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HAZARDS

TO the expert the hazards in a church tower are bad enough and all come in a day's work, but to the inexperienced they can be very serious, especially in old towers.

Access to the bell chamber can either be by stone spiral staircase or wooden ladders—in some cases a combination of both. The chief hazard of an old stone staircase is the worn condition of the treads, especially if the staircase is dimly lit. Little or no toe hold is left, consequently climbing is difficult. Descending is more dicey as the foot is liable to slide; then one goes helter-skelter to the bottom. There are occasions when an accumulation of sticks brought in by birds covers the treads, and it is possible for the sticks to move under one's weight and so you skid to the bottom. In towers constructed of friable stone a thick layer of stone dust can hide deep cavities in the treads, so here again is a risk of shooting down.

With wooden ladders a broken rung can have nasty consequences. There are many that have worm in the rungs, so when climbing a ladder always place the foot close to the sides; even this is no guarantee a rung will not snap—if a rung does break the chances are the lower rungs will break as you drop. The sides of ladders are not immune from weakness, and these have been known to snap when least expected. No matter how strong a ladder may appear to be, never have more than one person on at a time.

Having reached the bell chamber, one's troubles are not over: the floorboards can be deceptive. When there is advanced decay in them the danger is obvious, but more often than not the danger is not so obvious, and it is not a pleasant feeling when boards give way and one 'is going down to the clock department,' as I know from bitter experience. Again, sticks brought in by birds can hide the weak places in the floor. In a strange tower try and note where the floor supports are and put your feet over those. Unguarded clock weight shafts must be regarded as man-traps, as more often than not they are placed in dark corners.

A rare hazard can be the material used to fill the bell chamber windows. I have reason to remember St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, when the bells were hung in the upper stage of the tower. The window openings were filled with cast iron filigree which looked all right, and when I was inspecting the bells had occasion to put my hand on the cast ironwork in the windows. To my consternation this

ironwork collapsed and fell outwards. I shall never forget the look on the late Mr. Wolstencroft's face when he realised what might have happened. Afterwards he told me that often he had steadied himself by putting his hands on the ironwork. The old wooden frame was a double-decker, smothered in old grease, which provided another hazard, for it is so easy to skid on the grease-covered timbers.

Finally, there is the obvious danger of moving about a bell frame with a bell or bells 'on set.' A bell can be pushed over accidentally or it could be 'pulled off' by someone who is not aware you are up amongst the bells. If you must 'mess about with bells,' make sure others know.

The dangers are bad enough in the daytime but are much worse at night, especially if adequate lighting is not provided. So if in doubt, keep out.

JOHN P. FIDLER.

RINGING FOR INDUCTION

A CONSIDERABLE amount of ringing welcomed the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., and Mrs. Robbins to their new living of the combined benefice of Charing with Little Chart. A peal in four Minor methods was rung at Charing on the morning of November 2nd. The same afternoon the local ringers rang for the service of institution and induction at Charing, while another peal in seven Doubles methods was rung at Little Chart. The following evening both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins stood in with the local band for the service ringing for the induction at Little Chart, the new Rector himself conducting the touch of Grandsire Doubles.

The peal at Charing was not achieved without difficulty. It caused the conductor some anxious moments, and the tenor rope broke the following day. But the peal at Little Chart went with such clockwork precision that the new tenor-queen was in danger of nodding off. Nigel Fright, aged 15, of Ashford, had the distinction of ringing his first two peals on the same day, and Peter Richardson, of Willesborough, doubled his total, also by ringing twice.

Although both churches are combined in the same benefice, and both have six bells, they are otherwise very different. Charing (13 cwt.) is one of the 15 original founder-towers of the Kent County Association and, administratively, comes under the Maidstone District. The beautiful old church overlooks the busy A20 road, and stands at the foot of the North Downs beside the great mediæval barn which was once the banqueting hall of the Bishop's Palace, where came Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. The tiny hamlet of Little Chart lies well off the beaten track. The new church is characterised by lines of architectural simplicity, and was dedicated in September, 1956. The bells (6½ cwt.) were recast from the bells of the original church, which stood some distance away and was destroyed by enemy action during the war. It comes under the Ashford District, so the newcomers have, as it were, a foot in both camps.

Mrs. Robbins is the daughter of Mr. George Spice, former hon. secretary and present vice-president of the Association, and has conducted peals on tower- and handbells. As the bands of both Charing and Little Chart have suffered losses and setbacks during the past year, the advent of two such distinguished ringers as the Rev. and Mrs. Robbins is a very great encouragement to them.

C. T. H.

TEACHING WASHINGTON TO RING



AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

By HARRY PARKES

YOUR readers may be interested in an account of my trip to Washington to install the new ring of ten at the National Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

I left London Airport on Tuesday, October 1st, at 12 noon, and owing to high winds in the South Atlantic we were routed via Prestwick, Iceland, the Labrador and New England coasts to New York and Washington, arriving at 6.10 p.m. Western Time. The assistant clerk of the works, Mr. Fanfani, met me at the airport and took me to my accommodation.

On Wednesday I was shown around, and introduced to Dean Sayre, and the Cathedral architect, Mr. Frohman, also members of the various firms of contractors with whom I was to work. I also met again Mr. Feller, clerk of the works, Mr. Dirksen, associate organist of the Cathedral, who is in charge of the ringing, and Mr. Barnes, the carillonneur. I had previously met these gentlemen during their visit to the Whitechapel Foundry to see the bells earlier in the year.

The Cathedral is a fine building, and when finished will be not unlike our Canterbury, although it is by no means a copy.

The bells hang in the central tower, above the Taylor carillon, and as the belfry is about 40 feet square, a circular frame was employed similar to Liverpool's, but constructed in steel, and bolted down to an insulated concrete ring.

On Saturday, I was introduced to 20 or 25 prospective ringers, but as soon as some of the bells were hung and instruction could start, this number rapidly increased until finally there were over 40 people clamouring to be taught. This presented a problem, and finally my stay was extended for two weeks to cope with the rush. Eventually, I was taking two an hour from 2 p.m. to 9.30 or 10 at night, with a break for a meal at 6 p.m.

On October 19th and 20th, six boys from Groton with Mr. Russell Young came to try out the bells and enable tests to be carried out on the tower. They were joined by Mr. Warren Sturgis from New York, whose family gave the fourth, and 'out of the blue' Mr. Philip Gray from Bristol, who was in the States on business. During the tests two of my pupils were far enough advanced to join in and we rang round on the ten.

Everything was pronounced in order, and during the following days I returned to teaching with renewed zest as I wanted to hear ten of my pupils ring rounds before I left.

Finally, Saturday, November 2nd, the day of my departure, arrived, and in the morning all the pupils assembled in the belfry for a final session, and it gave me great pleasure to hear rounds on the ten as good as some I have heard over here, and we finished up with four of them and myself ringing Stedman Doubles on handbells.

I was seen off to the airport by Mr. Dirksen, who on behalf of all the learners gave me a presentation and a letter which I was able to read as soon as we took off. I was deeply touched by this letter, and lost for words, and I hope they will understand if I just say 'Thank you all most sincerely.'

I flew to Buffalo for the week-end and achieved a long ambition to see Niagara Falls.

On Monday, November 4th, I went to Kent School, Connecticut, to check up their bells, and was once again made most welcome. Leaving there on Wednesday for New York I was presented with a very fine book on the history of the school.

Thursday, November 7th, saw me aboard a T.W.A. jet airliner for London, where I arrived at 7.30 the following morning, after a pleasant journey, during which a film show made the 64 hour crossing seem even shorter.

To conclude, I had a most enjoyable trip, met a lot of very nice people and made a lot of friends. I offer my sincere thanks to all for their hospitality and to my employers, for their trust and for giving me the opportunity of seeing the U.S.A. once again.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Wareham, where the Northern District met on November 9th, was a very popular meeting. Despite the crowd that overflowed into the churchyard George Francis, who was in charge, ensured that everyone had a ring. The service included a warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Newman), and this was followed by a good tea in the Village Hall.

The Master (Mr. Reg Johnson), who presided, expressed sorrow at the illness of Mrs. Hairs (honorary secretary) and wished her a speedy recovery. Mr. George Jennings was acting secretary. The vote of thanks from the choir included the Vicar, organist and Warnham band for the splendid arrangements, December meeting: Hartfield.

More ringing followed until 7.30 p.m., when a happy and cheerful social was enjoyed until 10 p.m. G. T. J.

OFFER OF GUILD CHURCH TO LEICESTER GUILD

THE Annual Dinner and Social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, on November 2nd.

During the afternoon the bells of the city churches were available for general ringing and good use was made of them.

Supporting Mr. F. K. Measures (president) and Mrs. Measures on the top table were Mr. B. S. Payne (vice-president) and Mrs. Payne; Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president), Mrs. Taylor and their daughters; Mr. J. A. Acres (peal secretary); Mr. P. J. Staniforth (Central Council representative) and Mrs. Staniforth; Mr. S. Burton (Central Council representative) and Mrs. Burton; Mr. J. M. Jelley (Central Council representative) and Miss Monica Moore; and Mr. B. G. Warwick (general secretary); together with the guests for the evening the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. Dr. H. Lockley) and Mrs. Lockley.

