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## EASTER AND POWER

By Canon C. Carew Cox

WHAT would you wish to be the outcome of your Easter greeting, of your Easter worship? What would you wish to convey by keeping the Easter Festival? What would you wish the tongues of the bells you handle to express? One ventures to say it should be nothing less than a persistent testimony to a spiritual power compared with which the world can offer nothing so uplifting, so hopeful and enduring.

It is not conceivable that any mere human being could ever with absolute confidence claim the mastery over all things created and over all peoples. Because sooner or later death will remove him from his pedestal and all his imagined authority will cease to operate. All history witnesses to the fact that those who seek for world power are but the progenitors of conflict. For world power must always be challengeable and those who would win it are never utterly sure of their ground. There will ever be someone who wants the same thing. 'From whence come wars and fightings among you?' wrote St. James. 'Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?'

But there was One who said: 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.' 'Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' And that is the origin of Easter. The vindication of the power and authority of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Son of God, not only over all mankind, but also over Death and Hell. An authority which now is timeless. Defied and scorned as it has been, there is and has been no message more welcome to people compassed by mortality than the Easter assurance of this power which shall bring them through the gate of death and turn their sorrows into joy. And since the first Easter Day multitudes have lived and died in the knowledge and consolation of that power: while multitudes have yet to be convinced of it and their lives enlightened by it.

Committed to the Christian Church ought it not to form the background and impulse of every Christian ringer? Our church bells are just noisy playthings if we have anything less at heart. But with the Easter fact and Truth behind this particular service of ours they can become the heralds of unimaginable future peace. In their highest use they summon men to the worship of Him Who, by virtue of His own sinless life on earth and through His suffering and death on the Cross for the sake of Righteousness, could claim to be the 'Resurrection and the Life,' and to lead men out of the darkness of the tomb into the ineffable brightness of the Garden of Hope.

There is so much to do—more than ever in the world as we know it today, full of threatenings and fears and mistrust and violence. It cries out for emancipation from all that is devilish, corrupting and deadening. And without the fact of Easter that must be an unanswerable cry. Each Easter Day, then, should bring to Christian hearts and minds a deeper sense of this power of renewal they possess.

If there is something wanting in our belfries—lack of interest, or enthusiasm, lack of friendliness, any carelessness of performance, or whatever else—it is for us to pray for and strive to cultivate the freshness and strong promise symbolised by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead. The gate He opened by His own self-sacrifice and labour and love is open to all of us and to all men. There is nothing now He cannot renew, nothing that cannot be changed into the likeness of the heavenly.

Glory, then, in this power of His as the power that liberates, 'delivers from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.' So we who are the children of God have indeed the power to liberate from our inmost being, say, the kindly, generous thought; the helpful hand; the gentle word; the smile of encouragement; the will to duty, patience and perseverance; and every other virtue which is the fruit of the Spirit—just as exquisite melody is liberated from a stringed instrument by the soul of one who has the skilled command over his fingers. We are called in the power of the Resurrection to become 'new creatures in Christ,' people who rejoice in the spiritual skill at their command—ringers certainly. In our belfries and in all our associations with other ringers the opportunities are endless for proving our possession of this power, this Soul which can overcome all that tends to corrupt because it is illuminated with the 'Light that never was on sea or land,' which lives to justify the Immortal and to temper the natural with the supernatural.

Thus our Easter bells shall express all that wells up from the ringers' hearts, so nobly worded by Tennyson:—

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.



## Washington—Both Sides of the Atlantic write

### A View from Canada

Dear Sir,—I refer to a letter written by a Mrs. Collings of Solihull, in your February 21st issue that has just arrived, and which concerns problems of ringing in North America.

On the face of it, I must say that I am sympathetic to Mrs. Collings' point of view. £1,000 would be far better spent if an expert were obtained on loan for say six months (for that is the time to be purchased with such an amount), to teach the new ringers at Washington Cathedral, D.C., than the ten ringers to be imported on a 'one shot deal'! I sincerely hope that a competent but simple series of lectures can in any case be given by one of the band while they are there.

On the other hand, the key to any successful venture in North America is the magic word 'publicity.' This in the purely local context within the city of Washington, D.C., will most probably bring in a response from the typically generous American citizen of that city to where are not only the costs of the ten ringers covered, but there is ample surplus to then think about a temporary instructor. I admire Mr. Dirksen and his committee for taking this sensible gamble. Having gone through the whole of this business seven years ago in Vancouver, Canada (without the good fortune, either of a progressive Cathedral or a new ring of bells), I can assure you that one has to do anything to obtain the publicity—and after that one can settle down to do what one really wants!

However, I must profoundly disagree with the Editor's footnote to the letter, which has a typically European misconception of life in a continent as distinct from a country! I think Mr. Dirksen would agree with me that, unlike a small country, there is no real national focus on the capital city, except perhaps in times of national emergency. The bells in Washington's Cathedral will almost assuredly never be heard throughout America. The problem here is of the size of the U.S.A. (and Canada): one must not forget that Washington, D.C., is 3,000 miles from San Francisco, and there is far more affinity between say British Columbia in Canada and California in U.S.A. in practical terms than there ever is between either of us and our Eastern seaboard areas—for you see, the Rocky Mountains and vast prairies (even deserts in the south) separate us geographically—and this always caused an emotional separation too. In actual fact therefore, it will be fortunate indeed if Mr. Dirksen and his committee can manage coverage beyond their own city (which suffers a further disadvantage perhaps by not being part of any larger State), for all cities in North America have to be inward looking, just because huge distances usually separate them. One can only wish them all possible success in their efforts and all of us I am sure will do what we can to assist where possible.

It must be confessed that it is a tragedy of our age, where commercial interests allied to advertising have grasped the mass media here to where 100,000,000 persons were reputed to have watched 'The Beatles' on three consecutive Sunday evening T.V. shows, while a programme on a more appropriate Sunday theme scarcely can squeeze itself out of the city that generated it. I must confess, however, that even nationally owned T.V., such as we have in the C.B.C. in Canada, scarcely does better, for after all they inflicted 'The Beatles' on 18,000,000 Canadians at exactly the same times!—Yours very truly,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Vancouver, British Columbia.

### Lady should be included

Dear Sir,—Whilst not casting any reflections on those ringers nominated to go to Washington, U.S.A., I do feel that at least one lady member of our Exercise should have been included.

This, I feel, would do much to promote interest in ringing in the U.S.A. where church activities are much family affairs with the ladies taking the initiative. Probably the opening ceremony will be televised and what better nationwide advertisement could we have than to see both men and women of our Exercise participating. Is it too late to amend the present arrangements?—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERS.

Southampton.

### Stand down for Wife

Dear Sir.—The Dean of Washington paid particular emphasis on the fact that he desired a representative band of ringers to open the Cathedral bells, but despite his request the selectors have, in my opinion, failed miserably in their duty in putting forward the names as published.

One important omission springs readily to mind, i.e. the exclusion of any female ringers, and in this connection Miss Joan Beresford and Mrs. Jill Stanforth surely warranted inclusion. I would go further and suggest that Mr. Stanforth should stand down in favour of his wife.

Whilst I am fully aware that any list presented would be open to criticism, I feel a more representative band would have resulted if Mr. E. A. Barnett had been approached for his advice and guidance; indeed it was discourteous that this was not done at the outset.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Worcester Park, Surrey.

### Coaching at length preferable

Dear Sir.—I have to agree with both you and Mrs. E. M. Collings about the 'American visit.' It is only fair to say that neither her letter nor the reply contains the full story.

The Washington learners do need coaching at length. Crash courses are not enough, especially if there is no going tower within 500 miles.

The Washingtonians did have a chance last October 20th both to see good handling and to hear good striking, at least when the Groton band was allowed to ring familiar touches of Stedman Triples. I will have to let our English guests vouch for this assertion.

As for an 'introduction on a big scale to change ringing in the United States,' the Groton bells were 'properly rung, broadcast and recorded throughout America' on a nation-wide hook-up last July 4th. True, we were allowed only a few minutes of plain hunting because the LP stereophonic recording had also to contain many other American bells, but who knew whether we were ringing Original Caters, as we jokingly call it, a peal of Spliced Surprise or rapid-fire stonies?

I am elated that the English ringers are coming to the United States. I only hope they will be able to visit our tower and ring a peal of Stedman Caters.—Yours sincerely,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School, Groton, Mass.

### STONE RINGER'S 50 YEARS' SERVICE

A dinner was held at the Unicorn, Stone, on March 7th, to honour the 50 years' service of Mr. Willis Buckley to St. Michael's Parish Church, Stone. The dinner was attended by local ringers and their wives and friends, and guests included the Rev. C. A. Harris (rector), Rev. W. Goldstream (curate), Mr. R. Davies (churchwarden) and Mr. C. Harper (verger) and their wives. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key (Gnosall) and Mr. R. Hawkesworth (Brewood).

Following an excellent turkey dinner, Mr. H. Hodson, leader of the local band, presented Mr. Buckley with a wristlet watch from his fellow ringers. He mentioned his long and loyal service to the church, not only as a ringer but as a sidesman and former member of the P.C.C. and said Willis was a shining example of a service bell-ringer by his punctual and regular attendance and readiness to help learners. A bouquet of daffodils was handed to Mrs. Buckley by Stone's first lady ringer, Mrs. Glenda Rowley.

In thanking his fellow ringers for their gift, Mr. Buckley recalled the old days in a cold, damp and badly lit ringing chamber. He hoped he would enjoy many more years as a ringer in his retirement. Willis was 65 on February 27th and recently concluded 50 years' of service with a local boot and shoe company. The 40th anniversary of his wedding also takes place this year.

The Rector expressed the thanks of St. Michael's and conveyed a message of congratulation from Mr. E. S. Bowers of Disley, Cheshire, former churchwarden. The rest of the evening was spent in community singing with Mrs. Key at the piano and 'Barney' proving to be as fine a singer as he is a ringer.

To honour the occasion a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. B. G. Key, was rung prior to the dinner.

### FENLAND RINGING AUTHOR

Those who have enjoyed reading Trevor A. Bevis' articles on churches, the majority in East Anglia, will find entertainment in 'A Fair Fenny Island.' This is a selection of articles concerning the Fenlands, which he has contributed to 'The Cambridgeshire Times' and associate newspapers.

