. DAVID ADAMS .. 5
 ALAN G. KIRK .. 3 ALEX RICHARDSON .. Tenor
 Conducted by LEX RICHARDSON.
 * First peal.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
 JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Treble *MARGARET CHILTON .. 4
 ELEANOR ROSE .. 2 THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. 5
 WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 3 HAROLD STEVENSON .. Tenor
 Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
 * First peal of Minor 'inside.'

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (The St. Andrew Society, Derby.)
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 extents (ten 11ings) and four 240's.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 q12 lb. in B flat.
 G. BRIDGES (12) .. Treble *H. BRIDGES .. 4
 R. WALKLATE .. 2 A. BRIDGES (14) .. 5
 *K. BEJESTIA (12) .. 3 *W. ALLSOPP (12) .. Tenor
 Conducted by A. BRIDGES.
 * First peal of Gandsire. † First Grandsire on tower bells. First as conductor on tower bells.
 Rung on the front six.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
 *HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble *DONALD F. MURFET .. 4
 REGINALD HOUGHTON .. 2 GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
 †CHRIS. L. BELL .. 3 MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor
 Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
 * 25th peal together. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

ENGLEFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of London, two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 *GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. Treble FRANK W. LEWIS .. 4
 REGINALD W. REX .. 2 RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
 *PETER WILKINSON .. 3 GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor
 Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
 * First peal in more than one Surprise Minor method.

COSGROVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2.160's and one 720: C.C.C. Nos. 150, 152 and 153.
 Tenor 10½ cwt.
 EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. Treble CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 4
 WILLIAM A. YATES .. 2 GEORGE E. GREEN .. 5
 JAMES LINNELL .. 3 GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor
 Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
 JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Treble DONALD A. KIRK .. 4
 DAPHNE P. BROWN .. 2 WALTER WESTON .. 5
 HENRY P. COLLIN .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor
 Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
 Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Arthur Mitchell, for many years churchwarden, interred this day in the village churchyard.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14½ cwt.
 *THELMA STAPLES .. Treble DENNIS SMEDLEY .. 4
 FRANK COOKE .. 2 MALCOLM FOSTER .. 5
 GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor
 Conducted by MALCOLM FOSTER.
 * First peal. First in seven methods as conductor.
 Rung as a last token of respect to Mr. G. H. Foster, grandfather of the conductor.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.
 *COLIN F. GATES .. Treble JOHN H. MCTEAR .. 4
 HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. 2 HARRY BYROM .. 5
 JOSEPH LING .. 3 LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor
 Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
 * First peal.
 Rung for the engagement of Tena Story and John I. Bethwaite.

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GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oswald Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*THOMAS G. GOODWIN .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 4
S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 2	*WILLIAM L. EXTON 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. 3	J. DAVID CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	*COLIN D. EMERY 4
CHERRY WHITE 2	†BRIAN J. BULL 5
LEONARD W. ALLEN 3	BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal, first attempt. † First 'inside.'

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN E. HONEYWOOD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
ALFRED HONEYWOOD .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
NOEL K. FOAKES 3	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

A 14th birthday peal for John E. Honeywood, in which three generations of the family took part.

TOWCESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	JAMES LINNELL 5
*ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First on the bells since November 9th, 1912, when a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) College Bob IV, (2) College Exercise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

IAN R. PANTON Treble	HUGH E. BISHOP 4
ANDREW S. HUDSON 2	JAMES L. TOWLER 5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

PETER J. WOODCOCK .. Treble	JOHN CARTER 4
GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 5
WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung for the christening of William Anthony Owen, son of the conductor.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine extents of Grandsire and 11 360's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

