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TENNYSON AND WRAXALL

THERE have been various towers suggested as having had the honour of inspiring Tennyson to write his 'In Memoriam'—'Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,' which is probably the most quoted reference to bells in verse. B. J. Greenhill, in his article in 'The Cleveland Mercury' of August 11th, on the bells of All Saints', Wraxall, repeats the suggestion made in 1895, in 'The Bristol Channel Illustrated,' that they might have been the bells of Wraxall.

'I cannot say how true the statement is,' he writes, 'but we do know that it took the poet fifteen years to write "In Memoriam" A.H.H. to his friend Arthur Hallam, who lies buried in St. Andrew's, the parish church of Clevedon, and whose father had lived at Wraxall Court, so its is possible.

The earliest of the bells of Wraxall is dated 1705, the church being pre-Reformation, as witness the narrow, tortuous staircase to the roof loft, now used by the organist to reach his elevated position.

In pre-Reformation days bells were usually cast in the churchyard or near to it, for roads and carriages for bells had not yet been developed. Edward Bilbie set up a bell foundry at Chew Stoke in 1690, and, passing through the hands of William, Thomas, Thomas, jun., Abraham, and Thomas and John, it eventually closed down in 1815, leaving the bells of the Bilbies all over North Somerset, invariably marked with name or initial. They were good bells in every way. The oldest known bell is at Chew Stoke, dated 1698, but the three in Wraxall tower are over 250 years old.

How did they take them from Chew Stoke to Wraxall? We know that local roads in 1705, so called for there were no main highways, hereabout were often impassable in winter, so the transport of bells would be a summer-time job, with the aid of a sledge and slow plodding but strong oxen in front and no doubt behind also when going down hills. Or was it done on a broad-bottomed frame with little wide rimmed wheels like rollers to spread the weight?

Tradition says that some of the bells were cast locally, i.e., in the churchyard or near, which meant the carriage of iron from Broadfield Down, furnace pots and ladles, copper, tin, a frame for the core, and perhaps clay for the mould. Arrangements would have to be made long beforehand, for matured wood was necessary for the framework. In those days the furnace would be stoked with faggots or fed with charcoal, iron would be brought for the clapper, and leather for the baldrick could be obtained from Nailsea tannery two miles away, if Wraxall bells were so made.

In the Nailsea churchwardens' accounts, for instance, are found items of 'Leather for ye clapper' and 'Oyle for ye bell,' the earliest bells there being supposed to have been made by Bilbie by the tythe barn which is now a school.

It is possible that All Saints' had a bell or bells in the tower before 1705, but we have no evidence. There would, of course, be a sanctus bell over the chancel, or, as the Rev. G. Aldridge put it 50 years ago, 'The sanctus bell was hung in a bell-cote between the chancel and the nave, and during the celebration of the Mass three strokes were struck upon it as the Sanctus was sung. At the elevation of the Host the sacring bell would be sounded.

The three Edward Bilbie bells of 1705 are the third, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb., in C, inscribed, 'Thoft my voice it is but small, I will be herd amongst all, Ed. Bilbie' (two or three coins of William III. incorporated); the fourth, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., 'R.B.T.P. Edward Bilbie cast me' (two coins of William III. cast in); and the seventh, 14 cwt. in F, 'Sir Edward Gorges Ed. Bilbie cast all me' (two coins of William III. cast in).

Three bells were added by Kingston, of Bridgwater, in 1826, and in 1858, according to the vestry minutes, Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, were asked to estimate for putting the bells in order and recasting an old bell or providing a new one. At the time of the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria there were eight bells at All Saints' as follows: Treble, Llewellyn and James, 1887; 2nd, Llewellyn and James, 1887; 3rd, John Kingston, 1826; 4th, Edward Bilbie, 1705; 5th Edward Bilbie, 1765; 6th, John Kingston, 1826; 7th, John Kingston, 1826; tenor, Edward Bilbie, 1705.

Early in 1893 a pinnacle fell off the tower and narrowly missed the organ, which was then at the west end of the church. A thorough overhaul of the bells was called for amongst other work, and John Taylor and Co. recast the 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th, and added a new tenor bell. The treble of Llewellyn and James went to Failand, where it is the only bell. The eight bells were rehung with new fittings and a cast-iron H frame on a foundation of rolled steel girders.

To critics of bells, Mr. Greenhill tells this story. The Rev. G. S. Master wrote: 'It is said that the owner of Wraxall Court around 1788 planted the belt of trees adjoining the churchyard on the west to lessen the sound of the bells. This evidently not being sufficient, or the trees not growing quickly enough for his purpose, he once cut the bell ropes with a carving knife and had to do penance for the offence by standing clad in a white sheet in the church during divine service.'

REDEDICATION OF SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS



ON October 20th the ring of 12 bells at Saffron Walden were rededicated by the Bishop of Colchester, after being silent for over 2 years. In June, 1960, the 11th gudgeon broke and it was then found that woodworm had attacked the old wheels, headstocks and frame. The full restoration was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have done a wonderful job. The four main guiders (20 inches deep) and the massive frame are strong enough to take a 3 ton tenor. All 12 bells have been tuned so that the ring is now one family.

The service, which was fully choral, was attended by a large congregation. The Mayor and Corporation, in their robes, walked in procession from the Town Hall to the church. The Vicar (Canon M. R. Sinker) conducted the service and many clergy from neighbouring villages were present.

Some of the company. Lord Menbury, a friend of the donor of £1,700, is at the back, wearing spectacles; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pilston, whose initiative was so invaluable, are in the front left.

[Photo: David Campbell, Saffron Walden.]

The Bishop of Colchester preached an interesting sermon, and then all the clergy and choir walked to the west door. The Bishop held a bell rope in his hands and said the dedicatory prayers and the 12 bells rang out in rounds. As the congregation left the church the bells rang out to Stedman Cinques.

The visitors sat down to a cold lunch in the Parish Hall, while the local band were entertained at the private lunch, specially arranged in order that all could meet the anonymous donor of £1,700 to the Bell Restoration Fund, who at the last moment

could not attend! Among the distinguished guests at the lunch were: the Vicar and Mrs. Sinker, the Bishop of Colchester, Lord Braybrooke, Lord and Lady Wrenbury, Lady Helen Wrenbury, the Mayor and Mayoress of Saffron Walden, the Town Clerk, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor and others.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon till 5 p.m., when tea was taken in the Parish Hall. After tea ringing went on till nearly 8 p.m., all agreeing that the bells have been greatly improved, both in 'go' and tone, by Messrs. John Taylor.

During the day many methods were rung, including Stedman Cinques, Caters and Triples. Two plain courses of Cambridge Royal and a half course were successfully completed, and London, Cambridge. Superlative Major, Grand-sire Cinques and rounds on 12 for learners.

This was another great day in the history of Saffron Walden bells and ringers.

L. E. L.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

The Vicar of Knowle, Canon D. A. Foster, extended a very warm welcome to the members of the Guild, who attended the quarterly meeting at Knowle, on October 13th. There was a good attendance at the service, when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar.

The ancient Guildhall, built in 1412, was available for the tea, at which the Vicar and Mrs. Foster and the organist were present. The Guild was honoured by the presence of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council; Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, of Darley Dale; Mr. C. H. Kinch, honorary secretary of the Bioceter Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; and Mr. Frank W. Perrens, of Coventry.

At the business meeting, over which the Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) presided, Mr. Frederick Sharpe was elected a life member of the Guild. The tower elections, as life members, of the following ringers were duly ratified: John C. Eisell (Kingswinford), A. Maxwell Lindsey (Stoney Stanton), Miss Judith M. Atkinson (Nottingham), Miss Christine Sanders and Ian C. Maycock (Whitnash).

The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the city, on the first Saturday in January. A formal proposition to hold the Henry Johnson dinner in March, 1963, was accepted, and it was decided to invite the Rector of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green, to take the chair at this function.

A proposal that a tablet be placed in St. Martin's Church belfry to the memory of the late Albert Walker was brought before the

IMPORTANT NOTICE Central Council Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Whitsun, 1963

Headquarters will probably be at the Carlton Hotel, Marine Parade. Accommodation at this hotel is very limited, but additional accommodation can be reserved at the Cavendish Hotel nearby if the demand is sufficient. To enable this to be judged, will members who wish to stay at either the Carlton or Cavendish Hotels please let me know at once, stating

- (a) which hotel;
- (b) type of accommodation required (single or double); and
- (c) probable duration of stay.

Please note this will NOT be a booking, which members will have to undertake later, nor will it be binding upon anyone who may not be re-elected to the next Council and whose successor does not wish to take up the booking.

Terms are as follows:—

Carlton: Bed and breakfast from 32s. 6d. per person—52s. 6d.

Cavendish: Weekly terms only, £12 12s. plus 5 per cent. staff charge (this is a special rate for the Council).

E. A. BARNETT,
26, Iron Mill Lane, Hon. Secretary,
Crayford, Kent.

meeting, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Guild's officers to discuss.

Canon Foster, the organist, and Mr. Joe Lightfoot were thanked for their help in ensuring a successful meeting.

VILLAGE BELLS REHUNG BY VOLUNTEERS

The quarter peal at Tredunnock, Monmouthshire, is a story of silent bells again back into use. These bells had been silent for two or three years and the only ringing in the last 12 years had been that attempted by visiting bands.

In the last two months the back five bells have been rehung on new bosses and gudgeons. This was desperately needed as the old gudgeons had worn extremely oval, and the bells were regarded as unringable as the battering effect on the tower during any ringing, was quite considerable.

As the village was busy raising money for the re-roofing of the church, the Rector felt that professional rehanging was out of the question for many years. The rehanging has been nearly all done by voluntary labour—only a small charge for the new bosses being made by a local engineer—and was carried out by ringers from neighbouring towers, assisted by the Rector and churchwardens.

