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BREAK THAT SILENCE!

THERE must be times when most of us can recall passing by one of the unringable towers in the county where we live, and listened whilst members of the party advanced their various theories or gave statements of fact on why the bells were no longer heard.

Perhaps they are quite unringable after years of neglect, and what man started the birds and the elements continued, guaranteeing between them an effective silence.

Worse still, perhaps the bells are unringable by repute. Dark hints are made, although memories are a little hazy now, about the vicar in 1930, or was it 1932?, who pronounced the tower unsafe, stopped the ringing, and locked the belfry against all comers.

Another opinion blamed the architect, who didn't like bells anyway and had persuaded the vicar that a silent tower was preferable to a cracked one. Since then the ropes had rotted, the bells had received scant attention, and the present incumbent thought sympathetic was not really enthusiastic about a major overhaul when the cost of renovation was known.

And so the stories continued.

Whatever the reasons for silent towers there is plenty we can do in our own small ways to prevent the list being added to, for the quotation 'Prevention is better than cure' is never more apt than it is to this context. The question needs tackling partly at diocesan and partly at branch level, where group action can be most effective. Any keen branch member knows his towers; he can say where bands are good, bad, or non-existent, and it's common knowledge which towers have casual bands that ring only at festivals, or those which ring outside the local Association.

Whatever the state of ringing in the towers concerned, monthly practice meetings should be the golden rule in branches wherever possible, so that all towers are visited with reasonable regularity. Although the tendency in some Associations is to hold quarterly meetings only, this leads to the temptation to tour the 8-bell towers, with only rare visits to the sixes. Generally speaking, visits to the more outlying towers can be measured in years, which gives time for radical changes to occur.

I even call to mind a visit last year to a meeting where the Vicar welcomed the Association in question for the first time in 25 years! This is just not common sense, apart from being a bad advertisement for an Association. Regular meetings should be an accepted fact in branches, not an event so unusual that the W.I. and the Mothers' Union turn out in force to provide a free tea!

Sometimes arguments are put forward that this or that tower is not a member of the Association and therefore should not be visited. This is surely a very negative outlook especially if the bells at the tower are usually silent. An Association has a duty territorially as well as to its own towers if it has the interests of the Exercise at heart. Who knows what might result from a meeting of this sort? It could rekindle interest if there were the remnants of a band left in the village; better still, it might even produce recruits. And it would show that the Association **cared** about the tower. Far more important, at least the bells would be rung sometimes, the link between the Association and the incumbent would be retained, and those who live there reminded that the village possesses a ring of bells.

In these days of changing population a tower too long silent can be very difficult to reclaim. There are all too many people who move from town to country who consider bells an unnecessary nuisance, even on Sundays. What can be better ammunition to bolster their phone calls of protest to the Rector than the argument, 'I've never heard this row in the three years I've lived here—you must stop it!' Yes, we as ringers may trot out the old argument about the bells being there first, but you have to ring them regularly to prove your point!

Provided local branches do their share to save towers from silence, should the Association as a whole take any action? It seems to me that at this level the study should be concentrated on bells said to be unringable, or quoted as such. A small committee might well be set up to ascertain the true facts. An organised survey, deputed to responsible branch officials, might well produce some surprising results, and not least provide an up-to-date answer to the questions, why are the bells unringable and could they be put right without a major overhaul? Obviously a survey of this sort would pose many problems, but it would be worth the effort.

My last word is again to the thousands of ordinary branch members up and down the land. Don't ignore silent towers. Go there for meetings, go there for quarter peals, and, if you can, arrange to take a band over to ring for Sunday service now and again. I have found from my own experiences in each case that the welcome has been warm, the pleasure expressed at hearing the bells genuine, and the feeling that in your own small way you are contributing something towards the aims and objects of the Exercise a most rewarding one indeed.

'COUNTRYMAN.'

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AT DINNER

RINGERS turned out in force and converged on the centre of London on Feb. 15th for the ringing preceding the 19th annual dinner of the University of London Society. Of the towers open St. Lawrence Jewry and Bow proved the most popular, where few of us managed to ring more than once, and we even considered auctioning the ropes when members and friends (and yet more friends) kept turning up in never-ceasing convoy! The new Mears bells were well rung for all that and a fairly wide range of touches was brought round without mishap.

So to dinner, where our numbers dropped dramatically to just over 70! When the food, suitably punctuated with wine, had been enjoyed, our president, Philip Gray, proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' after which he introduced the guests, representing the Church, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the University Societies of Bristol, Cambridge, Manchester and Oxford. He expressed his regret that Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was originally responsible for our association with St. Olave's, Hart Street, and Canon Mortlock, Rector of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, were not able to be present.

'The Church' was proposed by Dennis Layton, a long-standing member of the Society (in more ways than one), who ably discussed the Church's position to-day—her needs as well as her many and great qualities.

The Rev. Powell Miller, former Rector of St. Olave's, replied, illustrating with personal experiences the numerous changes which have altered the Church during the last half-century. He mentioned in particular a noticeable decrease in the length of sermons (could this have been a gentle hint to remaining speakers?).

Having hastily rewritten his speech, Alan Thirst proposed 'The Visitors.' A warm welcome was extended to Jack Phillips (Master, College Youths), Dennis Beresford (Master, Cumberland Youths), Rev. Powell Miller and Rev. Maurice Dean and other guests. A special welcome was made to Captain Marybelle Nissly, from U.S.A., who did a great deal in starting the U.S.A.F. handbell band. The Universities Societies were tactfully welcomed in alphabetical order, including Sheffield University, which was also represented. He referred favourably to the Cambridge University Guild's recent publication and advised Andrew Hudson not to be too concerned about 'one of our members' controversial review of it.

In his reply, Mr. E. F. P. Bryant, Master of the Manchester University Society, took up the point of ringing publications and suggested that such works as 'Stedman,' 'Ropesight' and others so greatly needed by the Exercise and now, sadly, out of print, should be reprinted and further works added.

We then decided it was high time somebody proposed our Society. Roger Ashmore, Master of the Oxford University Society, nimbly stepped into the breach and, while not entirely forgetting the Oxford University Society, ably fulfilled his commission.

Alan Frost replied, mentioning several of the more outstanding peals rung by the Society since the last dinner, including the all-ladies' peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung that morning and conducted by Miss Dianna M. Lawless. In addition to ringing accomplishments, he noted that Cupid had not been much in evidence during last year's hard winter but that the mild winter this year appeared to have lured him forth. We are contemplating our summer tour with some interest!

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 15

MICHAEL J. FELLOWS

Worcestershire and Districts Association and
Dudley and District Guild



The happy smile of probably the youngest Guild Master in the country, Michael who was born on December 3rd, 1947, was elected Master of the Dudley and District Guild of Change Ringers in September, 1963, when he was 16 years of age. He lives at Stourbridge and is at present a pupil at King Edward VI Grammar School in that town.

His home tower is St. Thomas', Stourbridge, where his father and brother are ringers and here he was taught to handle a bell in 1958 by F. V. Nicholls. He rang his first peal in November, 1959, and to date has rung 123 of which he has conducted 24. His list includes three peals of Cambridge Maximus and three of Stedman Cinques. For encouragement and opportunities for peal ringing he is especially grateful to Clifford Skidmore, George E. Fearn and Geoffrey Hemming.

Michael is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and his ambition is to ring a peal on what he regards as the finest 12 in the country—in Worcester Cathedral, his favourite method is London Surprise Major.

With such a promising start and leadership conferred upon him so early in life, many will watch his graduation and hope to see him take his place as a worthy fellow of the Exercise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District Visit
Willesden

Following an enjoyable hour's ringing on the bells of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, the North and East District met at Willesden on March 14th for their monthly meeting.

The Rev. G. C. Oakley, Vicar and Rural Dean, conducted the service and gave a short but inspiring address, with bells as his theme. It was a great thrill, he said, to hear the sound of a bell when he was trudging through the jungle in Borneo in the early days of his ministry, to find later that it was only a piece of metal or railway line suspended from a tree being struck with a piece of wood by a native. The tone, however, was mellow and reminded him of home.

At the business meeting the provisional election of Mrs. Margaret D. Woolley and Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, of Bushey Heath, as non-resident life members was ratified. The treasurer and assistant secretary of the Association arrived in time for tea and were congratulated on their success in the tower bell contest held that afternoon at Isleworth in conjunction with the Twickenham Music Festival.