J. BURTON Treble	T. SMITH 4
G. A. DIXON 2	C. V. CADE 5
W. S. SMITH 3	D. FOX Tenor

Conducted by G. A. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, a former Vicar, who was interred on this day.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHELSEA DELIGHT MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. Treble	PETER J. EVES 4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER 5
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Ringers of treble and 2 have now 'circled the tower.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CHERRY WITHELL .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 4
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 2	CHARLES COLES 5
†EDWARD R. VENN 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First in 11 Minor methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with four different callings, all 56's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER 5
*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Minor in the method.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford and Rossendale; (2) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet; (3) London and Wells; (4) Cambridge and Ipswich; (5) Norwich; (6) Bourne; (7) Netherseale. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Treble	*GEORGE E. THODAY 4
DONALD F. MURFET .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 100th peal. First in 15 Surprise methods for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 9, 1961, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF 1040 MINOR

Being eight methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Bourne Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clements and Plain Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob. 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 handbell peal in eight methods by all the band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 LAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYE 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

LLANDAFF, LAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT LLY ESGOB.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 1-2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3-4
WILLIAM J. GODFELLOW .. 5-6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge, 720 Plain Bob): D. G. Rowlands 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, Rosalind Hicks 4, M. G. Swift 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob Doubles: J. Sawell 1, P. S. Gaisford 2, M. W. Wilmot 3, F. W. Box 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, Juliet Finn 6. First in method for all except 2 and 5.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with treble in front): Yvonne James (first quarter) treble, 1. Holland 1, B. Masters 2, Valerie Mephram 3, H. Ballard 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Proder 6. Rung for the christening of Viscount Linley.

BAUGHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Watts (first attempt, aged 15) 1, A. Littlejohns 2, Sheila Taylor (first attempt 'inside') 3, J. Roberts 4, D. Papworth (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. For evening service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mary Wells 3, P. Corderoy 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Bond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, E. J. Grace 8. For morning service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gunstone 1, G. Gunstone 2, M. Wilmot (first 'inside') 3, G. Parsons 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, P. S. Gaisford 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Gore 1, P. J. Dye 2, D. C. J. Padfield (first on eight 'inside') 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, Kathleen M. Exell 5, C. J. Richards 6, D. C. Exell (cond.) 7, J. Brain 8. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. C. Exell 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first of D.N.C.B.M.) 2, R. C. Edwards 3, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 4, J. D. C. Richards (first of D.N.C.B.M.) 5, P. Bridle (first of D.N.C.B.M.) 6, R. J. Bowden 7, D. J. Hunt (first of D.N.C.B.M. as cond.) 8.

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. D. Thomas (first quarter) 1, A. Walters (first quarter) 2, R. Warburton 3, R. Pateman 4, W. G. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. D. Thomas 6. First quarter on the bells since recasting and re-hanging. Rung for Evensong.

CONINGSBY, Lincs.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. P. Evans (first quarter) 1, E. Flinham 2, Mrs. J. R. Worsdall 3, J. F. Pearson 4, J. R. Worsdall 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. R. Dyke (first quarter) 1, Margaret Thewlis (first as cond.) 2, Barbara Butler 3, R. Howes 4, A. Howes 5, F. Absolom 6, D. Exon (first quarter) 7, M. Welch 8. For Patronal Festival morning service.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, at Christ Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Blyth 1, Sally Parrott (first 'inside') 2, Carolyn D. Cockman 3, D. Herschell 4, G. A. Cockman 5, F. Oakshot (cond.) 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough (first quarter) 1, R. Hinton 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. M. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Daly 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss G. Mooring (first 'inside') 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Priestly 6.

HESTON, MIDD.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Smith 1, A. Grant 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, P. Ruch 4, M. Hawkins 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Susan Garrett to Ian Ramsay.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): J. Papworth 1, Miss W. Elliott 2, A. Hunwick 3, A. T. Beckwith 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung as birthday compliments to J. Papworth and C. I. Buttons, members of the local band.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hague (first quarter) 1, A. Newman (un, first 'inside') 2, Angela Anon 3, W. A. Farmer 4, A. Pendlebury 5, H. Harrison 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. Stephens (first quarter on eight) 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, Miss M. Bliss 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, Miss V. Willard 5, A. Pendlebury 6, W. A. Farmer 7, A. Newman sen. 8. For Evensong.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Original, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Margaret Smith 1, M. Wall 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, D. Weeks 6. For evening service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. F. Lock (first on ten) 1, Miss C. Webster 2, Miss R. M. Foreman 3, Mrs. H. G. Hart 4, J. D. L. Richards 5, H. G.

