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FROM THE INSIDE

MORE than one correspondent has asked what does the editorship of 'The Ringing World' involve and how do you set about it? Normally on a Monday or Tuesday there are between 50 and 100 letters waiting to be opened, and on other days not quite so many. As letters are opened they are date stamped, and if any money is included this is marked on the first sheet. The contents are divided into piles: notices, circulation matters, peals, quarter peals and reports and correspondence. The next procedure is to deal with all money. Notices are entered in a book and given a serial number (most useful in after checking). Similarly other money is entered in another book. By the end of the week about 60 or 70 postal orders and cheques would have been received, amounting to between £10 and £20 in small money. These accounts have to be balanced, money banked and counterfoils sent to Mr. Jeater who keeps all subscribers' and deposit accounts—a matter of about 2,600 separate accounts.

The piles on the Editor's desk are transferred to their respective files to be tackled at the appropriate time. Take, for example, the peal file. The contents are first divided into their appropriate sections, 12, 10, 8 and 5-6 bells and handbells, and then arranged in date order. Where quarter peals or other matters are included on the same sheet as a peal these are copied out and placed in their respective files. The peals are then read through to ascertain whether every essential item is included—date, church, method and tenor weight. Some of these deficiencies can be tackled with the aid of 'Dove's,' but where information is missing letters are written to the sender if name and address is on the copy, or if absent to the conductor or a member of the band whose address is available in either our list of subscribers or Guild annual report. Special attention is given to the footnotes. The first in the peal is always an asterisk *. Then follow † ‡ §. Although this information appears at regular intervals in 'The Ringing World' it is too complicated for most of our contributors to grasp.

Quarter peals are also methodically treated. Those in the file are divided into two sections, 'priority' and 'ready.' 'Priority' is the recognition given to those who send a contribution. The sections are arranged alphabetically. Those with a second one written on the back are copied out, and a number of others that do not conform to style are rewritten. Anyone who glances at a quarter peal page will note how they are written: town or village, county, date, church's title if more than one with a ring of bells in the town, changes rung, method, name of ringer, in brackets anything special (conductor, first quarter or first in method), and then the number of the bell. Finally

footnotes. We try not to refuse publication of any quarter peal, but when a tower saves up a number spread over two or three months we are not too happy, and if the band is the same greatly tempted to give just the method and one list of names.

Copy is prepared daily for setting by the linotype operators. The treatment depends upon the inflow during the week. If heavy then reports are reduced. Sometimes perfectly good copy is altered to prevent introductions all being uniform. We are not perturbed if the copy received is not 'copperplate' providing it is legible. Much is rewritten. Similar treatment at times is given to letters—often they are curtailed when irrelevant subjects are introduced. Some letters are not published. Often we get duplication. For example, two readers sent in front page articles dealing with lady ringers. Only one could be used. At times we get duplicate reports. We always like to have articles in reserve. Some that appeared recently had been in files six months (these are undated features). What upsets the Editor is to receive a summer tour in mid-winter, although it is a reminder of 'If winter comes . . .'

After the copy is set and the proof read, galley pulls come to the Editor for make-up. With the aid of scissors and paste a dummy copy is prepared. The size of headings is marked, and lines are cut out to make each column fit. A column might be six or more lines long or short. Often pages are prepared in advance. Invariably some reports are held over.

Apart from the technicalities of the journal and its production, the office of 'The Ringing World' acts as a kind of clearing house to the Exercise. Most days there is an inquiry as to the address of a prominent ringer, and from our files of postal subscribers we are able to give the answer. On an average, eight to ten letters a day are written. There is also a considerable amount of time occupied in searching for back numbers and also with notices and advertisements.

During the year the Editor undertakes a number of reporting engagements for the journal. The largest of these is the Central Council meeting, which extends from 12 to 14 pages. Before leaving for the meeting the next issue has to be prepared, as it is printed on the day the Council meet. Last year the report was completed in two issues—ten pages being in the first as well as a front page article. This has to be done in addition to normal work. Although we get letters referring to the Central Council meeting as a 'beano' and 'jolly old pals' reunion, out of the last 18 meetings only on two occasions has the Editor had time to attend any of the excursions provided. The journal must be put before personal pleasure.

(Continued overleaf)

1,000th Peal at Bell Foundry Campanile

A peal that will go down in the history of change ringing was that of Plain Bob Major rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on January 21st. It was the 1,000th peal on the bells.

No other tower can record its peals having reached four figures, and a pleasing feature about the peal was that the band who rang it was drawn entirely from ringers employed at the Bell Foundry.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor, through whose generosity these bells have been available to ringers from all over the country, was a member of the band.

We congratulate all concerned.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

To All Secretaries Of Affiliated Associations

Affiliation fees for 1963 are now due and should be forwarded without delay. Cheques and postal orders made payable to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' and no. to me personally, please.

Will secretaries who have not already done so please forward names and addresses of representatives for the 1963-65 session, together with certified membership in accordance with Rule 5 (i) (a), as renumbered.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE PEAL BEFORE THE FLIGHT

Squadron Leader G. W. Massey, vice-captain of the ringers of St. John's, Frome, had a very unpleasant experience on January 19th after participating in an unsuccessful peal attempt at Frome to commemorate the tercentenary of the casting of the tenor.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was being attempted, but a shift course occurred and the bells were halted, after 24 hours' ringing. Immediately Sqdn.-Ldr. Massey set out for Whittington, Northants, as he was due on the Sunday to fly to Singapore for a month's tour of duty.

He was driving a Traveller and at Melksham had a breakdown. He phoned Mrs. Massey who came over in their Mini-Minor and in this car the Squadron Leader set out for Whittington, the journey taking 18 hours to complete! Such are the wintry conditions of England today.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-Eastern District

The annual meeting of the N.E. District was held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on January 12th, and was attended by 60 ringers and friends from Essex and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Parsons, after which tea was served in the Church Hall.

After the secretary's report had been adopted at the business meeting, officers elected were: Mr. F. B. Lufkin, District Master; Mr. F. H. Erith, District secretary; Mr. B. W. Fairhead and Mr. A. G. Semken, committee representatives. The retiring Master, Mr. H. J. Millatt, and secretary, Mr. J. H. Gould, were thanked for their services during the past 10 years, and they promised their assistance to the new Master and secretary. Eight new ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. Erith reported that there was a possibility that the unringable five at Layer-de-la-Haye might be completely restored. The dedication of the new six at All Saints', Shrub End, Colchester, on November 24th, 1962, by Rev. H. R. Darby, Vicar of Waltham Abbey, was also mentioned.

Next meeting: Great Bromley, March 9th.
A. G. S.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 4



DAVID P. HILLING,
The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Among the many youngsters taught to ring at the Church of St. Mary, Slough, by one of 'The Ringing World's' most enthusiastic correspondents, William Birmingham, is David P. Hilling.

David, the eldest of a family of four brothers, was born at Slough on March 25th, 1946. His education started at a local primary school. On reaching the age of eleven he gained an entry to the Slough Grammar

School, where he soon discovered that his maths master was that well known ringer and conductor, Frank Blagrove. At the age of 16, he left the Grammar School and commenced work as a junior clerk at a local firm of solicitors.

David has been a keen church worker for a number of years, serving as a choirboy from the age of eight to 14, holding the position of senior boy for some 18 months. In his spare time he enjoys listening to classical music.

At the beginning of 1960 he became interested in bellringing and joined the happy throng of youngsters at St. Mary's, Slough, under the leadership of William Birmingham, whom David describes as a very good and patient tutor. Incidentally it was through his perseverance and patience that Bill succeeded in getting St. Mary's bells augmented from eight to ten a few years ago.

David, who is now a regular Sunday service ringer at Slough, made rapid progress with his ringing, and 11 months after being taught to handle, rang his first peal, which was the treble to Stedman Triples at Stoke Poges on November 30th, 1960, conducted by Arthur Barker. Eight months later, at the same tower, this brilliant young ringer succeeded in ringing his first peal as conductor, when he rang the seventh to Stedman Triples on July 26th, 1961. His total of 42 peals includes six as conductor, being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and seven Minor methods.

An amusing incident was witnessed by David and others attending a meeting at Worcester when an unknown visitor took the 10th to ring rounds. At the word 'Go' the stranger gave a terrific heave on the sally and was amazed to see it disappear through the ceiling. He released his hold of the tail end and jumped off the box. A nearby ringer grabbed the flying rope and pulled up the bell. The comment made by the would-be ringer was, 'Well, it went up.'

It is not surprising to learn that through his keenness for ringing David has an ambition. It is to take part in the non-conducted extent of Major. It is hoped that the success of this youngster will inspire others to do well in the Exercise.

NORVING.

HANDBELLS WITH A HISTORY

From 'Ringing Towers,' and this issue is 20 pages crammed full of news, we learn that at Armidale there is a group of 12 handbell ringers who meet under the direction of Mr. Peter Richards and ring call changes and tunes. (There are no tower bells at Armidale.)

The handbells once belonged to Samuel E. Joyce, who was Master of the College Youths in 1887. On his death they passed to his daughter, a Mrs. King, who is a house mother at Armidale School. She advertised them in 'The Anglican,' and upon Christchurch St. Laurence's responding she gave them to that church, and Mr. Richards has them on permanent loan.

FROM THE INSIDE—Continued.

In a journal of this type the Editor is dependent on a host of correspondents, who regularly send news items, letters and feature articles. These exist all over the world where bells are rung in the English style. On the editorial side, with this array of correspondents the family spirit is very real. The same personal friendliness exists on the production side, and when there is a slip up they feel it as keenly as the Editor. And what an assortment of crafts there is! Linotype operators, composers, reader, rotary press operator and his assistant, folders, cutter, girls wrapping, warehousemen and men to convey the printed copies to post office or railway station. Week in and week out it goes on, thus uniting ringers in one big family of servants of His Church.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

More than 50 ringers braved arctic conditions to attend the annual meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Chobham on January 12th. Ringing up to Cambridge before service time was directed by the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Acworth), who gave a challenging address. He informed the ringers they would be warmer in the hall at tea than in church, as a new heating system had just been installed by one of his ringers, Mr. Ron Collins. Tea was served by the local ringers and wives.