Born in Fenland, Trevor writes: 'With a fair amount of travelling at home and abroad, I have yet to see a sunset to better that of the Fenlands. The air is fresh and stimulating. On rare occasions it is possible to walk across a field and not see one's feet which are hidden in mist—yet the sunshine is all around. Such is the magic of the Fens. In my home town (March) I can stand on a certain road and see Ely Cathedral 15 miles away—like a ship in full sail through a golden sea of corn!'

'A Fair Fenny Island' is sold for 2/6. Mr. Bevis lives at 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs.

### GRESHAM'S SCHOOL HAS RINGING SOCIETY

During this term, a Society of Ringers has started at Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk. As there is only one usable ring of bells in the Holt Deanery, handbell ringing has been practised regularly and six boys can now ring Bob Doubles. All are learning to handle a bell at Holt Parish Church where the two bells are rung for ringing and go quite well. Visits have been paid to Wiveton where, with the help of Mr. W. West, the tower captain, and local ringers, strides are being made towards ringing rounds and call changes. The Society has rung its first quarter on handbells at the school.

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## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINE

About 60 members and friends assembled in the Philharmonic Hotel, Liverpool, on the occasion of the Liverpool University Society's annual dinner, on February 29th.

In the morning several peal attempts had been arranged, two of those by the visitors being successful. The Society's Dinner Day peal of Plain Bob Major, attempted at Bromborough, failed even to get off its feet, and thus avoided the traditional embarrassment of being miscalled. However, a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung instead. Unfortunately a quarter peal attempt at St. Hilary's, Wallasey, was unsuccessful. There was general ringing in the afternoon at Garston, Childwall, West Derby, Tue Brook and St. Francis Xavier's.

At dinner, the Master, Mr. C. K. Cooper, welcomed the visitors to this, the third such occasion. Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. Cooper urged the Society to direct its attention towards Sunday Service ringing rather than peals. In reply, Canon G. C. C. Pepys, Rector of Liverpool, welcomed the presence of the members of the Society at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, and thanked them for their valuable assistance.

Mr. John H. Fielden then proposed 'The Visitors.' He mentioned representatives from the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, London, Bristol, Nottingham, Manchester and Hull, apart from a good number of local Liverpool ringers and those from the Wirral. A large contingent from the Birmingham area again helped to produce a successful evening.

Mr. J. Brown, a ringer at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, replied on behalf of the visitors. He said what a grand lot of boys and girls the Society had and hoped that in general the friendship between University Societies and the local churches and ringers would be of benefit to both; at present and in the future.

### FUTURE LEADERS

In proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. A. S. Hudson, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, emphasised the role of University ringers as leaders of the Exercise and expressed the hope that it would be past members of such societies who, when they graduated, would go out and reduce the number of silent towers.

Mr. M. A. Phillips, in his reply, reported that the Society had flourished during the past year and standards had improved, resulting in the ringing of two peals. The social side of activities had also improved, to the benefit of all. Cupid had struck. He congratulated Mr. Michael Pilgrim and Miss P. Ann Freeman on their engagement; and also Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderton, both past members of the Society, on their marriage. The entire company added their good wishes.

Those still in Liverpool on Sunday morning turned up in force to early morning ringing at Our Lady and St. Nicholas' and afterwards rang for Matins at Everton. The ringing was brought to a climax in the afternoon as, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter and the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Ridyard, we were allowed to join the service band for ringing at the Cathedral. R. J. S.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

The meeting held at Kirkheaton Parish Church on March 7th was very well attended. We were pleased to have with us Mr. E. Hudson, of Ripon, and Mr. A. Basforth, Kirkby Wiske, also the youngsters of nine, eleven and twelve years.

After a fitting form of Evensong, conducted by the Rev. D. Wild, an excellent tea was provided by Mr. R. Senior and the local ringers in the schoolroom. At the close of a short business meeting, ringing was resumed. Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge being among many methods rung. W. M.

## BAND YORKSHIRE IS TALKING ABOUT



**YOUTH TEAM WINS TROPHY.**—First holders of the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup of the Beverley and District Ringing Society are the youthful team of All Hallows' Church, Wakington. Miss Joan Gray, the captain, is seen here with her team and the cup after it had been presented by the Bishop of Hull at the Society's annual meeting at Beverley on February 8th.

[Photo by courtesy 'Hull Daily Mail']

## JUBILEE OF THE SHEFFIELD DIOCESE

This will be celebrated on Friday, May 1st. The Bishop of Sheffield sent the following letter to Mr. J. Seager, secretary of the Sheffield and District Society:—

'Dear Mr. Seager.—The suggestion has been made to me by Canon King, of Wentworth, that the ringers in the diocese might be ready to help the observance of the diocesan jubilee on May 1st by arranging on that day for a ring on the bells in all the churches in the diocese that have a ring. I think this is a very happy suggestion and, needless to say, I warmly support it. I hope very much that it may be possible to put it into effect and that you will be able to use your influence as secretary of the Sheffield and District Society to encourage your fellow ringers to undertake such a pleasurable duty on an occasion like this. We should be much in their debt if they could see their way to giving general support to the suggestion.'

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Over 50 people attended the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held for the first time at Rotherham. Three towers were open, these being Whiston, Eastwood and Rotherham. A fair standard of ringing was maintained at all towers, a good course of London being rung at Whiston. At Rotherham the highlights included a half-course of Cambridge Royal, a very good course of Yorkshire Major, and an excellent touch of five spliced Surprise Major.

During the meeting the officers of the Society were elected for the coming year. These included: President and Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert; President-elect, Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock; Secretary, Mr. J. Seager; Peal Secretary, Mr. N. Chaddock. Mr. A. King, of Wentworth, in his vote of thanks to the local incumbents and ringers, commented on the high standard of furnishings in the ringing chamber at Rotherham. J. C.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The six bells of St. Mary's Church, Sprotborough, near Doncaster, had been silent since soon after the war until November 9th last, when a thanksgiving service for the restoration of the tower was held and the ring of bells, augmented to eight, was hallowed by Canon A. Jowett, Vicar of Doncaster and President of the Doncaster and District Society, in the presence of Ven. C. O. Ellison, President of the Yorkshire Association, and other notable personalities.

The February meeting of the Southern District was not only the first meeting since this memorable occasion, it was the first meeting of the Yorkshire Association ever to be held at this tower. The attendance was by far the biggest at a Southern District meeting for many years, if not an all-time record, as 68 people sat down to tea in the Church Hall and many more attended just for the afternoon or evening.

A short service in the church was conducted by the Rector, Rev. John Lyth, who in a delightful address explained that the reason for the delay in getting the bells ringing again was due to the necessity for the tower repairs and the building of their fine new Church Hall to have first priority. He also gave some interesting information on architectural details in the church and their historical connections.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by Vice-President Mr. Norman Chaddock. The following were elected to membership of the Association: David Hunton (Wentworth), Margaret Bun'ing (Dudley), Robert Bristow, Alan Mullinger and John Whitham (Bentley), Michael Metcalfe (Thorne) and John Smalley (Rawmarsh). The Secretary was asked to arrange the annual meeting in the Penistone area on May 16th. A collection for the bell repair fund realised £1 14s.

Mr. A. King announced that a celebration service was taking place in Sheffield Cathedral on Friday, May 1st, for the golden jubilee of the Diocese. J. J. L. G.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Cutting the Tenor

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing to enter into the perennial discussion about Yorkshire tail ends (about which I know very little anyway) versus rope ends, I feel the letter from Mr. Harry Mann (page 156) deserves a little comment. Whilst not professing to be a heavy bell ringer myself, I cannot see how any bell of more than about half-a-ton can be brought in at backstroke correctly without taking up the tail end a certain amount, especially when ringing on six. However slowly one is ringing, a bell's swing has to be cut down to dodge 'under' at backstroke, and by leaving one's hands in the same position on the tail end the effective pull at backstroke is considerably reduced with obvious results. The only explanation I can see to Mr. Mann's statement is that it applies to a very big tenor-ringer, or a very small tenor!

—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

## Tenor Ringing

Dear Sir,—Mr. Harry Mann's letter, published in a recent 'Ringing World' (page 156), is an expression of an erroneous view held by a ringer whose ideas are those of the last century, not the present.

For Mr. Mann to claim that he has been tenor ringing for 40 years without having recourse to moving his hands along the rope proves either that the tenor he rings weighs about two hundredweights or that he would not know good striking if it came up and bit him.

To say that the need to move one's hands up the rope is caused by the bells being rung too fast is utterly ridiculous. The maximum speed at which bells can be well rung is limited only by the ability of the band to maintain good striking, and if moving one's hands up the rope contributes to good striking with the bells ringing at a certain pace, then this is quite obviously the right thing to do.

—Yours sincerely,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

## In Defence of 'Grabbing'

Dear Sir,—Owing to the pressure of other commitments during the past year I managed to grab less than 100 towers. However, I do not agree with R. J. Brown (R.W., March 13th) that tower grabbing is futile and of no benefit and I have analysed the 112 towers that I grabbed in 1962. Forty-eight were grabbed on outings, 30 at meetings, 25 on local practice nights, five at Sunday service ringing time and four whilst attempting a peal or quarter peal.

To the tower grabber, tower grabbing is a competitive and enjoyable pastime and an expression of the 'collector's instinct' which is in us all. Outings are of positive benefit to the Exercise for they enable ringers from different areas to meet local ringers to the profit of all. The success of meetings is gauged by the attendance as well as the standard of ringing (but I consider that a meeting has failed in some way if there are not a few beginners wanting to ring some rounds). Tower grabbers dropping in casually to a local practice often make it possible to ring on all the bells instead of say the back six, and may also enable a beginner to have his first attempt at Bob Minor 'inside.' If the tower grabber grabs a tower in an attempt for a peal or quarter he is naturally pleased and I see no reason why anyone should begrudge him this harmless pleasure.

I hope Mr. Brown will take two or three of his learners who can just handle a bell for a drive round as many towers as he can. It will teach them a lot and I am sure they will be made welcome in most towers.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. CLARK.

Workshop, Notts

## Tail Ends and Leading

Dear Sir,—I welcome Miss Saville's reply to my letter on page 122 of the 'Ringing World' since it was not my wish to imply there was any intention of getting by with second-best ringing, the phrase 'get by' being intended to mean 'get by with Yorkshire tail ends.'