Mr. H. G. Hart proposed a vote of thanks for the Rev. G. C. Oakley and the Rev. F. G. Springfield (Kingsbury) for the use of their bells; to Mr. Cleverley for accompanying at the organ, and to Mrs. Golding and her helpers for providing an excellent tea. Thanks were also extended to Mr. A. Cutler (Willesden) and Mr. G. Ellis (Kingsbury) for having everything in readiness at the respective towers.

Ringing continued in a variety of methods until 9 p.m. Perhaps the most conspicuous touch was one in which each rope was in the hands of a member of the fairer sex.

E. J. K.

In conclusion, Captain Marybelle Nissly expressed her thanks to the Society and to the English ringers who have agreed to ring the bells of Washington Cathedral on Ascension Day at the dedication of the Gloria in Excelsis tower.

We extend sincere thanks to Miss Pauline Fennell and all the other overworked members who made the 19th annual dinner such a great success.
A. G. T./B. G. D.

BELFAST GIRL RINGER DESIGNS CHURCH WINDOW

Secretary of the ringers at St. Thomas' Church, Belfast, is Miss Patricia Robinson, a 20-year-old student at Belfast College of Art.

Patricia is studying stained glass window designs and her fellow ringers were always asking her when she was going to do a window for the church.

Eventually, she submitted a design for the window which was approved by the Bishop, the Select Vestry and, of course, the Society of Bellringers. The window portrays St. Paulinus, a bishop in Italy, who presented the first bell to the Christian Church. The phoenix at the bottom is a symbol of the early Church.

Patricia says: 'I prepared the window and I was offered help by the bellringers to instal it in the belfry. But one day, assisted by Elizabeth Stanley, who was home on vacation from the Royal College of Music in London, I put it in myself. Elizabeth and I just thought we would show the boys what we could do!'

Next term she is making a tour of English cathedrals to pick up ideas about stained glass designs. Among the dozen cities she will be visiting are York, Coventry and Canterbury.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

Appropriately the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch on March 14th was at Sturminster Newton, as it was here 40 years ago that the Branch was formed, the actual date being February 16th, 1924. A quarter peal was rung by founder members on Feb. 22nd to commemorate the occasion.

The Vicar (Canon C. S. Green) welcomed 34 ringers, including visitors from Somerton and Dorchester, and conducted the Guild service.

Tea at the Red Rose Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which six new ringing members were elected and one honorary member. The ringing members were Messrs. F. Write and R. Parker, Mrs. D. Crocker and Miss J. Crocker from Somerton, and T. Bleathman, Okeford Fitzpaine. The honorary member elected was Mr. W. Lodder, Belchalwell. Proficiency certificates were awarded to D. Corben and A. Frampton.

Notice was given of the Guild festival at Marlborough on May 9th, and of the joint meeting with the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association at Trent on May 2nd. A proposed Branch outing to West Dorset and East Devon towers on September 5th was also discussed.

Standard methods up Cambridge were rung and ringing also took place at Durweston after the meeting.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Very heavy rain affected the attendance at the Beverley and District Society's meeting at Kirk Ella on March 14th; nevertheless, 41 ringers had an enjoyable afternoon and evening, and were warmly welcomed by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. H. Wilson.

A new appointment in his native Lincolnshire has unexpectedly deprived the Society of the services of Mr. Harold Gibson, Assistant Ringing Master, after he had been elected to that office the previous month. His letter of resignation included a proposal for his successor to be Miss Janet Porter (Sutton), who was elected to fill the vacancy.

Five new members were elected—from North Ferriby (2), Kirk Ella, Tadcaster and York Minster.

Next meeting (provisional): Hedon, May 16th. K. K.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Although March 14th was obviously the start of the monsoon season, this did not deter representatives from over half the towers in the District, together with visitors from as far apart as Nottingham and Crewe, attending the first meeting of the Chesterfield District to be held at Wingerworth.

After a conducted tour of the new extensions, which when completed will have trebled the seating capacity of the church, a wide variety of Doubles methods was rung in spite of the rather long rope draught of this pleasant five. Following tea, which was appreciated even more than usual, the company made their various ways through the rain to North Wingfield, where the 17 cwt. octave was put to good use.

At the business meeting members paid tribute to the memory of Mr. R. W. Blythe, of Wingerworth, a ringer for over 60 years. The District chairman, Mr. D. Cooper, concluded the meeting with a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy, local ringers and to the lay reader at Wingerworth, Mr. F. Shaw, for his conducted tour of the new extensions.

Next meeting: District outing to Association A.G.M., April 4th. M. P. P.

LAKE DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES



MR. N. M. NEWBY

The resignation was received with regret at the annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch, held at Dalton-in-Furness on March 14th, of Mr. N. M. Newby as hon. secretary, a position he has held with great faithfulness for 27½ years. Mr. Newby proposed as his successor Mr. Thomas F. Metcalfe, of 29, Station Road, Flookburgh. No other nominations were received and Mr. Metcalfe was elected.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bagnall, presided and many members spoke in appreciation of Mr. Newby's work. The hope was expressed that Mr. Newby would still be active for many years to come.

The votes of thanks included good wishes to the Vicar of Dalton for his speedy recovery, the service being abandoned because of his illness.

THIRD BRISTOL FESTIVAL

A big feast of ringing is promised by the third Bristol Festival to be held on Saturday, May 30th, when 25 towers will be open. The other two festivals have been attended by 150-180 ringers: a warm welcome awaits visitors this year.

The ringing arrangements are: 12 noon, Cathedral service conducted by the Dean; 1 p.m. buffet luncheon, Hawthorn's Hotel; 7.30 p.m., social gathering, University Senior Common Room. It is hoped to arrange visits to the Cathedral central tower to see the old 10-bell frame, which now contains four bells and also to the University tower which houses the 94-ton clock bell, 'Great George.'

Ringing programmes will only be issued with lunch tickets (7/6 each) and these are obtainable from D. J. Hunt, 58, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol. This is being introduced to enable those to attend lunch to have a fair chance of ringing at all the towers available.

OBITUARY

MR. F. E. CORFIELD

Ringers in South West London, and at Wimbledon particularly, will regret the passing of Mr. Frank Corfield on March 12th at the early age of 57.

Having undergone two major operations he had been prevented from ringing for the last few years but kept closely in touch with all activities.

He was by profession an architect and surveyor and after the war he left his native Alsager, in Cheshire, to take a post with the War Damage Commission in London, where he became chief assessor.

On coming to live in Wimbledon in 1951 he soon endeared himself to the ringers at the Parish Church and by his constant zeal and patient encouragement he helped to build a strong local band who became prominent in the quarter peal columns in the mid-fifties.

He was always ready to give assistance to any struggling tower and was a most accomplished conductor. He will be remembered most perhaps for his ever-ready wit, which did much to foster joy and good fellowship with all who came in contact with him.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Alice, and thank God for his devoted service to our art.

A quarter peal was rung in his own tower on March 22nd and particulars appear on another page. J. T.

Harry Stalham Commemorated

Behind the peal commemorating the late Harry Stalham who died on November 29th, W. A. Riddington tells an interesting story.

A few days before his death, the writer paid a visit to Harry and found him sitting comfortably in his chair smoking his beloved pipe. Talk naturally revolved around bells, ringing and peals, and Harry said: 'Let's make it Double Norwich on March 17th. Time we rang Norwich for my birthday.' The request was followed by a promise, but it was only two nights later that the news that Harry had left for good was received.

The promise was not forgotten, and it was duly honoured by ringing an almost perfect and beautifully struck peal of Double Norwich.

As the homing courses came up, I thought of the profound joy it would have given the Sussex veteran and of his verdict, "Splendid peal." Yes, we did this long-standing personality of Sussex ringing real proud in commemorating his 91st birthday. As we left the church, Mr. H. Stalham, junior, was waiting to say "Thank you" to all those who took part. A nice gesture.

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Letters to the Editor

Peals and Membership

Dear Sir,—I agree with some points made by Mr. David Bennett on this subject and deplore the attitude of Associations which try to make money out of visiting ringers.

Mr. Bennett is, however, adrift with his finances because if a non-resident ringer made a contribution of 6d. for each peal he rang he would, if the peal was published in a report, cost the Association a little over 6d. for each peal.

The cost of printing peals in the annual report of the Derby Diocesan Association is approximately one shilling for each name and this is the peal fee for that Association. This is not a rule but a gentleman's agreement.