In his final report as Ringing Master, Mr. Collins pointed out that the District was in good shape: membership running at around 130 members, compared with 55 when he took over 8 years ago. He stressed that this was entirely due to team work, and named some of the loyal supporters of the District. These would never be named in the 'personality column,' but they were all solid reliable workers for the church. In particular he thanked his assistant, Mr. John King, and secretary, Miss Elizabeth Loveland.

The new officers, who were unopposed, are: Master, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; Assistant Master, Mr. D. Leach; secretary, Mr. Rupert Caporn. Messrs. J. F. M. Maybrey and C. D. J. Webb were nominated for the Central Council.

Ringing up to Double Norwich was under the direction of the new Ringing Master till 8.45 p.m.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1962



MR. BERNARD F. L. GROVES, of Maidstone, heads the list of peal ringers for 1962 with 108 to his credit. This is the second time he has passed the century mark, as last year he was placed third with 104 peals. In 1960 he scored 68.

Although only 19 years of age (nearly 20) he has already rung 474 peals, of which he conducted 104. He started ringing a week before he was eleven, at Marple, Cheshire (where Mr. R. B. Smith comes from), and was taught by Mr. Jack Pryor, now of Cardiff. He graduated into peal ringing through Brian Woodruffe and John Worth's band. He acknowledges his great indebtedness in amassing this total to the friends who have helped him in Kent during the last two years.

Mr. Robert B. Smith, who, in 1961 rung 137, has limited his activities to 66 peals. The second place this year is occupied by Mr. Charles A. S. Webb, of St. John's, Hanley, with 77. Another member from this tower, Mr. Geoffrey Davies, rang 71 peals.

Mr. John R. Mayne, of Harrow, retains his position as leading conductor with 56 out of his total of 64 peals rung. Last year he conducted 61 and the year before 58. But Mr. Groves was only two behind him this year.

In the field of handbell ringing Mr. R. B. Smith leads with 22 peals. The Halifax band are prominent with Messrs. J. H. Fielden 18, John F. Bryant and Geoffrey F. Bryant 17 each.

Ladies do not figure very high in our list. Mrs. Mary C. Poyner, with 37 peals according to our records, has the pride of place. Second is Mrs. E. Marion Key with 36. We have a feeling that one or more of our bashful ladies have rung more.

Mr. David J. Llewellyn, of Barry, heads the Welsh ringers with a total of 31.

Peals conducted are shown in parentheses.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Bernard F. L. Groves	100 (50)	8 (4)	108
Charles A. S. Webb	74	3	77
Trevor A. Cross	68	5	73
Geoffrey Davies	69 (38)	3 (3)	71
R. B. Smith	44 (10)	22 (11)	66
Martin L. Howe	62 (1)	2	64
John R. Mayne	56 (48)	8 (8)	64
J. L. Millhouse	54 (38)	6	60
A. James Poyner	60 (24)		60

T. J. Lock	50 (1)	8	58
John Robinson	55 (8)	3	58
A. P. Cannon	57 (33)		57
Peter Border	54 (39)	2 (1)	56
Andrew S. Hudson	44 (19)	10	54
David W. Friend	49 (11)	2	51
J. W. Cotton	50		50
J. Henry Fielden	32 (12)	18 (12)	50
D. John Hunt	50 (20)		50
Cyril S. Jarrett	46 (2)	4	50
Andrew M. Macve	50 (2)		50
Ian H. Oram	49 (23)		49
Derek P. Jones	48 (31)		48
R. Kingsley Mason	48 (1)		48
Robert T. Lambert	46 (2)		46
Reginald E. Lambert	44		44
A. M. Lindsey	41 (2)	3	44
Dennis A. S. Symonds	40	3	43
B. G. Warwick	41 (38)	2 (1)	43
John C. Eisel	31 (1)	11	42
B. G. Key	42 (32)		42
David J. Taylor	42 (3)		42
J. Martin Thorley	42 (15)		42
John F. Bryant	24	17	41
Philip Meheew	41 (3)		41
Roderick W. Pipe	40 (25)		40
Michael Wilshaw (age 15)	40 (5)		40
S. G. Ponting	39		39
Harry Poyner	35 (20)	4 (4)	39
Thomas E. Sone	39 (6)		39
Geoffrey F. Bryant	21	17	38
Christopher C. Clarke	38 (7)		38
G. K. Dodd	38 (26)		38
J. Keith Ward	38 (4)		38
Norman J. Goodman	37		37
Robert C. Kippin	35 (11)	2	37
Mary C. Poyner	34	3	37
R. W. Rex	36		36
Mrs. E. M. Key	36		36
Nicholas J. Davies	33 (3)	2	35
John H. Fielden	35 (2)		35
Richard E. Price	35 (10)		35
S. Barry Schofield	35		35
Thomas Cullingworth	34		34
John A. Acres	18	15	33
Geoffrey R. Drew	33 (16)		33
John Hill	32 (3)	1	33
L. Stilwell	33 (2)		33
Michael J. Thomas	33 (2)		33
W. David Ward	33 (1)		33
F. Hector Bennett	31 (3)	1	32
Shirley M. Drew	32		32
Don C. Exell	30 (6)	2	32
Ernest J. Ladd	32 (4)		32
Richard J. Warrilow	32		32
Robert J. Warrilow	31 (4)	1	32
Anthony R. Peake	29 (13)	3 (3)	32
Gillian Neal Smith	32		32
Alan E. Bagworth	31		31
Monty W. Gilbert	31 (1)		31
David E. House	31 (2)		31
K. Peter Jones	30	1	31
Brian C. Law	31 (1)		31
David J. Llewellyn	31 (6)		31
J. Neville Parkin	16	15	31
B. Gillian Schofield	31 (3)		31
Frederick E. Wilshaw	31		31
Cyril A. Wratten	31 (8)		31
F. E. Darby	30 (5)		30
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	30 (3)		30
Michael J. Fellows (15)	17 (3)	12 (4)	29
Michael J. Hobbs	29		29
A. R. Pink	29 (25)		29
Ronald J. Sharp	29		29
Robin G. Turner	25 (3)	4 (3)	29
Tom Chapman	22 (2)	6 (3)	28
John P. Partington	28 (1)		28
Giles B. Thompson	26	2	28
Keith R. Davey	27 (1)		27
Murray A. Coleman	26 (6)		26
David J. Forder	21 (8)	5 (2)	26
Mrs. Cynthia Warrilow	25	1	26
Beryl E. Cawser	25		25
Martin D. Fellows	15 (2)	10 (5)	25
Antony R. Kench	25 (2)		25
Diana M. Lawless	25 (1)		25
James L. Towler	25		25

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S
20th ANNUAL MEETING

Although nine-tenths of the roads in Oxfordshire were blocked by snow the previous Thursday, a slight thaw enabled 52 members of the Universities Association to assemble in Oxford for the 20th annual dinner and meeting on January 5th.

Those arriving early were given a choice of bells at Wolvercote (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Aldate's (6) and St. Ebbe's (8) in the morning. During the afternoon a peal of Superlative was rung at All Saints', conducted by Hilary Muirhead, and the non-pealers were able to ring at Christ Church (12), St. Mary Virgin (6), Magdalen College (10) and St. Mary Magdalen (6).

Oxford towers are probably noteworthy in as much as most of them require an experienced guide if the entrance is to be found without a considerable amount of trial and error. The bells in general possess a remarkable degree of individuality both in tone and hanging, and this may account for the fact that the standard of striking was not of a very high standard. However, all tastes were catered for, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques.

The Rev. P. M. Martin conducted the service in the University Church of St. Mary, and Canon Kemp, the chaplain of Exeter College, spoke, in his address, of the challenge of a New Year and of the determination and perseverance required of Christians.

A NEW SECRETARY

The service was followed by the A.G.M., held at Exeter College, with the president of the Universities Association, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, in the chair. The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. P. L. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. W. F. Moreton; Central Council representative, Miss M. R. Cross; auditor, Mr. R. B. Speed. Mr. Dermot Roaf had expressed a desire to vacate the office of secretary, and Mr. D. C. Exell was elected in his place. A vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring secretary for all his work for U.A. during his four-year term of office. The meeting confirmed the outline of the 1963 tour at Portsmouth, and a 1964 tour in Lancashire was discussed. A proposition to hold the next A.G.M. in London at the Houses of Parliament was seriously considered! but was finally left to the discretion of the new secretary.

Mr. P. Walker, the secretary of the Oxford Society, and Canon Kemp were the guests at the very substantial dinner, served in Exeter College after the meeting. The president thanked them for their part in meeting ringers and helping with the arrangements during the day.

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was proposed by Mr. Ronald Clouston, whose detailed records reminded him of the time when the annual dinner cost 3/9d., and, when in the days before 'Dove's Guide', the early U.A. tours only determined in advance a series of routes to be followed. Any church discovered en route was then considered fair prey for visiting students even though requests to ring had not usually been made before arrival.

In his reply, Mr. D. J. Roaf recalled that early University ringing activities went back at least as far as 1880 in Oxford, and he hoped that anyone with interesting records of the early days would preserve them and let other ringers know of them.

Following the dinner members departed in their many different directions with an anxious eye still on the weather. The meeting had been very enjoyable, and for its success our thanks go to the many local ringers, clergy and college authorities who made it possible.

D. O.

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Letters to the Editor

Fulfilled after 25 Years

Dear Sir,—I started peal ringing and visiting other towers in 1938, and in October of that year I first visited Horsmonden. I immediately took a particular liking to these lovely bells and expressed a desire to ring a peal there.

Little did I think that I should have to wait nearly 25 years to accomplish this, which I did on Sunday, January 20th.

It always seems odd to me how one travels far and wide over the country, ringing, yet it takes years to accomplish some minor feat in one's own immediate area.—Yours faithfully,
CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst.

Christmas Bells in N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—Whilst spending Christmas this year with Peter Richards (K.C.A.), up in the north of New South Wales, we happened to be listening one evening to one of the country radio stations. The whole programme had been accompanied by the usual generous amount of 'static,' when quite suddenly the crackling stopped and lo and behold we heard... 'This is "so and so" speaking to you from St. Paul's Cathedral, London.'