As in other districts there are teams in the Barnsley District which turn out meticulous six bell ringing, whether it be with Yorkshire ends or those of the normal type. It is a fact that less physical effort is needed to ring a heavy tenor in closed lead ringing than open lead ringing for the following reasons:—

If a few consecutive rows of say Treble Bob Minor be studied and the time intervals between one bell striking and this same bell's next blow be counted, it will be observed that there are the following intervals. (The open lead itself being counted as one extra time interval, equivalent to that between two consecutive bells.)

When hunting down—5 intervals.

When making a place—6 intervals.

When hunting up—7 intervals.

This is the same at both handstroke and backstroke with closed lead ringing, but with open lead ringing become 6, 7 and 8 intervals respectively at the handstroke.

When dodging or snapping, a 5 interval may follow an 8 interval, a variation of 3/8 in open lead ringing compared with 2/7 in closed lead ringing, in the time between two consecutive blows; the former being 5/56 or almost 10% more. Given a certain number of changes per minute, this involves the tenor ringer in a greater degree of holding up and cutting down in open lead ringing than closed lead ringing. I am not inferring by this that one type of lead (on six bells) is any better than the other but leave this to the taste of the individual.

Whilst Miss Saville's letter is, I think, fair comment, Mr. Harry Mann has evidently rushed into print without having properly read my letter since I did not state that a heavy bell cannot be rung with Yorkshire tail end. There are many tenor ringers who would put the bell in its place with any tail end of reasonable length. This does not mean that they would not prefer the tail end of their choice.

May I repeat what I said at the end of my last letter.

'To anyone thinking of changing over to Yorkshire tail ends, except for light bells and a small number—don't.'

I would include rings of six with tenor 13 cwt. or less as light rings.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

Dear Sir,—As a postscript to the Yorkshire tail end dispute, here are some final thoughts.

The Barnsley area ringers have turned this discussion into a 'Barnsley versus the Rest' dispute, thus clouding the real issue. All ringers should ask themselves, dispassionately, this question:—

Which form of tail end will provide for the greatest number and diversity of ringers, the greatest ease and convenience in handling and adjustment, and provide the best economic investment?

Even the admirably analytical mind of the Professor (there is a psychiatric term for this personality) cannot deny the inevitable answer.

—Yours faithfully

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Thrybergh.

## Service Ringing Records

Dear Sir,—We at Claverley have only failed to ring for one Sunday service since July, 1945. Thus for Matins and Evensong over these 18½ years and allowing for a few occasions when services have been cancelled, we have rung for just over 2,000 services. This figure does not include ringing for early services at Easter and Christmas or mid-week Harvest Festival services.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT

Claverley, Salop. (Tower Secretary).

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM LOVE

Within a month the Norwich Diocesan Association have suffered grievous losses in the deaths of two of their most active and dedicated members. Following on the death of Mr. Walter Medler, we now mourn the loss of Mr. William Love who died at his home in Norwich on March 2nd, after some months of suffering which he bore with fortitude and resignation.

The funeral service was on March 5th at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Frank S. Jarvis, who was assisted by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council. The cortege arrived and departed to the sound of half-muffled touches on the bells. There were many ringers in the large congregation, which also included two directors and a number of employees of Mann, Egerton and Co. Ltd., where Mr. Love was wages supervisor. In an appropriate address the Rev. Jarvis referred to Mr. Love's sterling qualities. Cremation followed at St. Faith's.

Muffled peals have been rung at St. George Colegate, and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and touches at Diss and elsewhere in the diocese to a well-loved friend.

Mr. Love was taught to ring at North Elmham and joined the Association in 1922 while still a schoolboy. Next year at the age of 14 he rang his first peal, the treble to Grandsire Triples on his own bells. He was always a safe ringer, appreciative of good striking and a regular service ringer, for he was devoted to the Church. In all he had taken part in 104 peals, one of which was on handbells.

After the war Mr. Love settled in Norwich and joined the Mancroft company, which he served as secretary for some years. This he did so capably that he was the obvious choice for General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association when in 1955, on his appointment as Vicar of Yarmouth, Canon Thurlow relinquished the office. For seven years Mr. Love carried out his duties in an exemplary manner, during which period he travelled many hundreds of miles, for he rarely missed a meeting. He endeared himself to us all by his quiet, unassuming manner, his capacity for taking pains, his forthrightness and for his deep sense of responsibility.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, who has been a familiar figure at our meetings and whose courage we have much admired.

N. G.

### MR. ALBERT COUSINS

We regret to announce the death, on March 3rd, of Mr. Albert Cousins, of 54, Devonshire Road, Cambridge, aged 84 years.

Mr. Cousins went to Cambridge in the 1900's from Brighton, where he was a chorister and server at St. Bartholomew's Church. He was a friend of Mr. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, who first contacted him at St. Giles', where both sang in the choir.

In the art of calligraphy his work was outstanding: his illustrated manuscripts grace many libraries, cathedrals and churches. For many years he worked at the Fitzwilliam Museum, under the direction of his friend and mentor, the late Sir Sydney Cockerell.

It is to Mr. Cousins that the Ringing Exercise is indebted for writing and illuminating the roll of honour of ringers who lost their lives in the First World War. This is in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in the corridor leading to the ringing chamber. The book is bound in royal blue leather and is described by those in authority at the British Museum as being one of the finest pieces of modern illumination ever shown.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.** — On Feb. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Hitchens 1, T. Holloway 2, E. C. Shephard (cond.) 3, L. E. Hitchens 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, N. G. Knee (first Grandsire Caters) 6, F. A. Penn 7, F. S. Slatford 8, G. H. Harding 9, J. Lucas 10. In memoriam S. J. Hector.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.** — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Whetton 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, H. Smart 3, Doreen Metcalfe 4, J. Coates 5, H. Denman 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, P. Hammond 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Councillor G. M. Bruce Pearson, Mayor of Retford.



## Quarter Peals honour birth of the Queen's third son

**ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Marsh 1, P. Marshall 2, B. Barwick 3, W. Goldup 4, E. Wells (cond.) 5, R. Deverson 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Smart 1, A. J. Smart 2, C. J. Harwood 3, J. Collier 4, S. T. Russell 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

**BUNNEY, NOTTS.**—On March 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (ten methods): T. Dutton and Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss C. Froggatt 2, B. M. Buswell 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet A. Fawcett 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 11) 2, Barbara A. Furness (first 'inside') 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, R. M. B. Wainwright (first quarter) 6. First by Sunday service band.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On March 11th, 1,380 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Diana M. Preston 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Susan J. Devey 3, A. E. Barker 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, R. D. Baker 6. First in three methods by all the band.

**CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Hill 1, F. Sismey (cond.) 2, L. Sharpe 3, A. Foster 4, R. Berridge 5, J. Coulson 6.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On March 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark (first quarter) 1, M. J. Bura 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, T. J. Wellen (first 'inside') 4, M. D. Fuller 5, L. G. Connor (first quarter) 6.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss B. Meeks (first quarter) 1, P. Rogers 2, Miss S. Percival 3, P. Tompkins 4, J. Church 5, C. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8.

**COTTINGHAM, YORKS.**—On March 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean M. Woodbridge 1, Mrs. Rene Page-Jones (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Jennifer Pybus 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, J. I. Booth 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. White 1, Mrs. B. Bolter (first 'inside') 2, A. G. Hall 3, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 4, H. J. Shuck 5, Miss M. Ellsmore 6, H. J. White 7, L. R. Hall 8.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Eddon (first quarter) 1, Hilary Johnson 2, G. Thompson 3, H. M. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, D. Nimmo (first quarter) 6.

**EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. K. Paul (first quarter) 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. S. Rees (first 'inside') 3, W. Parrott (cond.) 4, D. J. Herschell 5, W. J. Munton 6.

**HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.**—On March 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Bennett 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, A. R. Wife 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, R. Harmer 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day and Plain Bob): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, H. W. Harrison 4, J. A. Heaps 5, D. Barker 6.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. R. K. Rivers 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, C. A. Eele 5, R. K. Rivers 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallcut (cond.) 3, W. J. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Bryan (first of Major) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, C. V. Tovell 4, E. Mastin 5, C. Cousins 6, L. W. Houghton 7, Rev. Giles Galley (cond.) 8.

**LINCOLN.**—On March 11th, at St. Peter at Gows, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Single Court and Plain Bob): H. Broxholme 1, F. Dixon 2, W. Tomlinson 3, A. Drury 4, J. Pearson 5, P. C. Pitchford (cond.) 6.

**MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Molinoli (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Alford (first 'inside') 2, J. L. Stanier 3, F. W. Jones 4, H. Tranter (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6.

**MANCHESTER.**—At the Cathedral on March 11th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: Jane Reynolds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, D. Frost (first quarter) 4, I. Frost (first quarter) 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6, D. Gillespie 7, J. Brannan 8.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On March 14th, 1,260 St. Osmund Bob Doubles: S. D. Holdaway 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (75th quarter) 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, T. G. Hull 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in the method by all and on the bells.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On March 15th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M. Parker ('circled the tower' for quarters) 1, G. Davis 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, B. J. Branstion 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. H. Dew 6.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hanning 1, G. Parsons 2, Betty Sagers 3, W. Dunn 4, A. Streeter 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

**ROCHESTER, KENT.**—At the Cathedral on March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. N. Norris 1, D. S. Osenton 2, B. R. Trill 3, G. F. Parkes 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, L. Crouch 6, M. F. Layton (cond.) 7, C. T. Osenton 8. The bells were also 'fired' after the quarter peal at the request of the Dean.

**SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, P. Popplestone (cond.) 2, C. Rixon 3, Mrs. E. M. Williams 4, L. Hellings 5, I. Atkinson 6. First quarter 1, 3, 5 and 6 and by local band.

**SEALE, SURREY.**—On March 12th, 1,080 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Martin 1, E. J. Bragg 2, W. Draper 3, C. Poyntz 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Miss D. Connel (first quarter) 6.

**SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.**—On March 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. Audrey Short 1, R. Short 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, T. P. Field 4, H. G. Gaylard 5, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 6.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Whitehouse 1, T. Dexter 2, L. Lovett (cond.) 3, M. White 4, W. Draper 5, J. Preston 6.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, T. J. Warner (cond.) 3, G. E. Fearn 4, C. Bragg 5, G. Palmer 6, R. J. Cann 7, A. Crabtree 8.