After ringing the quarter peal, it was felt that the 'go' of the bells could still be improved and, to this end, the frame is being further strengthened.

On September 9th a special ringing service was held and the Rector appealed for ringers and learners to get the bells ringing regularly once more. As a result, practice nights have been arranged for Fridays, and Mr. David Taylor, of Llandowllais, has offered to teach a band.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY 'ABROAD' AGAIN

ON Thursday, September 27th, we assembled at Lymington for our second trip 'abroad'—to spend the week-end on the Isle of Wight. The fine eight at Lymington produced some ringing, which we hoped was a good omen for the rest of the tour. Having collected all the party, we embarked on the 'Farringford,' bound for Yarmouth, I.W.

After a short ring at Freshwater, we headed for Brading, where we had hired the youth centre for the week-end. Beds were put together, these swayed violently at first, but, as far as I know, no one fell out in the night. The new handbells belonging to the University College of Wales Society, Aberystwyth, were produced and rung for the first time. They were found to have a nice tone and were much in demand during the week-end. We also found that being on our own in the youth centre, an old school surrounded by playground, we could ring for as long as we liked without disturbing anyone!

The next morning, after an excellent breakfast, prepared by the ladies of the party, we crossed the road to the ancient Parish Church of Brading and rang for a service, which, as there was no other congregation, became a Corporate Communion, especially for us. We did not excel ourselves ringing on the light eight, which was a pity as we learnt afterwards that the local schoolmaster stopped his lessons and opened the classroom windows so that the children could listen to the bells.

And so to the tour proper. There was something special about every church we visited on the Friday. London on the beautiful six at Godshill, the odd little six at Whitwell which were rather nice once we discovered how to ring them, the old church at Niton, where the Vicar's bible and prayer book are in braille; the wonderful view from the church at Chale and its sweet toned bells and, to finish the day, an excellent peal on the new bells at Brighstone, with two first peelers in the band. The rest of the party spent some time on the beach throwing stones into the sea! Then a toast to the peal ringers and back to the handbells.

On Saturday morning we headed for Ryde, where there are majestic sounding bells, especially from just outside the tower. Arreton has a charming little church under the Downs, with an odd-struck ring of six. Here we learned and rang Killamarsh, and discovered that the bells sounded quite nice if they were struck well. At Newport we were pleased to meet Mr. Upton, who showed us interesting old record books of ringing at Newport in the 18th century. Our ringing here was disappointing, the acoustics in the ringing chamber are bad, but that is no excuse really.

After dinner a treat was in store for us—the eight at Carisbrooke, voted by all to be the best on the island. As we left the tower we were approached by a gentleman who congratulated us and said he would always remember his visit to Carisbrooke Castle because of the sound of the bells. Here, too, the church was being decorated for Harvest Festival and looked very gay.

But we had to move on to the last ringable ring of bells on the island—the old five at Shorewell. Here we met our match, and lost. The bells are seldom rung and were definitely not appreciated by the little black dog at the garage opposite the church who put his head back and howled at every touch, from beginning to end!

Back to Brading for tea and a peal attempt. We do hope the schoolmaster and his children were listening as we redeemed our mistakes of Friday morning and showed the village just how Plain Bob Major should be rung. Unfortunately the peal was lost, but a good quarter was brought round. Liquid



The University of Wales Society at Ryde, Isle of Wight. Left to right—Front row: Janice Williamson, Gillian Graney; second row: John Cornelius, Peter Smith, Richard Newman; back row: David Beard, Gwyn Thomas, Richard Hedges, Peter Else, Richard Smith, Colin Lewis, Christopher Bainham.

refreshment and a singsong followed at the 'local' and, much later, tea and another singsong at the youth centre.

On Sunday everyone was awake early and we managed to catch the 9 a.m. ferry from Cowes. Cruising up Southampton water the handbells were produced; a gentleman from Yorkshire introduced himself and joined in several touches. We rang for services in Southampton, and after the services at Bitterne Park. I believe several of the party dashed to grab Winchester, and missed. And so with happy memories, back to Wales until next year.

G. S.

'IRISH BELL NEWS'

'The Irish Bell News' in its autumn issue makes an appeal to place the Irish Association's Bell Restoration Fund on a firmer basis. The aim is to increase the present capital of £61 6s. 7d. to £200. The idea is to invest the £200 in 5 or 6 per cent stock and make grants from the interest money.

There are several references in the issue to Miss F. Wyman's Irish tour, and also a nearly five page report of the tour, written by Miss Margaret Lewis. (Those not satisfied with the 'R.W.' report will find an unabridged report here.)

Among the visitors to Ireland, judging from reports, are the two tours (Miss Wyman's and Mr. Wilfrid Williams'), the Ingram family, from Birmingham; Paul, Sarah and Francis Taylor, from Loughborough; S. and L. Walmsley, Leyland; Jack Pryor and Elizabeth Murray

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's, on July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Lincoln 1, C. Osenton 2, J. Gander 3, G. Barnard 4, A. Hicks 5, J. Coleman (cond.) 6. Rung by ringers of Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, prior to the school founder's day service.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The 15th annual gathering to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington on October 20th.

A peal of Stedman Triples was scored at Yatton on the Friday evening and a quarter of Grandsire Caters at Wrington on Saturday after a peal attempt had come to grief.

Ringers from various parts of Somerset were entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Hesse, who thanked the ringers for taking part in the week-end ringing. Mr. G. Hawkins proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hesse and those responsible for organising the week-end, making the commemoration possible.

Those present were: The Rector of Wrington (Rev. B. Lee), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Miss D. Williams, Messrs. J. Baker, R. G. Beck, H. Bird, E. J. Chivers, L. Derrick, G. J. Hawkins, G. Prescott, J. Pullin, J. W. Owen, H. Sanger and S. D. Smith. G. H.

FILM MAKING AGAIN

Mr. A. J. M. Collins writes from Vancouver, B.C., Canada, that he is in the process of producing a shortened version of 'Ringers Required'—a total length of just under 15 minutes.

This is for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's English Television network, and they have promised to transmit the full shortened version three times in the next three years over the entire TV. network, from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B.C. The network is the largest in the world, being 4,200 miles in extent, with 49 stations and 36 re-broadcasting stations. The potential audience is 12 millions.

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Letters to the Editor

HIS CONSCIENCE WILTED

Dear Sir,—On reading Mr. Woodruffe's opening paragraph on Minor methods (page 700), I was arrested by his references to the 'conceited personal views' and 'unnecessary personal attacks' that had been made in previous letters on the same subject. Eagerly I unearthed the previously published correspondence and scanned it for something that I must have overlooked. Alas, all I could find were a few pungent remarks and trite observations made by both sides.

Sometimes they even said nice things about each other!

I reflected that an era must be gradually dawning when opponents in the 'R.W.' feed each other with milk and molasses.

But on rereading Mr. Woodruffe's remarks, I took heart; could not more be achieved by veiled references and subtle innuendos? Could not his strictures be applied to any of the correspondents and so embrace a wider field? Perhaps he was alluding not to Mr. — or Mr. —, or indeed to Mr. —, but to me!

My conscience, which is a tender plant by any standards, wilted under the searing blast.

I grovelled, Mr. Woodruffe, positively grovelled.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill. Wakefield.

P.S.—Perhaps, after all, my letters were amongst those that were 'thoughtful and constructive.' They usually are!—H.C.

MR. WOODRUFFE TAKEN TO TASK

Dear Sir,—It seems that Mr. Woodruffe has now lowered himself to the point of writing self-contradictory letters ('R.W. page 700'). His letter is indeed a 'conceited personal view,' which is what he professes to condemn.

With regard to his claim about the 'extent' of Little Bob Minor, if he consults the 'Ringers' Diary,' he will find that the total number of unrepeat changes on six bells is 720—thus Little Bob Minor is clearly incapable of producing an extent. He would find, I think, that a little less pigheadedness and a little more intelligent thought would solve his problems.

With regard to his 'reasons.'

(i) There are dozens of true methods that have not been rung to a peal before. If he wanted to ring a 'first' for the Surrey Association, St. Clement's would have been suitable, and much better.

(ii) The band were all capable of T.B. or Surprise, and could have 'skipped' Little Bob, and rung a peal of Kent or Oxford T.B. or Cambridge S. to name but three examples.

(iii) When Mr. Woodruffe allows reason and common sense to rule his wants and desires, he will probably find himself more popular.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

London, S.W.

COLLECTING DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I am making a collection of Doubles methods, which are not included in the book 'Doubles Methods,' which is published by the Central Council. I would be obliged if any ringer who knows of any such methods (or variations) would forward to me the name of the method, its plain course, the bob and/or single and the way in which it is called.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

118, Oxford Road,
Old Marston. Oxford.

TWO LONG LENGTH ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of two long length attempts:—

On Wednesday, November 14th, commencing at 2 p.m., an attempt to ring on handbells 15,000 Doubles in 25 methods (125 extents). The arrangements of the extents will be as follows:—

- (1) Shipway's Place B.
- (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure B.
- (3) Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.
- (4) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton Bob.
- (5) St. Nicholas' B.
- (6) St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall B.
- (7) St. Nicholas' and Longford S.C.
- (8) Winchendon Place.
- (9) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe B.
- (10) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C.
- (11) St. Remigius' Bob.
- (12) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley B.
- (13) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C.
- (14) St. Osmund Bob.
- (15) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B.
- (16) St. Osmund B. and Merton S.C.
- (17) St. Martin's B.
- (18) St. Martin's B. and Welford Bob.
- (19) St. Martin's B. and Slapton S.C.
- (20) St. Simon's B.
- (21) St. Simon's B. and Braywood B.
- (22) St. Simon's B. and Rugby S.C.
- (23) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.
- (24) Plain Bob and Boxford B.
- (25) Plain Bob.

Four times repeated.