Hart 6, D. T. C. Smith 7, T. J. Lock 8, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 9, D. J. Taylor 10. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Grainger 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. V. Gant 2, L. S. Woods 3, D. Hewitt 4, A. Grainger 5, R. Chapman 6, J. Fowler 7, A. Gargrave 8, A. J. Boyack 9, C. Fines (cond.) 10.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Olwen Quint 1, Jennifer Brake 2, Mrs. M. Powell 3, R. Adkins (first in the method 'inside') 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Viscount Linley.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,265 Stedman Caters: R. W. Leighton 1, Iris Thomson 2, E. N. Harrison 3, W. Robson 4, G. S. Deas (cond.) 5, J. E. Anderson 6, E. P. Crowdy 7, J. Hedley 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, F. Ross 10. For Evensong.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Turner 1, Jeannie Settle (first quarter) 2, J. Greenwood 3, Pamela Cox (first of Bob Major) 4, Jennifer Jackson (first quarter) 5, A. Town (first of Bob Major) 6, Gael Brown 7, W. G. Turner (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

NOW'S THE TIME

This is the appropriate week for new postal subscribers to join, and also the time to renew subscriptions.

Remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greyston's, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

Rates: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd (first on ten 'inside') 2, H. W. Millard 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, A. J. Collings 5, W. G. Lavers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for the Lord Mayor's carol service, the church being lit by 2,000 wax candles. Also at St. Andrew's, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd 2, D. R. Bould 3, A. T. Collings 4, H. F. Myers 5, R. G. Abbott 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Andrew's, on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, H. W. Millard 2, J. W. Perkins 3, H. F. Myers 4, R. G. Abbott 5, A. J. Collings 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For 9.45 Celebration.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Freda Streeter 1, A. J. Bull 2, R. G. Talbot 3, G. Oliver 4, K. Game 5, A. Streeter 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey J. Knight (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, C. J. Herbert 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For Advent, and as a birthday compliment to A. W. Fry. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. D. G. Northway 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, A. W. Fry 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, D. Greenlaw 8. For Christmas.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tina Newnham (first of Triples) 1, Susan Morley 2, Gillian Sewell 3, Linda M. Southern 4, M. Winter 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, S. Skinner 8. For Evensong, and a farewell quarter to the conductor.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Askew 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veall 6. For the silver wedding of the ringer of the third and Mrs. Roberts.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Foster (first of Minor) 1, D. C. Green 2, Jennifer M. Bunyan 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, C. M. Foster 6. For Christmas.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Beach 1, Mrs. D. J. Beach 2, D. J. Beach 3, W. Fay 4, H. Parker 5, B. Sutton (cond.) 6. First quarter on the new six.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): D. R. Best 1, R. C. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, F. Welch 5, K. Welch 6. First in three methods by all. Birthday compliments to D. R. Best and J. Cornelius. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Gran fire Doubles: J. Cornelius 1, R. Pond 2, R. Welch 3, D. R. Best 4, F. Welch (cond.) 5, 1 Best 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 22nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth 1, Miss M. Wright 2, Miss R. Roworth 3, R. J. Drewett (first in the method) 4, P. Minchin 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, T. A. Palmer 8. A birthday compliment to T. A. Palmer. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Little (first of Caters) 1, Miss R. Roworth 2, Miss M. Wright 3, R. J. Drewett 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6, R. G. Townsend 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For evening service.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—All rung at St. Mary's Basilica. On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: David C. Hughes 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, Lawrence R. A. Curran 3, Graeme A. J. Langshaw 4, William D. Watson 5, John H. Fryer 6, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, John C. Sheehy 8. First in method 2 and 4. A compliment to Philip, Andrew and Judith Goodyer on the birth of their brother, Geoffrey Mark. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. R. A. Curran 1, R. L. Clark 2, J. H. Fryer 3, A. J. Langshaw 4, W. D. Watson 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for all, first attempt. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian E. Coker 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, R. L. Clark (first of Bob Major) 3, A. J. Langshaw 4, L. R. A. Curran 5, W. D. Watson 6, J. H. Fryer (first as cond. of Major) 7, T. W. Goodyer 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4 at first attempt. A farewell to Gillian E. Coker, who is returning to Harpenden, Herts, after a year as an exchange teacher in N.S.W. Also Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy A. Nichols 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. L. Clark 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, J. H. Fryer 5, J. J. Cummins (first in method as cond.) 6, L. R. A. Curran 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. First in method for 3 and 4. For Carol Festival.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Corderoy 1, S. Franklin 2, G. Tinson 3, R. Howes 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Adam 6. Rung by the Wallingford Grammar School band, prior to the service of nine lessons and carols.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, D. H. Rooke 5, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,296 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Challans 1, H. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 600 Oxford T.B.): F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, D. H. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, M. Foster 6. For Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, H. T. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, D. H. Rooke 5, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—On Dec. 14th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. C. M. Meyer 3, Miss M. Powell 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. H. Lott 6, A. F. Udall 7, C. W. Otley 8. For Confirmation.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Doel (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Doel 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, G. H. Harding (cond.) 4, C. Butcher 5, T. B. Holloway 6, F. Penn 7, A. Grist 8. For Evensong.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. Willows 1, A. Bridges 2, K. Betesta 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, H. Bridges 5, W. Allsopp 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): J. Linnell 1, C. E. Green (cond.) 3, D. Burbidge 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Cambridge S. Minor: G. Thodam 1, S. Shipp 2, D. Murfet 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, M. Ginn 6. For Matins.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Vaughan 1, R. P. Bullen 2, Miss R. Heighes (first quarter) 3, R. Divall 4, F. I. Hairs (cond.) 5, R. Watson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Dunn (first quarter) 1, H. N. Tembey 2, J. H. McTear 3, Mrs. L. B. Bumphrey 4, H. Byrom 5, L. B. Bumphrey (cond.) 6.