**SOUTH MIMMS, MIDD.**—On March 12th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Sillis (first quarter) 1, B. M. Goodspeed 2, T. A. Hawkins 3, J. Dodds 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, M. J. H. Charlton (first quarter) 6.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On March 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lavina Mumford 1, Susan Moxon 2, R. Beresford 3, D. Williamson 4, D. Parsons 5, Grace Burchall (cond.) 6, Katherine Burchall 7, H. Hawcroft 8. First of Major 2, 3, 4 and 5.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD Southern District

March 7th was not the right time of the year to visit Devynog, Breconshire, for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, but in spite of the cold east winds, 20 members and friends braved the weather conditions. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Minor.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. A. Davies, who in his address welcomed the ringers to the ancient church of St. Cynog. The fine ring of bells has no ringers but the Vicar said he would try to enrol young people and, with the help of experienced ringers in the district, have the bells ringing out again.

Tea was provided by local ladies, who were thanked for their willing services.

At the business meeting, it was agreed to visit Cefn Coed for the September meeting. Members were reminded of the ringing competition, to be held at Neath on May 25th; those entering should advise the Gen. Sec. as soon as possible. Mr. E. Morris thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

J. A. H.

## 50 YEARS AGO

'Ringing World,' March 20th, 1914—

**BELLS OR BELLES.**—That bright weekly periodical, 'Tit-Bits,' is the latest journal to be made the recipient of a complaint about bells. Unhappily for the correspondent, however, he was unable to spell correctly, and the editorial comment scores off the would-be maligner of ringing. Here is the paragraph, which appears in the current issue: 'Citizen (Sheffield) sends in a violent complaint against the ringing of church bells, and concludes by asking, "Of what earthly use are they? They don't attract people to church."—Unfortunately, he has made a little slip in his spelling, and writes the word "belles" every time he wishes to speak about "bells." We can't resist the opportunity of saying that if it was not for the church belles a good many of the young men would not be drawn to church.'

'Ringing World,' March 27th, 1914—

**HER NAME ISN'T (K)NELL**  
Jack calls Miss Bute a silent belle  
Because, becoming bold,  
He kissed the maid one day and—well  
She never tolled.—'Boston Transcript.'

## ROYAL BIRTH PEALS—Continued

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Dear 1, A. G. Sears (first quarter) 2, M. C. Austin 3, June Whitcher 4, H. Duncan 5, R. Durrant 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith A. Robertson 1, C. M. Heawood (first in the method) 2, C. T. Brown 3, G. W. Elmes 4, M. J. Young 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, R. W. Young 8. First of Stedman Triples 4, 5 and 8. First ever of Stedman Triples by a local band.

**WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Norah Ashton (first of Minor) 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Anne Horsford 3, Wendy Hollowell 4, A. H. Hinton 5, R. H. Dew (cond.) 6.

**WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.**—On March 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. R. Strange 1, Veronica G. Rees 2, D. A. Smith 3, S. Howard 4, A. M. Horn 5, Rev. N. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

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## GUILDFORD GUILD RAISING SUBSCRIPTION

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, at its annual meeting in Holy Trinity Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, decided to increase its annual subscription to 5s. and for junior members 2s. 6d.

Mr. C. H. Kippin (Cove), the treasurer, in making the proposal, which was recommended by the Executive Committee, said: 'We are travelling on a shoe string.' He cited that the Guildford Guild was unable to pay the expenses of its Central Council representatives in full, or the Executive Committee their part travelling expenses. There were also economies in other directions.

The Master, Mr. D. A. R. May (Old Woking), who presided, asked the company to stand while losses by death were remembered. Messrs. F. Oakshott (Epsom), A. C. Hazelden (Guildford), G. Cook (Ashted) and R. H. Hutton (Guildford).

The Master paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Hazelden, as Guild librarian and representative on the Central Council since the Guild's formation.

Mr. W. Viggers (Aldershot) suggested that when the Guild Library was moved from St. Nicolas' belfry to the Cathedral tower a memorial plaque to Mr. Hazelden should be placed in the tower. The suggestion met with approval.

Mr. F. W. Housden (Shalford) was appointed the new librarian. An appeal was made for those having books on loan to return them so that the catalogue might be checked at the beginning of the new librarian's term of office.

### CATHEDRAL BELLS

A disappointment was the response by the public to the appeal made last year for money needed to purchase the remaining bells for the Cathedral. The fifth had, however, been given by an anonymous donor in memory of a relative and now rested in the ambulatory of the Cathedral with the 'Pulling' memorial bell. Each district was endeavouring to provide one of the front four bells and therefore four further bells had yet to be provided.

The Master said he had received gifts of £15 and £10 from old ringers which he had forwarded to the District funds. It was decided to transfer money in the Appeal Fund to the Cathedral Bell Fund. The Leatherhead District had raised £192 towards their bell, Guildford District £124 10s. and Chertsey District £50 15s.

### LOWEST PEAL TOTAL

Only 18 peals were rung last year, the lowest number since the formation of the Guild. There were 75 ringers taking part in 12 different methods in 14 towers with nine different conductors. Messrs. T. T. Page and E. J. Wells were the teaching conductors.

Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), peal recorder, said the leading conductor since the Guild was formed was the late A. H. Pulling with 334 peals. Mr. E. J. Wells was second with 90 and Mr. A. Harman third with 83. Most peals for the Guild had been rung in Holy Trinity Church with 197 followed by Hersham 41 and Ashted 38.

The report mentioned that during a District practice at Leatherhead, one bell fell into its pit and on investigation showed that the headstocks of this and another bell were cracked. Repair work was in hand. The meeting authorised the Leatherhead District's making a donation of £5 5s. towards the cost.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Guild had a total of 718 members, made up as follows — ringing 648, honorary 70. District totals of ringing members were Chertsey 108, Farnham 155, Guildford 139, Leatherhead 122. There were 124 life and unattached.

Revisions of rules had been undertaken by a sub-committee and these were explained to the meeting by Mr. C. W. Munday and approved. By these alterations the Executive Committee were reduced from more than 30 to 19. Compounding members were to be known as non-resident and they would pay the same sum as ordinary members. Honorary members would be called associate members.

## SAPCOTE'S 34-SPLICED SURPRISE BAND



Right to left.—Seated: Mrs. M. E. Brown, Christine J. Stratford; Standing: Brian L. Burrows, Laurence Watkins, John Watkins and Michael E. Brown.

**B**EHIND the ringing of the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 34 methods at Sapcote, Leicestershire, on February 15th, there is a fine story of perseverance which goes back some 16 months.

On October 2nd, 1962, Mr. Michael Brown, of Sapcote, fulfilled a ringing ambition when the Sunday service band that he had taught to ring succeeded in ringing a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods. He little dreamed that in 16 months almost the same band

would achieve the distinction of ringing a peal in 34 Surprise Minor Methods — the minimum number of Surprise methods, from the four way table, obtainable in seven extents. This feat had only once before been performed by a Sunday service band. It is an example of the infectious enthusiasm of the conductor, Mr. Michael Brown, and his skilled leadership.

The progress of the band was gradual. The first step was to ring ten methods. This was rung at Sharnford, where Mr. John Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, joined the band for the occasion. The peal was Sapcote ringers' first of spliced—all the extents containing more than one method.

A very big step forward was taken by the peal of 21 Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Sapcote on December 22nd, 1962. Miss Jennifer Stratford, who rang inside in the seven Surprise peal, was on the treble and the rest of the band were in the same places as in 34 spliced peal, viz: Christine Stratford 2, Laurence Watkins 3, Brian C. Burrows 4, John Watkins 5, Michael Brown tenor.

Useful practice was put in during Christmas, 1962, when Martin C. Faulkes, of Hinckley, replaced Miss J. Stratford and peals of 11 and 18 methods were rung respectively at Leire and Broughton Abbey.

On February 16th, 1963, 24 Spliced was achieved at Sapcote with Miss Rita Stratford on the treble and the remainder being the 21 methods band. Another step forward occurred at Kirby Mallory on March 7th when Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford were rung for the first time, the treble being rung by Mr. Frederick Watson, of Croft, and John Watkins and Brian Burrows swapping positions.

Thirty Spliced was reached on March 26th, with Mrs. M. E. Brown on the treble and the rest of the band as in the 21 methods. This was the first peal of 30 Spliced methods for the Guild and in the county. Two months later, the same band, except that Richard Clifton rang the treble in place of Mrs. Brown, rang 26 Spliced at Desford.

At this stage the band slowed down as regards peal ringing. A new 1440 of all the 11 Chester methods was being studied. Just before the New Year (1964) the band felt competent to tackle 34 Spliced Surprise. More than six attempts were made before on Saturday, February 15th, the ambition of 34 Spliced Surprise was achieved.

The credit does not go solely to the band. All the Sapcote ringers deserve to share in this glory of being the first Sunday service band in the Midlands to obtain 34 methods, as they forced themselves to ring difficult methods to give the peal band excellent practice. All feel that there is now no reason why 36 Spliced should not be obtained.

B. L. B.

### COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The Master drew attention to a course of instruction to be held at Moor Park College, Farnham, from July 17th to 19th in conjunction with the Surrey and Hampshire County Councils. The course would be divided into two groups—for beginners and those more advanced. Mr. Douglas Hughes was to lecture on bells and maintenance and Mr. W. G. Wilson on various aspects of practical ringing. There would also be another instructor.

The cost of the course was £7 per pupil. The County Councils were subsidising to the extent of £3. A reduction in the fee of £4 could be obtained by those undertaking full time education and those in difficulties. Applications for assistance should be made to the Master.

### AMERICAN VISIT

The meeting congratulated Mr. Harold N. Pistow on being selected as a member of the English team of 10 ringers who are going to Washington Cathedral to ring for the dedication of the tower.

Mr. J. E. Beams (Ewell) proposed that the Guild give a donation of £5 towards the appeal fund to meet the expenses of flying the team to America. Mr. D. Herschell seconded.

In reply to a question the treasurer said they could not afford it, and Mr. Housden thought it was America who should find the money. The motion was dropped.

Proceedings closed with a vote of thanks proposed by the Master to the Rev. David Bentley, who conducted the service, Mr. S. G. Ponting, the organist, the ladies who had provided the tea and the incumbents of churches in Guildford open to ringing.