On Wednesday, November 21st, commencing at 2 p.m., an attempt to ring on handbells 15,120 Plain Bob Minor (21 extents).

Both attempts will be held in the belfry of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, London, E.C., and will be for the University of London Society.

Should the Doubles attempt fail another attempt will be made on November 21st, same time and place, and the Minor attempt will then take place the following week, November 28th.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

London, S.W.

CHITTERNE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct an inaccuracy in the report of the rededication of the bells at Chitterne, Wilts. The treble and second were indeed recast in 1862 by George Mears out of the three bells, one of which was mediaeval, from the former Church of All Saints. The present back three bells came from old St. Mary's, but only the 4th and 5th are by James Burrough in Devizes, 1754.

The 3rd was cast in about 1400 by John Barber, of Salisbury. This bell is of particular interest as it is the only bell by Barber to bear his name, and without it a group of about a dozen bells, with examples as far spread as Rutland and Gloucester, could not be identified. The actual inscription with crowned letters and stops between each word is:

+ IHON · BAR · BUR · ME · MADE.

In a letter in the same issue of the 'R.W.' Ludham, Norfolk, is mentioned as having a tenor of 20 cwt. Indeed the 'Church Guide' book says it is 23 cwt. On a recent tour we measured this bell and found it to be 48 inches. It was cast by the famous Norwich founder John Brend in 1637 and strikes in E flat, and not a very thick E flat either. I would say therefore that it could not be more than 19 cwt.—Yours sincerely,

Putney,

A. CLAYTON.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, APPEAL

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Cathedral Chapter and Committee and Melbourne ringers generally may I thank very sincerely the Guilds and Associations who have donated to the above appeal. Others who have been unable to assist us have nevertheless acknowledged my request and this has been appreciated.

Listed below are donations already received. Would Association treasurers please accept this as an official receipt, although I have endeavoured to answer each donor personally. The appeal is still open and all being well work will commence on the bells at Easter, 1963. Should any other Guild be able to make a subscription before then this will be gratefully received.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

c/o St. Paul's Cathedral,
Melbourne, Victoria.

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Yorkshire Association	£2 2 0

GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Dear Sir,—We in Shenfield have been very interested in the varied opinions expressed in recent letters about Minor methods and peals.

It appears to us that your correspondents have overlooked the real question in these matters. Change ringing developed from rounds and call changes, through single changes to the present system of, for Minor, Double and Triple changes.

Is a reversion to single change methods a retrograde step? It is not an easy question to answer, and it is because we are doubtful on this point that we have excluded such methods from the spiced peals we have so far been able to achieve.

Perhaps the Methods Committee of the Central Council could give us a lead. Some time ago, I believe, the Central Council laid it down that one 720 of a Minor method rung seven times and one 120 of Doubles repeated 41 times should constitute a peal.

Peals in these days are comparatively easy to get, and any lowering of standards in any direction must be to the ultimate detriment of the Exercise, and is to be deplored.—Yours faithfully,

H. TURNER.

Shenfield, Essex.

A J. W. PARKER'S

Dear Sir,—The composition of Ashted, on page 701, should be credited to Joseph W. Parker and is available for all to see on page 44 of 'The Collection of Plain Major Methods' (price 3s. 6d., post free!).—Yours faithfully,

Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

R. F. B. SPEED.

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ST. Michael's, Southampton, has had bells from ancient times—how long, nobody knows. The earliest mentions of the church in the extensive town archives relate to the clock and bells.

Until 1878 there was a ring of six, which originally came from the Salisbury foundry. The second, third and tenor bear the date 1663 and the initials W.P. (William Purdue); the fifth is dated 1664 and as well as W.P. has R.P. (Roger Purdue). In 1680, Clement Tosier took over the foundry, and the treble is inscribed: 'Clement Tosier cast mee in the year 1693.' This bell was soon recast as the churchwardens' accounts (which started in 1686), records: Item: Clem Tosier for casting the Treble Bell and adding 1 qr. of metall, £10. Item: Carriage of Treble bell twice to Sarum, £1 18s. Unfortunately, the church records do not mention the casting of the fourth bell in 1733 by William Tosier, who took over the foundry in 1717.

A great deal of restoration work was done to St. Michael's Church in the 1870's, and the ring of six was augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, cast by John Warner and Sons. The wife of one of the churchwardens whose names appear on the bells is still alive.

FATHER ROBINSON'S MISTAKE

The first peal on the bells was rung on September 17th, 1894—Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 2 minutes, conducted by George Williams. Amongst those taking part were Keith Hart and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Strange to say, in the latter's book, 'Among the Bells', the year is given as 1904. But 'The Bell News' of 1894 could hardly have the record of the peal if it was not rung until 1904!

The second peal was in February 2nd, 1907—Kent T.B. Major, again conducted by George Williams, and this was the first peal of Major in the borough of Southampton. W. H. Fussell and W. H. George are famous names in this peal. Thirteen peals had been rung by 1914, the one in 1909 being the first peal by an entirely local band. There is a photograph in the belfry showing the local band of 1910; in 1960 a photograph was taken of the band then—a 50 year later effort. The war broke up the first band, several being killed and not until my time was there a Sunday service band.

The spire of St. Michael's was found to be in a dangerous condition in 1923 and ringing had to stop, whilst repairs were made. The opportunity was taken to have the bells seen to, the back six now being over 250 years old. These bells were recast and a new frame provided by Gillett and Johnston; the rededication was at Michaelmas, 1926. The first peal on the recast bells—Kent T.B. Major—was rung on November 2nd, 1926, and George Williams again conducted.

CONSIDERATION—IN PEAL RINGING

By the time I arrived in 1945, as Vicar, 21 peals had been rung. Of these George Williams rang in 19 (conducted 13). Since that time 79 peals have been rung and the first post-war peal was my second ever. Peals have been rung at about five a year, as consideration is given to the local inhabitants. This has been appreciated for only two or

three complaints have been made (a noteworthy one being after a peal of London Royal on Whit Monday, 1953, by a Central Council band).

At the beginning of 1948, two more trebles were added by John Taylor and Co., to make the third ring of 10 in Hampshire. Before then, eight peals had been rung, including the famous (or infamous!) 5,090 Cambridge Major with a single. The first peal on the 10 was Cambridge Royal on Easter Monday, 1948. Of the 71 rung since then, 60 have been on 10 bells, only 10 on eight bells and there was a solitary peal of London Minor on the front six to complete the London cycle on the bells.

Variety is the spice of life, and this shows itself in the records. The 48 peals of Royal have been rung in 20 different methods, including 15 different Surprise methods and one of Spliced Royal in four methods. This is not strictly true, since one of the 15 was the one and only peal ever rung of London Exercise Royal. Since the Central Council has now ruled out Exercise Royal methods, this will ever remain the only Exercise Royal method, having been rung and named before the rule came in. Only six out of the 48 have not been in Surprise methods. Of the 12 peals of Caters, nine are Grandsire and three Stedman. Thirteen of the 27 peals of Major (including pre-1945 ones) were of Surprise and in six different methods. Of Triples, there have been six of Stedman and six of Grandsire.

C. H. KIPPIN LEADING CONDUCTOR

Of conductors, only one has beaten George Williams' total of 13—C. H. Kippin, with 44. Altogether 20 conductors have shared the 100 peals. Of ringers, 208 have taken part in the peals. C. H. Kippin has rung in 52—the most of anyone. Following him, my next peal at St. Michael's will be my 50th on the bells, then M. J. Butler with 48, Mrs. Kippin 46 and Miss N. Leahy 43. No other ringer has yet reached 30, nearest being R. R. Savory and R. C. Kippin, both with 27.

Returning to the peals, the 100 have been rung in 35 different methods—quite a good variety, for the object, since the war has not been to ring peal after peal in the same method, but to try to do something different as far as possible. Of course, to give experience to learners, the standard methods predominate (e.g. 14 peals of Cambridge Royal and seven each of Yorkshire and London Royal), but four Royal methods are the first ever rung in them and 12 other peals of Royal were the first in the county and for the Guild. In fact, except for Cambridge Royal, all the other Surprise Royal methods rung can claim to be the first in the county and for the Guild!

One or two final points of interest. The quickest peal on the bells was that of Wye Royal in 2 hours 55 minutes. The usual time for a peal is between 3 hours 8 minutes and 3 hours 12 minutes, and 40 come between these limits. This is not counting the peal of Minor which took 2 hours 45 minutes. The longest peal was 6,400 Cambridge Major in 4 hours. This is (I believe) the only time the extent of the method has been rung, tenors together, and it caused a little stir at the time since 6th places bobs had to be used. Lastly,

SPALDING GENTLEMEN v. GRANTHAM PLAYERS

Although August 18th was the first day of the football season and thousands, no doubt, were passing through the turnstiles; to some ringers the cricket final of the Lincolnshire Ringers' League at Irnham was a much more attractive prospect. The match was played between the Gentlemen of Spalding and the Players of Grantham, who were both finalists and the only participants!

The Gentlemen lost the toss and elected to bat, and the Players must have despaired at the fine first wicket partnership of J. E. Allen (with C. R. Burrell as runner) and Maurice Bennett, which achieved 32 runs.

However, the 'rot set in' when Grantham star bowler, Macartney, appeared and several aspiring batsmen were dismissed in a peremptory manner, including Leggett who fell considerably short of his fine exhibition last year. In the 70 minutes allowed the Players scored 60 for 6.

When the Players took the field it was obvious that they had 'dressed' for the part and Denis Frith had whitened with the zeal of a IV. housewife. In spite of this observance of the rules of correct dress the Players were unable to emulate the Gentlemen and scored only 43. Again Macartney shone and scored 22 before being caught. Spalding provided a variety of bowling and Aubrey Mills made several handy catches at mid wicket. Stan Bennett was an impartial umpire.

After an excellent tea both teams forsook rivalry for ringing from rounds to Spliced Surprise on Edenham's delightful eight.