Each year a N.R.L.M. rings a peal for the Association his name, address and peal total is published, and this entails a further cost which I assess would be adequately covered by a life subscription of 2s. 6d.

Because of this I have proposed an alteration to rule, which would reduce the N.R.L.M. subscription to 2s. 6d. This proposition will appear at the A.G.M., and since the Derby Association is a lively and progressive body I think the proposition will be carried.

On the other matter we, in this area, accept peals rung by visiting bands for our Association as the compliments that they are intended to be.—Yours, etc.,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

P.S.—I think the Washington selection is excellent.—D. R. C.

Bisley Peal

Dear Sir,—When a peal of Belvedere Surprise Major was recently rung at Bisley, near Stroud, Glos, the local ringers who met us were of the opinion that there had not been a peal on the bells since 1920. Consequently the peal was claimed as the first on the bells for 44 years. It has since been pointed out to me that there was a peal of London rung there on September 5th, 1938, by a touring band and conducted by C. Ernest Smith.

It might interest readers to learn that this is a ground floor ring which was originally a 'six.' When the two trebles were added they were hung in a completely separate chamber at the base of the spire, about 12 feet above the old 'six' and with a floor cutting them off. As a result it was literally impossible to hear them inside and it was just like ringing six bells with wide gaps. However, a week before our visit a very efficient amplifying system was installed. A microphone was fed through to the 'trebles chamber' and a loud-speaker with adjustable sound control hung high in the ringing chamber. It is now possible to hear all eight perfectly and if you weren't told of the amplifier you would never know the difference.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and local ringers for their hospitality in entertaining us in the Vicarage.—Yours faithfully,

D. JOHN HUNT.

Bristol.

The Washington Selection

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat surprised to read the letter (in the issue of March 20th) from O. D. B., but at the same time I agree with all that was said, as do a good many more ringers.

Apart from the selection of the band (not an enviable task), what has ruffled a good many is the fact that the Washington authorities expect the ringers of this country to find a cool £1,000 for their glorification! If the occasion is so important to them I should have thought it would have been an easy matter to have raised that amount from among their own people. £1,000 could be used to far better advantage in this country.—Yours, etc.,

F. I. HAIRS

Groombridge, Sussex.

Are not all Lists futile?

Dear Sir,—So far as I am aware there was not intended to be any more honour in being included in a tower grabbers' list than in qualifying for inclusion in a list of peal ringers.

Personal statistics are of very little interest other than to the individual concerned, and that applies to the occasional lists which appear under the title 'Mr. So-and-So's Hundred Peals.'

In that respect, therefore, all lists are literally 'futile,' but that does not mean that they should not be published if space permits.

The instance which Mr. Brown cites of the 'scruffy' ringer who piled up a big score of towers (page 173) may be perfectly true, but the pursuit should not be condemned because of one poor ringer.

Although I would prefer some term other than 'grabbing' or 'snatching,' both of which savour of bad manners, I can quote specific instances where my visits to supposedly 'unringable' towers have been the direct cause of the bells being rung.

I disagree with Mr. Brown that all 'tower grabbing' is futile and, in my opinion, taken in moderation it can be both pleasant and profitable.

Unlike peals which can be checked if one so desires, there is no proof of individual tower totals, although what satisfaction can be derived from cheating or including threes and fours is difficult to imagine.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Chilvers Coton's Record

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the tower of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, be included in a list of towers where Sunday service ringing has continued without a break since the lifting of the ban after the war? Also, in the recollection of the oldest ringer, the bells have been rung regularly for two services each Sunday as well as on festive occasions since the augmentation from three to eight in 1908 until the ban.

The church was destroyed by enemy action in May, 1941, but the tower and bells escaped. During the restoration two more bells were added, at the expense of the ringers and friends, and the church and bells were dedicated in May, 1947.

The present band of 18 members consists of nine under the age of 21 with the remaining nine over the age of 40. The Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, has frequently expressed surprise and pleasure that such a wide age range has been blended into a loyal and happy band of regular church attenders and communicants.

The standard methods are rung in Triples, Major, Caters and Royal with Surprise Major and Royal.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH.

Team Spirit

Dear Sir.—Halesowen, Worcs. band consists of 19 members under their tower captain, Mr. Tom Greenhall. Out of this number a double band of Stedman Triples can be produced. This, to my mind, is a supreme example of team spirit by the band, and patience endured and time given by Mr. Greenhall. What a wonderful example they are putting before us when so many of our church bells are silent through the lack of ringers!—Yours sincerely,

HECTOR G. BIRD.

East Brent.

Lancashire's Library

Dear Sir,—I must protest most strongly at the tone implied in the last paragraph of the letter by G. B. Thompson (March 13th).

G. B. Thompson should know that the Lancashire Association's library was not placed in our tower from any sense of parochialism but to the 'Glory of God' and in memory of a great ringer, leader of this tower, and one whom G. B. Thompson would do well to emulate.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK BARRACLOUGH.

The Cathedral, Manchester.

Peals and Associations

Dear Sir.—What a pity Mr. Thompson cannot be a little less spiteful, and a little more charitable, about Guilds and Associations instead of treating us to such a display of childish petulance. What nonsense it is to paint touring bands white and Associations up and down the land black as if each were a race apart, instead of remembering that we are all basically members of some Guild or the other.

Peal tours are organised purely for the enjoyment of those taking part, and long may it be so. However, a touring band will naturally wish to go to the best rings in the area they visit, and no doubt organisers rely to some degree on local Guild officials for help in fixing peals at towers which will give them the most enjoyment. In these circumstances I imagine most bands are quite happy to ring their peals for the Association concerned without any feeling of being 'expected' to. Presumably Mr. Thompson is more concerned about having to pay affiliation fees, but again, most tours concentrate on one or at the most two counties, so it won't cost him much.

Having said that, I agree that touring bands should ring their peals for the Association of their choice; have any tried it yet? It gives a truer picture of an Association's own peal activity, as well as saving space and money on the annual report. How often is a 'first' in the method for the Association' rung by tourists, so that some future resident band is denied the chance of achieving a 'first' themselves?

Peal bands should make some contribution to funds in any case, part from the peal booking fees. After all, the payments to instructors and other aids to ringing in the area for which your correspondent expresses so much concern do not come out of thin air, so why should visitors be exempt?

Mr. Thompson next wonders why peals are credited to Associations at all. Strange as it may seem, some of us are proud of the Association we belong to, and it gives us a great deal of satisfaction to ring a peal for it, especially if it's a good one. Perhaps if you are a prolific peal ringer over a wide area you tend to remember only the quality of the bells and the peals rung, in which case Association boundaries mean nothing at all. The point is understandable but, in my opinion, regrettable. Maybe the layout of peals in 'The Ringing World' could be both economised and improved, but surely not to the extent of draining away all the colour and merely replacing them by a mass of clinical statistics. What real gain is there in that?

In conclusion, if Mr. Thompson leaves the Lancashire Association to regulate its own affairs and takes a little more interest in his own he will be surprised how much good work he can do and it may even cause him to revise his opinions about their worth generally, and wonder how we should carry on without them.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

Grandsire or Plain Bob?

Dear Sir,—During my many years as a ringer I have attended many ringing meetings and ordinary tower practices. At the large majority of these I have found that Grandsire Doubles are used to introduce change-ringing to beginners who eventually graduate to Grandsire Triples. My own personal experience of teaching has proved to me that the Plain Bob method has a great many advantages over the Grandsire method. I have many times heard Grandsire described as a 'dead-end' method. That is as it may be but I would be most interested to hear the views and opinions of your readers on this matter. Should it be Grandsire—or Plain Bob?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Winchester, Hants.

Quarter Peals honour birth of the Queen's third son

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On March 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. E. Newman 1, D. A. Burt 2, R. J. Purnell 3, P. M. Giles 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, P. H. Gaisford (first of Surprise) 6.

BENGELO, HERTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher 1, E. J. Phillips 2, A. Stracey 3, A. R. Fowkes 4, J. H. Phillips (cond.) 5, S. D. Butcher 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On March 15th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Shields 1, Miss Groves 2, H. Luck 3, A. Stone 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. A. Russell (cond.) 6.