Proposing the toast 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' the Archdeacon outlined his connections with ringing. He commenced his ministry as curate of All Saints, Loughborough, where the names of the Taylor family became well-known to him; then he became Vicar of St. Thomas', South Wigston, where the record peal of Double Norwich was rung on December 27th, 1904, and is recorded on a tablet in the porch; and now, in addition to being Archdeacon of Loughborough, he had also become Vicar of All Saints, Leicester, which was associated with the bell foundry of Newcombe and Watts. This is a 'down-town' parish with very little Sunday congregation and the Archdeacon made the generous offer to the Guild that they might care to consider All Saints' as the Guild Church. He reminded the gathering of their calling in ringing for Divine Service and concluded by congratulating the members of the Guild who had successfully rung the record peal of Plain Bob Major at Loughborough earlier in the year.

Following the toast a 3-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on handbells by: John A. Acres 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, J. M. Jelley 7-8 and R. B. Smith 9-10.

HANDBELL TRADITION MAINTAINED

The President (Mr. F. K. Measures) in his reply, apologised for the absence of Mr. C. Harrison (trustee) who had been seriously ill; and of Mr. J. P. Fidler (trustee), whose wife was ill. He thought that whereas the attendances at district meetings had dropped in some cases, the attendances at general meetings had increased. He congratulated the handbell band, under the conductorship of Mr. P. J. Staniforth, who were ringing peals of Surprise and reminded the gathering that they were carrying on the tradition laid down by the founder-president of the Guild, the late Mr. H. J. Poole. He also congratulated members of the Guild on ringing the extent of Plain Bob Major and was glad the conductor of the peal was present.

The toast 'The Guests and Visitors' was proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. History was being made as this was the first time that a lady had made a speech at a Leicester Guild dinner. Referring to Lord Denning's impromptu speech she was going to read hers! After acknowledging the honour in being the first lady to make a speech she welcomed all guests and visitors to the dinner.

On behalf of the guests and visitors, Mr. R. B. Smith (conductor of the extent of Bob Major) suitably replied.

The duties of toastmaster were ably carried out by Mr. B. S. Payne (vice-president) who then called on his fellow vice-president (Mr. P. L. Taylor), who gave a brief description of his American tour.

A prize draw in aid of the Bell Repair Fund was organised by a sub-committee (Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. J. M. Jelley, J. Adams and J. M. Jelley). This resulted in £164 13s. being realised for the fund.

A competition run by Mr. J. M. Jelley and Miss Monica Moore to guess the number of prize draw tickets sold brought in £3 9s. 6d. towards defraying the general expenses of the dinner.

POPULARITY OF ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER

OVER the ten years since the Essex Association inaugurated its annual dinner the event has grown in popularity and this year at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on November 9th, there was a record attendance of 135 which necessitated an overflow into the restaurant.

Supporting the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) at the top table were the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch), the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), and Canon J. H. Barrow. The guest of honour was Mr. Paul Taylor of the Loughborough foundry.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, and the response was by the Archdeacon.

'Bells and Ringers of Essex' was proposed in a series of amusing anecdotes by Mr. Paul Taylor and Canon Barrow replied by outlining briefly the history of the Cathedral bells. This year is the Jubilee of the installation of the twelve at the Cathedral and in jocular vein the Canon assured the company that as far as he could remember Warner's estimate was sixpence lower than Taylor's!! Canon Barrow, of course, was largely responsible for the installation of the twelve when £1,300 was raised in four days and a 48-page programme was produced for 6d. a copy.

'Life Members, Guests and Artistes' was proposed by Mr. L. J. Clark, life vice-president. It is the custom of the Association to honour the life members elected during the current year by making them the guests of the Association for the evening. Present were Messrs. A. W. Beard (Barking), E. E. Holman (Walthamstow), H. Shadrack (Springfield) and J. Sitch (Brentwood). Messrs. C. Mansfield (Nazeing) and F. C. Taylor, of Walthamstow, were unable to be present.

In a humorous reply the Provost thanked the Association, especially for their efforts during the Cathedral Festival Week. He lamented the failure yet again of the peal attempt for Stedman Cinques and ventured the opinion that it ought to be called 'Stedman Stinks'!!

Excellent entertainment was provided by Ann Randall (songs with guitar), Robert Lindsell and Richard Webb (instrumental duets) with some excellent tune ringing by Messrs. J. Brandon, H. Egglestone and A. Hendron.

Altogether, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was had by all.

50 YEARS AGO

R.W. November 21st. 1913.—

The Cambridge Youths can claim to be one of the oldest of our ringing societies, but it was not until a week or so ago that they rang Cambridge Surprise. The first performance in this method was at Old Chesterton, when 720 Cambridge Minor was rung by W. B. Kempton 1, F. Dench 2, A. Wilkerson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, F. E. Kempton 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. This is another evidence of the revival of this ancient society, which is now being brought about.

AUBREY'S EVENING

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, organised one of his evening excursions on October 24th. Towers visited were East Allington (6), Halwell, where the six bells had not been rung for months, and there were signs of neglect, and finally Harberton, where Mr. H. J. Narramore, captain of Totnes ringers, rang the tenor behind in excellent style for Doubles. Thanks are due to Mr. Bennett for providing such an enjoyable evening for the visitors and getting everything in readiness.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Quarterly Meeting

The third quarterly meeting for 1963 was held by rotation in the Leicester District on October 19th.

During the afternoon ringing was available at three towers. First the five at Peatling Parva, a village with a population of 70, and yet possessing one of the best kept churches and churchyards in the diocese. The bells are seldom rung, but are chimed every Sunday by a churchwarden, who uses the Ellacombe system. They are of quite good tone, but the fourth and tenor need to be rung by able-bodied men!

Next came the recently restored octave at Lutterworth, where John Wycliff was once Rector. The bells have just been rehung on ball bearings and were rededicated by the Bishop of Leicester on October 25th. Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, the famous Leicestershire composer, lives close to the church, and it was a great pleasure for the president and secretary of the Guild to visit him. Unfortunately, he is unable to ring at present, but hopes to do so before long. Our visit cheered him greatly and so did the touch of Stedman Triples rung on his beloved bells.

Finally came the good-toned octave at Gilmorton, where the Rector (the Rev. Dr. H. L. McDonald-Liegeois) is an honorary member. The service was held here, and the Rector preached. Tea followed in the Village Hall, ably served for the 60 members and friends by the Ringing Master (Mr. George Broughton) and his helpers. Gilmorton is rather 'off the beaten track' and this was the largest number they had ever known at a ringing meeting.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. F. K. Measures) apologised for the absence of the two vice-presidents (Mr. B. S. Payne and Mr. P. L. Taylor), and referred to the passing of Mr. W. Hector, of Market Harborough, one of the few survivors of Mr. C. Arthur Manning's band of pre-war days. The meeting stood in silence to his memory. Visitors welcomed were the Rev. M. C. C. Melville (Clifton) and Mr. J. Pickup (Accrington).

Certificates of membership were presented by the president to new members, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The election of the following new members was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. B. C. Law, seconded by Mr. R. K. Mason: John C. Eisel, John Robinson, Juliet F. Block (Leicester University), Susanna Poppleston (Nottingham), John E. Stacey (Maidenhead), Mary Barrass, Pat Farmer (Shepshed) and Marie Pickering (Thurlaston).

In any other business, Mr. S. Harrison deplored the fact that at the previous meeting at Barwell a group of ringers had been talking in the porch during Evensong.

Next quarterly meeting: Loughborough District, February 8th: A.G.M., April 4th, with Evensong at Leicester Cathedral, preacher new Provost.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Bingham District

About 70 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening at the Bingham District meeting at Holme Pierrepont. The padre, the Rector of Cotgrave, conducted the service, and tea was in the hall by permission of Lady Sybil Argles. Collection for Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 5s.

Forthcoming meetings: December meeting, Shelford: dinner and social, Whaddon, December 20th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT TRURO, WHITSUN, 1964

Headquarters will at the Red Lion Hotel, Boscawen Street. Other hotels are:

Royal, Lemon Street.
Brookdale, Tregoll Road.
Imperial, River Street.
Carlton, Falmouth Road.
Culroy, Chapel Hill.
St. George's, St. George's Road.
Fletcher's, River Street.

Terms on application. Members are asked to mention the Council when booking.

PEAL ATTEMPTS.—Those wishing to take part in peals are invited to write to Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, who is acting as organiser.

OUTINGS.—A number of outings are being arranged. Further details will be published later.

E. A. BARNETT.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

The festival commenced on Saturday, October 19th, by a service, at which the massed choirs from many parishes sang hymns and anthems. This was preceded by ringing of the bells by a band drawn from the North-Western District of the Essex Association. Sunday was the day of the county Harvest Festival, when the bells were rung by the Cathedral band.

On Monday, before a lecture on music, given by Miss Isobel Baillie, supported by the Cathedral organist, Mr. Philip Ledger, 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung by the Cathedral band: J. E. G. Roast 1, Janet Groves 2, M. J. Cowling 3, P. Saltmarsh 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, A. R. Groves 7, R. Pantom 8, D. A. S. Symonds 9, P. Eves 10.

On Tuesday, before a recital by the Purcell Singers, the bells were rung by the Northern District.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the drama, 'Murder in the Cathedral,' was presented by the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. On Wednesday, the South-Western District rang 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. J. Boyack 1, H. Turner 2, J. Crampin (cond.) 3, M. Austin 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. Cousins 7, D. Cobb 8, J. Waugh 9, A. Howe 10.