**HALF PEAL**

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On March 14th. 2,528 Plain Bob Major: R. Adams (first long length) 1, T. Chapman 2 and 3, Carolyn Vibert 4, D. J. Forder (cond.) 5, M. D. Trigg 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, M. J. Thomas 8. A peal attempt brought round.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**—On March 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Stewart 1, L. Sweatman 2, P. J. Jarvis 3, J. V. Richards 4, W. C. Marshall 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BREWOD, STAFFS.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): C. A. Allsop 1, R. W. Broughton 2, W. Allsop 3, I. Rimmer 4, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 5, V. Beddoes 6, G. L. Askew 7, D. R. Hawksworth 8. First quarter 1, 6 and 7.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Cathedral on March 1st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Everett 1, Jane Everett 2, Edna Frith 3, A. H. Everett 4, I. J. Clark (cond.) 5, P. Brown 6, R. Harrison 7, M. Cowling 8, I. Pantan 9, P. J. Eves 10. First on ten for 1 and 2. For the Chelmsford Town Festival Dedication Service.

**CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Wells (first quarter) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, J. T. Burnup 3, C. R. Larkin (cond.) 4, G. A. Dawson 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Challinor, of Bingham.

**EDINBURGH.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. Wilson 1, Miss E. Graham (first quarter) 2, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 3, M. J. Pink 4, M. J. Marriott 5, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

**FINCHLEY, MIDD.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Robotham 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, P. Taylor 8. For Evensong. First quarter of Stedman by the Sunday service band.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen Lockyear 1, Janet Lockyear 2, Nicolai Stroud 3, N. Stroud 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, P. G. Stroud 7, T. Lewis 8. First quarter 1 and 2. One, 7 and 8 ringing 'rounds.' For United Youth service.

**GRANBY, NOTTS.**—On March 4th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Dutton 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss C. Froggatt 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Diver (first quarter) 1, M. Hawes (first 'inside') 2, M. Carter 3, C. Muncey 4, C. Gooding 5, H. Foster (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. Nicholls 1, D. G. Papworth 2, D. Peacock 3, W. R. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on March 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Nicholls 1, D. G. Papworth 2, L. Fisher 3, W. R. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ballentine (first quarter) 1, D. Appleton 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Thomson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. Walker 6. For Evensong. Also on March 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Tonks 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Thomson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. Appleton 6. For evensong.

**LETCOMBE REGIS, BERKS.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Timms 1, F. H. Whipp 2, J. Strawford 3, C. R. Miles 4, C. J. Pearce (cond.) 5, A. Carter 6.

**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, B. G. Giddings 2, Mrs. E. Chandler 3, R. J. Preece 4, T. Bound (cond.) 5, J. Wilce 6. A compliment to Miss S. Drew on her 91st birthday.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Nancy Kempself 1, J. Euston 2, R. Talbot 3, G. Olliver 4, W. Dunn 5, C. H. B. Cook 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

**SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. S. Eckles 1, C. Davies (first quarter) 2, Miss N. Barker 3, Mrs. B. Parsons 4, P. J. Salt 5, K. C. Jones 6, W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 7, A. L. Westwood 8. For Evensong.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Moore 1, P. J. Daniel, C. J. G. Head 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. J. Etchells (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Gay 6. For Matins.

**SILVERTON, DEVON.**—On March 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Smith 1, Ann Fellows 2, Jean Barnett 3, M. Lock 4, Margaret Wilkinson 5, C. Bryant 6, F. Mack (cond.) 7, J. Woolford 8.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. A. Brand 1, M. B. Tyers 2, Doreen Gibbons 3, D. Brock 4, A. Johnson 5, D. Struckett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Jaques (first quarter) 1, E. Sutton (cond.) 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, M. D. Penney 4, P. Minchin 5, Miss S. Little 6. Also on March 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. W. T. Daniell 1, M. D. Penney 2, P. Minchin 3, Miss S. Little 4, A. G. Wells 5, P. Spackman 6, M. Stanley 7, E. Sutton (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 2, 4 and 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

**THORNE, YORKS.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Pilkington (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Chester 2, J. R. Whitham (first Bob Minor) 3, H. Bell 4, R. A. Smith 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss S. M. Jackson and Mr. D. Bowman, on their wedding day.

**TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob and St. Clement's, 720 Double Oxford and Single Oxford): G. F. Cowlin 1, Wendy Hollowell 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, R. W. Spencer 4, F. E. Coales 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6.

**WATERLOO, LONDON.**—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, W. D. Grainger 2, C. M. Meyer 3, Miss M. A. Ladd 4, J. Hales 5, D. P. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, E. J. Ladd 8. For Evensong.

**WOODSTON, HUNTS.**—On March 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Brighton (first quarter) 1, L. Brighton 2, A. J. Wright 3, Pauline M. Larham 4, J. M. Roffe (first as cond.) 5, M. Evans (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as farewell to the Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt, moving to All Saints', Huntingdon.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, A. E. Price 3, D. E. Vowles 4, S. G. Smith 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, G. H. Pullin 7, A. England 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Mothering Sunday.

**WITHAM, SUSSEX.**—On March 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, J. Warner 2, R. Dorking 3, B. Crook 4, T. Monk 5, H. Dorking 6, E. W. Bright 7, A. Pigott (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also a birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 5 and 7.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The band who rang the  
peal of Stedman Cinques at  
Painswick, which was ar-  
ranged especially for the royal birth, would  
like to express their thanks to the Vicar  
(Rev. H. F. Heal) and to the tower captain  
(Mr. S. G. Goulding) for making the attempt  
possible. The band also feel honoured to have  
been elected honorary members of the Ancient  
Society of Painswick Youths immediately after  
the peal. These bells are only available for  
peal attempts to mark very special occasions.

Witney (Oxon) Ringing Society have found  
their first minute book, which covers the years  
1868-1901.

**Correction.**—The peal at Lowestoft on Feb-  
ruary 29th (page 177) was the first of Kent  
T.B. Major for Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, and not  
his first peal of Treble Bob Major.

In connection with East Riding practice  
nights (page 174) we are now informed that  
the Hesse (6) practice is on Thursdays not  
Wednesdays, and North Ferriby on Mondays,  
and not Wednesdays.

The Davids' who met at Newtown for the  
unsuccessful peal attempt desire to thank Mr.  
Derek P. Jones, who writes 'D.V.', not only  
made all the arrangements but also provided  
transport and camera!

The tenor wheel at All Saints', Wandsworth,  
is half wood and half aluminium. Are there  
any other similar tenor wheels as the band are  
anxious, with their peal of Double Norwich  
Court Bob Major there on March 7th, to claim  
a first?

Permission has been granted for Rickmans-  
worth ringers to raise the necessary £220 for  
the recasting of the sixth bell. Being a small  
band, they appeal for contributions, which  
should be sent to Mr. D. C. Bartholomew,  
113, Ebury Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.

Shebbear College Ringing Society are ener-  
getically pushing their appeal for the bells of  
the village church. Their fete on January 25th  
raised £106. Nearly every boy in the school  
helped in the draw and prizes were donated  
by parents and business people. With cash do-  
nations the fund stands at £270 from which  
about £30 has been taken for a new set of  
ropes.

A peal was planned at  
North Stoneham on March  
14th. Unfortunately the band  
was one short. Tom Chapman then volun-  
teered to ring two bells, he having rung a  
number of peals in this way previously. The  
absence of gloves, which he invariably wears  
when ringing two tower bells to a peal, caused  
his hands to come unbearably sore, so much  
so that the peal was brought round half way.  
Another attempt is to be made.

Despite his left leg being recently fractured  
and still in plaster, Mr. R. Short rang in a  
quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor  
at Shapwick, Somerset, for the royal birth  
and earned from the band a warm 'Thank  
you, Ron.'

Halfway through a quarter peal at West Hill,  
Wandsworth, on March 15th, an irate gentle-  
man rushed into the belfry ordering the ring-  
ing to be stopped. The band, knowing this  
person to be a regular complainant, kept calm  
and saw the quarter through.

Mr. S. T. Price, of Stonehouse, informs us  
that 12 peals, rung on the bells of Bisley,  
Gloucestershire, since 1920, are published in  
the annual reports of the Gloucester and  
Bristol Diocesan Association. Before claim-  
ing first peals on bells it would be well to  
check from authoritative sources.

Two Appleton ringers, Miss Stella Sergeant  
—cousin of Mr. Brian White—and David Wood-  
ward, who were married on March 14th were  
remembered with happiness during a peal  
at Marston, Oxford. David was formerly with  
this band and rang the treble to the record  
long length peal on these bells in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby rang their first  
peal together at Edenbridge on October 6th,  
1945. They were therefore grateful to the local  
ringers for the opportunity of using the bells  
for the first peal together of themselves and  
their two children on March 14th, 1964.

It is some time since we have recorded a  
peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major  
rung silent and non-conducted. Congratula-  
tions to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan  
Association on their performance at Darling-  
ton on March 14th.

# THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke  
of Edinburgh*

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., March 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 28½ Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED*

VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. Treble	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 7
DELIA E. SMITH .. .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 9
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 10
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 5	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 11
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 6	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS

AND

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 7
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. .. 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 9
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 10
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 5	REV. ROGER O. FRY .. .. 11
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 6	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

## SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

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

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

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

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 8
SUSAN FUNNELL .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 10
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 11
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. .. Treble	† GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 6
* CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. 2	† ALAN A. PAUL .. .. 7
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 8
* FREDERICK C. CASE .. .. 4	* JAMES LINNELL .. .. 9
† ROGER W. SMITH .. .. 5	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

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

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Tues., March 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 5
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. .. 6
REV. MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

## GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Wed., March 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

* MICHAEL DANIELS .. .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE .. .. 5
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 6
BRENDA E. DOWNING .. .. 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. .. 7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., March 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

AT THE QUEEN'S FREE CHAPEL OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Musical Four-Part.	Tenor 26 cwt.
MONICA BLAGROVE .. .. Treble	JAMES BROOKS .. .. 5
DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 2	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. 6
KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 4	EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

## HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

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

## A PEAL OF 5152 DEDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER G. BROWN .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. .. 6
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 7
IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. S. HUDSON.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

200th peal as conductor. First in the method (H. and M. Collection, No. 2,850).