The most enjoyable day concluded with a social evening at the 'Five Bells'; here the Gentlemen had further opportunity to display their talents with handbell ringing. Denis Frith also entertained. Thanks go to Ron Noon, for making the arrangements; also to local ringers and cricketers at Edenham and Irnham, whose excellent pitch was resorted to when Edenham's was not available.

C.

SWINDON RINGERS VISIT THE ISLAND

For their last tour of the year, Swindon ringers chose the twelve rings of bells on the Isle of Wight. As expected, fog was encountered on most of the journey to Lymington, across the Solent and till the afternoon, then the weather brightened and remained clear. Carisbrooke was the first tower, followed by Newport and Ryde. A picnic lunch at Ryde Airport was followed by ringing at Brading, Arreton, Godshill and Whitwell, where we had tea.

The times for the last five towers overlapped so the party split in two, the first party raising the bells and having their ring, the second party following on and lowering. In this way a tight schedule was maintained, all had a ring and some good ringing and lowering were enjoyed. Niton, Chale, Shorwell, Brighthelm and Freshwater completed the towers.

Our thanks go to the incumbents and local ringers who met us, and to Mr. Eric Sutton, for arranging the tour.

R. L.

there has been one false peal (not counted, of course). Grandsire Caters. Since this is the only peal I have ever called, I shall always remember it. I fear I composed it as well!

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 703)

The contest at Netherton is over. The story continues with the judges' comments. Has Phyllis, the daughter of Joe Smith, head ringer of Hexworth, let her side down? Read on.

By the time that Whetherton had finished ringing it was about 7.30 p.m. In recent years it had been the aim of the Guild to adjust the length of the test piece, reducing it as the number of entries increased so that if each team rang through, the contest would finish in the early evening.

Joe could remember when the test piece had been a 720 whatever the number of entries, and on at least two occasions he, and the remainder of the Hexworth team, had had to walk six or seven miles in the early hours because the contest had finished after the buses had ceased running for the night; and in those days no ringer of his acquaintance possessed a car.

When Joe and the Whetherton band reached the schoolroom the remaining ringers had gathered for the business meeting, and most of them were sitting on forms or the tops of the children's desks. The indefatigable Walter had, by collecting teachers' chairs and borrowing a table from the headmistress's room, been able to invest the official body at the top end of the room with some semblance of dignity.

The vicar took the chair, and the meeting progressed on the usual lines. After about ten minutes there was a stir as the two judges entered and sat down in seats near the front to which they had been assigned. There was a quick whispered consultation between John Chappell and the vicar, resulting no doubt in some adjustment of the agenda, after which the chairman announced that the time had now arrived to despatch the most important business of the day, 'the judges' decision!'

There was a buzz of anticipation, and quite a few ringers produced note-books and pencils in which the faults of the various teams could be recorded. Some of the note-books contained an unbroken record of all the contests that had been held in the area for the last fifty years or so. All eyes turned to Henry Hammerton, who, well aware of his own importance and the momentous nature of the announcements he was about to make, carefully unlatched the black leather brief-case on his knee and produced a bundle of papers, at the same time holding a whispered consultation with James Hargreaves, his co-judge, who nodded gravely several times.

They looked for all the world, thought Joe, like a high court judge and his recorder settling some technical detail before pronouncing the death sentence, or like St. Peter and the recording angel deciding who should go aloft or who should depart to the nether regions!

Slowly Henry Hammerton rose to his feet and carefully deposited his glasses at the end of his nose, for what purpose Joe never discovered, seeing that he removed them whenever he referred to his notes, and always looked over the top when he surveyed the room.

It had, he said, been a very interesting afternoon, and one which he felt had been a successful new venture by the Guild from which, he felt sure, nothing but good could result. The ringing throughout had been very good, and both he and his colleague (who nodded his head in agreement every few words) felt that the teams were to be congratulated on the high standard of ringing. Perhaps one or two teams needed to improve the quality of their rise and fall, but on the whole it was, he felt, a very happy situation when the Guild could produce such a number of teams with such a satisfactory standard.

The ringers listened patiently, almost resignedly, while he pursued this theme at some length, but at last he announced: 'Now here are the results of our deliberations,' and there was a sudden revival of interest.

After explaining that he would give the faults in the order in which they had been incurred, namely, rise, test piece and fall, and

pointing out that no penalties had been added by any of the teams, he referred to his notes and read them out more or less as they had been jotted down at the time.

Team No. 1. Fairly consistent; striking somewhat erratic at times. Rise 6, test piece 37, fall 6. Total 49.

Team No. 2. Took longer to settle down. Tendency to ring in pairs; last half very good. Rise and fall good. Rise 5, test piece 47, fall 5. Total 57.

Team No. 3. Poor rise. Good test piece and lower. Rise 12, test piece 33, fall 6. Total 51.

Team No. 4. Good rise and lower. Excellent striking in test piece suddenly marred by a nasty trip. (Must have cost 25-30 faults.) Rise 6, test piece 63, fall 5. Total 74.

Team No. 5. Excellent rise and fall; extremely good ringing in test piece; slight jumble near the end. Rise 4, test piece 31, fall 5. Total 40.

Team No. 6. Good rise and fall; excellent test piece—

Henry paused as if to gain effect. He was, of course, fully aware that every ringer present knew that the result of the whole contest depended upon his next announcement; he would be less than human if he didn't make the most of his opportunities. Joe glanced round the room and could hardly suppress a smile as he saw whole groups of men (and women) leaning forward in eager anticipation. Old George with hand cupped behind his ear, David Walker with trembling pencil poised, and Phyllis, poor Phyllis looking, Joe thought, rather wan and woebegone; if Henry Hammerton's intention had been to create tension, there was no denying the efficiency of his strategy.

Then: 'Rise 6, test piece 23, fall 6. Total 35.'

His final announcement: 'I therefore declare team No. 6 the winners,' was a mere formality, the words being half-smothered in the excited buzz of conversation.

Phyllis grimaced across the room at her father.

The vicar's wife presented the shield and prizes to the winners, and there was the usual short speech by the captain, David Walker, who followed the custom of saying how surprised he was to learn that they had won: he had thought that at least two other teams had done better.

This type of speech, comforting no doubt to the losers, is hardly complimentary to the judges, although most of these gallant gentlemen, after hearing these winning captains' after-contest speeches year after year, are now quite indifferent to their imputations.

There was the usual photograph taken by the usual photographer, depicting the vicar's wife shaking hands with the winning captain, with the shield, the remainder of the team and sundry officials in the background, a photograph which was destined to appear on the usual page in the 'local rag', a periodical that rejoiced in the name of 'The Barnswood Express and Advertiser' (incorporating 'The Netherton Times' and 'The Ooze Valley Chronicle').

After which, as was stated in the minutes, 'further ringing followed.'

That night, as the Smiths were sitting round a unit fire, discussing various aspects of the day's happenings, Phyllis turned to her father. 'How many faults do you think we put on in the jumble, father?'

'Well,' he began, 'it's difficult to say. The standard of judging varies such a lot between one judge and another.'

'Come, Joe,' said Annie. 'you yourself have judged often enough during the past. I know also that you have co-judged on a few occasions with both Henry Hammerton and James Hargreaves. What would your assessment of the damage be?'

'I would say,' Joe replied slowly, 'that we received three or four faults; five on the out-

side. Not that it matters,' he went on quickly, 'if we had put on twenty-five. It is no use worrying about mistakes made in contests once they are over!'

'Nobody's worrying,' said Annie. 'We just wanted your opinion.'

And happily she poured out the tea while Joe relaxed in his chair and lit his pipe.

He was thinking about Henry Hammerton's parting words.

'Team number five, Joe? Very good ringing; very good indeed. Pity about that trip near the end. Lost you the contest, you know. Aye, it lost you the contest!'

(To be continued)

A RINGING COMPETITION IN LANCASHIRE

THE writers of recent letters complaining of a lack of interest in striking competitions may like to know that such a competition was held by the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association at West Didsbury on October 20th.

For some time now the twin problems of increasing the number of Sunday service ringers and of improving the standards of such ringing have been discussed at all levels from the local tower to the Central Council. In Lancashire, the Manchester Branch in particular, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Derek Ogden, have given considerable thought to these problems, and produced a closely reasoned report a few months ago, with some suggestions for solving them.

One of these suggestions was to hold striking competitions for Sunday service bands. Of course the idea of striking competitions is not new, but the suggestion that they should become an official and recognised part of the Lancashire Association activities is new.

After considerable discussion, the General Committee agreed that a trial competition should be held in the Manchester Branch and that other Branches could send observers who would be able to report back—not on the standard of striking attained, but on the atmosphere and attitudes prevailing.

Fears had been expressed (based on memories or stories of prize ringing) that the spirit of competition in ringing was not always entirely healthy, and that it could result in rivalries and attitudes which would be foreign to the true spirit and purpose of the Exercise, and could spoil its happy fellowship.

From all angles, however, this trial competition proved to be an unqualified success. Out of the 19 towers in the Branch, 13 bands took part; additional bands from the university and from Accrington made the total into 15—so that 90 ringers in all took part in the competition!

The test piece was 120 changes on six bells: either Doubles or Minor, and the judges were the president and vice-president of the Association (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and Mr. Cyril Crosshwaite) and Mr. Denis Mothershead, of Wilmslow (Cheshire).

The standard of striking was generally very good, particularly as this was the first time any of the bands had taken part in such a competition, and also that nearly all of them included young ringers who had only recently learnt to ring.

St. Michael's 'A', Ashton-under-Lyn (10 faults), were declared the winners, with St. James' 'B', Birch-in-Rusholme (27½ faults), second. Other teams taking part were: Ashton, St. Michael 'B'; Ashton, St. Peter; Flixton, St. Michael; Manchester Cathedral; Manchester Town Hall; Mossley, St. George; Northenden, St. Wilfred; Pendlebury, Christ Church; Rusholme, St. James 'A'; Prestwick, St. Mary; Worsley, St. Mark; Accrington, St. James; and Manchester University.