On Thursday, the South-Eastern District rang 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. W. Roast 1, T. R. Roast 2, P. G. Brown 3, M. J. Cowling 4, M. J. Edwards 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, I. R. Pantom 8, P. J. Eves (cond.) 9, J. P. Crawley 10.

On Saturday, preceding a recital given by Mary Wells (soprano), with the choir of King Edward School, the North-Eastern District rang 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Randall Orman 1, George Orman 2, Richard Harrison 3, Adrian Semkin 4, George Bullen 5, Alfred E. Honeywood 6, Frank B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, Maurice Downs 8, Edward Davey 9, Harry Millett 10.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringing was of a good standard at a meeting of the Biggleswade District ringers, held at Stotfold on November 9th, with Mr. P. Mehew as Ringing Master.

The Rev. J. W. H. Bullock conducted a short service, and Miss A. Alexander played the organ. Ringers then adjourned to the school for tea, which had been prepared by Misses A. Alexander, V. Rix and Mrs. Alexander.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the December meeting at Meppershall and Shillington. Ringing was resumed and a few more visitors arrived, among them Mr. T. Price, of Sunbury, who rang the treble and the second to an excellent course of London Surprise.

S. P.

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Letters to the Editor

Long Length Attempt of 21,600

Plain Bob Royal

Dear Sir.—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 21,600 Plain Bob Royal on handbells at 'Whingarth,' 17, Ridge Road, Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, December 14th, 1963. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. and will be conducted by Neil Bennett.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

21,600 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis.

23456	W	M	H
46325	S	†	—
36524	—	—	—
56423	3	—	—
63425	3	—	2
42365	S	—	—

Eleven times repeated calling bob for 1st single Wrong in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts. † single in 1st and 7th parts.

Trouble at St. Neots

Dear Sir.—Readers will wonder what the trouble has been at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, which has been aired in the press and by the B.B.C. The facts are that the band were all young people, most of whom were still learning, with about six able to ring rounds and call changes. They were keen for some time, but latterly slackness had crept in, practices had fallen off through non-attendance, and a bad habit had been developing of leaving the church after ringing for services instead of staying to worship.

With the Vicar's consent, a band to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major before the week-night harvest thanksgiving service was arranged. Those ringing were all friends of the local band, including three experienced ringers from neighbouring towers, who had frequently visited our church during practices to help us, one of whom had given much time to teaching us week by week until attendances fell off. The conductor of the quarter peal was the Rev. Giles Galley, who was preaching that evening. He is the Vicar's son and learnt to ring at St. Neots as a boy, had been one of the ringers here, often during his holidays he joined us, and had taught some to ring. Only one of our band was competent to ring a quarter peal of Bob Major besides myself. He was asked to ring on this occasion, but had another engagement.

Some of the others took exception, especially one who had given himself out as captain. No captain of ringers had in fact been appointed for none was suitable or qualified. After this most of the ringers stayed away from church. Canon Galley therefore called a meeting to go into the trouble. He made it clear that ringers must attend practices and were, generally speaking, expected to attend service after ringing. They objected and it appears from what has been published that except for one or two they have given up. We did not agree with them. No resignations have actually been sent to the Vicar. Their attitude is quite unreasonable and they seem to have used the quarter peal as an excuse, having really lost interest as one of them said. Already some recruits have been found and have started learning, and other have promised to come.

I am one of the ringers who has not resigned.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BONHAM.

St. Neots, Hunts.

Tewkesbury Abbey Incident

Dear Sir.—The members of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association are sorry to learn that the Misses P. and V. Stephens consider them to me discourteous.

The meeting held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 26th was well attended, both by members and friends, and by several visitors, who were previously unknown to us; and, to the best of our belief, everybody who wished to ring did so.

It being Saturday, however, there were the usual hordes of trippers going to the tower to admire the view from the top. The door to the ringing chamber being open to admit ringers, attracted many of these trippers, who would gaze at us, as at a circus act, then go on their way. This is a usual occurrence, and over the years one becomes accustomed to being regarded somewhat as a performing animal, and takes no notice.

Could it be that the Misses Stephens were the two young women in trousers, who came through the door way, sat down on the step, watched for a few minutes and then went away again? If so, seeing that they showed no intention of coming right into the ringing chamber, or of speaking to or even smiling at any of the assembled company—and considering the way they were dressed—we can hardly be blamed for mistaking them for just another two trippers. Surely if one wishes to ring in a strange tower the usual procedure is to approach the person in charge (who is not usually difficult to pick out) and introduce oneself—as, in fact, all our other visitors that afternoon did.

Finally, as a member of the Tewkesbury Abbey band, may I say that we are always pleased to welcome visiting ringers to the Abbey. The pages of our visitors' book will testify to this.—Yours faithfully,

NADINE PRICE.

Tewkesbury.

Handbells in Public

Dear Sir.—Reading the front page of 'The Ringing World' of November 8th, brought back memories of a certain Association's tour this summer. It was on the return journey from a day in the Isle of Wight that some of the party decided to ring real handbells, not just thumbs. There they were swaying merrily with the boat while tourists of varying nationality looked on in wonder (or was it horror?). We thought it was a gorgeous sound on the water, but the passengers for some strange reason seemed to differ. After they thought the chap called Bob was deaf, and started to shout about dodges and call singles, they cleared off completely, and we had a whole deck to ourselves, while the other end and down below were by this time packed to capacity. So if you should go to the Isle of Wight any time, don't forget your handbells.—Yours faithfully,

TOM THUMB.

DELAYED IN TRANSIT

Through 'Ringing Worlds' put on the train at Guildford being lost at Waterloo, Rolls House Publishing Company were delayed in despatch of last week's copies to newsgagents. To readers concerned, we assure them that the fault was not with our publishers, who spent hours searching and phoning, or with the printers, and were only found at 6 p.m. Representations have been made to British Railways.

Mr. C. W. Woolley Corrected

Dear Sir.—It is with some trepidation that I trespass upon a private war, but I feel sure that Mr. C. W. Woolley will not mind if I correct him; a service he often performed for me.

He says, rather ingenuously I thought, that by using 'Calls at Home' the 'tenors would not be parted.' I think he has forgotten, in spite of his sojourn in the backwoods of Yorkshire and his enforced though I hope profitable and not unhappy contact with barbarians who eat raw meat and ring close leads and irregular methods, that in the latter the tenors are parted even in the plain course and that the coursing order, which is the life-blood of ringers and conductors on higher numbers, is of so little value when ringing such methods that Minor ringers never bother about it.

And were they 'very easy to keep right'?

I suspect that Mr. Woolley would discover that it is much easier for him to correct a 'mix-up' in, say, Bristol Surprise Major than to sort out a corresponding one in, say, Violet or Duke of York, and that only a conductor with expert knowledge would be able to decide whether the bells were once again in their correct position.

Many of the methods rung in these peals were, of course, 'irregular.' Of the 14 360's rung in a peal at Cawthorne in 1883, 11 were irregular. In a peal of 6,000 changes at Tong, peal at Saddleworth the same year 10 were irregular. In a peal of 6,000 changes at Tong, also in 1883, there were 25 240's each in a different methods, of which 20 were irregular.

Whether the conductors of Yorkshire were 'less enterprising' is a moot point. The conductor of the Tong peal, George Bolland, well known as 'The Minor King,' was no less at home as a ringer and conductor of Major, as is evident from the Yorkshire Association reports of that period.

I know, of course, as little about Dr. Carpenter's personality and debating powers as does Mr. Woolley, but I read into Dr. Carpenter's suggestion that Minor ringers should ring 14 720's if they wanted to ring 14 methods, a touch of that offhand superciliousness occasionally displayed by ringers on higher numbers towards 6-bell ringers.

There was no need to say what he did, and it would have been more to his credit if it had remained unsaid. I wonder what advice he would have offered to the Tong members?

The only reason that 'in this debate Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side' had nothing to do with his powers of persuasion, but because a way was found of placing more than one method into a 720 without repetition of rows. If method splicing had not been discovered peals of Minor in 360's, 240's or even plain courses would have continued.

I know because I should have rung in some of them!—Yours etc.,

Ryhill, Wakefield. HAROLD CHANT.

Leeds, Kent

Dear Sir.—Briefly, in reply to Mr. Fry's protests on '3, 4, 5,' etc. As to 'anonymity'—merely a simple desire not to bore 99 per cent of the Exercise to whom we are unknown anyway.

To straighten him out on other points. Nothing whatsoever was said as to neglect of the tower: comment was on the unfortunate state of a very historic peal board.

If funds are wanted, then charge a fee. Gravesend does, Pershore Abbey does: doubtless others, too. We are all in favour.

Ninth and tenor we are quite capable of managing: their vagaries are mild indeed. Minchampton, Glos. E. CRIBLEY.

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LETTERS—Continued

A Barnsley Opinion

Dear Sir,—May I comment on the observations of Mr. Woolley on peals of Minor rung in 14 methods in 360's; he states that the tenor would need only to call 3 bobs at Home for a 360; this is his first error because plain methods were seldom if ever rung in these peals and second place methods were not greatly used so bobs at Home would not produce a 360. He then states that this calling would keep the tenors together; this of course would not be true for in many of the methods such as Duke of York the tenors do not course, so to state that the conductor would have an easy task is again quite wrong. Furthermore to say that a conductor had no need to learn the calling of a 720 to be able to conduct these peals of 360's is a joke which even we in Barnsley can appreciate.