BOISOVER, DERBYS.—On March 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jacqueline Stewart 1, Diane Turner 2, Gillian Rutland 3, Diane Slaney 4, H. Wagstaff 5, M. Cooper 6, D. Cooper 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hancock 1, J. Linnell 2, C. E. Truman 3, F. Vickers (cond.) 4, W. A. Yates 5, F. Pateman 6, G. W. Holland 7, H. Jenkins 8.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Protherough 1, W. Drinkwater 2, J. Tyler 3, W. S. Ballinger 4, C. A. Wratten 5, F. Stephens 6, G. Simmons (cond.) 7, P. Jones (first quarter) 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Shilcock (first quarter) 1, Miss M. I. Elmsmore 2, Miss M. Tromana 3, T. Greenhall 4, A. B. Elmsmore (cond.) 5, H. Shilcock 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Fuller 1, F. Mitchell (R.A.F.) 2, P. S. Philbrick (R.A.F.) 3, G. Mayes 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, M. Major 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, J. Bailey 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, J. Martin 5, Mrs. P. Bird 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Norris 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, N. J. Wright 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. J. Trier 6, D. R. W. Hile (first quarter) 7, R. H. Tribe 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones (first quarter) 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. Crowther 4, R. Waters (first of Minor) 5, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On March 15th, at the Church of Saint Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Ivings 1, Miss G. Gray 2, R. H. Allsworth 3, J. Venn 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. K. Dodd 1, F. R. Tonge 2, Penelope A. Goddard 3, C. H. G. Smith 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, J. W. Cheney (first quarter) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, T. D. Wickins 2, S. V. Rayfield 3, A. J. Dunk 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, R. Pearce (first quarter) 6, K. Young 7, P. Thomas 8.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.—On March 15th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Ferrier 1, Miss K. M. Guy 2, A. M. Macve 3, Miss B. J. Leigh 4, P. Erith 5, T. Lewis 6, D. P. Smith (first of Major as cond.) 7, J. W. Smith 8.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Cooke 1, June Smith 2, G. Stock 3, R. Spray (cond.) 4, J. Perkins 5, T. Griffiths 6.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, C. Webb 2, H. Colcombe 3, Elizabeth K. Goddard 4, J. King 5, D. Leach 6, B. White (cond.) 7, D. Misdine 8. First of Stedman 4, 6 and 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Batchelor 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Cattell 1, E. R. Warner 2, P. Sherwood 3, J. Martin 4, W. Savill 5, S. G. Poning 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, P. Privett 8. For adult Confirmation and the first official visit to the parish of the Bishop (Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp).

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Hancock 1, F. Vickers 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, W. F. Eyden 5, G. Shellard 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Ollen 1, Miss S. Heastman 2, A. Martin 3, Mrs. J. Aldridge 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, C. Aldridge 6, B. Rose (cond.) 7, J. Elliot 8.

WARBROUGH, OXON.—On March 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Fox 1, B. Butler 2, R. Howes 3, A. Ayres 4, R. Heyworth 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absalom 7, G. McIlhone (cond.) 8. First in method for all.

LUPPITT AND THE QUEEN

Luppitt (Devon) planned to honour the birth of the third son to H.M. the Queen with a peal of Grandsire Doubles on March 11th, with each of the four 'inside' ringers calling a quarter peal.

Unfortunately a miscall in the first quarter, which was extended to bring up rounds, prevented the full peal being claimed. The other three quarters were successful, the time taken being 3 hours 5 minutes.

The ringers were: G. Crabb 1, J. Sage 2, Miss M. Sage (conductor 2nd quarter) 3, E. Broom (conductor 3rd quarter) 4, C. Churchill (conductor 4th quarter) 5, W. Broom 6.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnesley District Society met at Eastwood, near Rotherham, on March 14th Mr. Fred Fisher was congratulated on having such a clean and decorated tower. In reply Mr. Fisher said he hoped, with a new Vicar in May they would have some ringers. Sixteen towers were represented.

It is hoped the annual outing on May 9th will be to North Yorkshire.

Next meeting: April 11th at Sprotborough, near Doncaster.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark and Bingham Districts

March 14th was wet and dreary, but this didn't deter over 50 ringers from attending the joint meeting of the Newark and Bingham Districts at East Bridgford. Much of the woodwork in the body of the church and the tower is being removed because of extensive damage caused by death watch beetle, and although holes in the ringing room ceiling made the six bells noisier than usual, the recent rehanging was evident in the 'go.'

Lowdham's five bells and Gonalston's stay-less four were available in the afternoon, and at 4.30 everyone gathered at East Bridgford for Evensong, conducted by the Rev. F. Stepherni, Bingham District's chaplain.

Tea was very welcome on such a miserable day, and afterwards each District held a very short business meeting. In reply to Mr. David Clarke's welcome, the Newark District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, said he hoped that next year the Newark District could be hosts at a joint meeting. The ladies were thanked for preparing tea, and ringing continued in the evening at both Lowdham and East Bridgford.

B. N. R.

YORK MINSTER BELLS

The restoration of York Minster bells is now complete and, as briefly announced in our last issue, were dedicated on Wednesday of last week. To those who knew the bells before they were taken in hand and who heard them on the occasion of their opening were greatly struck with the vast improvement effected in their tone by the retuning which has been carried out. After being returned to the Minster the bells were rehung with the most modern fittings, including the Warner patent self-aligning, self-lubricating oil-bath and oil-ringing design of bearings, which eliminate all shock to the framework and, consequently, to the tower.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Blagdon on March 14th. Although dissatisfaction was felt that so few ladies attended good ringing was enjoyed, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

At the business meeting, members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. H. Knight, a former vice-president and much-loved member of the Guild, who had passed away earlier in the year. Mrs. Parfrey was elected vice-president and Mrs. de Jong secretary, while Mrs. Eyles, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Smith were elected to the committee. One new member was elected.

Next quarterly meeting, Banwell, June 13th, with practice meetings at Chilcompton and Bathampton in April and May. M. de J.

A champion of footnotes might well have put something as follows under the peal of Bob Royal rung at Carbis Bay on March 14th — 'Rung after meeting with two bells short for Maximus.' It happened that a band of 12 turned up so the Vicar and Bill Theobald were happy to listen from various vantage points!

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EAST ANGLIA'S LAST BELL FOUNDER

By TREVOR A. BEVIS

THE last bell foundry in East Anglia, that of Alfred Bowell, closed its doors to bell-work in 1939 on declaration of World War II, but remained open for munition and general engineering until 1950, in which year all activity on those premises was terminated by Council decree.

Mr. Bowell was an energetic and enterprising man and, like many other citizens of his day, was not afraid to tackle anything new. It is to his credit that he was entirely self-taught in the art of bell-founding. He hung his first bells in 1894, a part of his career which served to whet his appetite further in this direction, and he cast his first bell in 1896.

In the year previous, while not yet 21 years old, Alfred Bowell married a young lady from Great Bromley, Essex, the ceremony taking place at St. George's Church.

SHIPWRIGHT—RINGER

From 1896 to 1939 the founder cast about 400 bells, no mean feat when considering that he personally poured metal into the moulds of each one. In the early years of his business he cast numerous sets of handbells for many parts of the country but gave it up as he considered this side of the trade unprofitable.

In order to outline the history of the Ipswich foundry it is necessary to turn back the pages to 1852, in which year the late Mr. Bowell's father, Henry, a native of Great Bromley, moved to Ipswich at the age of 22, commencing a seven-year apprenticeship as a shipwright at a local shipyard at which he was employed for several years. The decline of sailing vessels and the growing popularity of steamships, however, brought about a major slump in shipyards all over the country and Henry Bowell, who was, incidentally, a ringer, applied his hand to bell-hanging, being concerned with this branch of the trade only. The shipwright-ringer, who was quite at home on all numbers of bells, was a member of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. He died in 1911, aged 81.

His son, Alfred, did not relish having to hang bells manufactured by other firms: therefore he decided to enter the honoured realm of bell-founding through the formidable process of trial and error. This go-ahead man did practically everything himself in connection with bell-casting—but did not make ropes! All his knowledge was obtained the hard way, and by observing other firms' work of outstanding merit.

Although not yet having attained his majority, Alfred Bowell undertook a substantial job of rehanging, in a new oak frame, the octave (tenor 23 cwt.) at Stowmarket, Suffolk: this work also involved the placing of steel girders to support the spire.

FORGING IN KITCHEN FIRE

The founder, who was educated at a Board School, did necessary forging in the kitchen fire of a house opposite where his foundry was later to be established. His son, Frederick, was born at this house in 1896.