Imagine the rush to turn the wireless up to full volume! Following some fine, uninterrupted Stedman Cinques, we were treated to interviews with some of the St. Paul's ringers. Our guess was that the voices were either John or Michael Chilcott and what sounded like Bill Cook and Jack Waugh!

At the time we were nearly four hundred miles from the nearest octave tower so one can imagine the tonic it was! All most enjoyable and thank you, London.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE & DIANA PIPE.

Melbourne, Australia.

Bells and Cricket

Dear Sir,—I am a ringer at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and I just wish to pass on something that may be of interest to readers of 'The Ringing World.' I realise that it is now too late to give advance notice of the following, but if you see fit you may like to give a report of it.

Next Saturday (January 26th) we have been asked to ring for a wedding at the Cathedral which starts at 10.30 a.m. (S.A. time). The wedding includes a Nuptial Mass, and we should therefore start ringing at about 11.15-11.30 a.m.

During this time the fourth test between England and Australia will be in progress at the Adelaide Oval, just across the road and in full view of the Cathedral. The bells therefore will be (and indeed in the past have been) clearly heard over the radio during the cricket commentary. If, therefore, the cricket is broadcast at that hour in England (1.45-2 a.m. G.M.T.) and there are any ringers energetic enough to stay up till that hour, they will hear the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, intermingled with the cricket.

With reference to recent correspondence in 'R.W.' the B.B.C. may indeed be forced to broadcast bells that they don't even know about!

We take great pride in our bells—the second heaviest eight (tenor 41 cwt.)—as they are a beautifully sounding octave and 'go' perfectly. It would certainly give us a great thrill if ringers on 'the other side' were to hear them.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. BLEBY.

Burnside, South Australia.

Second Ladies' Guild President

Dear Sir,—I have just had passed on to me a copy of 'The Ringing World,' November 9th, 1962, containing a very interesting report of the jubilee of the Ladies' Guild, in which I read I passed away during my term as president about 1920.

I can assure you this is not correct as I am very much alive and well, in fact I was in London during the previous week to the meeting and had I known about it I should certainly have attended. Perhaps you will be good enough to correct this error. Thanking you.—Yours sincerely,

S. PIGOTT (Miss).

Hedd-Fan, Rhydyfelin, Aberystwyth.
Note.—We are very pleased to receive Miss Pigott's letter. She was the second president of the Guild. The error is regretted.—Ed.

Perishin' Ringers

Dear Sir,—The present cold weather spell has not deterred the handbell ringers of St. John's College, York, from ringing on a borrowed set of eight handbells prior to college morning assemblies. The handbells are rung four times a week, from 8.30 a.m., for about five to ten minutes in the open. The ringers are wondering if ringing in a temperature of 17° F. (Wednesday, January 23rd) is a record for the coldest temperature in which handbells have been rung. Has anybody rung for at five minutes at a colder temperature?—Yours, etc.,
MICHAEL KING.
York.

Proposed David Peal

Dear Sir,—In the early thirties, an effort was made to raise a band of Davids for a peal on St. David's Day, but the name was not so popular as now, and we could only muster a dozen or so, including non-pealers.

The Archdeacon of Bangor has kindly given permission for a peal attempt at St. David's on Friday, March 1st, to be concluded any time before 7 p.m. It is also possible that other towers could be arranged over the week-end.

As St. David's Day will not fall on a Saturday until 1969, the above appears to be the next best thing. Anyone interested please get in touch with

—Yours faithfully,

DAVID (no 'C') VINCENT.

Mere Heyes House.

High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire.

Spliced Minor

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for November 16th, 1962 (page 767) an arrangement of Mr. Harold Chant's 25 method 720, introducing 'single change' Alliance methods, was published. It has been pointed out to me that the place notations given there for the four Special Alliance methods are incorrect, and should read:

Newington Special Alliance:

—14—12—1236—12—5 1.h.6

Saltwood Special Alliance:

—14—12—1236—12—5 1.h.2

Burmarsh Special Alliance:

—14—12—1236 34—5 1.h.2

Witcombe Special Alliance:

—16—12—1236—12—3 1.h.6

I'd be grateful if you would publish this correction, together with my apologies to anyone who has tried to ring the 720, only to find it had a singular reluctance to run round at the end.—Yours sincerely,

Cheltenham. CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

A Peal of Value

Dear Sir,—Peals are very precious on some bells. Here is the story how Arnesby, Leics, ring defied our Friday night band until the fourth attempt.

Our first attempt was last August Tuesday. We decided to meet at Leicester and catch a bus to Arnesby. To our dismay there was only one bus that day. Our next attempt was on November 9th, but this attempt was lost after 18 extents. Still set on scoring our peal, we went again on December 21st. After about an hour's ringing someone came knocking at the belfry door shouting, 'There's a car on fire.' We took no notice, but then we could smell it. We stood our bells and ran outside and found my car on fire!

The fourth attempt with my car back on the road again took place on January 18th. We reached Arnesby about 6.30 and found that there was some heat on in the church, but when we looked at the thermometer it was 30° F. So off we started at 6.45 p.m. and the peal was successfully brought round at 9 p.m., which was in 42 Doubles methods. The band consisted of Rupert A. Clarke 1, Michael W. Brown 2, David F. Moore (cond. 50th peal) 3, Brian C. Law 4, Maurice R. A. Kirk 5.—Yours sincerely,

Barkby, Leics. MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

Durham Minor

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Blagrove's letter, as printed in 'The Ringing World' of Friday, January 11th, I would like to point out that as far as I can see Durham Minor is just the same method as York Minor with a variation at the half-lead—just a matter of two changes. Having extended York Minor to Major the same was done to Durham with the necessary alteration at the half lead, and so 'ad infinitum.' I am sure that the whole Exercise, if they compare these figures, will agree that the extensions we have rung are true. It would probably be better to say that commonsense has prevailed, as opposed to the rules and regulations of the Methods Committee, which but a very few of the Exercise can understand.

It would be interesting to note that Mr. Blagrove wrote to me after the peal of Durham Surprise Royal was published in 'The Ringing World' giving me exactly the figures of the method that we had rung. Surely Mr. Blagrove must have at the back of his own mind the feeling that there is something in what we say. But still it may be a way of 'pulling the wool over the eyes' of the ordinary ringer like myself, and further dictation by the minority to the majority.

Perhaps we could hear the comments of other ringers on this question, and I hope they will not be frightened off by the word 'extension.' Let us hear your views which may not be involved, but just commonsense!—Yours faithfully, P. J. STANFORTH.

Leicester.

Handbell Recordings

Dear Sir,—I noted with interest the article about the publication of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' by Nancy Poore Tufts. Perhaps our own English teams of handbell ringers will be stimulated by reading this book, and make themselves heard.

Maybe that our handbell ringers will move with the times, and make tape recordings of their ringing, so that these could be loaned out (for a reasonable fee!) and used to help each other. These recordings could be a valuable asset for ringers, and church social functions.

There does not seem to be enough cohesion between the various bands up and down the country, and we have very little knowledge of what is being done and what can be done.

Perhaps 1963 will bring a revival in this pleasant art.—Yours, etc., 'E. JATCH.'

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

THE appalling Arctic conditions of January 19th did not damp the enthusiasm of the Cumberlands who attended the annual meeting. A blizzard was raging as the members made their way from St. James', Clerkenwell, to St. Martin-in-the-Fields during the afternoon. After tea, in the warmth of St. Martin's Crypt, 40 members heard the Master (Mr. Denis Beresford) welcome them to the meeting, thanking them for their support and hoping their homeward journey would not be too difficult.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. F. J. Matthews) said that the Society had lost three members through death during the past year: Mr. Jack W. Cornford, who was made a member in 1919 and was a member of the St. Martin's band for many years, a past secretary of the Society and a regular peal ringer; he had, however, moved to Essex soon after the war and had done little ringing since; Mr. Alfred R. Glasscock (82), was a member of the Southgate band for 50 years and a member of the Society for over 60 years; Mr. W. Bowden, of Southgate and Edmonton, who joined the Society in 1913.

During the year 25 new members had been elected, an increase of 14 on the previous year, but the secretary had to record that two members had sought to resign from the Society.

A very high standard of striking and method ringing had been maintained at the practices at: Holloway, Holborn, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Cripplegate during the year. In November, the structural repairs being carried out at St. Martin's were completed and the band returned to ring there. Starting last November, the first Wednesday in the month is devoted to a practice at St. Martin's.

On two Sundays in the month, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Martin's bells are manned, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are rung on the fourth Sunday in the month.

During the year eight peals were rung against seven for the previous 12 months. They were: New Gloucester Surprise Major at Putney on March 3rd; Wembley Surprise Major at Bishopsgate on April 30th; Stedman Caters by our friends from Lincoln and Newark at Newark on April 23rd; Yorkshire Surprise Major at Westernham on May 26th; Stedman Cinques at Yarmouth on November 10th; Rutland Surprise Major at Edenbridge on November 3rd; London Surprise Major at Hackney on November 24th; six Spliced Surprise Major at Great Dunmow on December 8th. The peal of New Gloucester Surprise Major was the first for the Society.

Financially, the Society was in a sounder position. The increase in steepleage, fixed at the last annual meeting, was responsible for halting the continual drain on the Society's income and the Society could look forward to the hope of a crisis-free future.

The secretary reported that he had been in touch with various authorities regarding the history of the Society. It was hoped that many more facts would come to light regarding the origins of the Society and its life since with a view to rewriting the history.

Enthusiasm for the quarterly meetings had been very gratifying. Meetings had been held at Poplar and Hackney; a particularly fine day at Sevenoaks; and at St. George's, in the Borough, and St. Giles', Camberwell. The joint

meeting with the Middlesex County Association in December was the usual success.

The election of the officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. D. Beresford; honorary secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews senior steward, Mr. P. Beresford; junior steward, Dr. D. E. Sibson; treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and P. Beresford.

Quarterly meetings for the coming year would be held on April 26th, July 13th, September 14th, and the Middlesex Association joint meeting would be held on December 7th. Venues to be decided.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett to the incumbents of St. Saviour's, Southwark, St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields for permission to ring on the bells, and also to the Vicar of St. Martin's for use of the Fellowship Hall for the meeting. F. J. M.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Branch

Despite the bitterly cold day a good number of ringers and friends arrived for the annual meeting of the Central Branch meeting at Lincoln on January 12th, to ring at the two six-bell towers—St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's.