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BIRTH

GOODYER.—On November 13th, 1961, in Sydney to Margaret (née Winter), formerly of Bristol and School House, Quedgeley, and Tom, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, a son, Geoffrey Mark, brother for Philip, Andrew and Judith. 9378

ENGAGEMENTS

FROST—LAWLESS.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawless, of 4, Oakley Road, Corby, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Diana Mary, to Alan John, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. E. Frost, of 72, Hallwood Road, Kettering. 9587

PARRY—ROBINSON.—The engagement is announced between Peter Everett, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Parry, of Liverpool, and Eveline Mae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Robinson, of Filton. 9390

SHEPPARD—BARNES.—The engagement is announced between Barry Steven, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sheppard, of Blunsdon, Wiltshire, and Jean Magdalene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnes, of Ashbury, Berkshire. 9388

DEATH

TAYLOR.—John William, on December 27th, 1961, aged 7, only son of Merle and Paul Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, CLITHEROE, LANCS.—There will be no practice on Monday, January 8th.—W. E. Wilkinson. 9409

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: Jan. 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; Jan. 16th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; Jan. 23rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; Jan. 30th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9420

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Kempston, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Cars will meet buses arriving at King William between 2.45 and 3.15 p.m. Other requests for transport invited.—R. L. Piron, No. 8, Bowhill, Bedford. Tel. 61835. 9364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9353

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Hersham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Names for tea to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. 9342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m., St. Andrew's, Hertford. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall (St. Andrew's churchyard) 5 p.m. All Saints' open after tea. St. Andrew's also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, if possible, please, to Mr. G. Ditton, 37, North Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8, recently restored) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. No name—to tea.—W. H. Dobbie, Sec. 9359

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting to be held at Southover, Lewes, on January 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea please, if possible, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting at Church Kirk on January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea (nominal charge) 5 p.m. Business to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. J. Williams, 44, Lancaster Avenue, Accrington.—J. Pilkington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 6th: Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral, 5. Tea, Lyons'. London Bridge, 5.45. Business and 1962 nominations, Vestry, St. George-the-Martyr's, 6.30. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr's, 7.30 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. 15L 3921.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 9326

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, January 6th. St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8) 3-5.15 p.m.; All Saints' (8) 3-5; Cathedral (12) 6.30-9. Tea in St. Marie's Parish Hall 5.15 p.m.—J. Seager.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—S. Adams. 9391

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division)

All ringers welcome to a social (7 to 9.30 p.m.) after ringing meeting at Warnham (Sussex) on

Saturday, January 6th, 1962.