During the afternoon and evening over 100 ringers were present, and at the business meeting which followed 20 new members were elected to the Association—a record for a Branch meeting. This, together with the fact that the atmosphere throughout was light-hearted and friendly, that the ringers taking part found it to be an enjoyable and stimulating experience; and that the standard of their striking must have improved as a result of their efforts—led to the conclusion that the experiment was an unqualified success. Well done, Manchester!

C. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

By holding the autumn meeting at Shenstone on October 20th, the Society departed from its more recent traditions. A long overdue visit was made to a five-bell tower. At 3.15 p.m. the new Taylor 'Minor' five were raised in peal and ringing continued, under the direction of the Master, Mr. James S. Eastwood, until service time.

This was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. Ormston, who, during his address, asked that all Ringing Masters of all bellfries should consider saying the Lord's Prayer, before ringing for service. He knew that some ringers would find this embarrassing, but over the months they would begin to value it. Shenstone's Ringing Master, Mr. A. Paul Sheldon, accompanied on the organ.

At the nearby Oddfellows' Hall, Miss Aubrey Birch (one of the Shenstone ringers), together with a willing band of lady helpers, provided a bountiful tea.

The suggestion was made at the business meeting that the Society should hold its own annual striking competition. Members were asked to discuss this among themselves and a decision would be taken at the next meeting which would be held at Tettenhall on January 19th.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner (Shrewsbury), Bernard Ongley (Goostrey, Cheshire), E. R. Morris and P. Morris (Hodnet), F. W. Rogers (Bournemouth), W. Talbot (Norton-in-Hales), W. Watkins (Swynnerton), as life members. New resident members elected were: John Wellings (Bilston), J. R. Terry (Gnosall), John Hatt (Lichfield), Miss Janice Macdonald, Michael P. Crow and Eric Cran (Shenstone).

During the committee meeting, the Ernest Morris Memorial Window, Kilifi Church Bell and St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, funds were discussed. It was decided that the Society would not be making its own contribution to these funds, as it was felt more desirable that individual ringers should make their own, should they so desire. C. M. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

For the first time since 1945 the Chertsey District held a full meeting at St. James', Weybridge, on October 13th, and some 50 ringers kept the eight bells going to a variety of methods.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. John Dry, who preached on an unusual but profitable subject of ice cream bells. Many of those present were given a fresh light on their calling.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers' wives, led by Mrs. Luxford and Mrs. Tyndale-Biscoe.

The Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) took the chair for the business meeting, at which five new members from Weybridge were elected, and the election of three compounding members from Herts ratified.

There was some discussion of the Bishop's remarks about the Cathedral bells. One speaker wished to know whether the Bishop expected the organist to pay for the organ, as the ringers were expected to provide the bells.

The District Ringing Master expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmonds and Mr. W. Shepherd.

Further ringing took place till 8.30 p.m.

R. C.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKS, RINGERS' OUTING

Churches in Lancashire and Westmorland were visited by Giggleswick ringers during their annual outing on September 22nd.

Ringing started at Leck (5 bells), where the tenor seemed to weigh twice its weight of 12 cwt. Kirkby Lonsdale came next, with its six bells: here we were joined by an old friend, Mr. Ted Proctor. Kirkby Stephen (8) were a joy to ring. A parked tea was eaten in the market square.

Finally, Appleby, where the bells were difficult to hear, but sounded nice outside.

Thanks are accorded to all incumbents, to tower captains and to Mr. Ted Proctor, the guide. D. S. P.

JOINT MEETING AT LYDNEY

An enjoyable meeting was held jointly by the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Lydney on October 20th. There was a large attendance, including visitors from as far afield as Scarborough and Hull. As could be expected with over 50 ringers present, ability varied and methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. Everyone present had the opportunity of ringing something within his scope, and in some cases, of advancing a little.

The best thanks of the gathering are extended to the Rev. E. A. Perry, for conducting the service, the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Leach), for permission to hold the meeting, Miss C. Sleeman (Ruardean), who played the organ at short notice, and Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Horritt, for an excellent tea.

THE LADIES' GUILD North-Western District

A meeting of the North Western District was held at Bowdon, Cheshire, on October 13th. Ringing on this pleasant eight commenced shortly after 3 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Surprise. A service was held in the century old church, followed by an excellent tea, served in the school by the local ringers, to which 40 people sat down.

During the business the following six members were elected: Miss R. Eccleston (Poynton), Misses C. Robinson, G. Forrest (Bowdon), Misses G. Hooley, W. Poynton, J. Burgess (Sutton). The boundaries of the District were again discussed, but, although the secretaries of adjoining Districts have been approached, the boundaries still cannot be defined.

This was the first meeting held alone by the District for eight years and the officers would like to thank all those who attended and helped to make it successful.

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We hear that at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, an attempt was being made on October 20th for a peal of Grand-sire Triples. If successful it would be the first peal on the heavy bells (tenor 32 cwt.). A peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung on the light eight in 1903. Going to Christchurch for the occasion were Dan Richards, Wellington (Cambridge University), and John and Sheila White (late Universities Association).

The peal rung at Gosberton (Lincs) on October 6th, reported on page 708, was for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The conductor tends his apologies to all concerned.

The Lincoln Cathedral company enjoyed an outing in the form of a peal of Stedman Cinques at Aston, Birmingham, on October 20th.

Congratulations to 16-year-old Patricia Lockwood, of Ossett, Yorks, whose first peal of Surprise was 6,480 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung in four hours and four minutes—a unique distinction.

The band who rang the first peal of St. George's Doubles on the eve of the 1961 Patronal Festival at Woolton, Northants, have been promised a peal board in the belfry, recording the performance!

Puttenham, Surrey, ringers believed that the quarter peal rung on their bells on October 14th was the first by local ringers. The band was re-formed 12 months ago and has already captured some of the enthusiasm of the Farnham District.

Regarding his letter on Spliced Surprise Royal, in four methods (see page 700), Mr. A. J. Pitman writes that he intended his letter to read: 'I presume it is the first in the four methods—London, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Rochester.'

Mr. Brook K. Lunn has returned to England having completed his course of Studies at Dublin University, graduating with a first-class moderatorship in Oriental languages. He rang with his colleagues at St. Patrick's Cathedral a farewell quarter on October 14th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

An order has been placed for a sharp second to augment the twelve at Shrewsbury St. Chad's. The metal used will be taken from the bell which formerly hung in the Market Hall, but which fell and was broken during demolition operations early this year. It will bear the inscription: To tell passing hours was my former fame; With new note now I praise God's holy name.

Have the bells of Tredunnoch, Monmouthshire been rung to a peal? The inquiry is from a South Wales Nomad.

Mr. Philip J. Evans, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, now released from 'doctor's orders,' has rung his first peal since his enforced retirement, sixteen months ago.

At a recent quarter peal in Darlington the rope on the seventh was held together by a shoelace, donated for that purpose by the ringer of the fifth.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Whitchurch Canoncorum would like to associate with the peal the names of the president of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox) and Dr. E. L. Taylor, both of whom celebrated their 80th anniversary this year.

A peal of 20 Spliced Surprise Major methods, conducted by Mr. John R. Mayne, was rung at Bushey on October 20th. This is another addition to the Hertford County Association's records, being the first in 20 Spliced Surprise Major.

The author apologises for the belated appearance of a report of a Lincolnshire cricket match, but maybe the memory of a fine summer's day will be pleasant to contemplate as we enter the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.'

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has now in its records 20 different Doubles peals, rung on the Festival of the saints concerned. This band of 'saintly' enthusiasts hopes to add St. Crispin's Doubles (for the Festival of SS. Crispin and Crispinian) and St. Jude's (for the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude). Peals to the four evangelists 'are also contemplated.

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CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR 2	EDWARD JENKINS 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
BASIL JONES 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 6
RUTH M. BORDER 2	D. JOHN HUNT 7
BASIL JONES 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
JOHN ROBINSON 4	PETER BORDER 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
D. JOHN HUNT 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HAROLD C. LONYON Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 7
NEIL BENNETT 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	DEREK OGDEN 9
BASIL JONES 4	FRANK E. DARBY 10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	EDWARD JENKINS 11
C. KENNETH LEWIS 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

On Tues., Oct. 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BASIL JONES Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
FRANK E. DARBY 3	PETER BORDER 7
D. JOHN HUNT 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	BASIL JONES 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	PETER BORDER 7
D. JOHN HUNT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1962, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN R. BIBBY Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1962, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN R. BIBBY Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PETER LAFLIN Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	D. JOHN HUNT 6
PETER BORDER 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 6, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
BASIL JONES 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MARGARET A. PARKER .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	GEOFFREY A. PARKER 10
PETER A. SHARP 5	GEOFFREY PAUL 11
H. LESLIE PASK 6	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

JOHN CHILCOTT Treble	GWILYM SALMON 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 2	PATRICK J. BIRD 8
ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 9
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	DENNIS RANDALL 10
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK 11
ANTONY R. KENCH 6	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

LAURENCE HITCHENS .. Treble	ERIC J. HITCHENS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GERALD C. HEMMING 8
ANDREW N. STUBBS 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 9
REGINALD G. HOOPER 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 10
ALAN F. THIRST 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 11
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6	*RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* 600th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5007 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. Treble	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
*JILLIAN M. HUSS 2	*ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
†ALBERT M. TYLER 3	†PATRICK J. BIRD 8
*DERRICK M. SAWYER 4	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN 9
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. † First of Erin Caters. First of Erin Caters rung for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 6120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH 6
JOHN F. MURFIN 2	GORDON A. HALLS 7
DAVID W. FRIEND 3	MICHAEL R. BLORE 8
DAVID K. WALKLATE 4	HAROLD TAYLOR 9
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 5	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED W. STONE Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	ROBIN GUY 7
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 8
*JOHN DODD 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 9
MICHAEL WILLIS 5	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBRY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

* First peal of Caters.