The service was held at St. Peter-at-Gowts, the Vicar extending a welcome and thanking ringers for their services to the church. Tea was provided by local ladies of St. Peter's, all being very thankful for the warmth and a good tea.

Mr. J. Freeman, the chairman, welcomed visitors from Guildford, Reading, the North Lindsey Branch and the Southwell Guild.

Officers for 1963 elected included: Canon M. H. R. Syngé, president; Mr. J. L. Millhouse, Ringing Master; Mr. S. A. Chambers, secretary.

Meetings for 1963 were agreed upon, the highlight being that in July, when the Branch hope to stage a ringing festival around the Sleaford area, to include both ringing and social activities. Other Branches will be invited.

Thanks were expressed to all concerned for the meeting, and members returned to St. Botolph's for further ringing. S. A. C.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

Mr. David Tubbs has been elected conductor of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Society, Guildford, following the resignation of Mr. H. A. May, who found regular attendance difficult owing to his duties with the Surrey Constabulary. Mr. May, however, agreed to act as sub-conductor. Mr. S. G. Ponting continues as honorary secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. A. Hopper and A. B. Lee are the steeple-keepers.

The elections and annual meeting followed the Society's supper, held at the Corona Cafe, Guildford, on January 21st. Guests included the Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) and Mrs. Hocking, Supt. Ronald J. A. Hagley (captain of Godalming) and Mrs. Hagley, Mr. A. White (verger of Guildford Cathedral) and Mrs. White, and Mr. Peter Sherwood (Ash).

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Despite the wintry conditions over 60 ringers and friends attended the Society's winter meeting held at Tattenhall, on January 19th. St. Michael's Church gave us literally a very warm welcome, as both the ringing room and the nearby schoolroom were noticeably well heated.

The excellent Gillett and Johnston ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, from the easier methods up to Bristol Surprise. In his address at the service, the Vicar welcomed the Society and gave an interesting description of the development of bell uses through the ages. He warned ringers as church workers not to over-emphasise their own vocation, but to remember that they should all be working as a unit.

Mr. A. G. Newman and his willing band of lady ringers did us proud with an excellent tea. Afterwards the honorary secretary asked members to watch 'The Ringing World' for details of the next meeting, which would be held on March 23rd next. The Society has decided to organise a tower striking competition which will take place on May 4th at a six-bell tower in the Archdeaconry, to be announced. Each tower interested is asked to submit six regular members of their own band only; they may ring any method they wish (Doubles or Minor), of approximately 120 changes, or call changes of at least ten different rows. Unattached members may form a band of their own. All bands are asked to contact the secretary if they wish to enter. Please state whether 'open' hand-stroke leads are to be used or not.

The honorary secretary went on to announce that the annual dinner will take place at Cannock on November 9th. He also appealed to all members to forward all money payable to the Society only to the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen, 8, Oriol Drive, Fordhouses, near Wolverhampton. (Peal conductors and 'Ringers' Diary' holders please note.) The Society is proposing to advertise in its next annual report and clients are asked to contact the secretary.

The following new members were elected: Miss B. G. Schofield (Bradford Cathedral), R. Worrall (Macclesfield) life members; J. Moore and Mrs. E. Moore (Willenhall), P. R. Johnson (Codsall), Miss G. Webb (Lichfield Cathedral), Rev. G. Hodgson (Tettenhall), J. Wilkinson and Miss E. Halldron (Bilston).

This very successful meeting concluded with the Society's thanks being tendered to the Vicar of Tattenhall, to their Ringing Master and to Mr. Newman and all who had made us so welcome. C. M. S.

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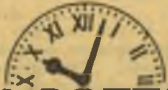
A reasonable attendance, that defied the snow, was present at the annual meeting of the Andover District at Whitechurch on January 13th, and the eight bells were rung throughout the afternoon.

The meeting was presided over by the District chairman (Mr. A. W. Alliston). With the exception of the treasurer (Miss Cherry White), all the District officers were re-elected. She did not stand for re-election and Mrs. Tarrant succeeds her.

Next quarterly meeting: March 23rd. Abbot's Ann, Goodworth Clatford and Andover.

Further ringing, under the direction of Mr. R. Crook, followed.

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TERCENTENARY OF THE GREAT BELL OF FROME

By EUNICE D. OVEREND

In the churchwardens' accounts of St. John's, Frome, is an entry for January 20th, 1662, for 8s. 8d. spent at Warminster at the casting of the great bell.

The same bell, weighing some 30 cwt., can still be heard ringing for service and on practice nights, and sounding the hours.

Although the date on the bell is 1662, until 1752 the New Year began on March 25th, so an anniversary in January, 1963, is not, as seems at first sight, a year late.

10d. FOR NAMING THE BELL

Running round the tenor is the inscription: William Whitchurch Andrew Rogers, C.W.D., 1662, I (bell) L' and a shield with the Royal Arms is on the waist.

William Whitchurch kept the Anchor Inn, which disappeared when Bath Street was built. A Mr. Chapman was paid 1s., 'for the hire of a hors to see the bell maide' and 10d. was spent at the Naming of the great bell the day after it was cast. Farmer Coles had £1 5s. for carrying it and 1s. was spent on bread on February 3rd, the day the bell was hung; the next day John Cabell had 2s. 6d. for ringing it.

At that time there were five bells in Frome, all by John Lott, of Warminster, whose mark was a bell between his initials. Two of these have since been recast, a sixth was added in 1684 and a pair of trebles given by William Cockey, churchwarden and bell-founder, of Frome, in 1724. The treble of 1684, given by John A'Court, of Rodden, was recast later by Wm. Bilbie. If it had survived it might have solved the mystery of the founder, whose initials were LC, only eight of whose bells remain.

By this time John Lott was dead though his son kept the Warminster foundry going for another six years.

THE COCKEYS

William Cockey did not begin his bell-founding till 1706, but his father, Lewis Cockey, living in Frome, was probably the founder of the six LC bells with the mark of a bell between the initials.

Richard Cockey, brazier, lived in Warminster in John Lott's day, and it was, perhaps, his son who arrived in Frome to set up in opposition on John Lott's death, copying his style of lettering and founder's mark, just as John Lott had copied the Perdues and William Cockey copied his father. If Frome had a foundry by 1634 the new bell would surely have been made there.

The LC bell at Farleigh Hungerford is of a completely different method of construction and style of lettering. This may be by the Lewis Cockey, bell-founder, of Bristol, who appears in the Yatton churchwardens' accounts and who has hitherto been credited with all the LC bells.

Future historians will not be able to deduce from present churchwardens' accounts that the bells were rung in celebration since ringers are no longer paid, but all successful peals are recorded and this, if luck is with the ringers, will be the 15th to go in the belfry peal book.

PEAL LOST

In honour of the tercentenary a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on January 19th. Unfortunately after 24 hours' ringing a trip caused two bells to shift and the peal was lost. Another attempt will be made after Easter.

OBITUARY

MR. J. J. BATCHELOR

A sad loss to the Kent County Association occurred on January 15th, when Mr. Joseph John Batchelor, of Little Chart, one of the representatives of the Ashford District, collapsed and died suddenly in Ashford, at the age of 47.

Mr. Batchelor, known to his many friends as 'Joe,' learned to ring as a boy under the tuition of Mr. Bill Oldfield at the old church which was destroyed by a flying bomb in 1944. He played a leading part in the building of the village's new church, dedicated in 1956, where he was churchwarden and captain of the ringers. The present delightful little ring of six is almost entirely due to his efforts in salvaging the old bells, and insisting on them being recast and rehung.

In addition to training his own ringers he found time to help learners at the neighbouring towers of Smarden and Charing. As a District representative, one of his last services to the Association was to give the benefit of his wisdom and financial knowledge, as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee on Rules and Finance.

Mr. Batchelor was born and lived all his life in the Mill House. He took an active part in all the activities of the village. Batchelor's Paper Mill, which was bought by Joe's grandfather in 1875, now employs 75 men, but has been the centre of the working life of Little Chart for over two centuries.

Over 200 people attended the funeral service on the Friday, conducted by the Rev. D. P. Lury. Apart from representatives of the Newspaper Manufacturers, British Railways, the South Kent Lodge of Freemasons and many other organisations, ringers were represented by Mr. J. R. Cooper (District Ringing Master), Mr. Alan Berry (District representative), Mr. D. A. Chapman (Canterbury District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Waddington (Maidstone District representative).

Mr. Batchelor is survived by his wife and two sons, all of whom he taught to ring, and imbued with his own love of the art. He rang only a small number of peals, but was most proud of the one he rang three years ago, when his elder son, Paul, then aged 13, rang his first peal.

His bluff, genial personality, his generous help and kindly wisdom will be sadly missed in Little Chart, in the Ashford District and in the councils of the Kent County Association. C. T. H.

MR. R. H. CAVE

Mr. Reginald Harold Cave, of Banbury, passed away on New Year's Eve, aged 77 years. He came to Banbury in 1914 and served throughout his working life with the Great Western Railway Company, and subsequently with British Railways (Western Region), retiring in 1948.

He was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Banbury, until about two years ago when ill-health prevented further ringing. For some years prior to his death he was honorary tower secretary and treasurer, and his conscientiousness and enthusiasm in these offices will long be remembered by his fellow ringers and the numerous visiting bands he welcomed to St. Mary's.

He had also been a keen chorister in many church choirs, the last being St. Leonard's, Grimsbury, Banbury.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's, Banbury on January 4th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. R. Carpenter. The congregation included many of his ringing friends. Immediately after the service and again that evening the bells were rung half-muffled.

Final tributes were paid by the Banbury and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at their meeting at Bloxham on January 12th, and on January 18th when representatives from various towers rang a quarter peal of 1,259 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Banbury: J. Bishop 1, J. M. Stretton 2, Mrs. O. Gillett 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davies 5, M. W. Coleman 6, C. T. Wightman 7, C. Herbert 8, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 9, H. Bishop 10. C. T. W.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

The second annual dinner of the S.U.G.C.R. was held at St. Michael's Church Hall, Bassett, on December 1st. A big programme of ringing preceded the meal: bells being available at Owslebury, Twyford, Bishopstoke, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, Bitterne Park and North Stoneham. A variety of methods was attempted with varying degrees of success. A ringers' Evensong was arranged at North Stoneham, with some of the hosts acting as choir. The address was given by the Rev. John Pibworth, priest-in-charge.