—G. Francis, Ringing Master. 9310

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Diss, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 9372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Emberton, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 9374

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing at St. Martin's afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 9338

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Division, Saturday, Jan. 6th, Warnham (8). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.15. Ringing until 7 p.m., followed by social. Names to E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Will anyone intending to come to the dinner in Manchester on January 6th who has not sent 16s. 6d. (undergraduate 12s. 6d.) write NOW to D. J. Roaf, Exeter College, Oxford. 9362

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Prestbury (8), Tuesday, January 9th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—E. M. Bliss, Branch Sec. 9407

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A general meeting will be held at Barnsley, Saturday, January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (4s.) and meeting Rectory Rooms. Please notify Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley. 9408

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 9393

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Wiveliscombe (8), January 13th. Numbers for tea by the 8th, essential.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 9377

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9405

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing in evening. Ringing for everyone.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9404

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Cottingham (8), Saturday, January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in King Street Rooms, 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. Pybus, 28, Wainfleet Avenue, Cottingham. 9392

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Short business meeting in vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 9355

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—January 13th, meeting at Withyham. Tea in The King's Hall. Names by 11th to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells. Have you got your ticket for the dinner on February 10th?—C. A. Bassett. 9394

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9395

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—A.G. meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 9361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester, St. Peter's, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available. Numbers for tea, please, by January 10th to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9376

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, January 13th, Rodbourne Cheney (6). Names for tea.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9399

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Barnwood (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 9327

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Awliscombe, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 10th, to Webb, Millhead Road, Honiton. 3229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Aylesford, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9379

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Preston St. John's (Preston Parish Church), Saturday, January 13th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschel Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 9397

Guildford Diocesan Guild NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Saviour's Church Hall, off Woodbridge Road, Guildford, on Saturday, January 13th, 1962, at 6 for 6.15 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the Guildford Diocesan Guild/Surrey Association proposed merger. All paid-up members, whether honorary, ringing or junior, can vote.

It is your duty to come and indicate your views for the future of your Guild.

C. W. Denyer,
Guild Master.
S. T. Russell,
General Secretary.

Orchard Cottage,
Ash Hill Road,
Ash, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A.G.M. at All Saints' Hamer, Rochdale, Saturday, January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 9410

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Main Street, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 9417

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Our Lady and St. Nicholas' Church, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 6d.) 5. Evensong 5.45. Ringing 6.15 to 7.30. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. in tower. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to Miss White, Mildmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool, 8. 9413

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in School Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by 10th to S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester.—A. J. Poyner. 9419

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Heckington (8), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Methods: Little Bob, Yorkshire. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Dixon, 11, Kyme Road, Heckington.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 9370

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting and evening ringing, 6 to 8 p.m. 9412

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, January 13th, Hanley. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 10th, to Mr. N. Sergeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 9344

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Rothwell (8), January 13th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Hon. Secretary, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. 9416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Saturday, January 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, 'Greenford,' Badby Road West, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 9375

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 13th. East Retford (10). West Retford (6) and Babworth (6) afternoon and evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Cafes in town for own tea arrangements. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 9380

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 9324

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Betchworth (8), January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9406

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Fareham on January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Hall. Names by previous Thursday to Mr. A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 9403

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Bells available after tea, Hurstbourne Priors, also during afternoon. 9415

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Sible Hedingham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (available to all who notify by Tuesday, January 16th). Names to Mr. B. W. Pettitt, 9, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, Halstead, Essex. 9400