Shortly before the turn of the century Alfred Bowell obtained some premises 'across the road,' which were originally erected in 1845 as a day school, then later used as a Wesleyan Chapel. He built his first workshops in the playground and eventually installed a 1-h.p. gas engine. In 1905 he obtained the chapel complete and converted it into the present works and fitted it with larger machines. A house was built on the site of his first premises in 1907 and here in 1940 at the age of 66 he died. His wife died two years later, also aged 66. Mr. and Mrs. Bowell are survived by an only son, Frederick. The death of a daughter, while not a day old, born in 1913, was keenly felt by both of them.

In July, 1914, Mr. Bowell was entrusted with the work of rehanging the heavy ring of eight in the Minster Church of St. Denys, Warminster, Wilts. Owing to the commencement of hostilities this job was not completed until 1915. It was then that the Government decreed that all bell work must cease for the period of the war; accordingly Alfred Bowell undertook munition work on sub-contract from a large and well-known engineering firm.

In 1916 the founder received an order to



ALFRED BOWELL

rehang six bells in a steel frame with extra bays at Thurcaston, Leics. At the time that tower had poor foundations and the bells were hung for chiming only. While foundations were being provided the bells were removed to Ipswich and remained there until 1919: in 1920 Mr. Bowell added two new trebles to complete the octave, which is well known in view of the great number of peals rung on it.

TESTED BY CATHEDRAL ORGANIST

A rare challenge materialised in 1922, when the founder received an order to recast the six bells of All Saints' Church, Maldon, Essex, which has a unique triangular tower. An extra disused bell was obtained in order to add a little more weight, and the complete six were tuned by Mr. Frederick Bowell on a tuning machine made by his father. The contract for this work stipulated that the bells be inspected and tested in the foundry by the then organist of Chelmsford Cathedral. The musician made favourable comment upon them.

Mr. Bowell's bells never exceeded a ton. The heaviest cast by him were the tenor (19 cwt.) for Turvey, Beds, and a tenor (recast, 19½ cwt.) for Dennington, Suffolk. In 1922 the founder cast a complete ring of six (18½ cwt.) for Smarden, Kent. The same year saw him rehanging six bells in a new frame at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, to which he added two trebles in 1923. The latter-mentioned bells are well known by members of the Exercise in that a record peal of over 22,000 changes was rung on them in recent years. Heavy bells rehanging by Alfred Bowell included the 30-cwt. tenor of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and one of the same weight at Tenterden, Kent. The lightest bells rehanging by him were at Ford End, Essex—a ring of six (tenor 4½ cwt.). His work took him to churches in many counties of England—from Herts to Lincs, and Somerset to Kent and Sussex. He cast bells for churches in East Anglia and the Home Counties.

Understandably, business allowed very little time for peal ringing—the founder rang approximately 25—but he rang the bells of 763 churches over a very wide area. Mr. Bowell was a life member of many Associations, and he and his father were College Youths. Alfred Bowell was one of the few change ringers to ring a bell in the famous ground-cage at East Bergholt, Suffolk—a ring of five manipulated by hand. He had also rung at the Imperial Institute and at Quex Park, Kent. His first peal was of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' (ringing 7-8) at the age of 17, this being followed by his first on tower bells, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Mr. Bowell was actually one

of a band of ringers who rang three peals of Maximus in the space of a week—two at Ipswich and one at Cambridge.

Despite the calls of his trade this 'man-of-metal' was always very willing to help learners and he enjoyed ringing the bells of his parish church, St. Clement's, Ipswich. Mr. Bowell rehanging those bells—six in number—which had been cast by an Ipswich founder, John Darbie, in 1660/80. Mr. Frederick Bowell was captain at this tower for many years.

CHURCH CLOCKS

A part of Mr. Bowell's business not generally known was the renovating and rebuilding of church clocks. As with the bells much of the work in restoring clocks and chimes received his personal attention. At Halesworth, Suffolk, the founder removed the ancient clock, cut it in half and made all new sections, patterns, castings and added the Westminster chimes and hour-strike—a vast improvement to the original ding-dong chime.

From 1896 until the year of his death Mr. Bowell attended the carillon machine at St. Clement's Church. He also inspected a similar machine in the clock tower at Orwell Park, Nacton, Suffolk, which played ten tunes on hemispherical bells. This apparatus had been condemned by a London firm but the Ipswich founder made new parts for the carillon, which performed for 21 years until the house was evacuated. Finally neglect put it out of action.

Mr. Bowell's foundry received slight damage during World War II. Due to its close proximity to the docks the premises experienced narrow escapes from enemy bombs. On one occasion eight people were killed and 12 houses were destroyed in a nearby road.

Mr. Frederick Bowell recalls a remarkable escape in this raid when a shop he had just visited received a direct hit. At the same time the Church of St. Mary-at-the-Quay lost its organ and much of the interior was badly damaged, leaving the tower with its musical ring of bells intact. It was the only air raid on this country carried out by an Italian aircraft, which was later forced down and the pilot taken prisoner!

PAST FOUNDRIES

Nowadays there are few, if any, small bell-foundries in the realm. Bellfounding eventually became a trade in which demands declined, and only well-established companies survived. Some readers may recall to mind once-familiar names: Stokes, Aggett, Day and Son (hangers), Bond of Burford, Llewellyn and James, Carr, Barwell, Moore, Holmes and McKenzie—all founders, not forgetting Warners and Gillett and Johnston.

In reality the Ipswich foundry received its unhappy warning of impending closure in the dark days preceding the last war.

Alfred Bowell had poured metal into a mould, shaping a bell—his last—for a church in the Isle of Ely. General opinion has it that this particular bell is a poor example of the work of which Mr. Bowell was capable. Indeed the founder himself admitted that due to very trying circumstances imposed by a difficult clergyman, this was the worst job in the whole of his career. The installation of the bell together with its five companions was cheaply undertaken by a wandering bellhanger of poor repute—with poor results.

Nevertheless the tenor at St. Mary's Church, Doddington, bemoans not only the passing of a noble and ancient craft at Ipswich, but that which was the final link in hundreds of years of bellfounding in East Anglia.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

Taking into consideration the appalling weather conditions, there was a surprisingly good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District at Arlesey on March 14th. Miss U. Rix was Ringing Master, and a good selection of methods was rung.

The Vicar, the Rev. B. Edgell, conducted a short service, and also took the chair at the brief business meeting, which followed to in St. Peter's Hall.

More ringers defied the pouring rain in the evening when ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. Both the special methods, Little Bob and Wells, were successfully rung at least one during the evening.

Next meeting: Blunham, April 11th.

A. R. A.

AN ULSTER FANTASY

Here is a tale of a lad named John
Who went to try his luck upon
The bells, which he had often heard
While other folk were being interred
Or going to church, or getting married,
So being curious, he tarried.

They welcomed him with open arms,
Extolled the him the many charms
The dodgy art of ringing proffered,
And kindly their tuition offered.
We'll try your backstroke first, they said,
Which made young Johnny scratch his head
Surely they thought the poor lad dim
When he exclaimed 'I cannot swim';
Small wonder then he felt a fool
When told there was no swimming pool.

The next command was 'Catch hold sally,'
And, being young, he did not dally.
Regretfully the plan misfired,
A nasty scratch the lad acquired
The thought to him had not occurred
That sally might not be a bird.
Still nothing daunted off he went

Throughout the merry months of Lent,
Soon ringing rounds was his delight,
You'd hear him any Wednesday night
In there with all the saintly band
To exercise head, heart and hand.
You'll have to hunt the treble next
They said, the lad was sorely vex'd,
This surely was another jape, a
Yoicks, tally ho and all that caper.
Occur in church this never should,

Still hunt they said, and hunt he would
With spurs and crop and trusty nag.
Six couple of hounds with tails awag,
He duly turned up for the hunt,
The hounds behind, the kids in front,
Cheering him up the belfry stairs,
The bell ringers were saying their prayers.
To hunt the treble was his aim,
And so he did with might and main.
It was some time before he found
The treble had not run to ground,

In fact there was no hunt at all,
They drew the line upon the wall.
The disillusioned lad looked glum
And thought the whole thing very rum,
When at the last it all transpired
That horse and hounds were not required.

You'd think that after such a start
Our new recruit would have lost heart.
But not a bit of it, e'er long
He'd call them right and put them wrong.
Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob
Would run around inside his nob.
Wrong, three times before, middle and home,
Which only just fits in this poem,
He'd call for you as soon as wink
(Excuse me while I take a drink).