After the most important business of the dinner (the eating thereof) had been successfully concluded, the toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Pat Wooster, a life member of the Guild, now studying for ordination. He spoke of the need for co-operation between ringers and the rest of the congregation, as well as between ringers and clergy.

The Rev. John Pibworth, a good friend of the Guild, replied, with the requisite wit and good humour.

Alan Harrison, in proposing 'The Visitors,' gave a special welcome to many friends from Reading. John Bartlett, of Reading, replied, and also proposed 'The Guild.' His speech included the traditional parrot joke!

By way of replying, the Master, Hugh Evans, gave a report of the Guild's progress (?) during the past year, making mention of a 'performance' which many would rather forget.

The evening concluded with music and dancing, and also performances upon hand-bells, the pedal cycle and the well-tuned motor-bike. P. C. F. W.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By FRANK E. DARBY

23456 M In/5ths W H

23564	X	—
24365	X	—
34625	—	X
42356	X	—
42563	X	—
32465	X	—
32654	X	—
53246	X	2
34256	—	X
52436	—	X
23456	—	X

5,129 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By ROGER SAVORY

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243	1	2 3
324	1	2 3
72493568	5s	
42397568	5	
342	2	2 3
23497568	1	2 3

42357968	1s	2 3
65243978	2	3s
34562	2	3
23465	1	2 3s

52364	1	2 3s
352	1	2 3
235	1	2 3
42365	1	2 3s

34265 A

53462	1	2 3s
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352	1	2 3
43265	1	2 3s

32465 2A

53264	1	2 3s
45362879	1	3
24563	1	2 3s
32465	1	2 3s

24365 2A

52463	1	2 3s
452	1	2 3
34562	1	2 3s
23465	1	2 3s

34265 2A

First rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, on December 15th, 1962, conducted by the composer.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD DINNER

The eighth annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at 'The Culverden Arms,' Tunbridge Wells, on January 12th. The snowy weather caused the organisers concern and they had thought of cancelling the event; luckily they did not as a record company of 59 sat down to an excellent meal.

After the loyal toast, 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Bassett, who spoke of how much ringers were indebted to the Church. With all other people they realised that it was the influence of the Church that kept some law and order in this crazy world of ours, and that it would be a grim place without that influence. All ringers hoped that the message of the bells would do much to keep the Church alive. Secondly, it was the Church that provided the means of enjoying their art, and if the authorities suddenly decided to ban bells in churches, there would only be ten towers to grab.

The president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, who replied, was in great form and nearly 'stopped the show' when he likened a meeting of parsons to a heap of manure, an obnoxious lot when all together, but when spread all over the land they did quite a lot of good.

Mr. Missen was, however, very sincere when he thanked the ringers for their service to the Church, and hoped that the good relations between the clergy and ringers would long continue. 'Keep their bells ringing and they will bless you for ever,' he said.

A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. Ladd, after which Mr. B. V. Collison proposed 'The Guild,' giving a résumé of the Guild's history since its formation in 1927, with special mention of the two founder members present, Messrs. E. J. Ladd and R. D. Divall, of the services rendered by several members, and the young up and

coming conductor, Stanley Jenner. Mr. Collison had a special message to the youngsters, urging them to work hard to keep up the reputation of the Guild, and to try and match the services of past members, and the young members already holding office and putting up an excellent show.

In reply, the Guild chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey, endorsed Mr. Collison's remarks as to the young members, and thanked all those who had travelled long distances to attend. He closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the organisers, congratulating them on the excellent arrangements.

In the social that followed the company were entertained by Ann Boon and Rosemary Heighes (sopranos), Raymond Large (baritone), George Fry (comedian), M. A. Ladd, E. J. Ladd and C. Tester (handbells), with Mrs. Ladd at the piano.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL DEFIED THE WEATHER

Instead of the normal congregation of about 100, there were little more than two dozen people present at St. Peter's, Weston Favell, Northants, on January 20th, when a ringers' festival was held on the Sunday following the Festival of St. Anthony, whose name has been associated with bells through the ages.

Despite deep snowfall the previous night, the drifts and treacherous roads, the programme as arranged was carried out, consisting of 8 a.m. Corporate Communion, Matins and Evensong. Four hymns, written by Mr. P. Amos, were sung during the service. These hymns and one other have been specially printed in a leaflet.

Weston Favell ringers hope that better weather conditions will prevail for the next Ringers' Sunday, which is to follow St. Dunstan's Day—May 19th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Some 25 ringers and friends were present for the service and tea at the meeting of the Ashford District at Rolvenden on January 12th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Helyer, whose interesting address was worthy of a larger congregation. Mr. P. Wells was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Hemsley, captain of the Rolvenden ringers.

Tea was enjoyed at 'The Bull,' after which the Vicar acted as chairman for the business meeting. The main item on the agenda was the honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet for 1962. This showed that the previous year's satisfactory trend was maintained, especially in the recruitment of honorary members. Eight new members joined the Association.

Mr. Alan Berry thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and the Rolvenden ringers and friends for catering for the visitors under rather difficult circumstances. In reply Mr. Helyer said plainly that he was disappointed at the poor attendance, but would be glad to welcome the Association again in 'less wintry conditions.

In this connection it should be said that most of the 15 visitors came from the other end of the District, i.e. Folkestone and Burmarsh. All credit to them and to their hosts, but not, it must be admitted, to anybody else. In spite of a request for a good attendance only Mr. J. Willis sent even a letter of apology, and consequently the keen young band at Rolvenden received little moral support. If this is a sample of future attendances, the timetable will have to be drastically reduced.

Ringling on the fine eight was under the direction of the honorary District secretary, and eventually rose to Oxford Treble Bob.

C. T. H.

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'The peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Michael's Ashton-under-Lyne on January 17th was a great achievement for us, writes Mr. Ronald M. Edwards. There was a footnote re each ringer, conspicuous being the first peal of 15-year-old Margaret Wright. For her it was a welcome to her niece, whose mother (her sister) was a former ringer at this church.

The annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will be held at Rochester on Saturday, May 11th.

Frome ringers will remember New Year's Eve and the advent of 1963. They had to whip off the muffles of the bells in a frame covered in icy snow.

Miss Anita Henson, of West Bridgford, has resigned her secretaryship of the Society of Sherwood Youths. Her successor is Mr. Peter Nix, of Hucknall.

By ringing 12 methods of Spliced Surprise Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on January 12th, an advance is recorded. It is the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

As the result of playing carols around the village during the week before Christmas, the Wadhurst, Sussex, bellringers handed the sum of £18 to the Mentally Handicapped Children's Society.

During the eight years he has been Ringing Master, Mr. Roy Collins has seen the members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild rise from 55 to 130. Gratifying progress.

A half-muffled peal attempt at Little Chart, Kent, on January 19th, in memory of the late Mr. J. J. Batchelor, came to a sudden end in the sixth extent after two hours' excellent ringing when a power cut plunged the ringers into complete darkness.

Mr. Frank J. Matthews informs us that the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths propose to rewrite the history of the Society. Any unpublished manuscripts and notes relating to the Society would be most welcome. Write Mr. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18.

BELFRY GOSSIP

There are four married couples in this year's peal list and it is unusual that two of these should come from Gnosall, Staffs. Taking aggregate totals, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key lead with 78, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner, 76, the Drews, of Cheltenham, with 65, and the Warrilows with 58. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border had a combined total of 185. The late Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole, however, in 1954 had a total of 244!

This coming year should see Mr. A. Patrick Cannon join the list of the 1,000 pealers. He is in his last 50.

Five Slough Parish Church ringers 'hit the target' in 1962. Fred Scott, Keith Ward, David Ward and W. Birmingham exceeded 30 peals and David Hilling rang 26.

Ringers, whether or not they are Scottish or Welsh rugby enthusiasts, in Edinburgh for the international at Murrayfield, will be welcome at the practice at St. Cuthbert's, Prince's Street, on Saturday, February 2nd, from 6 p.m.

One of the surprises of this year's peal list is the leading peal ringers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, except R. B. Smith, who really belongs to Marple, Cheshire, are below 50. Despite this the Guild had to its credit the highest total for over 10 years.

Editor F. E. Dukes has some interesting posers for his readers in 'The Irish Bell News,' January number. One is, 'What does legend say about the bell of Ugley in Essex?' Answer: 'Ugley Church, ugly steeple, ugly parson, ugly people.'

The Irish Association aim at raising capital for a bell restoration of at least £200. The sum of £85 is still required to bring the fund up to the target figure and to redeem the loans. The sum of £150 of the new 5½ per cent Irish National Loan was applied for and accepted. Of this amount, the Trustees have personally advanced between them £60. Those who have enjoyed Irish ringing and would like to be associated with the appeal should communicate with Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

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PEAL RINGING AROUND ASHFORD, KENT

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STOWTING, KENT.

On Wed., Dec. 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

*PETER RICHARDSON Treble	JOHN RICHARDS 4
C. GAY WILLIAMS 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 5
J. RICHARD HOUGH 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.

On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*MARION J. PHILLIPS .. Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 4
J. RICHARD HOUGH 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

J. RICHARD HOUGH .. Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 5
*W. KENNETH HAMILTON .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 3	IAN H. ORAM Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal 'inside,' and first in the method. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

On Sat., Dec. 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

VIOLET I. E. RELF .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	*JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 7
J. RICHARD HOUGH 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*GEOFFREY FISHER .. Treble	*JOHN C. BALDWIN 4
†PETER RICHARDSON 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 3	DAVID STAPLES Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal. † First 'inside,' and in three methods. ‡ 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES DRAYCOTT .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 6
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 8
W. ERNEST RAWSON 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JENNIFER M. TYACK .. Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES 6
†RENEE STURGESS 2	S. ALAN SCOTT 7
*ANTHONY R. COPE 3	WILLIAM F. J. COPE 8
JOHN A. G. BALL 4	ALAN H. STURGESS 9
*SUSAN E. SMITH 5	*JOHN W. C. STEVENSON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALAN H. STURGESS.

* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First 'inside.' First of Caters on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5160 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 12 methods, comprising 600 each of London and Redcliffe, 480 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge, Albanian, Rutland and Wembley, 360 each of Lindsey, Langley and Lincolnshire, and 240 each of Pudsey and Prittlewell; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 6
DEREK OGDEN 2	NORMAN SMITH 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 8
NEIL BENNETT 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Greatest number of Royal methods ever rung to a peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*MARGARET WRIGHT (15) .. Treble	†DEREK J. MARSHALL 6
†JOHN F. BARLOW 2	†C. JOHN CLEGG 7
†JOAN HARRISON 3	†LEONARD HILL 8
†WILLIAM HARRISON 4	RONALD M. EDWARDS 9
†PETER J. MALLOCH 5	†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by RONALD M. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First on ten as conductor. Ringers of 2, 6, 8 and treble have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Rung by the Sunday service band in memoriam J. Carter (past Ringing Master), who died January 12th, 1956.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

HOWARD OGLESBY .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	J. KEITH WARD 8
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
ROGER BALDWIN 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method.

Rung to open in this parish the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRANCEPETH, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 2	*FREDERICK ROSS 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
ALAN R. PATTERSON 4	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* 100th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.	DENNIS GREGORY 5
PETER D. TAYLOR .. Treble	*GEORGE H. PAULSON 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	ERNEST PAULSON Tenor
MICHAEL H. PAULSON 4	

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* 100th peal.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Treble	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY 5
†RUTH HAYARD 2	EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY 6
*THOMAS YEOMANS 3	ROGER G. HAYARD 7
BRYN A. TAYLOR 4	†NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First of Major in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

Rung to mark the success of the initial stages of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

RICKMANSWORTH BOB ROYAL

x 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.4.5.0; 3.6; 9.0

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KESSINGLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 144 cwt.

DEREK J. JONES Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Arranged by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

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

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	GORDON H. LANE 7
DAVID R. INGRAM .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN C. BALDWIN Treble	*JOHN CAMP 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ESHER, SURREY.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

DENNIS BROCK Treble	CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 5
PAUL A. BRAND 2	DOUGLAS M. BONIFACE .. 6
MICHAEL B. TYERS .. 3	ANDREW M. JOHNSON .. 7
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 4	ANTHONY G. TYERS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ANTHONY G. TYERS.

A compliment to J. Marilyn Gibbs and Derek G. Astridge on their engagement.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. DEXTER'S var. of Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.
DEREK P. JONES Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
JOHN K. SMITH 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

DENIS WOODS Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

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

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,592 of Cambridge and 2,496 of Superlative; with 72 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of both methods.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. 5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. 2	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	BRIAN BLADON 7
ELSIE K. HART 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

KESSINGLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
56 x 56.14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 58.16 x 16.58 L.E.: B. C.P.S.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 HACKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN HILL Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by DENIS N. LAYTON.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 12).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

DAVID J. BAKER Treble	DAVID W. JAMES 5
*MARGARET JAMES 2	*KEITH H. SCRIMSHAW .. 6
*EDNA M. POULTER .. 3	*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. 7
*JANET WARWICK .. 4	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Edward Bryant, Master of the Guild.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
GRAHAM T. BALL 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* 100th peal.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM J. ROOT 5
BERYL E. CAWSE 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

A coming-of-age compliment to the ringer of the second.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 5
ALAN CARVETH 2	ANTHONY LOCKE 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 3	HARRY STACEY 7
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 WHITCOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 6
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells, and by the band, except the ringer of the seventh.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* 50th peal of London Surprise Minor.

HACKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

38-58.4-12-36.14-14.3-14.5

2nds place L.E. 16482735. 4ths place bob.

Composition: see 'R.W.', 10/3/1950, page 160; as for first peal of Banstead.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

PATRICIA LAYCOCK Treble	*BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	GEORGE FRANCIS 7
STANLEY G. PONTING 4	*W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

HAROLD MARCON Treble	EDWARD C. WEAVER 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	DENNIS N. BURNETT 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

1,000th peal on the bells. Contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 with the 3rd never in 6ths and the 2nd never in 5-6.

All the above ringers are employed at the Bell Foundry.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Killamarsh; (2) Barnsley, South Kirby, Felkirk, Havercroft; (3) Oxford; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley; (5) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood; (6) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel; (7) Woodbine. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
FREDERICK R. BROOK Treble	ROGER CLARK 4
ELIZABETH PEACE 2	PETER CARBUTT 5
SUSAN PEACE 3	TREVOR TARBATT Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
CHARLES H. BLAKE Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	C FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods: (1 to 6) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (7 to 11) Grandsire, (12) Grandsire and Newborough, (13 to 18) Plain Bob, (19 to 21) April Day, (21 to 30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31 and 32) All Saints, (33) Rushall, (34) All Saints and Rushall, (35 and 36) Marchington, (37 to 39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40 to 42) Seighford. Tenor 10 cwt.	
RONALD CHAPMAN Treble	BRIAN C. LAW 3
J. HEDLEY WALE 2	RICHARD A. COBLEY 4

MICHAEL W. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

Rung half-muffled in the respected memory of Mr. Horace Vann, for many years a bellringer, chorister and sidesman at this church.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Newark Parish Church Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.	
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER 4
MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
HAROLD STEVENSON 3	DENNIS SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Pugh (a former Ringing Master at this church), Mrs. Hooper (mother of the conductor) and Mrs. L. Midwinter (mother of the ringer of the fifth), all of whom died recently.

HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) York and Durham, (3) London and Wells, (4) Annable's London, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ANDREW M. MACVE .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
*JOHN S. BARNES 2	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in 12 methods. † 500th peal.

NUTHALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

W. PAGE Treble	MISS H. YOUNG 4
MISS M. BALL 2	MISS J. HARRISON 5
T. HARRISON 3	E. JENKINSON Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINSON.

First peal by all the band, and on the bells.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss J. Harrison; also the 15th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. L. R. Barker.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 20 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Carlisle and Northumberland, (3) London, Cuneastre and Wells, (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Rossendale and Stamford, (7) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; with 122 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

JOHN S. BARNES Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in 20 methods.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings); 254 hobs, 166 singles; no plain leads. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHIRLEY M. DREW Treble	ALLAN PATON 4
WENDY BIRD 2	BOB DOWDESWELL 5
MICHAEL CLIFFORD 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First attempt in the method by all.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*SHEILA COPPING Treble	RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
D. PAUL SMITH 2	RALPH BIRD 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael, son of the ringer of the fourth.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL Treble	A. HARRY HAWCROFT 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN COATES 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Dan A. Piercy, an Ordsall ringer, who passed away on January 10th, aged 74. He stood in the conductor's first peal on March 23rd, 1929, in this tower and in the same methods.

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On Fri., Jan. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in 42 methods/variations: (1) Besthorpe, (2) Costessy, (3) Mileham, (4) Shropham, (5) Walsingham, (6) Norwich, (7) Plain Bob, (8) April Day, (9) Kennington, (10) Old, (11) Seighford, (12) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (13) Southrepps Pleasure, (14) Clifford's Pleasure, (15) St. Colum, (16) Little Aston, (17) St. Martin, (18) St. Paul, (19) St. Peter, (20) St. Leonard, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Simon, (23) St. Albans, (24) Cassington, (25) Eynsham, (26) Elford, (27) Winchendon Place, (28) St. Miles, (29) St. Luke, (30) St. John, (31) Ryton, (32) St. Nicholas, (33) St. Giles, (34) St. Thomas, (35) St. Andrew, (36) Shareshill, (37) Grandsire, (38) Newborough, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Morning Star, (41) All Saints, (42) Rushall.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.

RUPERT A. CLARKE Treble | *DAVID F. MOORE 3
MICHAEL W. BROWN 2 | BRIAN C. LAW 4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

* 50th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, MEAN WOOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire, April Day, and seven of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E.

STUART J. CORSON Treble | ANTHONY E. STAMP 3

JOHN WEAVER 2 | RONALD H. DOVE 4

C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

First peal in eight methods of Doubles by all the band. First on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL Treble | GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4

HAROLD DENMAN 2 | LOUIS WILDDERS 5

JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3 | GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 31, 1962, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

AT 34, SWITHLAND LANE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Six extents of April Day, seven each of Kennington, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, and eight of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 13 in D.

RUPERT A. CLARKE 1—2 | DAVID F. MOORE 3—4

MICHAEL W. BROWN 5—6

Conducted by RUPERT A. CLARKE.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1963, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

JOHN A. ACRES 3—4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Fri., Jan. 4, 1963, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAN S. PONT 1—2 | RUPERT A. CLARKE 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT 18, TABORS AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOE E. G. ROAST 1—2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON 5—6

DAVID HODGSON 3—4 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 7—8

Composed and Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First handbell peal of Major as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: A. Helliwell 1, E. J. F. Wall 2, R. Leigh 3, R. J. Parker 4, N. Pickup (cond.) 5, M. Birtwistle 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Helliwell 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, R. Leigh 4, E. J. F. Wall 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Cornwall Surprise Major: Edna M. Poulter 1, D. W. James 2, Margaret James 3, Janet Warwick 4, J. Soanes 5, J. Baldwin 6, B. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Ogden 8, By Manchester University Band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Kendrick 1, M. Bamby 2, M. Godwin 3, K. Thompson 4, B. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Young (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Taylor (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Evans (first of Major) 2, A. W. Bond 3, Angela Wright (first of Major) 4, Angela Grainger 5, D. P. Treble 6, B. J. Stone 7, B. G. North (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 2, Margaret A. Wilson 3, R. A. Vickers (first of Cambridge) 4, D. Burbridge 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. W. Holland (cover) 8. Rung in anticipation of a happy 1963.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: F. E. Roberts 1, Olive D. Tester 2, R. J. Lee 3, R. W. Hinde 4, R. J. Talbot 5, R. E. Finch 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Keat T.B. and Plain Bob): V. Hurt 1, Mrs. F. M. Davis 2, W. Seekings 3, W. E. Young 4, D. Nicholls 5, D. A. Davis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. E. Winter 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 4, J. E. Warner 5, L. J. Fox 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. M. Hollyman 1, E. C. Leigh 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, E. J. Jenner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, J. E. Warner 6, L. J. Fox 7, G. S. E. Winter 8. For Evensong.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCs.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smithills (age 12, first quarter) 1, J. Mossop 2, H. Smethills 3, A. Lomas 4, N. Tompkins (cond.) 5, J. Thornley 6, P. Crook sen. 7, R. Holt 8. Rung on St. John the Evangelist's day (Patron Saint).