A compliment to the treble ringer on his 48th wedding anniversary.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 6
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 8
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Middleton's	JOHN F. MURFIN 6
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Treble	† PETER MARRIOTT .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 8
DEREK ASTRIDGE 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 9
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. Tenor
* W. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 5	

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First of Royal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

JOHN F. BRYANT Treble	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 2	JOHN E. KIRBY 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	† R. GORDON CORBY .. 8
* GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5	J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

Rung for the 15th anniversary of the recasting of these bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 6480 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

PETER A. KIRKBY Treble	FRED HODGSON 6
* PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 2	† THOMAS M. COX 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
† JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. 9
PETER SCHOLFIELD 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Surprise Royal.

Longest length of Surprise Royal by the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW .. 2	* MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	† DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major. † 75th peal.

A farewell to Martin C. Faulkes, who is entering the University of Hull.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1962, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	W. DAVID WARD 6
ROBERT B. SMITH 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1962, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
* DAVID K. PUTNAM 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
MONTY W. GILBERT 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by MONTY W. GILBERT.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 8, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. Treble	* EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. First in the method by all.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 12, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 110 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

* DAVID NICHOLS Treble	† NEIL DONOVAN 5
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN SEAGER 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 7
STUART ARMESON 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung prior to the Snowdon commemoration dinner, in memory of John R. Brearley, who died August 25th, and Albert E. Sellers, who died September 6th, both former officers of the Yorkshire Association.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 640 of London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Rutland, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Hitchin, Langley, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 18 methods by all the band in the county, and for the Association.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

PERCY STONE	Treble	*EDWARD HOLDSWORTH ..	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	2	†ERNEST J. GOWER ..	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ..	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	7
GEOFFREY R. CRISP ..	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ..	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*BRIAN J. BULL	Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING ..	5
*ANTHONY E. CLAYTON ..	2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	6
†CHRISTOPHER F. MEW ..	3	JOHN C. EISEL ..	7
PAUL CATTERMOLLE ..	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

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

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*JOYCE M. GURNHILL ..	Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS ..	5
MARGARET A. PARKER ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	6
*DONALD A. KIRK ..	3	GEOFFREY PAUL ..	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT ..	5
*GEORGE W. HOLLIS ..	2	HAROLD L. PARFREY ..	6
TERENCE J. MILSOM ..	3	ALAN F. LEE ..	7
†ALBERT G. COURT ..	4	†PERCIVAL CORK ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* Second peal in 30 years. First peal.

Rung in memoriam Ernest J. Taylor.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL ..	Treble	*A. JAMES GLASS ..	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ..	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	DAVID P. HILLING ..	7
D. KENVYN WALTERS ..	4	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

DAVID EAMES	Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	2	ROLAND BENISTON ..	6
JOHN K. SMITH	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	4	DEREK P. JONES ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ..	Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT ..	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS ..	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	7
MARTIN L. HOWE	4	ANDREW M. MACVE ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 700th peal. † First in the method.

Rung as birthday compliments to Robert T. Lambert and Reginald E. Lambert.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM J. DIXON	Treble	BRIAN W. HALL ..	5
*PETER J. HERITAGE ..	2	GEORGE B. COLLINS ..	6
FREDERICK W. SODEN ..	3	D. KAY ADKINS ..	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT ..	4	THOMAS W. TIMMS ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Oxley) and Mrs. Oxley, who are leaving the parish; also to celebrate the marriage this day of Anthony Edmonds and Jane E. King.

SIX BELL PEALS

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb.

MAURICE BENNETT	Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	4
RONALD C. NOON	2	KEITH R. DAVEY ..	5
ROGER D. BAILEY	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

Rung to mark the opening on September 22nd, 1962, of a daughter church at Tongue End.

BRIGHSTONE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.

On Fri., Sept. 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*R. T. SMITH (Swansea) ..	Treble	W. GWYN THOMAS (Aber.)	4
P. F. T. SMITH (Aberystwyth)	2	*PETER K. ELSE (Aber.)	5
C. L. R. BAINHAM (Lampeter)	3	COLIN A. LEWIS (Aber.)	Tenor

Conducted by W. GWYN THOMAS.

* First peal.

Rung on the U.W.S.C.R. summer tour.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

*ROBIN J. HAINES	Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	4
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ..	5
MARTYN HAWKES	3	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal. The conductor's last peal as a bachelor, and rung on the eve of his wedding.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 10, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*PAUL D. BOOTH	Treble	*†MICHAEL LAWRENCE ..	4
MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	2	*JOSEPH L. LIGHTFOOT ..	5
*GRAHAM J. LIGHTFOOT ..	3	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

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

Rung for the dedication of the new Church Hall.

TOWER CLOCKS

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On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*JEFFREY BRITCHFORD .. Treble	†TONY BAKER .. Tenor 7 cwt.
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. 2	LAURENCE WAY .. 4
DAVID G. PICKETT .. 3	MICHAEL G. BARTLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung for the wedding this day of Terry Durn and Joan Way, both ringers at Harlington.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*SANDRA M. OWENS .. Treble	ALLEN TWYMAN .. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. 4
FRED A. GINNS .. 3	E. ALLAN JACQUES .. 5

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on the birth of a daughter.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 34 methods: (1) London Wells and Cuneastre; (2) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (3 and 4) Carlisle, Northumberland. Sandiacre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Munden and Chester; (5) Lincoln and Coldstream; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 146 changes of method.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
RALPH BIRD .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The most methods rung to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 26 methods: (1) Westminster and Allendale; (2) Lincoln and Coldstream; (3) Norwich; (4) London Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (6) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne.

IAN H. ORAM .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 variations, being two extents each of Ascension Bob, St. Columb. Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Old Doubles, Norfolk, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, eight of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.

PAUL C. MYERS .. Treble	DAVID G. PAPWORTH .. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.
GEOFFREY D. WESTON .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4
PHILIP MURDUCK .. 3	FREDERICK E. GOSLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in 14 Doubles variations for all except the conductor.

Ascension Doubles is Plain Bob with Old Doubles singles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure bobs.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGES SOCIETY.

On Wed., Oct. 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*R. M. FORDER (Royce) .. Treble	*I. G. SMITH (Rutland) .. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
R. B. SMITH (Cayley) .. 2	†E. HOUGH (Westbridge) .. 4
A. M. LINDSEY (Royce) .. 3	R. A. SHEKELTON (Cayley) .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal. First on tower bells for the Society.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

NEIL BELSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 2	HOWARD OGLESBY .. 4
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	JENNIFER SCEENY .. Tenor

Conducted by JENNIFER SCEENY.

First peal as conductor at first attempt (aged 16½).

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble	FREDERICK C. HOGAN .. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 4
MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

CHELMARSH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Treble	*FRED W. JONES .. Tenor 10 cwt.
PHILIP J. EVANS .. 2	JOHN J. STANIER .. 4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Minor.

A 70th birthday compliment to Joseph L. Stanier, of Madeley, Shropshire, who was born in this parish and whose first contact with ringing was in this tower.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LUKE'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, three variations.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	ALAN A. PAUL .. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.
ROGER W. SMITH .. 2	GRAHAM C. PAUL .. 4
PERCY AMOS .. 3	GEORGE F. ROOME .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

First peal of St. Luke's Doubles for the Guild, and believed the first ever rung. Quickest peal on six tower bells for the Guild.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Luke, Patron Saint.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

FREDERICK PARSONS .. Treble	ROLAND REED .. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.
*DAVID FEEK .. 2	PETER LANGTON .. 4
TREVOR BEVIS .. 3	NORMAN HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER LANGTON.

* First peal in five methods.

A welcome to Denise, baby daughter of June and Trevor Bevis, both of whom are ringers at St. Wendreda's.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Oct. 5, 1962, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sun., Oct. 7, 1962, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

AT 32, SOUTH STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

HALF PEAL

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 14th, at the Cathedral, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Nankivell 1, L. Reynolds 2, B. Potts 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, B. J. Lawes (cond.) 5, E. R. Warren 6. Longest length 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung for dedication of St. Boniface's Cathedral, Bunbury, W.A.; also as a 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. A. Bennett 1, Miss P. Powell 2, Miss C. Bennett 3, M. W. Sayers 4, J. E. Sayers 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, B. J. Davies 8. For Harvest Festival.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice Haggett (14) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Mrs. Crocker 4, J. White 5, K. Cavill 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Janice Haggett, and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. Knights, of Pinner, on the birth of a son, Richard.

BARNBY DON, YORKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): M. Rose 1, R. Lunn 2, J. Underwood 3, J. Thorley 4, R. Stephenson 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. R. H. Atkins (Vicar of Barnby Don).