Well now we come to the sorry bit,
Those of you standing had better sit.
The Vicar at the A.G.M.
This year spoke from the chair—ahem,
Inviting our young friend to be
The foreman of the belfry.
And, risen to this dizzy height,
You'd find him any Wednesday night,
Encouraging the young to be
A better bellringer than he.

And so a finish to the tale,
They say he strayed beyond the pale
To count the southern region's rabbits
And make a study of their habits.
They say he's keeping tracks of things
With numbered bells instead of rings.
When danger on the meadow ripples,
The rabbits run off Grandsire Triples,
And later when the all-clear sounds
They reappear again—in rounds.

VIVIAN HORTIN.

Coleraine, Co. Derry.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY. — On March 15th.
1. 264 Plain Bob Major: Sally Parrott 1, R. Fentiman
2. Sylvia Marsh 3. Adrienne Gibson 4. D. Oakshott
5. J. Munton 6. W. Parrott 7. D. Herschell (first of
Major as cond.) 8. Rung to mark the second anni-
versary of the Stewardship Campaign.

PETER T. HURCOMBE'S 100 PEALS

With a peal of London Surprise Major at Presteigne, Rads, on November 16th Mr. Peter T. Hurcombe, of Cheltenham, completed his first 100 peals. These include peals up to 122 Spliced Minor, peals of Spliced Surprise Minor in 41 and 45 methods (including the longest length yet rung) and 51 peals of Surprise (including 34 peals of Major in 28 different methods). The list of peals is appended:

Doubles.—Grandsire 2, three methods 2 (conducted 2), four methods 1, 12 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 7 (2), five methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 3, nine methods 1, 14 methods 1, 19 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 48 methods 1, 54 methods 1, 65 methods 1, 70 methods 1, 100 methods 1, 105 methods 1, 111 methods 1, 122 methods 1.

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 3, Primrose 1, Durham 1, three methods 1, seven methods 3, 11 methods 1, 15 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 41 methods (10,080 changes) 1, 45 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Plain Bob 2 (1), Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 7 (4), Double Norwich 1, Kent T.B. 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 3 (1), Yorkshire 2 (2), Pudsey 2, Superlative 1, Rutland 1, London 1, Cotswold 1, Biddenden 1, Longney 1, Quedgeley 1, Gainsborough 1, Southwell 1, Walkerville 1, Chiltern 1, Wye 1, Wychwood 1, Avon 1, Zelha 1, Aldenham 1, Quornden 1, Ullesthorpe 1, Warwickshire 1, Ventnor 1, Havant 1, Painswick 1, Vancouver 1 (1), Hinton 1, Melbourne 1, two spliced 1, four spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Yorkshire S. 2, Winchester S. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

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What a posy! The first day of spring was heralded in at Tangle, Hampshire, by a peal of nine method-variations of Flower Doubles. These were Kingcup, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Violet, Primrose, Buttercup, Bluebell, Cowslip and Daffodil. We guess that the majority of our readers will be completely mystified.

The footnote to the peal of Stedman Caters at Bedford on March 7th should have read: 'First peal of Stedman Caters for the Diocesan Guild by a band resident in the Diocese.'

Was the stamping of a lady's feet during the ringing of a touch at a Southwell Guild meeting associated with some of the younger members softly chanting the refrain from 'Bits and Pieces'?

Subbing some copy relating to Halesowen tower on the morning of the Grand National, the Editor quite innocently put up the heading 'Team Spirit.' This was too good a tip for the linotype operator setting the copy to ignore. After leaving work he promptly backed this horse and won over £2!

Conductor of the 'flower' peal, Mr. G. Dodds, acknowledges the help of Mr. R. Jones, of Marston, on producing most of the flower methods from different sources. All are the original names of the method/variations. He hopes to publish all these Doubles variations in 'The Ringing World' in the near future.

We hear that the Witney and Woodstock Branch supper and social evening was a great success with a company of 79 enjoying soup, turkey and sweet in the Masonic Hall. Robert Clow, of Tackley, and Mrs. Holden, of Northleigh, laid on an entertainment. The 'lapping' of Alec Cantwell, Susan and David Floyd was well done.

From the current issue of 'Belfry News' we learn that the General Committee of Derby Diocesan Association are recommending a donation from general funds towards the cost of sending 10 ringers to Washington. It is hoped to recoup this donation by collections at District meetings.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Eric Godfrey, of Addington, Surrey, who at this time last year was learning to handle a bell. He has now rung two peals and 20 quarter peals (including 11 of Surprise Minor)—all 'inside'—in 13 methods (conducted one), and is now imparting his enthusiasm to three young learners.

Mr. Godfrey W. Taysom, by ringing the 2nd to a peal of Bob Royal on March 14th, has now 'circled' Carbis Bay tower.

A meritorious performance is the ringing at Bottesford, Leics, on March 14th, of a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, non-conducted and strictly silent.

Congratulations to Leonard Stilwell, of Worthing. By ringing the second in the commemoration peal of Double Norwich at St. Nicholas', Brighton, he becomes the first ringer to 'circle' the three rings of 10 bells in Sussex. Stick to it, Len. One day we might have a ring of 12!

Raymond J. Adams, a member of Winchester Cathedral band, who rang his first peal at North Stoneham on March 20th, is leaving with his parents for Worcester, where his father has been appointed head verger at the Cathedral. Raymond looks forward to going to a new twelve with a 42w. tenor.

In the In Memoriam peal at Dunholme, Leics, on March 18th to William G. Goude, his fellow churchwarden was a ringer and also the secretary of the C.E.M.S., of which the deceased ringer was chairman. There were also three representatives of neighbouring churches in the band.

'The Burton Observer and Chronicle' in its '50 Years Ago' column of March 5th recalls an appeal from ringers of St. Paul's Church, Burton, to assist them to add four more small bells at a cost of £230 to augment the ring to 12 bells. Mr. R. H. Dove informs us that the appeal did not materialise but two trebles were added about 1922—one as a gift of the late W. W. Worthington and the other as a memorial to three ringers killed in the 1914-18 war.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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Peals rung in honour of the birth of a third son to H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh

CITY OF LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

ROGER F. OVERINGTON Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK 4	JAMES PHILLIPS 10
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
ALAN J. FROST 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor
	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

*IAN HALL Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
ROBERT HARDY 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 7
JAMES W. POYNER 3	BRIAN CHAPMAN 8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4	RUSSEL S. MORRIS 9
JACK P. KESTERTON 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Royal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM A. KIRKBY Treble	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
PETER A. KIRKBY 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* 100th peal.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ANGELA W. BURGESS .. Treble	LAWRENCE T. POPE 5
ANN JENNER 2	STANLEY JENNER 6
†HILARY A. SWALLOW .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
*RAYMOND A. LARGE .. 4	EDWARD J. JENNER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

M. JACK PRYOR Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	DAVID J. KING 6
JOHN MANLEY 3	ROGER G. HAVARD 7
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
*RICHARD S. STARKIE .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	DEREK SLATER 6
C. JANE SMART 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
M. PETER HOWARD .. 4	JOHN A. HOWARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN A. HOWARD.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*RUTH CARR Treble	ADRIENNE GIBSON 5
DENNIS J. F. OAKSHOTT .. 2	*JOHN C. DAVIDGE 6
CHARLES W. MUNDAY .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
BRIAN J. BULL 4	DAVID J. HERSHELL .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. HERSHELL.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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

*ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. Treble	*DAVID C. BROOKES 5
*BRIAN J. BULL 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 6
*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 7
*MARGARET E. FORT .. 4	*JOHN E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.
* First peal of Stedman.

EWHRST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: (1 to 4) Stedman, (5 to 8) St. Simon's, (9 to 12) St. Nicholas', (13 to 16) St. Martin's, (17 to 20) Winchendon Place, (21 to 23) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (24 to 26) April Day, (27 to 30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31 to 36) Grandsire, (37 to 42) Plain Bob.

*ALAN R. BALDOCK .. Treble	*ANTONY JACKSON 3
*IAN V. J. SMITH 2	*THOS. M. BARLOW 4

C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor
Conducted by IAN V. J. SMITH.

* First peal in ten methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*CELIA CHANDLER .. Treble	SIDNEY CARNALL 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal.