A peal in 14 different methods, each of 360 changes, was rung at Cawthorne in 1883 by a team of ringers, local working lads mostly in their teens, and the methods were: Primrose, College Treble, Tulip, College Exercise, Duke of Leeds, Darton Victory, London Scholars, College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet; to me this was a fine performance, greater than many of the peals I have rung in even more than 14 methods. These ringers intended to emulate this feat by ringing 21 methods in 240's but I have not found any record of it having been rung. Possibly the conductor fell asleep through boredom!

The Central Council should never have attempted to damp the enthusiasm of the multi-minor method ringers by condemning such peals until some form of splicing had been perfected. However they supported the 'brilliant scheme' of Bankes James which enabled a peal to be rung in ONE method in round blocks; this certainly was enterprise! I would rather ring a peal in 14 360's than the Bankes James thing; in fact we may repeat the peal of 80 years ago just to see how 'easy' it is.

Mr. Woolley concludes his letter stating that Dr. Carpenter was on the winning side of the debate. Of course he was; six bell ringing is known as MINOR and is therefore in a minority every time. I am surprised we are permitted to ring peals of Minor for a prominent member of the Central Council once stated that there could not be any such peals because 5,000 different changes of Minor could not be obtained.

Regarding the 'bitterness' of my previous letter I am certainly not bitter but I was reminded of a front page article in 'The Ringing World' some years ago when E.C.S. admonished wayward Minor ringers in the manner of a magistrate addressing juvenile apple stealers.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Barnsley.
P.S.—Perhaps you were right, Mr. Woolley. I see naive means simple to the point of foolishness.—N.F.M.

TRIBUTES TO A GREAT LONDON RINGER

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER, I.S.O.

The senior Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he joined in 1893; a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company for over 60 years (he rang a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1898); an officer of the London County Association, which he joined in 1895, for 68 years and Master for 50 years; these are some of the unique achievements of Thomas H. Taffender, a famous ringer, who passed from us on October 18th.

About 20 ringers attended his funeral service at St. Leonard's, Streatham, and most of these followed the cortege to Streatham Vale Cemetery. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the coffin by H. W. Rogers 1—2, W. G. Wilson 3—4, A. D. Barker 5—6 and W. D. Grainger 7—8. Half-muffled ringing took place at Streatham, Waterloo and Isleworth. Later 'in memoriam' peals were rung at Beddington (London Surprise Royal) and Isleworth (Stedman Caters, using as a composition one which T. H. T. had called many times, John Carter's 5.030).

Among Mr. Taffender's early peals for the London County Association were:

February 25th, 1895, first for St. James' Society;

February 4th, 1905, memorial peal to his father at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street;

May 14th, 1905, 'Thomas' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, City;

September 22nd, 1906, his wedding peal at St. Clement Danes'.

Peals of which he was particularly proud were several of Stedman Triples at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, where he had taught the band from scratch, and where he called some intricate compositions, including Carter's Odd Bob. In addition to instructing bands and running the ringing at this tower, he did similar service at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. Giles', Camberwell, St. Mary's, Lambeth, and others.

It is hoped to publish an analysis of Mr. Taffender's peals, shortly. H. W. R.

A FURTHER APPRECIATION

In all ages, art and science have had their great exponents. Various campaigns have had their prominent leaders and there has been always a following for such as could remove 'the veil from seeming mystery that knowledge might be given to their fellow men,' as J. M. Routh said of Jasper Snowdon. It is 40 years ago since the Master, as I will speak of him, taught me to handle a bell in the steeple of St. Giles', Camberwell, my introduction having been brought about by his son, Wilfred, with whom I spent some years at school.

In those 40 years I saw T. H. Taffender as an exponent of the science of no mean ability. I saw him again as a leader. I saw in him one possessing great knowledge of the subject, and also of the ready willingness to assist others in surmounting those same difficulties which he himself had experienced so long ago.

In all pursuits, whatever their direction, lies the seed of enlargement and progress. T. H. Taffender gave fully of that encouragement so necessary to the young ringer and conductor. Many a bob has been called for the first time

with confidence gained from the Master, and experience has shown that wise indeed were those men of the London County Association who appointed him to that office which he was to discharge so admirably for over half a century.

I shall not forget his enthusiasm toward us when we were boys. After he had been to St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday mornings, he would join us at St. Magnus-the-Martyr in Billingsgate, where, with his help, we would ring Stedman Doubles for morning service. After 11 o'clock we would go with him to St. Dunstan-in-the-East for an hour's instruction on handbells where occasionally we were joined by the late Mr. W. A. Alps, formerly of Waltham Abbey, who then lived close by in Idol Lane.

Many years ago I recall him saying that his one ambition in the science was that he might leave it better than he found it. The testimony of my own experience is that he did just that. Of those who sought his help, failure was not often their portion. He would explain a difficulty as many times as it was necessary to make his knowledge our own and he led us in those early days from faltering steps in Stedman Doubles to frequent uncondemned quarter peals of Triples at Camberwell.

On the occasion of the annual thanksgiving for the harvest of the sea, held before the war at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, there would be always a quarter peal of London Surprise on Sunday evening at that church.

The Master believed firmly that those he taught should know something of 'what was going on upstairs.' He spent much time explaining the function of bell gear in general and equipped us with an ability to discern between what was and what ought to be. There was so much that I could tell of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, of Wallage's tea party, of Wilton Road, Pimlico, S.W., and of the handbell ringing at 10, Northlands Street.

For our first peals of Stedman Caters, Mr. Taffender would conduct a composition by John Cox, with the treble a fixed bell. Such were the things that he did to aid our first essay at a peal of Caters. His own first peal was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 12th, 1893; significantly his last was also rung at that church on July 28th, 1956. Both were Stedman Triples.

A conductor of vast experience and I think of unparalleled ability and achievement, Stedman was pre-eminently his method. He never rang an observation bell, and invariably took the second rope. Indeed, I know of many of my oldest ringing friends who speak of the second as 'the Master's bell.' Whilst it is difficult indeed to realise that we shall not meet with him again in this life, there must be a great number who, like myself, will wish to perpetuate his memory.

It is my belief that no better way exists in which to do this than that there might be a wider sense of brotherhood amongst ringers generally. That we may never be unmindful of our true calling, which is to maintain Sunday service ringing, and in discharge of that high privilege let us not forget that nothing is good where better is possible.

W. D. GRAINGER.

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THE band who rang a peal of Minor at Folkingham, Lincs, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells by John Taylor and Co., are all, with the exception of Mr. J. H. Musson, over 60 years of age, two being in their 70's, one of whom is Mr. J. Lindsey, who rang his first peal at the first attempt. They have an aggregate of 387 years, five have been ringing for 50 years and Mr. Musson for 40. Four of the band learned to ring at Folkingham, and three of them are still Sunday service ringers.

Those in the photograph (left to right) are A. E. Scott, C. Wade, C. Wilkinson, J. Lindsey, C. T. H. Bradley (tower captain for 40 years), Canon F. R. Money (Rector) and J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, who learned to ring at Folkingham.

Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, who rang the second in the anniversary peal, recalls the day the late Mr. J. W. Taylor came to inspect the bells in 1911. For the occasion he was allowed a day off from school: he harnessed his father's old grey cob and took the dog cart to Billingham Station to collect the visitor.

On arrival at 9.30 a.m. an elderly gentleman with a long grey beard stepped from the train, whom he discovered was head of the firm—Mr. Taylor, in person. On the three miles journey to Folkingham he was thrilled with the conversation—all about bells.

An estimate of £75 was received for rehanging the bells. The money was raised in two years and the work started in September, 1913, and completed for the harvest festival in October of the same year. Five lads in their early teens aspired to learn to ring, although they were not accepted at first by the older generation. However, they made progress until the outbreak of the 1914 war, when four of them enlisted in the Forces. All four returned and soon found their way to the belfry except Mr. J. Lindsey, who had to refrain owing to a war wound.

The ring was augmented to six in 1924 in time for Easter Sunday. The first peal was rung in July, 1924, and since then some 40 peals have been rung. In 1931 the first-ever peal in which a mother and daughter took part was accomplished with five Folkingham ringers. Another noteworthy peal was Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods, which was a record for many years.

Note.—See also peal,

MEMORIES OF 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Looking back 50 years it seems quite a time since the five lads in Folkingham had a great ambition to become ringers, but alas! no one wanted them, let alone the trouble to teach them to handle a bell.

Nevertheless, determined to learn, matters were taken into their own hands by making their way to the belfry after discovering where the ancient sexton used to hide his belfry key. After ascending the 80 steps to the bells, a bell would have its clapper lashed and then learned to be raised in very gradual stages. Luckily for the intruders no mishaps occurred.

There was sometimes a price to be paid for this adventure, as the old sexton would be informed that some boys were up in the tower. He would then proceed to the church and take up his position outside the belfry door equipped with an ash plant walking stick, which he would use freely on the culprits as they made their exit.