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): T. J. Field 1, J. T. P. Thorpe 2, H. Stonehouse 3, Mrs. C. E. Cooper 4, C. E. Cooper 5. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Slater, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of his ordination.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,385 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Pipe 1, E. G. Pearce 2, B. Gillian Schofield 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. H. Buxton 5, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, L. N. Melton 8, R. F. Downing 9, S. Pipe 10. For the Festival of Christmas.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. Woolven 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, P. Woolven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davy 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 30th, 720 Ipswich Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, P. Woolven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davy 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Powell 1, C. T. Richards 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. Fulwell 4, M. A. Stacey 5, C. Rogers 6, M. Sprackling 7, G. Harvey 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, W. G. Wilson 10. For Matins.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (44 individual plain course methods. 92 changes of method): Miss T. Johnson 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss P. Lansley 6. First of Spliced Doubles and in 44 methods by all except 4 and 5. For morning service.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Fox 1, R. Howes 2, F. Absalom 3, Susan Howes 4, A. Howes 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, M. Welsh (cover) 8. First of Cambridge for all the band. A compliment to A. Hewes, on his 21st birthday and his engagement to Helen Butler; also a birthday compliment to G. McIlhone.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Turner 1, E. Fosberry 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, Miss I. Gocher 4, W. L. Weller 5, I. Nelson (first of Triples) 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, M. I. Davey 8. First on eight bells by 1, 3, 4. For Evensong.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Archer (first quarter) 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For the carol service.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Edwards 1, D. Peers 2, W. Hall (cond.) 3, S. Anderson 4, R. Peers 5, J. McCullagh 6. Rung on the eve of the Epiphany.

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HALF PEALS

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. John Ev., Miles Platting, on Dec. 8th, 2,560 Plain Bob Major: Marcia Nutt 1, Jean A. Allen 2, Janet Warwick 3, Mary Browne 4, D. J. Baker 5, K. H. Scrimshaw 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Jan. 20th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: A. Pickles 1, R. Price 2, L. Walsley 3, P. Dunderdale 4, F. Stead 5, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of W. Loxham, a ringer at this church for 53 years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,2860 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Margaret C. Godfrey (first of Minor) 1, Ruth Perrin 2, R. Rayfield (first in two methods) 3, C. H. Macve 4, P. J. Milton 5, An M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dorothy M. Stafford 1, Janet D. Phillips (first of Major) 2, Maria E. Kirby 3, Judith M. Atkinson 4, C. M. Foster 5, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, D. M. Sawyer 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. Rung by the University of Bristol Society after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Jane Sibson 1, Margaret M. Jones 2, Josephine D. Hardy 3, Joan Beresford 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8. Half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Fright (first quarter) 1, Josephine D. Hardy 2, Rita E. Gould 3, Margaret M. Jones 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, R. White 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band except the conductor. For Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. I. Dear 1, M. Hopkins 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scott 4, E. Buck 5, C. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, P. Flack 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Bishop 1, J. M. Stretton 2, Mrs. O. Gillett 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davies 5, M. W. Coleman 6, C. T. Wightman 7, C. Herbert 8, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 9, H. Bishop 10. A last tribute to Mr. Reginald Harold Cave, for many years honorary secretary and treasurer of the tower, who died on December 31st.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, M. Damerell 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, B. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, 30 changes of method): J. Schofield 1, Olive Tester 2, R. Lee 3, Jean Lavender 4, S. Kimber 5, R. Talbot 6, R. Hinde 7, E. Darby (cond.) 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: J. Schofield 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, R. W. Hinde 5, F. E. Darby 6, R. J. Lee 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Fovargue (first quarter) 1, N. B. Fovargue 2, Miss S. Fovargue 3, P. P. Morris 4, J. E. Brown 5, J. H. Taylor 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Daft, a church worker.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janice Brown (first quarter) 1, Louise Gallini 2, H. F. Wood 3, B. G. Elliot 4, E. F. Fosberry 5, G. C. Rix 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bland 1, J. T. Parsons 2, F. Longworth 3, G. Wignall 4, T. Wilkinson 5, G. Haworth 6, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, K. A. Earnshaw 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Joseph A. Tomlinson, for many years a ringer at the Cathedral, who died on January 13th, 1963.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, Peter and Cedd, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Groves 1, P. Anne Edwards 2, L. J. Clarke (cond.) 3, G. Andrews 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, P. J. Eves 6, I. R. Panton 7, J. Crawley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. Thrift.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Linnell 1, J. Linnell 2, J. Linnell 3, Miss M. A. Wilson 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, D. Burbidge 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Wall (first quarter Stedman Triples) 1, R. H. Bullen 2, M. H. Paulson 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. Gregory 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Astbury 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DURCHESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Franklin 1, D. Pimm (first 'inside') 2, C. Adam 3, G. Tinson 4, R. Partridge (cond.) 5, G. McIlhope 6.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. D. Harrison 1, G. P. Hammond 2, I. P. Unsworth 3, K. F. Gardner 4, G. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. J. Allen 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Perry 1, R. Smith 2, K. Baker 3, M. Heymann 4, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. Rung to welcome the birth of Christopher Paul to Monica and Michael Horseman on January 19th.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Jan. 13th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Whelan (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, J. E. Reed (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. W. Otley 4, J. L. Bell 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8.

HESTON, MIDDx.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Jordan 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, Miss G. Baresel 3, Miss F. Pocock 4, P. Ruch (cond.) 5, R. Sumner 6, G. Golding 7, S. Porter 8. A 21st birthday compliment to three of the band: the Misses P. Rayner, G. Herbour and P. Smith.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ballard (cond.) 1, R. Hayward 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, C. P. Rice 4, E. Sowman 5, M. Lindsey 6, J. Vernon 7, P. Hollick 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Edgar Vallance, a member of the local band, who died on January 12th.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jean M. Hunt 1, D. Derbyshire 2, J. A. Dobb 3, M. A. Willis 4, D. W. Parkin (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. V. Coghill (first quarter) 1, J. F. Murfin 2, D. J. Murfin 3, D. Derbyshire 4, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 5, M. Cann 6.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Chapman 1, Jennifer Young 2, N. J. Davies 3, Josephine Hardy 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. White (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jones 1, Josephine Hardy 2, Jennifer Young 3, D. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6. Wedding bells for the eldest daughter of the Vicar, Rev. L. S. Dashwood.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps): Miss C. Stringer (first quarter) 1, C. Godfrey 2, Mrs. C. Godfrey 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. For Sung Eucharist.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Rosamund Rawlings (first of ten) 1, Judith Geiringer (first of ten) 2, Susan Rawlings 3, Margaret Lewis 4, Joan Beresford 5, D. Leach (first of Royal) 6, D. Wilkins (first of Royal) 7, K. Newman 8, A. Bagworth 9, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 10.

LONDON.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): M. Rose 1, Jennif Young 2, M. P. Barton 3, D. Miles 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For morning service.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Roberts 1, R. H. Tyler 2, H. Bennett 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Silvey 1, Miss J. Cook 2, P. R. Dean 3, J. Young 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David Oliver (first attempt, age 14) 1, N. D. Deam (cond.) 2, L. Porter (first attempt, age 12) 3, R. H. Jones 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for Epiphany.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hale 1, D. Neville 2, D. Elliott 3, Valerie Taylor (first quarter) 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Dec. 30th, at 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. A. Yeates 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. C. Bolton (cond. and first 'in hand') 5—6. Also on Dec. 30th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Pardoe (first quarter) 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, Miss S. Scott 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Morris 1, R. E. Tallie 2, Jennifer Cook (first of Surprise) 3, M. C. Hughes 4, P. J. Rothera 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): H. Nankivell 1, B. J. Lawes 2, C. Carter (first quarter) 3, A. J. Lancelfield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. For induction of the Very Rev. J. R. Payne as Dean of Perth. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Merrylyn Chambers 1, L. Reynolds 2, B. J. Lawes 3, A. J. Lancelfield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, H. Nankivell 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Merrylyn Chambers 1, L. Reynolds 2, B. J. Lawes 3, A. J. Lancelfield 4, B. Potts (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. R. Warren 6. Rung for service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a farewell to Archbishop Moline, who is retiring.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara E. M. Fox 1, Janice M. Smith 2, Sheila A. Chinnery 3, H. Chant (cond.) 4, J. J. Fox 5, F. Mitchell 6. First quarter and first 720 by 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, to welcome their daughter, Sheila Mary, and for the birthday of Susan Anne Chant.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Veall 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, Margaret Weston (first quarter) 6. Rung for the birthday of the tenor ringer.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. Nicholls 1, W. Noble 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, L. G. Cowley 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6, S. Clements (cover) 8. Rung to commemorate Langley's charity.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Alban 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, K. Cowan 5. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Wheeler 1, B. Russell 2, G. T. Acott 3, S. King (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, R. Taylor 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. S. Harryman, Vicar and Rural Dean, who was this day inducted Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 3rd at St. Mark's, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Collins 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, R. J. Sweet 3, T. S. Collins 4, B. Bladon 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to B. Bladon.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Brown 1, N. R. Ellway 2, R. E. Lloyd 3, J. A. Clarke (first of Minor) 4, M. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. J. Copson 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging, and first of Minor on the bells by the Sunday service band.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fuller 1, D. R. Fuller 2, Christine Fuller (cond.) 3, A. Field (first quarter) 4, A. Baldock 5, L. Tapp 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Margaret Rose Binstead, 12-year-old daughter of Wally Binstead, a member of the local company.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: J. Linford 1, D. Burbidge 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, B. Eglesfield (first of Minor) 4, C. E. Truman 5, J. Linnell (first of Minor as cond.) 6, G. E. Green 7. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Linford 1, J. Linnell 2, G. E. Green 3, C. E. Truman 4, D. Burbidge 5, W. F. Eyden 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, F. C. Case 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Judith Geiringer (first as cond.) 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, F. R. Hartley 4, R. C. W. Mayes 5, G. Reynolds (first of Minor) 6. For Evensong.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. K. Hamilton (cond.) 1, L. Sweatman 2, Ruth Hamilton 3, P. Denne (first 'inside') 4, J. Richards 5, J. Clarke 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For carol service.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Abbott (first quarter) 1, L. Oliffe 2, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 3, P. Pearce 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Hester 6. Rung for Confirmation, by the Bishop of Dorchester.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. R. Ashmore (first quarter) 1, Miss M. S. Jackson 2, R. G. Morris 3, D. R. Sayers 4, D. R. Morris 5, J. J. Stanier 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, J. Slater 8, D. Beecham 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Rev. D. R. Pocock, precentor of the Cathedral and warden of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