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. C. Sherlock (first attempt quarter) 1, L. W. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6. For Matins, and the Guides' parade service.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. W. Palmer 1, C. J. Adam 2, S. Franklin 3, G. Tinson 4, R. A. Partridge 5, R. Howes 6, G. McIlhone (cond.) 7, R. Heyworth 8. Rung half-muffled by members of Wallingford Grammar School and the local band in memory of Robert Hiff Baldwin, member of the school, who was killed in a motor accident.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dunn 1, R. H. Idle 2, J. V. Freeman (first quarter) 3, G. N. Sloan 4, N. F. Reeve 5, C. Ward (first as cond.) 6. A compliment to Colin and Pat Ward on their 10th wedding anniversary.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Canning 1, G. Heath (cond.) 2, F. Stone (first quarter) 3, J. Canning 4, W. Alexander 5, B. Smith 6. First quarter on the bells since being augmented to six. Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. John Evang., on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): B. Redgers (first quarter) 1, Gillian Webb 2, Janet Cleave 3, I. Booth 4, L. Pizzey 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, Janet Somerville 7, Sheila Wright (first quarter) 8. Rung for the ordination at Michaelmas of Chris Herbert and Peter Holland.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Oct. 14th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Farrell 1, T. McMorran (cond.) 2, C. J. Reede 3, W. H. Wilson 4, B. K. Lunn 5, F. E. Dukes 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. A farewell compliment to Brook Lunn, B.A.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. J. Milsom 1, D. A. Burt (first of Stedman) 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, L. J. Cox (first of Stedman) 5, A. F. Butt 6. For Harvest Festival.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diana J. Butcher 1, Elisabeth M. Harris 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, R. Jean Osborn 4, C. Jane Smart 5, M. P. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lindsay 1, P. Nichols 2, D. G. French 3, N. Donaven 4, F. Fisher 5, S. Armeson 6. Rung as a thanksgiving to mark the opening of the Eastwood Methodist Mission Church.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Cox 1, E. C. Leigh 2, G. Winter (first quarter) 3, E. J. Jenner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Tester 1, G. Winter (first of Minor) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, J. E. Warner 4, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6. For Evensong.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): M. Cotton (cond.) 1, P. Morgan 2, A. Mowey 3, H. Toogood 4, E. Mowall 5, B. Wickstead (first quarter) 6. First quarter in more than one method for all the band. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Beryl Platt (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Christine Bowen 2, D. Bowen 3, Audrey Beauchamp 4, H. Howson 5, D. Langdon 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. For Evensong.

ELLISFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. Butler (14) 1, P. Watts (15) 2, P. C. Myers (16) 3, D. G. Papworth 4, G. D. Weston (16, cond.) 5. First in five methods by all and on the bells.

ENFIELD, MIDD.—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Wood 1, J. R. Towers 2, T. Hawkins 3, H. Howson 4, J. Duggan 5, E. Beauchamp 6, M. White 7, D. E. Towers (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Herschell (cond.) 1, Pauline Kyme (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Fentiman 3, W. J. Munton 4, G. F. Oakshott 5, W. Parrott 6. For the anniversary of the consecration of the church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Williamson (first quarter) 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Mrs. E. P. Denyer 3, E. L. Box 4, R. North 5, A. Elsmore 6, D. E. Elsmore 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Simes 1, A. Elsmore 2, E. L. Box 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, W. Page 6, D. Elsmore 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Page.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Haslum 1, J. T. McIntyre 2, A. Howard (first 'inside') 3, W. Naylor (cond.) 4, D. S. Voss 5, M. Buckler (first quarter) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Fivash (first quarter) 1, Mary N. Haslum 2, A. Tubb (first of Grandsire and 'inside') 3, D. S. Voss 4, W. Naylor (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. For Evensong. Both for Harvest Festival.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Grey 1, Miss P. Bull 2, A. R. Heppensall (cond.) 3, Miss D. E. Smith 4, C. H. Baker 5, T. A. Gilbert 6, S. Green (first quarter) 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. A compliment to the ringer of 2nd, on her 21st birthday, and the treble ringer and her husband, on their silver wedding anniversary.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. L. Squires 2, W. R. Read 3, B. Buttery 4, J. Watson 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6, K. Ketteringham 7, P. Slight 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10. Rung in honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Harry Squires, also to mark the engagement of Russell Read and Miss Christine Atkinson.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Faulkner 1, N. A. Bateman 2, D. K. Lane 3, N. G. Davis 4, D. Jordan (first as cond.) 5, J. Faulkner 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Goldsney 1, R. E. Sheppard 2, June N. Chilton 3, E. C. Picton 4, G. A. Rees 5, Susan E. Williams (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, R. W. Pipe 2, A. J. Clarke 3, C. R. Lovett 4, Brenda Downing 5, N. Goodman 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, E. Pearce 8, R. Downing 9, F. Crapnell 10. For Matins.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Colton (first quarter) 1, J. M. H. Smith (first 'inside') 2, J. A. D. Woolford 3, M. F. Lock 4, B. H. Thompson 5, G. Skinner 6, N. Mallet (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8. For Evensong.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 9th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Marchant 1, P. Parry 2, A. Cox 3, R. Bowden 4, M. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6, J. Taylor 7, D. Exell (cond.) 8.

HORSLEY, DERBS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. A. Halls 1, D. Derbyshire (first quarter) 2, G. Futers (first quarter) 3, J. A. Dodd 4, D. W. Parkin 5, B. Dawson 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Bevan 1, D. Derbyshire 2, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 3, G. Futers 4, G. A. Halls 5, J. C. Woolley 6.

HORTON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise): J. K. Ward 1, W. Birmingham 2, G. R. Shedden 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. D. Ward 5, G. B. Thompson (first as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Butcher 1, Miss E.

Cotchin (first quarter) 2, R. Churchill 3, R. A. Ward 4, I. N. Pett (cond.) 5, D. C. Hall 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss E. Cotchin.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, All Saints' and Grandsire): Helen Sydes 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walllett 3, W. G. Wright 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Matins. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walllett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, V. Lincoln 2, Miss M. Penfold (first quarter) 3, C. Osenton (cond.) 4, A. MacFadyen 5, R. Butler 6.

KELSON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Skelly 1, J. Brain 2, P. Gay 3, R. Smith 4, H. Parfrey 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Oct. 14th, 1,416 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, L. Walmsley 2, J. Humble 3, G. Mee 4, R. Crowe 5, J. E. Sumner 6. For Evensong.

LLANGULLEN, DENBIGHs.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): N. Markovits 1, E. M. Jones 2, M. S. Heath 3, A. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, G. F. Lebbon 6, W. Young 7, D. G. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Beryl, beloved wife of Frank Jones (vice-captain of the tower) and dear mother of Geoffrey and Gareth (young ringers). The funeral took place earlier in the day.

NEWTON VALENCE, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Susan Ellenor 1, B. Gambrill 2, R. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. Walton 4, D. Hughes 5. Rung on the eve of Trafalgar Day.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Simon's): H. Nankivell (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hearnshaw 2, B. J. Lawes 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. A farewell to Joanna Hearnshaw, who returned to England the following day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, at St. John's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Harris 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, Mrs. Chamberlain 3, H. Goakes 4, W. Barker 5, J. Bird 6, V. Chamberlain 7, R. Daw (cond.) 8. For Evensong, on the occasion of the annual service of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, held this afternoon in Peterborough Cathedral.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew 1, Margaret E. Fort (first of Major) 2, Alison Mann 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. J. Uphill 5, A. R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brookes 7, B. H. Coatsworth (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowsen 1, Joy Smith 2, E. W. Penn 3, L. Smith (first of Triples 'inside') 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Jones 6, A. T. Poulton 7, H. Meek 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

SELBORNE, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Susan Ellenor 1, B. Gambrill 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of Trafalgar Day.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. R. Tippet 1, Mrs. P. A. Hunter 2, L. C. W. Hunter 3, P. Sanders 4, J. Horsman 5, A. E. Hunter 6, A. C. A. Hunter (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garnett-Harper. Also on October 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. A. Hunter 2, Miss K. Collard (first in the method) 3, D. Debenham 4, Miss E. Stevinson (cond.) 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): L. Woodward 1, Mrs. R. Drewett 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, G. W. Land 4, R. J. Drewett (cond.) 5, F. Jones 6. A compliment to Miss L. Weaver and Mr. F. Jones, whose birthdays occurred in the preceding week.

TREDUNNOCK, MON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer E. Mee 1, M. J. Edwards 2, D. L. Taylor 3, G. R. Marchant 4, P. R. Mason 5, D. Pike (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 5. To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells to ringing order.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: M. Cadwallader 1, G. Darlington 2, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 3, H. Morion 4, B. Morton 5, D. Cadwallader 6, H. E. Blacker 7, P. Bryan 8, A. Hubble 9, J. Hingley 10. For Evensong, also for the ordination, earlier this day, at Lichfield Cathedral, of the Rev. H. J. Blacker, curate at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. V. Clark 1, R. A. Yetes 2, J. Hughes (cond., Grandsire) 3, C. D. Emery (cond., Plain Bob) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, J. J. Webb 6.

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BIRTHS

HOHL.—On Monday, October 15th, 1962, at Willow Bank, Mattishall Burgh, Dereham, Norfolk, to Janet and Kevin, the gift of a son—David. 1340

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ENGAGEMENT

AMOS—PALMER.—The engagement is announced between Capt. Michael F. Amos (Church Army), of 41, Brington Road, Lorr. Buckby, Northants, and Miss Dorothy M. Palmer, of 35, Sandy Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practices are arranged as follows: Exford (6), Nov. 10th; Wiveliscombe (8), Nov. 24th; Minehead (10), Dec. 15th; all at 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 1340

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD.—No practice Thursday, Nov. 22nd. 1240

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—This year's dinner is on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Tickets cost 15s. 6d., and details of full ringing programme from E. D. Elderkin, 70, Burlington Road, The Polygon, Southampton. 1327

WALTHAM ABBEY.—Visiting ringers please note that, due to the meeting taking place on Nov. 10th there will be NO PRACTICE on NOV 3rd. 1307

CORRECTION

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District (at Oxhey, Nov. 3rd). Please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. in tower.—Jennifer M. Bunyan. 1333

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Elstow, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 6 p.m. Business meeting followed by ringing.—R. L. Piron. 1339

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 3rd, at Willingham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 1339

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Terling, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. 1090

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. R. I. Vaughan, 16, Hall Dene Close, Merrow, Guildford. 1223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 3rd, Oxhey. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Millway, Bushey. 1270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Coppull. Bells (6) 2 to 9 p.m. Tea provided. All visitors welcome.—F. Pearson, Sec. 1338

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Ringing meeting, Twyford, November 3rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear. 1222