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 15 methods, comprising 640 of London and 320 each of Wembley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Cray, Eastcote, Cambridge, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, Wordsworth, Pudsey, Bristol, Rutland and New Gloucester; 140 changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* R. JOY WATKIN .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 5
DAVID G. WILFORD .. .. 2	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

\* First peal. First in 15 Surprise Major methods on the bells, for the Guild, and by the band.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
JOYCE DODDS .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 6
GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7
* CLIVE W. SIMPSON .. .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

IAN FRIEND .. .. Treble	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 5
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 2	* GEOFFREY C. BEECH .. .. 6
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
ERIC YOUNG .. .. 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

JOHN WEAVER .. .. Treble	* JOHN POTTS .. .. 5
* JEFFREY P. COOPER .. .. 2	* ALLAN WEAR .. .. 6
RONALD H. DOVE .. .. 3	C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. 7
* WILLIAM DIXON .. .. 4	* DINAH M. BLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

\* First peal of Bob Triples. † 100th peal for the Association.

## FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., March 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE-EVANGELIST.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT .. .. Treble	JAMES CUNLIFFE .. .. 5
BERNARD MOSS .. .. 2	BRIAN TOMLINSON .. .. 6
* CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX .. 3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. .. 4	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## DEDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1238 x 12 x 38  
2nd place L.E. 15738264



## PEALS FOR THE ROYAL BIRTH—Cont.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., March 11, 1964, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, being one extent each of Chester and Munden, Bourne and Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, Beverley and Surfleet, London and Wells, York and Durham, Cambridge and Primrose; with 76 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER .. .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
*ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in 14 methods.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., March 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 EDINBURGH DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 26 lb. in A flat.  
V. THOMAS COOPER .. .. Treble JOHN WATKINS .. .. 4  
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2 BRIAN L. BURROWS .. .. 5  
LAWRENCE WATKINS .. .. 3 MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
\*ROBERT BARRATT .. .. Treble BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4  
\*†ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 2 †HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5  
\*F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 3 PETER W. HORN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

GREAT LINFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*MICHAEL R. NIMMO .. .. Treble MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. .. 4  
†NICHOLAS GRAY .. .. 2 KINGSLEY P. WOOTTON .. 5  
P. DAVID TAYLOR .. .. 3 BARRY R. EGLESFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY R. EGLESFIELD.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.  
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4  
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 2 WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. 5  
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 3 T. LESLIE CUNDY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

First peal of Doubles in the method by all except conductor.

MARSTON, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Oxford Society.)

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF 5400 WINCHENDON PLACE DOUBLES

Tenor 5 cwt.  
LEONARD PORTER .. .. Treble F. MARILYN BIRD .. .. 3  
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2 NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4  
ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild. Longest length yet rung in the method.

## Peals rung in honour of the birth of a son to Princess Alexandra and Mr. Angus Ogilvy

DERBY.  
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr, 14 lb.  
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Treble MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. .. 5  
\*JOHN WHITING .. .. 2 SAMPSON WALKLATE .. .. 6  
WM. ALLSOPP .. .. 3 †REG. WALLIS .. .. 7  
KEVIN A. BETESTA .. .. 4 JACK BAILEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal. † First for 25 years.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qr.

*R. ARTHUR GOLDSMITH .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4
NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. .. 2	KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH R. DAVEY.

\* First peal.

## OTHER PEALS

### TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt, 21 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 8
ANN M. COX .. .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 9
DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 10
MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 11
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 6	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Coinducted by PHILIP N. TUBBS.

First peal on 12 as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr, 19 lb. in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
DENNIS LESLIE .. .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 9
WILLIAM COLES .. .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

Rung for the 146th anniversary of the bells.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., March 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

### A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt, 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble	DR. DAVID HEIGHTON .. 6
JANET H. BUSS .. .. 2	JOHN A. COX .. .. 7
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 3	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 8
A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. 4	CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. 9
MARTIN CUBITT .. .. 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Half-muffled in memoriam William Love, member of the Mancroft Ringers' Guild and general secretary and treasurer of the Association 1955-1962; remembering, too, Walter Charles Medler, who also loved these bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr, 18 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. Treble	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 5
MALCOLM E. WADE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a wedding compliment to Mr. Graham T. Ball, of Stoney Stanton, Leics, and Miss Patricia Harper, of Polesworth, Warwicks, who were married at Polesworth this day.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. 5
EILEEN FEARN .. .. 2	ROBERT WORRILOW .. .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 7
HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.



LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 QUENBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD .. .. 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERION .. .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER (att. SHIRLEY BURTON).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 736 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 160 Pudsey; with 128 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 6
VERNON GREEN .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 7
*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal of 8-Spliced.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. JANE SIBSON .. .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 7
ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PETER D. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. .. 5
PATRICIA DISERENS .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 7
*DAVID E. BELCHAM .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

\* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 5
*ALEC W. FRY .. .. 2	DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal in the method.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*MERYL SIMMS .. .. Treble	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 5
ERIC YOUNG .. .. 2	† WILLIAM HARRIS .. .. 6
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
WILLIS BUCKLEY .. .. 4	ALBERT PURSLOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.

A compliment to Willis Buckley on completion of 50 years' service in this tower and his 65th birthday.

QUENBY SURPRISE MAJOR

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THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ALEY .. .. Treble	*TREVOR BASSETT .. .. 5
LEONARD J. FOX .. .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. .. 3	DENNIS A. HEWITT .. .. 7
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK .. .. 4	DENNIS ELLISON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal.

Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*ROBERT T. COOLES .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. .. 5
JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 2	†BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 6
†MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 7
†LAWRENCE C. WAY .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Double Norwich. The conductor's 975th peal, conducted 500. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., March 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, London, Rutland and Watford, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 5
†E. JANE SIBSON .. .. 2	*†DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 6
†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 7
MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* 25th peal together. † First of 12-Spliced. First of 12-Spliced for the Society.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER .. .. Treble	EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. .. 6
BRIAN W. HALL .. .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 7
PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 46). Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

MALCOLM E. WADE .. .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 5
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. LACEY .. .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.

First peal of London as conductor.

A compliment to Malcolm E. Wade on his 16th birthday.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

ROHILLA M. COOKE .. .. Treble	THOMAS COOKE .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 6
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 3	KENNETH CHEESEMAN .. .. 7
FRED HODGSON .. .. 4	THOMAS M. COX .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Rung silent and non-conducted.

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LUPPITT, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 240's and 20 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.  
\*GORDON C. GRABB .. Treble | LEONARD MARKER .. 4  
†ARTHUR W. SAGE .. 2 | CARL CHURCHILL .. 5  
FREDERICK J. SAGE .. 3 | \*WALTER BROOM .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. SAGE.

\* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-LESS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
YVONNE EDWARDS .. Treble | NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4  
ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM .. 2 | RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES .. 5  
TIMOTHY G. PETT .. 3 | ALAN J. FROST .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Elizabeth Birmingham, with compliments to her and Timothy Pett on their engagement.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., March 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

\*DIANA B. BELCHAM .. Treble | PETER G. BROWN .. 4  
JEREMY P. BRANDON .. 2 | PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5  
JANE FOSTER .. 3 | DAVID E. BELCHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

\* First peal.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., March 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.  
\*SARAH COLES .. Treble | ANTHONY O. SHEARD .. 4  
C. BARRIE DOVE .. 2 | †ADRIAN C. BOORMAN .. 5  
DINAH M. BLOW .. 3 | JOHN WEAVER .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

\* First peal. † First away from cover bell.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

\*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Treble | GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4  
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM, JUN. .. 2 | \*MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5  
GILES R. SHEDDEN .. 3 | DAVID P. HILLING .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL HATCHETT.

\* 50th peal together. † First in more than one method.

GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of April Day and 30 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOAN N. CHALLINOR .. Treble | GEORGE A. DAWSON .. 4  
\*JOHN MILLER .. 2 | C. RAYMOND LARKIN .. 5  
ROBERT D. MARSH .. 3 | †H. GEOFFREY WELLS .. Tenor

Conducted by C. RAYMOND LARKIN.

\* First peal. † First on six bells. First as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Adey, of Gedling; also as a compliment to the mothers of the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: two of Cambridge Surprise, three of Plain Bob and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble | ROBERT J. WINSTANLEY .. 4  
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 2 | JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5  
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.  
LLOYD SWEATMAN .. Treble | VIOLET I. E. RELF .. 4  
JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. 2 | JOHN V. RICHARDS .. 5  
PETER RICHARDSON .. 3 | MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

First peal of Minor in the method by all the band except the conductor.

SCALBY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.  
GEORGE BEECH .. Treble | MICHAEL KING .. 4  
WILLIAM FAY .. 2 | \*STEPHEN WRIGHT .. 5  
\*EDWIN P. KING .. 3 | BERT SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. C. N. Tubbs) and Mrs. Tubbs on the birth of their third son.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents Plain Bob, 11 Grandsire and 13 Morris' Grandsire.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

JANE DOWSE .. Treble | MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 3  
RUTH BLACKSHAW .. 2 | MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4  
JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

Congratulations to David Michael James and Pamela Wheeler, married this day at Chichester, Sussex.

MONK SHERBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BLUNDERBUS BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor 9 cwt.  
BRADLEY MURDUCK .. Treble | PHILIP MURDUCK .. 3  
EDDIE COX .. 2 | DENBY P. MURDUCK .. 4

GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal ever rung in the method.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., March 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.  
\*DAVID BELLIS .. Treble | FRANK HARPER .. 4  
MISS J. SANDERSON .. 2 | JOHN GIPSON .. 5  
†BRIAN HORRELL .. 3 | DENNIS PEPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GIPSON.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Syston District.)  
On Mon., March 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.  
MARILYN TIPPING .. Treble | CHRISTINE J. HART .. 4  
JOHN ANTILL .. 2 | MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 5  
\*DIANE N. MAUBY .. 3 | FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Marilyn Tipping (Mandy), who was leaving for Sherborne St. John on March 17th.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., March 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*MRS. MILLCENT SHORT .. Treble | \*HARRY BARNES .. 4  
HENRY P. COLLIN .. 2 | CHARLES R. MUXLOW .. 5  
WALTER WESTON .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in four methods.

In memoriam Mr. George Scott, Mr. Arthur Dixon and Mr. Stanley E. Bennett, esteemed members of the above Guild.



### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ASTON DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.  
MAURICE A. KIRK .. .. Treble Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.  
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 2 DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 5  
DAN S. PONT .. .. 3 RICHARD S. MOORE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID F. MOORE.

Fastest peal on the bells.

### SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Beverley, (3) Bourne, (4) Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.  
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.  
MRS. JILL BELCHER .. .. 2 K. PAUL GILLIVER .. .. 4  
CHRISTOPHER M. STURGESS 3 RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 5  
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

### BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents St. Clement's College Bob, three Plain Bob and one St. Clement's and Plain Bob Spliced. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.  
RICHARD A. COBLEY .. .. Treble \*MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 4  
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. .. 2 \*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5  
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 3 \*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* 50th tower bell peal together. Quickest peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung in honour of the tenth anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (Rev. E. W. Bailey).

### GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being seven 720's: (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) Ipswich, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
IAN R. PANTON .. .. Treble MICHAEL J. COWLING .. .. 4  
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5  
PETER G. BROWN .. .. 3 PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT 20, TYTHERINGTON COURT,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

\*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 1—2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5—6  
\*NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3—4 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7—8

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise on handbells. First of Surprise on handbells for the Guild.

### BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 12, 1964, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

\*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 1—2 | MARGARET CHAPMAN .. .. 5—6  
DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 3—4 | TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

Umpire: FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

**CORSLEY, WILTS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hawkins 1, Miss S. Porter (first 'inside') 2, E. Norris 3, N. Knee 4, C. White (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor and St. Clement's: Frances Smith 1, Diane Carter (first in two methods) 2, G. Waterman 3, Gillian Browne (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, W. Felgate 6.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Pearson 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, J. H. Payton 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, M. D. Fuller 8. For Mothering Sunday service, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Toms, members of St. Bartholomew's Society on the birth of daughter—grand-daughter for Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Harrison (first of Triples) 1, W. Gorrington (cond.) 2, Judy Bowen 3, E. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, L. W. Jarvis 6, S. G. Waters 7, B. Stevens 8. For Matins. And 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Stevens 1, Sheila M. Rawlings 2, Judy Bowen 3, E. Baker (first 'inside') 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, A. H. Kemp 6, W. Gorrington 7, S. G. Waters (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 3. For Mothering Sunday.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On March 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. E. Bonham 1, Miss J. K. A. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Dacey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Dines (first quarter) 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, C. Higgins (first on working bell) 3, C. L. Bell 4, W. Houghton (first 'inside') 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's on Jan. 26th, 1,296 Bob Major: Miss M. E. Powell 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, A. J. Hampton 3, R. Newman 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. H. Kiddle 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Challinor 1, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 2, J. Dowse 3, D. Barker 4, R. Larkin 5, M. W. Harrison 6. For Evensong on St. David's Day.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HOLT, NORFOLK.**—On March 7th at Gresham's School, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles on handbells: P. N. Mackley 1, N. F. Briggs 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3—4, P. S. Royds-Jones 5—6. First quarter by all except conductor and first of the School Society.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On March 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Bedford 1, Miss S. A. Hayward 2, Miss G. M. Brearley 3, R. W. R. Picton 4, D. A. Bedford 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

**KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Callow 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, F. J. White (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Capt. W. F. Dickinson.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Newman 1, T. Stephens 2, A. C. Newman 3, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 4, H. Read 5, B. Read 6, D. A. Newcombe 7, H. B. Foll 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in memoriam Mrs. Gladys Mary Homfray, mother of Rev. John Homfray, Curate and bellringer at Leckhampton.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Yvonne Criddle 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, S. Lewis 5, A. Skinner 6. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, J. Coombs 3, J. Lambard 4, S. Lewis 5, R. Venn 6.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 6. For Matins. First in Minor for all except 1, 1,360 April Day and Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Todd 1, A. Neilson (first 'inside') 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannerling 3, T. E. Sone 4, T. Cullingworth 5, F. S. Macey 6, F. Hogan 7, B. Baker 8, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 9, T. A. Cross 10. For Evensong.

**MARSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Crowe 1, Mrs. H. Carter 2, P. Crowe 3, R. Cullington 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, H. Carter 6, D. Phillips 7, D. Pardon 8. In memory of Walter Charles Medlar, for many years aringer at this church.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): J. H. Stanning 1, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 2, R. Mc N. Garrat 3, R. H. Green 4, R. A. G. Inglis 5, C. J. Wright (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Marlborough College Campanological Society.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): J. Laken 1, A. R. Crowson 2, A. M. Faulkner 3, P. D. Chapman 4, D. A. Hewitt 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to A. R. Crowson.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,272 Minor (Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.): C. W. Sams 1, F. Whitby 2, R. Hayden 3, W. Aley (cond.) 4, B. G. Burton 5, L. Whitby 6. Rung following the dedication of St. Giles' dual-purpose chapel and hall by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

**NETHERBY, DORSET.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tither 1, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 2, J. Davis 3, Mrs. J. Davis 4, J. Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 3. To the Glory of God and for the thanksgiving service for restoration of church floor (preacher, Bishop of Salisbury).

**OLD RADNOR, RADs.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, C. Williams 3, R. Preece 4, T. Bound (cond.) 5, T. Pugh 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Reuben Bufton, aged 16 years.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. King 1, D. Wilson 2, W. Perrins 3, R. Hoare 4, L. Cobb 5, E. Whitfield 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for Matins by local band.

**SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On March 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Battam 1, J. Thorley 2, E. Short 3, J. McCluskey 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dallingwater 6, C. Toyne 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.**—At St. Ann's on March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Steven Rowe (first peal, age 10), T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 2, M. J. Medley 3, Mrs. M. J. Medley 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. J. Green 6.



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### RETURN THANKS

Mr. J. E. Rootes wishes to take this opportunity to thank all his ringing friends for their messages of 'Get well' during his recent operation. He is now slowly on the mend. 4339

### PERSONAL

'And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.' (St. John xvii, 3.)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARTON.—The address of Marcus and Marilyn Barton is now 29, Spencers Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire. 4372

CHILCOTT.—As from Thursday, March 26th, the address of John and Eileen Chilcott will be 14, The Glebe, Hawley, Hampshire. 4367

### HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Odd handbells, in reasonable condition. D size 8. F sharp size 12 and B size 15.—75, Chapel Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4341

### MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report for 1963 now available 5s., post free. Contains Pitman's Spliced Surprise Major from 7 to 30 methods in full, and 34 other compositions; also commemorative articles on 1,000 peals at Bell Foundry and record peal of Bob Major. Other years available at 2s., post free, as follows: 1962 (23 compositions); 1960 (48); 1959 (51); 1958 (50); 1956 (53); 1955 (44); 1954 (22); 1951-53 (24); 1948-49 (-); 1946-47 (-). £1 for complete set (except 1950, 1957, 1961).—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 4331

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Minhead, Easter Monday, March 30th. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Dorrien Restaurant, The Parade, at 1.15 p.m. Names for lunch (8s. 3d.) essential to Mr. D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Bristol, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Meeting at Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Bells available: Minhead (10) at 11.15 a.m. and after meeting, 10.15—11.30 a.m. Carhampton, Selworthy (6). Old Cleeve, Dunster (8), 5.30—7.30 p.m. Porlock, Luccombe, Wootton Courtenay (6), 5.30—8 p.m. Selworthy, 6—8 p.m. Timberscombe (8), St. Audries (5), 6—8.30 p.m. Old Cleeve, 6.30—8.30 p.m. Stogumber (6). Wiveliscombe (8).—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 4273

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, March 30th. Ringing arrangements: Route 1.—Swaffham Prior (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Burwell (8), 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Chippenham (6), 11.30 a.m.—1 p.m.; Isleham (5), 12 noon—1.30 p.m.; Wicken (5), 1-2.30; Soham (10), 2-4.15. Route 2.—March (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Doddington (6), 10.30 a.m.—12 noon; Chatteris (6), 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Sutton (6), 11.30 a.m.—1 p.m.; Haddenham (6), 12 noon—2 p.m.; Wilburton (6), 1-3; Stretton (6), 2-4. Service 4.15, Soham, Tea 5 p.m. Soham Church Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with stamped, addressed envelope, from Gen. Sec. Fly (8), Littleport (8) and Sutton towers open after tea. Ringing Masters will be in all towers.—H. S. Peacock 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 4309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, March 30th, annual general meeting at Tenterden. Service 12 noon. Applications not later than March 24th first post for luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each, children of resident members under 14 3s. each, cash with order, please), agenda, details of ringing times at 10 towers to Mr. B. W. May, 'Keithston', Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4242

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, March 30th, A.G.M. at Worcester, Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (bells 10 a.m.). Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (8) 2.15—3.30, All Saints' (10) 3—4.30, St. Swithun's (6) 3.30—4.45, Stoulton (6) and Stoulton Campanile (6, tenor 107 lbs.) 1.45—3, Pershore Abbey (8) 2.30—3.30, Upton Snodsbury (6) 2.45—4.15, Crowle (8) 3—4.30, Cathedral (12) 6—7.30, All Saints' 7—8.30. Tea at Deansway Restaurant at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before March 28th.—D. Beacham, Goodiers Lane, Twynning, Tewkesbury, Glos., Gen. Sec. 4285

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, March 31st, at 8.15 p.m. The adoption of revised rules will be voted at this meeting. Practices in April, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 7th, St. Mary-le-Bow; 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 21st, Southwark Cathedral; 28, St. Paul's Cathedral.—John Chilcott, 14, The Glebe, Hawley, Hants. (Will members please not change of address.) 4366

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meetings at Buckland, April 2nd and May 14th, from 7 p.m. These are arranged to assist learners. Your help appreciated.—G. A. W. 4351

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 4th, at Kelston. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 1st to Mr. S. Carter, 28, St. Kilda's Road, Oldfield Park, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 4316

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Durdleigh, Saturday, April 4th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service (Communion) 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 4350

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly business meeting, Saturday, April 4th, at Turvey. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hillson, High Street, Turvey. Special methods: St. Clement's Major and Oxford Bob Triples. 4356

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 4354

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 4th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8), 2-3.15 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3.15-4.15; St. Peter's (8), 4-4.30 and after meeting. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by Tuesday March 31st.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 4335

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, April 4th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. Hood, St. Michael's Vicarage, Teignmouth. 4360