We did eventually become recognised by the older ringers, if they were short in numbers. Nevertheless, we became ringers, if it was learning by the hard way. Very different in these days, when a beginner gets a pat on the back after his first lesson from his instructor, who says: 'You have done quite well for the first attempt; come back the same time next week.'—Yours sincerely,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

WEDDING BELLS AT HARROW

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, were rung both before and after the service when Miss Jennifer Anne Reeve, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reeve, of Harrow, married Mr. Christopher John Aldridge, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Aldridge, of Southgate, on September 7th. The service, with Holy Communion, was conducted by the Rev. Guy R. Whitcombe.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a classic designed full-length dress of heavy satin brocade with a short train, and her long veil was held in place by a satin band decorated with seed pearls. She carried a white bible with a spray of white gardenias and lilies of the valley. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Bridget Knight (her cousin), Miss Pat Norris and Jane Reeve (four-year-old niece). Acting as best man was Mr. Reg Pike.

A reception for 60 guests was held at the Roxborough Hotel, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in Cornwall.

A peal to record the happy occasion was rung the previous Saturday at the church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Chester Guild was held on October 5th in Macclesfield and was preceded by a short service in the ancient parish church conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. Thomas Clarke, at which the Bishop of Stockport preached.

At the dinner which followed in the Town Hall some 160 sat down to an excellent meal. The loyal toast was honoured at the call of the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and after a short interval Mr. R. C. H. Sibley proposed the traditional toast of 'Church and State,' with a most admirable speech. He referred to the ancient connection between the two and emphasised that in the forthcoming decisions on unity, not only the clergy but also the laity would be called upon to play their part. He looked forward to one Christian Church going forward hand in hand with the State and challengingly asked who or what could withstand this?

The Rev. W. E. Clarke, Rector of Gawsorth, in his acknowledgment, made a reference to the Bishop of Coventry's speech on morals and rejoiced that this country has been traditionally a Christian country. The Book of Common Prayer was the law of the land, he said, and we wish that the faith of our fathers should be preserved.

Archdeacon Clarke proposed the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' and said that he felt like Daniel in the lions' den, with the difference that the speech was after a meal. He said the Church recognised the service done by ringers, often unseen but none the less as valuable as that of the members of the Parochial Church Council. He realised that ringing was a pastime, but first and foremost it was a piece of service to God and His Church. This fact alone justified the need for practice meetings, etc. There were many unable to attend services who were reminded by the bells of the services and could take part in their own homes. He felt that the ringing of bells was one of the great characteristics of the Church. In his concluding remarks he referred to the magnificent ringers' jugs which his church possessed and also to the increasing number of lady ringers.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, briefly replied and expressed the thanks of the company to the Macclesfield Branch for the excellent arrangements made.

The floor was then cleared and dancing took place until 11.30.

OBITUARY

MR. R. HENRY HUTTON

For upwards of 60 years Mr. Robert Henry Hutton, of 126, Addison Road, Guildford, had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and his passing peacefully in his sleep on November 13th, at the age of 85, removes a link with ringing in Guildford going back to the Boer War. He recalled ringing for the relief of Mafeking, which went on all day, and the churchwarden sent a cask of beer into the belfry.

'Harry' was a contemporary of the late Mr. A. H. Pulling. They learned change ringing together and Harry probably rang 300 peals with A. H. P. in the days when Holy Trinity tower was at the height of its fame. A loyal servant of the belfry, through days of success and days of difficulty, he attended regularly for service ringing and practice. His name appears with great regularity in the Holy Trinity Society's peal book.

A staunch friend, with a ready wit, he will be remembered with affection by senior ringers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. By trade he was a french polisher and decorator and had his own business. In all he did there was a pride of craftsmanship and this was also exemplified in his ringing and neat handling.

The funeral service was at St. Luke's Church, Guildford, last Monday, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory.

CORRECTION

The date of the peal at Stretton Grandison (page 739) was October 11th, and not as published.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.

Rung half-muffled

BALDOCK, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Buck 1, D. Salisbury 2, M. Hopkins 3, L. Scoot 4, P. Flack 5, R. Castledine 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, S. Hutton 8.

BARMING, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clisby 1, Miss S. Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, A. J. Cook 5, T. Crocker 6.
BEESTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Patrick (first quarter) 1, E. Shuttleworth 2, R. C. Woodward 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, V. R. Tallis 5, P. Woolven (cond.) 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown 2, W. R. Chandler 3, A. Pryke 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond 6, C. Corderoy 7, P. Corderoy 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Groves (first quarter) 1, Marion R. Pantan 2, J. B. Crowe 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, J. R. Pantan (cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, W. Noon 2, G. W. Brandrick 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, F. K. Measures (cond.) 5.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Sara K. D. Woolley (first quarter on tower bells) 1, E. P. Ashby 2, H. G. Hart 3, T. Clark 4, Kathleen Baldwin 5, R. Rowley 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Miller 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, G. Smithson 3, D. Rust-Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5, G. Bircham 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, A. V. Queen 4, J. P. McDermott 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. G. Burford 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dawn Colcombe 1, J. Bailey (first 'inside') 2, Genebeth Mooring 3, Gwen Chinnery 4, Joan Smith 5, Pam Bird 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—1,380 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Caldecote 1, L. Woodburn 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Bircham 1, H. Miller 2, G. Smithers 3, W. C. Medler (cond.) 4, D. A. Rust-Andrews 5.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 1,004 Plain Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, P. Louth 2, R. H. Dove 3, D. R. Stamp 4, P. Fenny 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, Susan Ellenor 2, Lesley Read 3, D. M. Hughes 4, B. R. Walton (cond., 50th quarter) 5, Patricia Smith 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Woolley (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 2, R. F. Stevens 3, A. Tyers 4, N. S. Bagworth (first in method) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, J. C. Eisel 7, P. Chapman 8.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. White (85 years) 1, H. Corney 2, C. W. Ottaway (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Burbury 4, K. S. Gardner 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, H. D. L. Riley (cond.) 7, E. E. Smith (first quarter) 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Ivings 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, R. Benstead 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, D. Linnington 6, F. E. Day 7, H. W. Milford 8, A. W. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, W. Butler 4, C. R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, Yvonne Patheyjohns (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Bowler 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, G. R. Shedden 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. J. Warner (cond.) 3, R. J. Cann 4, V. W. Rigg 5, T. R. Hayward 6, A. Crabtree (covering).

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, 1,259 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ian Paget (first away from tenor 'behind') 1, S. G. Peck 2, L. G. Gates 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss H. Weedon 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, R. Montague (first 'inside') 3, J. Sheldrick 4, H. Weedon 5, L. Mead (first quarter) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, F. J. Vallender 2, P. L. Bill 3, R. Smith 4, P. W. Webb 5, M. D. Fellows 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Fellows 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, P. W. Webb 3, P. L. Bill (first of Stedman) 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, D. H. Watson 8. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Anne M. Smith (first quarter) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, B. W. Farhall 4, P. Stevens 5, M. J. Wake 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Batchelor 1, V. Bull 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, A. Bull 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. G. Kne 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, G. W. Elmes 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, M. J. Young 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. First of Stedman 2, 4 and 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1 and 5.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob: M. J. Sherrick 1, Sheila R. Brown 2, R. D. Brown 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, K. I. Walpole 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6. Also to congratulate Mr. F. W. Ellis on attaining the post of Ringing Master at this tower.

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The first peal on the new Bow bells held particular significance for Mr. John Phillips. It was his 300th peal and he has now rung peals on all the London twelves—an enviable achievement.

The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. The Guild came some years later. Correction to item on page 752.

The peals at Middleton Cheney and Hook Norton on October 26th were rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Willis, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

Mr. John Baldwin is programming the Manchester University Allas Computer to derive false course heads for Surprise Major methods. He has promised an article after Christmas.

Messrs. B. G. Warwick and J. W. Cotton (secretaries of Leicester Diocesan Guild and Midland Counties Guild respectively) rang their 200th peal together at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on October 28th.

The overwhelming hospitality of the local band at Eardisland and in particular Mr. Leslie Evans, for his great help both before and after the tour, is acknowledged by the Robert C. Kippin party. The report of their week, which started on August 31st, reached 'The Ringing World' this week.

Will the party who were disappointed in not being able to ring at Finedon, Northants. on November 2nd accept the apologies of the local band, and their regrets for any misunderstanding which may have occurred. Their donations are gratefully acknowledged, and they will be welcome to make a return visit, when the bells are restored.

Eight ringers from St. John's College, York, rang the bells of Ripon Cathedral prior to Leeds University Institute of Education's 16th annual service. A quarter peal on the front six was called round after 360 changes. After the service, assisted by Mr. E. Hudson, Cathedral Ringing Master and two ringers from Ripon Training College, the ten bells were rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Harlow Common, Essex, ringers paid a 75th birthday compliment to their tower master, Mr. W. Wheeler, with a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on October 29th. Mr. Wheeler has been a ringer at Harlow Common since the bells were installed in 1905 and for two years previous to that he was learning handbells under the direction of the late Mr. G. Dent. For over 50 years he has been a member of the Essex Association, and he sprightly turns the tenor in to any method rung at Harlow Common.

October 2nd was a red letter day at the remote Warwickshire village of Salter Street, when on the five bells of St. Patrick's Church a quarter peal was rung by the keen young band who have been in training for the past 18 months. This was the first all-local quarter. The band thank all visitors for their support.