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 9 p.m. 1256

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cowfold (6), Saturday, November 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 1244

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station). Monday, Nov. 5th, 7 p.m. 1310

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Almondbury, near Huddersfield, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mr. R. Jobson, School House, 8, West Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield. 1203

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Market Weighton (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. J. V. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 1298

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 1336

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association, Market Drayton, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 7th, to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 1334

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 1296

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 6th, to Malcolm Phipps, Acting Sec., 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. 1296

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Bakewell, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m. For teas please advise Mr. C. Bateman, 22, Moorhall Estate, Bakewell.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1315

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Shebbear, Saturday, November 10th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Hon. Sec. 1315

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 7th to Mr. N. Elliot, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead. 1311

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1329

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1326

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey on November 10th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 8th to M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 1280

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to R. Fry, 84, Ashford Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1302

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Highworth (8), Nov. 10th. Names by Wednesday to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 1323

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Mathon. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley (6), Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 1316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Barming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. R. Manser, 2, South Street, Barming, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 1316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Nov. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. M. Ferrier, 1, Romborough Way, Lewisham, S.E.13. 1308

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, St. Leonard's, Middleton, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m.—J. P. Partington. 1299

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Eaton, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham. 1299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Henley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shiplake (8) in evening. Names for tea by Nov. 7th, please, to Mr. C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames. 1325

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Practice at Brill (6) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 1325

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the Chester Diocesan Guild (Crewe Branch) at Market Drayton (8), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton. 1334

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Worksop, Saturday, November 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Whetton, 55, Watson Road, Worksop, please. No name no tea.—H. Denman and J. Seager, Secs. 1281

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Nov. 10th. Woodborough, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Lowdham 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Burton Lane, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1300

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY.—Dianer at Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 10th. St. Luke's bells, Cannock, will be available from 4 p.m. onwards.—B. G. Key. 1297

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Bardwell (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 1297

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 1300

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lyminster (8), Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Milford-on-Sea (8) from 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, are essential to Mr. L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 1317

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Joint meeting with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and Durham and Newcastle Association (Southern District), Northallerton, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) recently recast, from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Arthur Bashforth, Kirby Wiske, Thirsk, 1332

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 75th anniversary service, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, November 17th, at 5.15 p.m., followed by dinner (6.30 p.m.) and dance at the 'Bars Hotel', Foregate Street, Chester. Applications for dinner tickets, 18s. 6d. each, together with remittance before November 10th, from Gen. Sec. Towers open before service; Christleton (8), Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-Within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6).—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 881

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, Blackhill, St. Aidan's, 2.30 p.m. Names to C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 1309

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Wood, 4, Duck End, Finch-Ingfield. 1324

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chittlehampton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea to Mr. S. Sprague, 11, Belmont Road, Ilfracombe. 1265

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Aylestone, Leics (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss M. Davenport, 29, Marsden Lane, Leicester. Corporation bus 23 from Rutland Street. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Blyton, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: St. Martin's and Stedman.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edith Weston (6), Saturday, Nov. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to W. C. A. Clark, Sec. 1322

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Nov. 17th, Long Crichel. Bells 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea at Gussage St. Michael, 4.30. Service 5.30. Ringing 6 p.m. Gussage All Saints' also available. Names for tea essential by Nov. 13th.—R. G. W. Robertson, 5, Bryn Road, Sandford, Wareham, Dorset. 1291

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 17th, at North Muskham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Copp, North Muskham, Newark.—B. N. Reed, 1321

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold (8), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.45 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Miss M. Branch, Fernbank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 1314

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting, Lingfield, Nov. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Nov. 14th the Rev. C. E. Fisher, The Vicarage, Lingfield.—W. H. Dobbie and G. A. West, Hon. Secs. 1212

ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL, SUSSEX 2nd ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 1962

Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.
All visiting ringers invited to refreshments after the service. Approximate numbers required for catering purposes by Tuesday, Nov. 13th, to A. J. Butcher, Christopher Fields Cottage, Danehill, nr. Haywards Heath, Sussex. 1292

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION 80th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner

Saturday, December 15th, 1962,
at the George Hotel, Burslem,
at 6.45 p.m.

Tickets £1 ls. each. Applications together with remittance and names to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, by November 26th, 1962.
Please note individual names must be sent. 1216

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Members please note: Annual dinner will be held at the Culverden Arms Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on January 12th, 1963. Tickets (15s. 6d.) available at next meeting.—Sec. 1293

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OUTINGS

BARKING AND MENDLESHAM
On October 6th ringers from Barking, Mendlesham and Cotton, with others from the district, joined forces for an enjoyable half-day in West Norfolk.

Ringings in various methods took place at Northwold, Denver, Downham Market and Shouldham. Tea was at the Swan Hotel, Downham Market, kindly arranged by Mr. E. H. Mastin. To him, the incumbents and all who met us our sincere thanks.
R. E. L.

ST. JOHN'S, PETERBOROUGH

A very enjoyable day was spent by the ringers of St. John's Church, Peterborough, on October 13th. Together with their wives and other ringing friends, they set off for Lincolnshire at 8 a.m.

Mr. J. H. Bluff, of Stamford, had arranged a most attractive programme and the towers visited were Sleaford, Lincoln (St. Giles'), Messingham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Epworth and Gainsborough. Lunch was enjoyed at Scunthorpe.

The bells were all very good and, as far as was possible, all the ringing members of the party had a pull in each tower. Thanks are accorded to Mr. Bluff and the various clergy who allowed the party to ring.
G. B.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 21st. 1,260 St. Luke's Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For the Patronal Festival.

OSPRING, KENT.—On Oct. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Terry 1, C. J. Eades 2, W. S. Palin 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6, N. Tumber 8. For Harvest Festival.

Quarter Peals

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sept. 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. K. Else 1, C. L. R. Bainham 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, Miss J. Williamson 4, P. F. T. Smith 5, R. Hedges 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, C. A. Lewis 8. Rung by the University of Wales Society on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the R.C. Church, on Oct. 18th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Quinney 1, H. Muncey 2, Miss C. Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, S. C. Walters 6, P. J. Beradahl 7, H. Foster 8. Rung for St. Luke's Day.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Olive D. Tester 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, R. J. Cook 3, R. W. Hinde 4, F. E. Darby 5, J. Schofield 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8. Rung to mark the birth, on October 5th, of a son (Christopher John) to Elizabeth and R. James Cook.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 23rd. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Scott 1, Margery Pearson 2, J. G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, R. Oliver (cond.) 7, N. Errington 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 7th. 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, W. Tyson 5, N. Errington (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 14th. 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, W. Tyson (cond.) 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, M. Armstrong 6, R. Scott cover.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. R. Constant 1, A. Hall 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, F. Walker 4, R. Constant 5, S. Ball 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, A. Hicka 8. Rung for dedication of new vicarage by the Bishop of Rochester.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th. 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Caroline McQuade (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Drever (first 'inside' 2), Suzanne Udell (first 'inside' 3), Ann Collins 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5, G. Harris 6, M. Damerill 7, C. F. Cherrill 8. Rung after Evensong, as a farewell compliment to the Rector (Rev. J. E. Simpson).

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th. 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. V. Queen (cond.) 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherby 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, I. Weatherby 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. Burford 8. For Matins.

LATE NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association at Feckenham on Saturday, Mrs. J. Thomas was unanimously elected Branch Ringing Master and becomes the first lady to be so honoured by the Association.

We are sorry to learn that Allen Twyman, of Bowdon, Cheshire (at present stationed at R.A.F., North Luffenham), was involved in an accident last Saturday after attending the Leicester Guild quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray. He is lying in the Melton War Memorial Hospital with a fractured skull. Members of the Loughborough Monday band (of which he was a member) send their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

LATE NOTICES

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burstow, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. Annual dinner tickets available at 15s. 6d. 1344

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Bredon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. 1343

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Bowness, Saturday, Nov. 10th. 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 1337

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by Tuesday, 6th, to Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30, North Linkside Road, Woolton, Liverpool. 25. 1346

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Barham (5), Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea (cost, 2s. 3d.) in the Village Hall. Those requiring tea please send names, together with cash, by Nov. 14th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 1341

QUARTER PEALS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Turner 1, W. Jarvis 2, S. Smith 3, A. R. Knight 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 6, L. G. Pryke 7, F. A. Poulson 8. Birthday compliment to F. A. Poulson, also to mark the birth of a grandson to W. Jarvis.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. Absolem 1, G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, J. Godman 5, W. Fulker 6. For Harvest Festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 14th, at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Gibson 1, Mrs. J. Pearson 2, E. R. Gotham 3, G. Lister 4, J. Blackwood 5, E. Gosling 6, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): N. J. Osborne (first quarter) 1, G. Waterman 2, Frances Smith 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, Gillian Brown 5, U. W. Wildney 6.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. Cunningham 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, R. Secley 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button 5, Helen Barnes 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Cattell (first quarter) 1, G. L. Grover 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, W. A. Savill 4, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 5.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Bazeley (aged 13, first quarter attempt) 1, G. C. Paul 2, R. W. Smith 3, A. A. Paul 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Aird (first quarter) 1, W. Gofton 2, M. Fromm 3, R. Alder Gofton 4, Elaine Murcott 5, S. Mallaburn 6, Richard A. Gofton (cond.) 7, A. Patterson 8. An 85th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): Sheila Armitage (first quarter) 1, G. Pullinger 2, Mrs. Betty Percy 3, Janet Biscoe (first 'inside') 4, Janet Percy (first as cond.) 5, B. Linacre 6. By a Sunday service band.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight 1, J. Pullin 2, H. Sanger 3, G. Prescott 4, H. Bird 5, E. J. Chivers 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, L. Derrick 8, J. W. Owen 9, S. D. Smith 10. In memoriam J. H. B. Hesse.

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