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4328

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, April 4th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting (Water Lane Institute) 5.15. Notice of motion—to amend Rule 3 to enable members of the South Mymms band to be elected as full members of the Association. Names for tea essential to D. H. Kingston, 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 2965), by April 1st. Ringing arrangements:

Route 1: Harlow Common (8), 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Hatfield Heath (6), 1.30-3; Hatfield Broad Oak (8), 2-3.30; Thorley (6), 2.30-4 p.m. Route 2: Bengoe (8), 10-11.30 a.m.; Ware (8), 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Widford (6), 1.30-3.30; Little Hadham (5), 2-4 p.m. Route 3: Cottered (5), 10-11.30 a.m.; Great Horwood (6), 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Braughing (8), 1.30-3; Standon (6), 2-3.30; Bishop's Stortford (10) 3-4.15 p.m. Thorley and Bishop's Stortford available after the meeting. 4327

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 1st, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, 'Holmesdale', Station Road, Edenbridge.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 4321

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting changed to Alfriston, April 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. Further ringing till 8 p.m.—Miss R. Earl, Hon. Sec. 4326

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 31st, to Miss S. Turner, 9, Old School Lane, Stow, Lincoln.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 4338

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Downham (2.35 to 3.20 p.m.) and Clitheroe (from 3.40 p.m.) on April 4th. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Names for tea to Miss S. Washbrook, 'Halcyon', Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe.—J. Pilkington. 4358

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Visitors are always very welcome. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithey Lane, Aughton.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4339

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's (10 bells) on Saturday, April 4th, from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 4363

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by previous Tuesday to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, Leeds. 4362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, April 4th. Ringing arrangements: Humberstone (6), 1.30-3 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 1.30-3; Cathedral (12), 3-4.10; St. John's (10), 2-3.30 p.m. (St. Margaret's not available). Service in Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in Alderman Newton's Boys' Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's—adjacent to Cathedral). Names for tea (limited to 140) must be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester (Tel.: Leicester 823140), by April 1st. No name no tea.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4330

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A striking competition for towers in the Branch will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Billingborough, Saturday, April 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, followed by open ringing until 9 p.m. All welcome at tea, but names essential by Wednesday previous to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 4317

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, April 4th. Ringing at All Saints' Church, West Ham (Church Lane)—5 mins. from Stratford Broadway Station). 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at West Ham after meeting till 8 p.m.—V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4369

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, April 4th, at Norton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to L. Shenton, 35, Spragg House Lane, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, April 1st.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 4365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, April 4th. Chenies. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names by March 31st. Single Court Minor, Double Plain Bob.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 4340



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stoke Goldington on April 4th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gretton, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, April 4th. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4364

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Twywell, Saturday, April 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to F. E. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering. 4349

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, April 4th at Solihull. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 1st, please.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4357

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trowbridge (12), Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. North Bradley (8) from 6.30 p.m. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3980

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Wath, Saturday, April 4th. Thrybergh bells 2.15 till 3.15 p.m. Wath bells from 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Crossley, 48, Church Street, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, by April 2nd, please.—J. Seager, Sec.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 4th at Southwell. Bells (12) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by April 1st. Business meeting follows tea.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4344

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Cowfold (6), transferred from Worth, Saturday, April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Wednesday, April 1st, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, Tel. 438.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Llanfagan, April 4th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (at 3s. each) and meeting to follow at Royal Oak Inn, Pencelli. Names for tea, please, to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon. 4342

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, April 4th. Thruxton. Bells (6) 2 to 4 p.m. Tea, Andover Parish Room. 4.30 p.m. Service afterwards. Andover (8) and Goodworth Clatford (6) after tea. Names to Mrs. T. Tarrant, 134, Corunna Main, Andover. 4373

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Ottershaw on Wednesday, April 8th. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. All welcome. 4361

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Special meeting, Clun, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. It is essential that I receive names for tea (2s. 6d.) by April 7th.—G. T. Cousins, The Flat, Police Station, Ross-on-Wye.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Diss (8) on Saturday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Palgrave (8) in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 8th, to Miss A. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 4352

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by the 8th to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Norwich. NOR 37Z.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4336

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The second session of the 25th Council (67th annual meeting) will be held in Truro on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1964.

**NOTICES OF MOTION (Rule 14).**—Notices of motion signed by two members of the Council must be received by the secretary by April 7th.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,  
Crayford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Easton Neston on April 11th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. Brangwyn, Hulcote, Towcester.—W. A. Bates. 4370

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—A striking competition will be held at Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 11th. Draw at 3 p.m. Those requiring light refreshments afterwards, kindly being laid on by Bushbury ringers, should, please, send their names to Mr. M. R. Buckham, 17, Lauderdale Gardens, Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, by Wednesday, April 8th, latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4346

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Stroud, April 25th, 2.15 p.m. Tea, 4s. to be paid in advance to Mr. R. Nicholas, 4, Blue Boys Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos. at 4.30 p.m. Association service, address by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, at Stroud, 6 p.m. Towers open: Standish, Bisley, Stroud, Stonehouse, Woodchester, Painswick and Eastington. Nominations for Master and notice of motions for agenda before March 28th. Meeting at Church Rooms, tea at Premier Hall, Stroud.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 4324

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Leyland, April 25th. Towers available: Bilsborrow (8), Adlington (8), Whittle-le-Woods (8), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Samlesbury (8), Penwortham (8), from 1 to 3; Leyland St. James' (6), Leyland St. Andrew's (10) (Leyland Parish Church), from 3 to 4.30 and after meeting. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, at 4.30. Preacher: The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, T.D., M.A., B.D. Tea 5 p.m. (3s. 6d.) in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Names, together with money, to Mr. L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland, by Friday, April 17th. Tower Secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers and to send a stamped, addressed envelope with their request. Meeting to follow at approximately 5.45 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Hall. 4347

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## LATE NOTICE

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Northern District) & LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District).**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 4th, at All Saints', Gosforth, 3 p.m. start. Names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Red House Farm Estate, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

## OBITUARY

### MR. ALFRED HITCHENS

Former captain and a ringer at Ludgvan, Cornwall, for 54 years, Mr. Alfred Hitchens died on March 9th, aged 72. He was taken ill the previous evening on returning from church, which he loyally served, also as sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. For 49 years he was in railway service on permanent way engineering department, retiring seven years ago.

The funeral was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. de'C. Murley), and a large number attended, including his only son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hitchens, Mr. W. C. Osborne (local captain), Mr. R. J. Hosking and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (chairman, Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild). His son is also a ringer at Ludgvan and on the railway, being in the signalbox at Penzance.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A graceful acknowledgment of the quarter peal card of Grandsire Caters, rung at Rotherham after the assassination of President Kennedy, has been received by Mr. Norman Chaddock from Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's private secretary.

The tower ringing side of the Twickenham and Richmond Musical Festival was broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service on March 16th. Dr. Neal Smith, W. G. Wilson (the adjudicator) and F. W. Goodfellow were interviewed and there was also ringing. Hillingdon were the winners.

Mr. Alan Paton, who had done so much to get a local band to ring rounds at the service of rededication of Micheldean, Forest of Dean, bells (8) on March 14th, was in hospital when the ceremony took place. All present send him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

On March 12th boys and old boys of Rotherham Grammar School again rang the bells of the Parish Church prior to the annual Founders' Day service. Grandsire Doubles on the back six and call changes on the back seven were rung. Due to the intervention of chicken-pox the band unfortunately met one short. However, there were several favourable comments on the ringing, by listeners. All the ringers except one (from Thrybergh) learnt their ringing at Rotherham.

At the suggestion of the Vicar, an ancient peal board from the tower of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, has recently received the attentions of a professional picture restorer. He has revealed the somewhat dingy figure of a Muse at the head of the board to be in rich colours. Dated 1818, the peal commemorated is of 'Mr. Jno. Holt's Grandsire Triples' by the Brighton Society of Change Ringers. Members of the congregation will be able to inspect the results of the excellent restoration, before the plaque is returned to its place on the belfry wall.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

A successful meeting of the Northern District was held on March 7th at St. Nicholas', Stevenage. Because of a wedding, ringing did not begin until 4 p.m. The Rev. E. A. Gaskell conducted a service, with Mr. S. Boorman at the organ, and an excellent tea was provided by the Misses Smith, of Stevenage Bury—free.

With Dr. Gullick in the chair, the business meeting was held, and the following were elected members: Messrs. L. Cooper and S. J. Gullick (Stevenage), and the Misses K. Anderson, K. Harding and C. Walms (Hitchin). A report was given of the General Committee meeting, and arrangements for the A.G.M. on April 4th, centred on Bishop's Stortford. Local arrangements were that there should be two practice evening meetings at St. Ippolitus and at Wallington in May and June, with the next quarterly meeting at Knebworth in July.

As the Bishop's Stortford District was unwilling to nominate anyone for the office of president for the coming year, the General Committee has recommended Mr. W. Critchley of Knebworth. His election would mean that the Northern District had supplied two consecutive presidents. J. S.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ORMESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Crosby 1, Anne Lawson (first quarter) 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, W. Elleritage 5, P. Wishart 6, T. Cox 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's Church on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. I. Allnatt (cond.) 1, A. T. Adams 2, F. W. Soden 3, H. W. Badger 4, C. Coles 5, P. J. Heritage 6, A. R. Pink 7, A. Cornish 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Thomas the Martyr's Church on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison J. Macfarlane 1, G. R. Mordaunt 2, P. H. P. Harris 3, P. J. Crane 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, J. M. Preston 6.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On March 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Ruth Carr 1, R. Cooles 2, A. R. Millidge 3, B. H. Coatsworth 4, Alison M. Mann 5, D. C. Brookes 6, B. J. Bull 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band. For Evensong on St. David's Day.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary E. Elmes 1, Christine Mould 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Young 4, E. G. Mould 5, G. W. Elmes 6, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Plain Bob Triples as cond.) 7, J. W. Blackwood 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all except 3 and 7.

**STEDHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. A. Tipper 1, D. J. White 2, K. Sansom 3, Mary White 4, D. A. Kirk 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

**SIDBURY, DEVON.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Clarke 1, Mrs. Y. L. Woodley 2, G. Betts 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, C. C. Turner 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clarke 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. F. W. Moore.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. R. Lett 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, T. R. Harris 4, G. M. Pickwell 5, D. Eddy (first quarter) 6. For visit of Bishop of St. Albans to Evensong.

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