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham-breaux (6), Saturday, January 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash, please, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, by January 17th.—T. C. P. 9384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Northfleet, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet. 9414

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 20th. Gainsborough. Ringing 2 to 5.30 p.m. Service, Dinner and social evening in the Old Hall 6.15-11 p.m. Please notify me by previous Tuesday for dinner, price 10s.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9381

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Finedon, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Chapman, 22, Sidley Road, Finedon.—J. E. S. 9418

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held in the crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 20th. Ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30-3.30 p.m., and St. Giles-in-the-Fields 3.30-4.45 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, S.W.18. 9385

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 20th, at 3 p.m. in Upton Church Hall, Torquay. Tea available and Upton bells (8) afterwards until 7.30 p.m. 9402

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, Newark. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark. 9411

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Annual District meeting, Palgrave (8), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also available: Redgrave (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m., and Thrandeston (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea must be in by Jan. 16th to H. Mitson, Lefey Hall, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 9416

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet 3.15 p.m. prompt in the school rooms, Otley Road. Tea and general meeting in same premises at 5, preceded by service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 18th to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, Leeds.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 9401

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

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED KING

Ringers throughout the country will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Alfred King, of Luton, Beds.

Born at Pirton, a few miles from Luton, on June 7th, 1871, he was the fourth child of a family of nine. On September 13th, 1893, he married Miss Kate Ellingham, and the young couple settled in Luton, where Mr. King was employed. The marriage, which lasted 68 years, was a very happy one, and it was a great blow to Mr. King when, three months ago, Kate died after suffering indifferent health for about two years. He was reunited with her on December 19th, when, seated in his chair, he passed peacefully away.

The funeral service at Luton Parish Church, where, for 60 years, Mr. King had been a regular ringer, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. E. Frankham, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

Afterwards the bells of the Parish Church were rung for a short time, as a tribute to a very loyal ringer, and on December 26th a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there by members of the local band and other members of the Bedfordshire Association.

A. E. R.

MR. JOSEPH NEEDHAM

A remarkable record of family service to the church has been severed by the death of Mr. Joseph Needham, of Barwell, Leicestershire, at the age of 86 years. He was the last of a line of family which had given its sons in successive generations continuously, since 1702, to fulfil the office of parish clerk, at Barwell. He had been in office for 53 years. His only son died at the early age of 23, so there is no successor.

Mr. Needham was the last surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on the bells after augmentation to eight in 1902. It is interesting to note that the ringers who took part in this peal died in the order of Queens. Joseph rang the tenor. His absences from the belfry were very rare. His striking was meticulous, and he was able to ring for service within three weeks of his passing, thus completing 70 years as a ringer in one tower. His last quarter peal was a year ago.

The funeral service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector, Rev. P. Cryer.

In the evening, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the Barwell ringers. Before the ringing commenced Mr. T. C. Belton, diocesan lay reader, who took part in the ringing, led the band in prayer in thankfulness for the good life of Joseph Needham. T. C. B.

MESSRS. HECTOR KNIGHTS AND FRANK DEACON

The Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has suffered the loss of two familiar figures in Messrs. Hector Knights and Frank Deacon.

Hector Knights, who was born at Earl Shilton, was a member of the choir and also a bellringer before moving to Hinckley, prior to the war. He rang a good number of peals both in tower and 'in hand,' particularly with the late Frank Trotman. Owing to a long and painful illness he had not worked for several years, but the cheerfulness which endeared him to all was with him until the end. He was 53. A peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' already reported, was rung to his memory by his friends in the Hinckley District.

Another Earl Shilton ringer was Frank Deacon. He left the village many years ago and resided at Kirkby Mallory, where, prior to the second war, he was responsible for augmenting a silent ring of five with a sixth and training a band who were capable of Surprise Minor for regular Sunday ringing.

A butcher by trade, it was a great tragedy when, after the war, an accident at work terminated his ringing career. He was 56, and leaves a wife, who is organist at the adjoining church of Peckleton.

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