Miss Pamela M. Turner had her great chance when M. C. Faulkes broke his arm in a rugged match, played on the afternoon of the attempt for Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull. She stepped in at a few moments' notice and rang her first peal of Maximus. To M. C. F., best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. Pitcher, Editor of 'Ringing Towers,' thanks those who kindly offered him copies of 'The Great Adventure.' One wrote that he lent his copy to a friend who refused to give it back. He suspected that as this friend was perpetually in debt he might try to 'flog it off' to Mr. Pitcher. If anyone of a certain name offered it.... Mr. Pitcher concludes: 'He hadn't... but all I could say was some friend.'

A peal band arrived at St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, only to find that there was no power in the church. Evidently a bulldozer, removing the road surface, had also removed the electric cables and although these were supposed to have been repaired it did not appear to be the case. Undaunted, the band went ahead and rang the peal by the light of three candles. Comments afterwards—a nice quiet light, no eye strain or glare; we must do this again!

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.	
JAMES PHILLIPS Treble	DAVID T. DARBY 7
ROGER F. OVERINGTON 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 8
JOHN CHILCOTT 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON 9
JOHN H. CRAMPON 4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 10
WILLIAM T. COOK 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 11
JOHN PHILLIPS 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
* First peal on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30½ cwt.	
RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	*GEORGE E. THODAY 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL 3	CECIL W. PIPE 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 10
GEORGE W. PIPE 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Maximus.

KINGSTON UPON HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.	
*PAMELA M. TURNER Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
*JANE K. A. COOK 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
MARY C. POYNER 3	GEOFFREY PAUL 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	JAMES W. RAITHBY 10
HARRY POYNER 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Arranged by PETER BORDER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
ANN FELLOWS Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
MURIEL REAY 2	FREDERICK ROSS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 9
SUSAN FUNNELL 5	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
RAYMOND BENFIELD Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
RICHARD C. L. BROWN 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK 8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 200th peal together. First in the method.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.	
J. ALAN AINSWORTH Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 7
JOHN R. INSLEY 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 8
JAMES INSLEY 4	FREDERICK ROSS 9
*CHRISTOPHER S. NOKES 5	JOHN McDONALD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

* First peal of Royal.

UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL

By JOHN M. JELLEY

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38.14 x 14.30.14 x 14.90

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ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD R. VENN Treble	JOHN H. NAPPER 6
PETER A. SHARP 2	F. JOHN NELSON 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	JOHN E. CAMP 8
JOHN E. DREWITT 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE 9
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 5	BRIAN R. WHITE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.
First peal on the rehung bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	FREDERICK P. MEAD 6
PETER N. FELTON 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
PATRICIA ROGERS 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 8
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS 9
*MICHAEL HATCHETT 5	†NORMAN FELTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.
In memoriam Thomas H. Taffender, I.S.O., an officer of this Association for 68 years and Master for 50 years.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*LESLIE N. MELTON Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
CECIL W. PIPE 2	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH 7
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 8
†KENNETH HESKETH 4	*GEORGE E. THODAY 9
*GEORGE W. PIPE 5	‡TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Royal. † First of London. ‡ First of London Royal 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*LESLIE L. WILLIS Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 5
*KEITH H. MILDRED 2	*GORDON H. LANE 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	DAVID J. ALLEN 7
*BARRY J. DAVIES 4	*MICHAEL W. CILEMAN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PULBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS 5
PATRICIA DISERENS 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
E. JANE SIBSON 3	W. LESLIE WELLER 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	GEORGE FRANCIS Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (C.4). Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. M. C. Langton as
Prebendary of Sidlesham in Chichester Cathedral.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

MAURICE C. HUGHES Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
*JAMES INSLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Bristol.

PULBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 14.58 x 58.16 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 58 L.E. 12 c. c.p.s.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD .. Treble	*HAROLD LEATHERS .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL .. 3	LEONARD E. LAST .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 4	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. 5
JOHN F. FELGATE .. 2	A. GEORGE BUTTON .. 6
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3	WALTER FELGATE .. 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edburgha.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS .. 5
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
JOHN R. INSLEY .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
E. JANE SIBSON .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*†MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 2	RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	EDMUND SHUTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.47).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ First in the method 'inside.'

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. Treble	FREDA P. WILLGESS .. 5
JANET HOHL .. 2	SIDNEY MARSHALL .. 6
ROBIN SHIPP .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
EDWARD HOWES .. 4	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Mears on the occasion of their diamond wedding. Mr. Mears was for a number of years a member of the St. Andrew's band at Raveningham.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. THORP .. Treble	EDWARD R. VENN .. 5
*M. ROGER ASHMORE .. 2	PETER A. SHARP .. 6
BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 3	JOHN E. CAMP .. 7
JOHN S. RANK .. 4	F. JOHN NELSON .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
*ROBERT WAKE .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
*RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 4	HENRY C. WEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* 25th peal together.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
H. GEORGE HART .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
ROBERT N. HARRIS .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in the method by all the band.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being in four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 of Bristol; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
*DAVID S. OSENTON .. 2	*GEORGE B. COLLINS .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Spliced.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. DOLMAN .. Treble	*MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. 5
LUCY SMITH .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 6
*MARILYN SMITH .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. 7
*D. KAY MOORE .. 4	CLIVE M. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

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

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Griffiths, M.B.E., M.A., on his retirement.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PAULINE TURNER .. Treble	*PHILIP J. CROSSTHWAITE .. 5
MARGARET CROSSTHWAITE .. 2	BERNARD MOSS .. 6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	THOMAS TURNER .. 7
MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 4	JAMES N. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD MOSS.

* First peal of Triples. First as conductor in the method, and has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Bernard Moss; also to celebrate his engagement to Miss Pauline Turner—both of Adlington.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,728 Bristol, 1,344 London, 960 Rutland and 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

JULIA A. FELLOWS .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. 2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 6
*PETER F. WINDLEY .. 3	ROGER BALDWIN .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	*GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Composed by D. W. BEARD.

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.		Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.	
IRNEST J. GRACE	Treble	CLIFFORD J. GARLICK	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
FRANK E. GODDEN	4	PETER CORDEROY	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Hugh J. Pickles and his mother; also as a birthday compliment to Frank Godden.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
HOWARD OGLESBY	Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
*STEWART GIBSON	2	E. RUSSELL GOTHAM	6
DAVID P. HILLING	3	GORDON W. LIMMER	7
JENNIFER SCEENY	4	NEIL BELSON	Tenor

Conducted by E. RUSSELL GOTHAM.

* First peal.

Half-muffled in Remembrance.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

ANN JENNER	Treble	IAN H. ORAM	5
RALPH BIRD	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
STANLEY JENNER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY	Treble	*DEREK J. JONES	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	KEITH R. DAVEY	6
ROGER D. BAILEY	3	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	7
MELVYN A. ROSE	4	ALAN G. PAYNE	Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

In remembrance of the Fallen.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	Treble	JOHN S. BARNES	5
ANN JENNER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM CULPIN	Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIS	3
GILBERT COWLIN	2	MICHAEL PARKER	4
*R. J. YEOMANS			Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

* First peal.

A farewell to the Rev. P. Weir, Vicar of Winwick; also to commemorate 50 years' ringing by the ringer of the tenor.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern District.)

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob.

*JOHN LINDSEY	Treble	CECIL WADE	Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	2	CHARLES WILKINSON	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal attempt (in his 70th year).

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in October, 1913; also 50 years since ringers of treble, 2 and 5 first learnt to ring at this tower, and who still serve as Sunday service ringers.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clements, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	Treble	*LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
KEITH H. MILDRED	2	DAVID J. ALLEN	5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	3	GORDON H. LANE	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven methods.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

HAROLD F. WOOD	Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL	4
E. JANE SIBSON	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge and Kent T.B., three of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.

STEPHEN HALL	Treble	DAVID SWIFT	Tenor 10 cwt.
FRANK CHAMBERS	2	JAMES BOWLEY	4
CELIA HARRIS	3	TOM HARRIS	5

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Hall.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place.

ALEC MORRISON	Treble	IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
MARYL R. CROSSHWAITE	2	PETER S. BENNETT	5
*DAVID BAKER	3	JAMES STOCKLEY	Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal of Doubles. 25th peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Riley, of the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	4
MRS. JILL BELCHER	2	WILLIAM JOHNSON	5
BRIAN L. BURROWS	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

A 21st birthday peal for Alan Charlton, son of the ringer of the fourth.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.
*E. JANE SIBSON Treble | STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
MARY S. TAYLOR 2 | TOM PAGE 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3 | *DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* 100th peal together.

In memoriam A. C. Hazelden.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
WILLIAM F. MIDWINTER .. Treble | MARGARET E. CHILTERN .. 3
RUTH BLACKSHAW 2 | FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4

MAURICE W. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Festival of All Saints; also as a compliment to Mrs. Drury on her 80th birthday.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.
*ROBIN D. BAXTER Treble | *WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 4
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2 | H. REGINALD WOODS .. 5
THOMAS A. RELF 3 | *DAVID R. BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by DAVID R. BAXTER.

* First peal attempt. † First in the method. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford.