LATE NOTICE

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Goldington (6), Saturday, February 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1889

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MISCELLANEOUS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—From Wednesday, February 6th, there will be Spliced Surprise Minor practices. Time of ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Pickett. 1849

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—The 1963 (Cornwall and Devon) tour lists are now available. S.A.E. please, large enough to take a folded foolscap sheet. Lists for the first week will not be sent unless specifically requested. Subscriptions (5s.) are also due.—W. A. Lacey (Hon. Sec.), 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester. 1888

CANCELLATION

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The meeting at Hilperton, February 2nd, has been cancelled. The weather has caused heating problems in the church and its buildings. 1880

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Supper and social, Sat., March 16th, 6.45 p.m.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Dulverton on February 2nd. Numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. R. Tudball. 1870

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, February 2nd at Claverdon postponed. Instead read evening meeting on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Wootton Wawen from 6-9 p.m.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Workington, February 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Bounphrey, 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington. 1839

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, at Chippenham. Bells (6) 3 until 5 p.m. Tea and service at Fordham (6). Ringing after service until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Wesley Methodist Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 1782

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting at Watford, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 1840

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, February 2nd at Wavendon. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 1834

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killmarsh, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells 3 till 5 p.m. and after tea, Eckington bells 2.30 till 3, and Harthill bells 7 till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killmarsh, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 1814

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, February 2nd at the Euston Tavern, opposite St. Pancras Station, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12.45-2; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.15-3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.45-5.15 p.m. Tickets still available.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 1816

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 2nd, at East Grinstead. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at St. Luke's, to all who notify Mrs. E. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue, East Grinstead.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 1815

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 4th, at 7 p.m. 1851

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, February 5th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in February, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 12th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 26th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 1874

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided. 1875

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—February 9th, meeting at Clifton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Oxford B.T. and Lincolnshire.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 1868

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Beverley, Saturday, February 9th. Minster (10) 2 to 4 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church 4.15. Tea in St. Mary's Rooms, Tiger Lane, 5, followed by business meeting. St. Mary's (10) to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 7th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1857

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, February 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps (Sec.), 18, Dowdeswell Street, Chesterfield. el. No. Chest. 7171 (office hours only). Names essential as catering is difficult. 1800

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), Saturday, February 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than February 6th to Mr. J. Clouston, 47, Broomhill Gardens, West Hartlepool. 1858

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Clay Cross on Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Executive meet. Names to H. Bunting, 11, Broadleys, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1873

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh (6), February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, by February 7th. Ringing at Tonbridge (8) from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Will committee members please try to attend this meeting.—Margaret A. Ladd, Sec. 1856

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington, Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1883

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, February 9th Rodbourne Cheney (6). Names for tea.—Luton. 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 1869

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, February 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 6th to Mr. Sage, Shelvin Farm, Beacon, Luppitt, Phone 267. 1736

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Mary's, Liss, Hants. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. May, 'Peppers', 3, Riverside Close, Liss. Everyone welcome. 1809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Armstead, 29, Alexandra Terrace, Oldham. St. Mary's, Oldham, bells (12) also available 2 to 4 p.m.—J. P. Partington. 1850

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lytham St. Anne's, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 1879

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo, 3.45 to 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 'The George', Fleet Street, followed by business, election of officers for 1963, handbell contest and social evening. Names for tea essential.—Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. 1827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, February 9th. Please bring own food. Frequent buses A.6 road, alight Chorley Road.—L. Walsley. 1862

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Saturday, February 9th. Hendon (annual District meeting). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, available 2.45 to 4 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1871

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. John's, Newhall, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 1963, at Reading. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3-4; St. Laurence's (12), 6.30-8.30. Service 4 p.m. at St. Giles'. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 6th to Mr. R. Hudson. 57, Oxford Hill Street, Reading. 1876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldermaston, Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. M. Payne, 10, Church Road, Aldermaston, Reading, Berks, by Tuesday, February 5th. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, February 9th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 1865

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, Saturday, February 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 1867

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall (8) on Saturday, February 9th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Breeze, 8, Walton, High Ercall, Wellington, Shropshire, by Monday, February 4th.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting on February 9th. Oton 3.30-4.30 p.m., East Bridgford from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owens', Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1859

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, February 9th. Names for tea by 6th to Mr. A. Jewitt, 'The Haven', Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting will be held at Arundel (8) on Saturday, February 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex, by previous Tuesday, please. 1872

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, February 9th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Mission Hall 5 p.m.—Anne Guy, Hon. Sec., The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 1866

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 9th. Priory bells from 3 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 1877

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Elsdon Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by February 7th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1864

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Western District) & LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, February 16th, 2.30 p.m., Winton St. Paul's. Names to Mr. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 1855

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill', Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich, NOR 21W.—P. Newstead, Hon. Sec. 1881

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner and general meeting, The New Millgate Hotel, Long Millgate, Manchester, 3, March 9th at 7.30 p.m., 16s. Apply before February 15th to N. Robins, 153, Hamilton Road, Longsight, Manchester, 13. 1863

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

Forty-eight members were welcomed by the Rev T. Richardson (Rector) during the service at the annual meeting of the Bingham District, held at Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 12th. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. Mr. Widdowson. Tea followed in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Rector presided and a minute's silence was observed for Mr. A. V. Dent, a renowned ringer in the District, who had died. Messrs. W. Mason and R. Andrews (Radcliffe) and P. Staveley (Whetton) were elected members.

The secretary, in her report, stated that seven meetings had been held, with at least 40 members at each meeting. Membership stood at 66, but it was hoped to increase this when the remainder of the District towers were visited. Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. O. Clarke; secretary, Miss R. Blackshaw; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Bennett; committee member, Mr. Hansome.

Forthcoming fixtures: Oton and East Bridgford, February 9th; Cropwell Bishop, March 9th; Orston (Crawford Cup), May; Outing, South Lincolnshire, in place of June meeting.

Ringling continued until 8.30 p.m., when members and visitors totalled over 60. A very happy meeting. R.B.

LUPPITT RINGERS' QUARTER PEAL OUTING

On December 20th Luppitt ringers went on a tour of local towers, with quarter peals being the objective. Fourteen ringers took part, each gaining at least one and there were several 'firsts'. In the morning Hemyock and Upottery bells were manned by farmers and their families. Good quarters of Grandsire Doubles were successfully brought round in each of these towers. This was a good start to the day, as the bells in both towers are heavier than in the home tower.

After a short break for lunch some mediocre Grandsire was rung at Churchinford—very similar to Luppitt—where a first as conductor was narrowly missed. Meanwhile the second band got off at a good pace with Bob Minor on the light six at Coteleigh. In the sixteenth course a shift occurred. This would have added two more 'firsts of Minor' to the four gained at the home tower on the previous Saturday. Those who were not engaged in farm work proceeded to Offwell. Two badly adjusted 'Hastings stays' in this 9 cwt. six caused a few rough patches in the Grandsire, but it was finally brought round, under joint conductorship.

After the farm chores had been finished and a snack taken, Bob Doubles were attempted at Membury and Musbury. The rather noisy ringing chamber and hard working bells at the former caused an early breakdown. It was decided to change the method and Grandsire was once again successful. Another difficulty was encountered at Musbury, very long draught making handling very difficult. There was no time for a restart, but all agreed they had gained valuable experience.

It was unanimously agreed that the day was a great success, though a little tiring to some of the younger members, and we would like to convey our thanks to incumbents and the local ringers.

E. W. B., F. J. S.

The details of the quarter peals are appended:

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Crabb 1, A. W. Sage (first 'inside') 2, E. W. Broom (cond.) 3, F. J. Sage 4, J. Sage 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

UPOTTERY, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, T. J. Thorne 2, Miss M. Sage 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, W. Broom (first quarter) 6.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District was held on December 15th at Old Whittington, when over 30 members were present, which was quite good in view of the bitterly cold weather. Shortly after 3 p.m. the light ring of six was raised in peal. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was enjoyed prior to the business meeting, at which Miss Susan Smedley (Creswell) and Mr. George Hunt and Mr. George Naylor (Clowne) were elected ringing members. The belfry elections of Shelagh Collins and Diana Lawless prior to a peal were ratified.

The District chairman, Mr. F. Adams, welcomed the new members and paid tribute to Mr. A. B. Cooper, the former District secretary who left in November for a post in Hull. The officers for 1963 elected were: Chairman, Mr. F. Adams; committee, Mr. G. Goodall and Mr. D. Cooper; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Goodall; and secretary, Mr. M. P. Phipps.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Davies, the local ringers and to the ladies was proposed by Mr. D. Cooper, to which Mr. J. Newman, of the local company, suitably responded. After a short break for Complaine further ringing was enjoyed.

M. P. P.

5,152 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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Method: L.H. 5738264. F.C.H. 24365
23456 B M W H

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25634			—	2
53246	X			
45236				
62534		—	—	
23645	X			
42635			—	3
42356	X			
43526			—	2
24536				
32546				
54326				
63425		—		
32654	X			
53624			—	
46325				
36524				
62345	X			
34625			—	
23456	X			2

This composition, first rung at Shipton-under-Wychwood, July 21st, 1962.

5,024 HANLEY COURT BOB MAJOR

Arranged by GEOFFREY DAVIES
W B M H 23456

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