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

WILLIAM E. GREEN Treble | *PHILLIP C. PITCHEFORD .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2 | LOUIS WILLIERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3 | JOHN F. PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

* 25th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CHARING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob; each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

*NIGEL FRIGHT Treble | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 4
†PETER RICHARDSON 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
†JOSEPHINE HARDY 3 | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

Rung prior to the induction at this church and institution to the united benefice of this parish and Little Chart of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., by the Archbishop of Canterbury; also to welcome the new Vicar and Mrs. Robbins.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.
ALAN TUBB Treble | DAVID HUDDLESTON .. 4
ANDREW HOWARD 2 | HUGH N. EVANS 5
JOHN H. TAYLOR 3 | J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

LANGFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

BRIAN W. HALL Treble | PETER PEARCE 4
*PETER G. HOLDEN 2 | D. KAY ADKINS 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 3 | THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal in seven methods.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HOLY ROOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob and one Morris' 240 and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*NIGEL FRIGHT Treble | *PETER RICHARDSON 4
†PAUL BATCHELOR 2 | †NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3 | †ELIZABETH ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in seven Doubles methods.

Rung to celebrate the induction the following day at this church of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, M.A., by the Archdeacon of Maidstone; and as a welcome to the new Rector and Mrs. Robbins.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being the following extents: (1) Hitcham Delight, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas', (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.

BARRY J. DAVIES Treble | NOEL R. WAITE 4
JENNIFER SCENEY 2 | CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
GEOFFREY RIGLAR 3 | HOWARD OGLESBY Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being: (1) Cambridge S., (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Cambridge S., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

SHIRLEY M. DREW Treble | HUGH EVANS 4
*MARILYN JACKSON (14) .. 2 | ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 5
*ANNA SADOWSKA (15) .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET, PIMLICO.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
*COLIN D. EMERY 1—2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3—4

RODNEY A. YEATES 5—6

Conducted by RODNEY A. YEATES.

* First peal on handbells. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to John V. Clark, Ian Hughes and Colin D. Emery, members of the Society, who are leaving Westminster.

SUTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours,
AT TURNPIKE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19 in F.
SHEILA I. SMITH 1—2 | ALAN S. SMITH 3—4

MARTIN MAJOR 5—6

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

First peal in the method by all.

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
IN THE SOUTH AISLE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 48 methods in seven extents: (1) Nelson T.B., Knutsford, Rostherne, Bagedone, Wilmslow, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Willesden, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Netherseale Surprise, (4) Annable's London Surprise, (5) Westminster and Allendale Surprise, (6) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donotar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose Surprise; with 105 changes of method, and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor size 15 in C.
GORDON W. LAND 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON 3—4

ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Greatest number of methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HALF PEAL

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Nov. 9th, 2,520 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob and Grandshire): D. Oliver 1, Janet Woodman 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, Marilyn Bird 4, N. D. Deam 5, A. Gammon 6. First half for 1, 2 and 4. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Sylvia Jones and Mr. Peter Watts.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye Lynas 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, B. R. Cox 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, D. J. Bleby 7, R. K. Russ 8. For Synod Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor 'behind'): Patricia Jenkins 1, Ann Wells 2, M. Ann Burton 3, Emily Lane 4, R. J. Lear 5, P. W. Richardson (cond.) 6, D. T. Haine 8. First in method 3, 4 and 6. For Family Communion to commemorate centenary of the church and in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandshire): Mrs. M. Craall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, D. Breakpear 5. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Craall, Mr. S. Rayfield, Mr. F. J. Cheal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Beaven 1, O. Nibbs 2, G. Carter 3, M. Wilmot 4, D. Orledge 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. To celebrate the wedding of Jennifer Gunstone and Malcolm Leonard.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. S. Slaford 1, Miss E. Batchelor (first 'inside') 2, R. Quartley 3, V. Bull 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. Rung after losing a peal attempt.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. Y. Watts (first of Minor) 3, Miss A. Raynor 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For the Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to No. 3. Also for a return visit by the Rev. Streatfield-James.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): C. B. Pemberton 1, R. F. Mack 2, E. Jones 3, J. J. Fox 4, R. S. Starkie 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: T. Fensome 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, L. North 6. T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. Half-muffled in memory D. Wilkinson, head server, who had been at St. Peter's for 50 years.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, A. Locke 2, J. C. Wearne (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6.

COTHELSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. T. Clarke 1, A. S. Reed 2, R. D. Short 3, G. R. Marchant 4, B. G. Wyld (cond.) 5, M. J. Stone 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (6, 7, 8 behind): A. T. Weeks 1, J. Potter 2, C. Barber 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Davison 5, F. Cannings 6, H. Sturgess 7, P. Whale 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. R. H. Trumper, churchwarden, cremated this day.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. Felton 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3. Squire Croft (cond.) 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Pat Rix (first of Triples) 1, Beryl Platt (first 'inside') 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Sheila Moore 4, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 5, H. Howson 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jacky Hedges (first quarter) 1, Sheila Moore 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, Teresa Langdon 4, D. Langdon 5, E. Beauchamp 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Pat Rix 8. For Patronal Festival.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss M. Lawrence 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, E. J. Coope 4, R. Clarke (first as cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, G. Clarke 7, P. Rablah 8. First in method 1, 2. For Harvest Festival. Also birthday compliment to conductor and for christening of his daughter (Kersty Emily). Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss C. Lawrence 3, G. Clarke 4, K. Small 5, R. Clarke 6, P. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Birthday compliment Miss M. Lawrence.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, P. Munday 3, H. E. Good 4, Margaret Howard 5, A. S. Besant 6, R. C. Spittle 7, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. David Bryant.

QUARTER PEALS

FILTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. Sheldon 1, Ruth Sheldon 2, Mary Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, D. Voss (cond.) 5, M. Buckle 6. In grateful memory of the Rev. C. R. Haslum, Rector of Filton 1940-1963, father of the ringers of 3 and 4, who died Sept. 15th.

FOVNHOPPE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie A. V. Caligari (first of Minor) 1, P. D. S. Caligari 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, J. F. I. Turney (first of Minor as cond.) 5, G. T. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Frederick Holmes.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, R. Hayden 2, E. Curson 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, L. Whitby 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, J. Collins 8. A 75th birthday compliment to W. Wheeler, tower master.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, J. H. Payton 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, K. Tipper 5, C. Pound 6, J. F. Payne 7, G. Burford 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. J. Groom 2, Margaret Wilkinson 3, D. Pearson 4, H. Walker 5, M. D. Stanforth (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Thomas (first in the method) 1, June Creak 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Patricia Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, P. Felton 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. L. Crouch (first of Minor) 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, Mrs. E. J. Wilkins 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, A. S. Bishop 5, D. M. Wilkins 6.

KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,309 All Saints' and Grandshire Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, A. Laughton 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For the Festival of All Saints.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rita Dudley 1, J. D. Clapp (first 'inside') 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. Gaylor 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, Margaret Durrington 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Farewell to Rev. P. M. Palmer: birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Conquest.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss I. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. W. Broom 2, Miss M. Saye (first as cond.) 3, F. J. Saye 4, A. W. Saye 5, T. E. Thorne 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Saye for their silver wedding (Oct. 31st).

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Cinques: G. Henshaw 1, I. Edmonds (first quarter) 2, H. Lomas (first in method) 3, J. Morlidge 4, H. C. Lanyon (cond.) 5, G. Owen 6, G. Earles 7, J. Taylor 8, M. M. Mothershead 9, H. W. Rogers 10, V. J. Norbury 11, C. Morlidge 12. A 24th birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Marstin 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Mary Cowling 3, Helen Henderson 4, I. Page 5, H. McDonald 6, G. Heyes (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of His Grace Archbishop Mannix.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Yeates 1, T. G. Phillips 2, J. Brain 3, W. P. Blake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwide 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Gardner, tower captain of Wraaxall.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At St. George's Icsmond, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Henderson 1, J. G. White (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, J. A. Sturrock 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. C. E. Shears 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of O. W. Mitchell, M.A., late headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School, by members of that school and Newcastle Central High School. First quarter for the Royal Grammar School Society.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: L. Boyd 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, W. Sharpe 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Christine Mould 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, E. G. Mould 3, G. W. Elmes 4, A. S. Harrison 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on front six): D. S. Lockwood 1, C. Wood (first quarter) 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, D. Scargill 4, E. Robinson 5, I. Slack (cond.) 6.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Hatchett (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took (first 'inside') 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders (first quarter) 6, J. Hutchinson 7, K. Sanders 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Wallace (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, M. Darton 4, J. Brown 5, H. Paul 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Rev. Stephen Haddelsey, ordained Priest earlier in the day. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Bardsley (first quarter) 1, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 2, Miss M. Took 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Brown 5, P. Sanders 6, M. Took (first quarter) 7, R. Rattenbury (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: B. Duck 1, H. Hobbins 2, A. Locke 3, M. Driver 4, G. Dunstan (first as cond.) 5, D. Dunstan 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: B. Duck 1, J. Moyle 2, A. Locke 3, G. Dunstan 4, C. Jose (cond.) 5, D. Michell 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carey-Morgan.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Harpley (first in five methods) 1, Marion Petts (first in five methods as cond.) 2, June Chilton 3, D. Goodman 4, C. Alban 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. A. J. F. Thomlinson (first quarter) 1, Deborah Wilson 2, Marion Petts (cond.) 3, K. Cowan 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For Family Communion.

SLATER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: L. A. Wadsworth 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton (first 'inside') 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. First quarter by local band. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: M. F. Bissell (first quarter attempt) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Hilary Seig (first quarter attempt) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Angela J. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Tuckfield 1, Miss A. Platte 2, A. Somerfield 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, P. Watts 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Privett (first attempt) 1, Carole Ward (first attempt 'inside') 2, N. Stroud 3, C. Slyfield 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6.

SYDMONTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Goss 1, C. Butler (15) 2, D. G. Papworth (first in method as cond.) 3, P. G. Holmes 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, G. K. Dodd 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 2. First in method on bells. For Evensong.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,536 Minor (six methods): R. Reed 1, W. W. Cousins 2, F. C. Wigmore 3, J. E. Fox 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. W. Sturgis-Jones, Vicar 1931-53, and sometime president of the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): G. Davis 1, G. Cowlin 2, F. Simey 3, A. Waller 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: K. Stacey (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Rosemary F. D. Thompson 3, J. R. Norris 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5.

WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Waller 1, F. Simey 2, G. Cowlin 3, G. Davis 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mellhone (cond.) 1, A. Howes 2, F. Abso'om 3, C. Adam 4, Susan Howes 5, V. Fox 6, R. Howes 7. For 21st birthday of V. Fox.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,430 Doubles (14 methods): Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5. T. White 6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. B. Holloway 1, G. H. Harding 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, D. J. Jones (first of Stedman Triples) 4, E. E. Norris 5, N. G. Knee 6, F. A. Penn 7, A. F. Grist 8. For Patronal Festival.

WONSTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Carter 1, P. Murdock 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, D. Murdock 4, P. Holmes 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the Society of Wessex Scholars as a token of respect to the fallen of two World Wars.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. S. W. Morton 1, P. D. S. Caligari (first of Minor) 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. Rung on All Saints' Day.

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DEATH

HOMER.—Janet Mary (late of 153, Sterling Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne), at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rayfield, 63, Mounts Road, Greenhithe, Kent, on Saturday, November 9th, aged 24 years. 3627

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

KEELEY.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Keeley is now 9, Silverless Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 3602

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LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Autumn outing, Saturday, November 23rd, in South Bucks. Ringing: Stoke Poges (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Farnham Royal (8) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m. Own Lunch. Windsor (8), 2-3 p.m.; Bray (8), 3.30-4.30; Burnham (8), join local meeting: Slough (10), 7-8 p.m.—A. J. F. 3628

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner will be held in London, on Saturday, January 4th, 1964. All members welcome. Annual tour, August 15th-22nd, based on Ambleside. Further details of both functions from D. C. Exell, Hon. Sec., 12, Randall Road, Cliftonwood, Bristol. 8. 3629

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MEETINGS

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3496

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 3423

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Burnham, Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing 5.30 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples. 3563

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3525

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Cheadle, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 3605

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, November 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 8, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. Stephenson, Sec. 3625

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the New Inn for those who notify Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday. Regret no notification no tea. 3585

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Bodenhams (6) on Saturday, November 30th, from 3 till 4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after meeting till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 27th to Mr. R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 3615

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, Saturday, November 30th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Wednesday.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. 3631

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellindge, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Small, 'Bested,' Church Lane, Aldington, by previous Wednesday.—C. T. H. 3588

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), November 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss C. Fuller, 'Droslyn,' High Street, Westham, Pevensey. 3543

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Kent Districts.—Joint meeting at Leytonstone, November 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names by Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. All welcome.—S. Dobbie and K. Lock, Dis. Secs. 3539

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 3609

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Thursday to Mr. Fred Bennett, 'Carlton House,' Dale Street, Ossett. 3614

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Fisktoft, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, at 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, November 25th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3624

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, November 30th (not the 23rd as stated in the report). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Heyhoe, Estate Office, Cockley Cley Hall, Swaffham. 3591

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—(V.W.H. and Swindon Branches).—A combined meeting will be held at Colehill on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Highworth bells (8) available 6-8 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head, Highworth. Names, please, by Wednesday, November 27th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3622

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A.G.M. at Lyme Regis, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. S. Morris, 16, Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis. 3598

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 30th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3626

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, before November 28th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. 3610

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rayleigh (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea. 3623

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at St. Mary's, Stafford, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (10) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3498

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at Wingfield (6), Saturday, November 30th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m.—L. E. Last. 3565

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Banstead on Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Pitstow, 'Saffron,' High Street, Banstead, by Wednesday, November 27th. Sorry—no names no tea.—N. Steere, Ass. Sec. 3583

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. N. B. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 3559

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting Milverton (8). Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed. 'Mimosa.' George Street, Taunton. 3612

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Woodbury. Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 3rd to H. J. Briggs, Post Office, Woodbury. 3581

DOLGELLAU, BRECON.—Rededication of St. Mary's, Dolgellau bells. Saturday, December 7th, 2 p.m. We hope for many ringing visitors. Please write Rectory, Dolgellau, if high tea is required, by December 2nd.—E. W. K. Walton. 3582

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford on December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford. 3621

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting. Saturday, December 7th. St. Martin-in-the-Fields. 2.30-4 p.m.; St. James, Clerkenwell, 4-5. Tea 5.15. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18, or T. J. Lock, 57, Holloway Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield Herts. 3618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting. Saturday, December 7th. Gedling. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham, by December 4th. 3632

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting. Loddon, December 7th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Raveningham (5) 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mrs. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. Nor 21 W.—N. P. J. C. Branch Sec. 3573

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Saturday, December 7th. Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 4th, to Mr. J. A. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3593

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting. Boughton, Saturday, December 7th. Please note change of date. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Ave., Northampton. 3606

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting. December 7th at Pletchingley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon,' Godstone Road, Blechingley, by December 5th.—G. A. W. 3617

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting. December 7th. Madresfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, at Malvern Link, followed by tea and meeting in Parish Hall (next to church). Bells (8) after meeting. Practice methods. Worcester and Double Norwich. Names for tea by Tuesday, 3rd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Wores. 3616

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen on Nov. 11th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Heather A. Alford (first quarter) 1. Kirsty Grant (first quarter) 2. Mrs. A. E. Lock 3. C. I. Rowson 4. M. C. E. Hodge (first on eight bells) 5. Philippa J. P. Dixon 6. W. A. Smith (cond.) 7. J. W. Berry 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bromley Challenger, for over 40 years churchwarden.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1. D. H. Payne 2. Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3. R. D. Brown 4. D. M. Hughes 5. V. F. Gough 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Louise Gwyneth Payne, daughter of ringer of 2nd and variously related to all the other ringers with the exception of the fifth.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th. 1,260 Doubles four methods: S. F. I. Rutter 1. Vanessa Rodrigues 2. Judith Geiringer 3. Rosamund Rawlings 4. M. J. Uphill (first in four Doubles as cond.) 5. J. H. Gaze 6. First in four Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th. 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative): Hilary F. Martin 1. Jean L. Lavender 2. R. W. Hinde 3. R. J. Lee 4. R. J. Cook 5. R. J. Talbot 6. F. E. Darby 7. S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel on Oct. 12th. 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles. S. D. Nicoll 1. M. J. Harris 2. P. J. Bird (cond.) 3. R. S. Algate 4. A. Tubb 5. R. J. Hallett 6. First in the method for Cathedral School Society.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great on Nov. 3rd. 1,248 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss L. M. H. Smith 1. S. C. Walters 2. I. M. H. Hunter 3. R. M. Damerell 4. K. J. Triplow 5. C. H. Rogers 6. V. Nutton (cond.) 7. Miss C. Dillamore 8. First of Rutland 4, 5 and 7.

CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1. Miss M. Christopher 2. Rev. A. S. Roberts 3. Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4. G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5. G. Riddy 6. Rung on the back six. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1. Miss M. Christopher 2. Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 3. Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4. G. W. Taysom 5. G. Riddy 6. Rung on the front six.

CHETWYND, SALOP.—On Oct. 19th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Friend 1. H. R. Toogood 2. E. C. Morrall 3. R. A. Stanley 4. G. E. Morrall 5. F. Beech, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung on the birthday of J. Box, local tower captain.

DROGHEDA, CO. MEATH.—On Nov. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marilyn Bernard-Smith 1. F. E. Dukes (cond.) 2. C. E. Reece 3. Alexandra M. Dukes 4. A. Vere-Hodge 5. Jane Fletcher 6. W. D. Graham 7. E. Dukes 8. Rung with 6 and 7 alternatively covering. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 hail from England and are students in Dublin University. Rung as a farewell to James N. Dolan, B.A., B.A.I., deputy ringing master of Drogheda, who has emigrated to the U.S.A.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th. 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: R. Short 1. Audrey Short 2. B. Wyld 3. G. Marchant (cond.) 4. M. Stone 5. C. Clarke 6. For the festival of St. Simon and also in acclamation of the successful ringing of the Cotelstone quarter peal earlier in the day.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (handbells): Margaret E. Wilkinson 1-2. C. Reeves 3-4. J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 5-6.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas'. November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying, by Wednesday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead. 3633

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on December 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to me by December 4th at latest.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Wores. 3635

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STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 27th. 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. P. G. Morgan 1. C. W. Nutt 2. L. J. Walters 3. P. G. Morgan (cond.) 4. E. C. Biggs 5. G. Gwynne 6. For the 100th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

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