OTHER PEALS

TEN BELL PEALS

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY Treble	†DAVID S. LOCKWOOD .. 6
*PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 2	*ROBIN BROWN 7
†IAN NORTH 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
PETER WOODWARD .. 4	†MALCOLM L. BENNETT .. 9
FRED BENNETT 5	MARK L. LOCKWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., March 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 8
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Treble	CYRIL E. LANXON 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 3	ANTHONY LOCKE 7
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 3	ALAN CARVETH 8
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 4	D. ROY BOULD 9
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5	DAVID N. PENROSE .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ST. DENNIS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENNIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 5
V. MARY MATTHEWS 2	DAVID N. PENROSE 6
ANTHONY LOCKE 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 7
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS 4	DENIS STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* 200th peal for the Guild.

DERBY.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY Treble	DAVID W. PARKIN 5
DAVID W. FRIEND 2	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY 6
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
PETER MARRIOTT 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London, 448 Cambridge and 448 Superlative; with 115 changes of method.

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

BASIL JONES Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD 6
HAROLD C. LONON 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS 7
ALAN A. POTTS 4	DAVID J. ATKINSON Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and Mr. Angus Ogilvy.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PAULINE FENNELL Treble	TIMOTHY G. PETT 5
ANTHONY H. SMITH 2	RICHARD O. HUMPHRIES .. 6
*BARBARA G. DALE 3	ROGER W. POWELL 7
ELIZABETH T. BIRMINGHAM .. 4	ANTHONY G. TYERS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ANTHONY G. TYERS.

* First peal attempt.

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 5
*MARILYN C. SMITH 2	RODERICK W. PIPE 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN H. ROGERS Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 2	GORDON A. HALLS 6
DAVID W. PARKIN 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE 7
JOHN W. COLEMAN 4	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Rung non-conducted and strictly silent.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 of London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Treble	JOHN E. CAMP 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON 6
*EDWARD R. VENN 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
*PETER A. SHARP 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 8-Spiced Surprise Major.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt, 2 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

SANDRA CROSSLEY Treble	JOHN E. CHAPMAN 5
NEIL DONOVAN 2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS 6
JOHN S. SEAGER 3	STUART ARMESON 7
DAVID NICHOLS 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. Treble	*JEAN F. BARNETT 5
FRANK D. MACK 2	*MARTIN F. LOCK 6
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 3	*FREDERICK WREFFORD .. 7
ANN E. FELLOWS 4	NORMAN MALLETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method for the Guild by resident members.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 7 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. P. A. CORBY Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
*JUDITH M. CORBY 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
†ANDREW J. CORBY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORBY.

* First peal. † 50th peal, and first as conductor.

Rung in honour of the Confirmation of Judith M. Corby.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THA-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5120 CODDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. Treble	VERNON GREEN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 100th Surprise Major method to a peal. First in the method by all the band.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL, FENHAM.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt, 10 lb. in F.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble	WILLIAM G. WILSON 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 2	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
DAVID J. MARSHALL 3	ERIC N. HARRISON 7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 14 lb. in G.

CHARLES COLES Treble	PETER J. HERITAGE 5
*P. GERALD McILHON .. 2	*ANDREW J. HOWES 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	FRANK ABSOLOM 7
*ANGELA M. AYRES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS-OF-MYRA.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 20 lb. in E.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	*BERNARD G. NORTH 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
JOHN W. EUSTON 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to commemorate the 91st birthday of the late Henry Stalham.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob One-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

HADLEY HUNTER	Treble	*KENNETH J. DARVILL	5
*PATRICIA ROGERS	2	CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
OLIVE M. ROGERS	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	Tenor

Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

* First peal of Triples. Conductor's first of Stedman Triples.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE S. DEAS	Treble	NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ALAN R. PATTERSON	6
M. ELAINE MURCOTT	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	6
SUSAN FUNNELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Thurs., March 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 864 of Rutland, 672 each of London and Pudsey, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 608 of Adelaide, 544 of Brighton and 384 of Bristol; with 146 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by RICHARD G. CROSLAND. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT	Treble	MARTIN F. LOCK	5
*JENNIFER SMITH	2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	6
JEAN F. BARNETT	3	GEORGE SKINNER	7
ANN E. FELLOWS	4	WILLIAM J. HARVEY	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.

* First peal of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*RAYMOND J. ADAMS (15)	Treble	DAVID J. FORDER	5
CAROLYN VIBERT	2	MALCOLM M. POWELL	6
JOHN H. TAYLOR	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	7
MICHAEL D. TRIGG	4	TOM CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

W. STANLEY SMITH	Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4
*DELIA E. SMITH	2	†GEORGE H. RANGLES	5
*NORAH M. RANGLES	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal of London Minor.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAWGAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*DENIS STEPHENS	Treble	ANTHONY LOCKE	4
FRANCES M. RICKARD	2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON	5
ALAN CARVETH	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal on a working bell.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*DAVID APPLETON	Treble	†HENRY P. THOMPSON	4
WILLIAM TYSON	2	JAMES CROWTHER	5
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	3	MICHAEL MAUGHAN	Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL MAUGHAN.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	Treble	G. ANGUS DIXON	4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	2	*GEOFFREY PAUL	5
W. STANLEY SMITH	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* 200th peal.

A wedding compliment to Jane Theaker and Rodney Bond, whose marriage took place at this church earlier in the day.

HORSPATH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

ANGELA AYRES	Treble	ROGER HEYWORTH	4
HELEN HOWES	2	GERALD McILHONNE	5
DAVID PIMM	3	ANDREW HOWES	Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW HOWES.

First peal on the rehung bells.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court and Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A sharp.

KEITH R. DAVEY	Treble	DEREK J. JONES	4
*ARTHUR R. GOLDSMITH	2	ROGER D. BAILEY	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	ALAN G. PAYNE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

* First peal 'inside.'

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CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 37 methods: (1) Fryerning, Allendale and Westminster; (2 and 3) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (4) Rosendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale; (5) London, Wells, Dearne Valley and Cunecastre; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 152 changes of method.

Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.
KATHARINE M. GUY .. Treble .. †ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
IAN H. ORAM 2 .. RALPH BIRD 5
*JOHN FAIRCLOTH 3 .. THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* Most methods to a peal. † 200th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
WALTER R. BEEBE Treble | *ALAN L. BLACKMORE .. 4
*JUDY A. SUFFOLK 2 .. K. PAUL GILLIVER .. 5
GEORGE W. BRANDRICK .. 3 .. *ROGER A. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by K. PAUL GILLIVER.

* First peal.

SALTWOOD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.
LLOYD SWEATMAN Treble .. PETER RICHARDSON .. 4
JOSEPHINE D. HARDY 2 .. CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
VIOLET I. E. RELF 3 .. MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

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

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Lindley, Dearne Valley, Morpeth, Whitley, Stamford, Allendale and Hexham.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
IAN H. ORAM Treble .. RALPH BIRD 4
KATHARINE M. GUY 2 .. THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
JOHN S. BARNES 3 .. *ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* 100th tower in the county for a peal.

WADDESDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*DAVID C. BROOKES Treble | †GILES B. THOMPSON .. 4
MICHAEL J. BANGHAM 2 .. CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 5
MARGARET E. FORT 3 .. †ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. MILLIDGE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † 100th peal on tower bells. ‡ 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor. First on steel bells for all the band, and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Corinne Mortimer and Iain Morton.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 WIGGENHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

Comprising two different 2.160 blocks and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 1, 7 and 12). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble | KEITH R. DAVEY .. 4
FRANK TAYLOR 2 .. *DEREK J. JONES .. 5
ALAN G. PAYNE 3 .. *ROGER D. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.

* 25th peal together. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First of Delight by all the band. First peal rung in the method.

WIGGENHALL DELIGHT MINOR

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36. L.H. 12 G.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 13 methods, viz.: Two each of Newborough, All Saints, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and four each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

RUTH BLACKSHAW Treble | MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
ROBIN H. ROGERS 2 .. GEORGE A. DAWSON .. 5
DUDLEY SURMAN 3 .. JACK DAWSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

First peal in 13 methods by all.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
*RICHARD B. DORRINGTON .. Treble | *JOHN WILKINSON .. 4
*JOHN WELLINGS 2 .. REMI M. HODISTER .. 5
*ELIZABETH THOMINS 3 .. PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam James E. Wellings, late people's warden of this church.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Single Court, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Single Oxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

G. ANGUS DIXON Treble | WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4
PETER BURTON 2 .. W. STANLEY SMITH .. 5
CHARLES V. CADE 3 .. GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William G. Goude, churchwarden and bellringer and a faithful servant of the Church for 45 years, who was cremated earlier in the day.

TANGLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 FLOWER DOUBLES

In nine methods/variations, being two extents each of Kingscup, Honey-suckle, Wallflower, Violet, Primrose and Buttercup, and ten extents each of Bluebell, Cowslip and Daffodil. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM KEWELL Treble | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3
BRADLEY MURDUCK 2 .. DENBY P. MURDUCK .. 4

PHILIP MURDUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung to welcome the first day of spring (March 21st) and also Summer Time, which fell on the same day as the peal was rung.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol and London, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1-2 | †JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | *ROGER BALDWIN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. † First of 14-Spliced on handbells.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hampton Grammar School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 64, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS 1-2 | *JUDITH M. GEIRINGER .. 5-6
MICHAEL B. TYERS .. 3-4 | PETER N. FELTON .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by PETER N. FELTON.

* First peal 'in hand.' First as conductor. First for the School Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. White 1, Miss M. Montgomery 2, Miss M. Jones 3, N. Frigate 4, Dr. J. L. Garroway 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, C. T. Hillis (cover) 7. For morning service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Blackmore (first quarter) 1, J. S. Dear 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Scoot 4, L. Hughes 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton 8. A 21st birthday compliment to P. J. Flack.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Birch 1, I. Freestone (first in method) 2, Diane Street (cond.) 3, V. Crouch (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Kirk 5, A. Palmer (first quarter) 6. By Society Bishop Otter T.C., Chichester, for Confirmation service. First quarter for Society.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Susan E. Burt (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. J. Garlick 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Confirmation service. Also on March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Matins.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marian R. Panton 1, Edna Frith 2, G. P. Cowling 3, A. R. Groves 4, I. R. Panton 5, M. J. Cowling (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, Surrey Road, on March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, F. Price 2, R. Sheppard 3, E. G. Mould 4, C. E. Burt 5, G. C. Grant 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8. Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Little, Plain): S. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Olivia Marshall 2, W. Lee 3, R. Appleby 4, P. Dawson 5, R. Lumley 6. For morning service.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Davies 1, F. Rowse 2, Miss M. Pryor 3, T. Yeomans 4, L. Muller 5, J. Pryor 6, M. Peterson (cond.) 7, W. Dare 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles C. J. Hudson 1, C. K. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, D. G. Blows 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. F. T. Robinson, Vicar of Chobham from 1929-1948, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): M. Fort 1, A. Smith 3, A. Mann 4, R. Humphries 5, J. Eisel (cond.) 6, A. Bishop (250th quarter) 7, A. Clayton 8. A.M.D.G.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): D. Appleton (first of Minor) 1, J. G. Wall 2, Marjorie Pearson 3, J. Vickery 4, M. Armstrong 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, R. B. Skelton 7. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Scott 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, M. Armstrong 4, R. B. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, G. Ratcliffe (first quarter) 7.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Wallis 1, W. Steen 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, K. Beresta 4, D. Walklate 5, A. Mould 6. On back six for Evensong.

EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Rapley 1, Dorothy Humphris 2, Joan A. Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Doctors Ian Ross and Patrick Pawsey, who died in the Innsbruck air crash.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Colton 1, Diane Lissenden 2, Jennifer Smith 3, A. White 4, M. F. Lock (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. Yates 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 18th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Miss P. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, R. H. Rogers 2, D. Surman 3, M. W. Harrison 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, H. G. Wells 6.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMB.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Martin (first quarter) 1, Joan Walker 2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3, M. Lincoln 4, J. A. Sturrock 5, J. Bell 6. A compliment to Jennifer Martin and R. W. Lee on their engagement.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Simpson 1, B. A. Rose 2, Miss L. E. Simpson 3, R. E. Waters 4, Mrs. J. Rose (first in Stedman) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Elliot 8. For Evensong.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Gilliver (first quarter) 1, R. Clayfield 2, Rev. E. L. Fisher 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. For Evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Crouch 1, Joyce Drury 2, G. Oliver (cond.) 3, J. Bills 4, Pauline Drury 5, P. Privett 6. Also on March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Joan Smith 1, C. Webb 2, J. King 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, P. Privett 6. Both rung half-muffled in memory of William Saunders, a faithful ringer at St. Mary's for 27 years.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. J. Shuck 1, Miss Y. Edwards 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. Lloyd 4, K. Salter 5, R. W. Skinner 6, G. Westwood 7, A. D. Cook 8, J. C. Eisel 9, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skinner on the birth of a daughter. Mr. Skinner is the Master of the newly re-formed local band.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On March 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 1, D. A. Bennett 2, D. T. Darby 3, Ruth M. How 4, J. Salter 5, Louise Gallini 6, D. C. Birkinshaw 7, J. Eisel 8.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. C. Palmer 1, Lynda B. Dalton (first 'inside') 2, M. T. Wilson 3, G. Smith (cond.) 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, I. G. Campbell 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on March 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Barbara G. Dale 1, Pauline Fennell 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. W. Powell 5, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 6. First of Surprise as conductor. For Matins by U.L.S.C.R.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dances', on March 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Penfold 1, G. Cecil 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Stephenson 5, G. Bush (Peterborough) 6, J. Fowler 7, P. Wilkinson 8, F. V. Gant (cond.) 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Stella Simcock (first quarter) 1, J. R. Williams 2, J. C. Jones 3, P. Smith first 'inside' 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. For Matins. Also on March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): P. Downer (first quarter) 1, W. Price 2, J. R. Williams 3, P. Smith 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, J. C. Jones. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Richardson (first quarter attempt) 1, Nancy Kempell 2, A. T. Shelton 3, K. G. Game 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For Matins.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Genebeth Mooring 1, J. King 2, R. Caporn 3, C. Webb 4, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 5. For morning service.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Prosser 1, A. Pulley 2, J. Attwood, Snr. 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. Attwood (cond.) 5, R. Loxley 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. J. Duguid 1, W. Ridd 2, R. H. R. Parker 3, A. Page 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Cope 6, L. D. Duguid (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8. For Evensong.

PERSHORE ABBEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann Collett 1, R. Loxley 2, D. Trenfield 3, I. Lloyd 4, J. Attwood (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. Bick 6, A. Berry 7, J. Firkins 8.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane Reynolds 1, D. Leyland 2, D. Hoag 3, A. E. Reeves 4, P. Malloch 5, A. J. Brown 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Leighton 8. A compliment to A. Leighton, on his 75th birthday.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Pridmore 1, Alison M. Mann 2, R. Cooles 3, Margaret E. Fort 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, C. F. Mew 6, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles: I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, B. G. Burton 3, A. A. Livings 4, G. E. C. Blake 5, N. Ward 6. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Christopher Wansey.

SLOUGH, BERKS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (non-conducted; from Holt's 'Original'): F. R. Scott 1, M. Hatchett 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, W. Birmingham 4, D. P. Hilling 5, J. Hill 6, W. G. Wilson 7, G. R. Shedden 8.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Bell 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Dr. J. Beaumont Good, and also Mrs. Alice Tyler, mother of R. Cyril Tyler (tower captain), interred this afternoon at Somerby.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On March 4th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Oxford T.B.): P. Sloman 1, D. Robinson 2, H. Stebbings 3, G. Sandwell 4, A. House 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Sandwell, ringer at this church.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Spiced Major (Plain, Little and Gainsborough): Miss T. P. Johnson 1, Miss P. A. Lansley 2, R. O. Fry 3, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 4, E. W. Ford 5, R. J. Drewitt 6, B. Bladon 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): N. W. Grassby (first of T.B.) 1, Carol I. V. Corton 2, K. H. Mildred 3, A. R. Mildred 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong. A farewell to the Rev. E. G. Symonds (curate), inducted Vicar of All Souls', Leicester, on February 14th. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): B. G. Warwick 1, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, A. R. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson 5, June E. Wood 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June E. Wood 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. B. Stevens 1, B. G. Warwick 2, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, A. R. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, June E. Wood 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, E. Nunn 2, W. H. Trewin 3, D. Pearce 4, H. Heard 5, J. Bowden 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hackridge 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael Saltern.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On March 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. G. Tyers (cond.) 1, P. A. Brand 2, Miss B. G. Dale 3, Miss F. Pocock 4, M. B. Tyers 5, D. W. Struckett 6, A. M. Johnson 7, D. Boniface 8. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Cooper 1, Violet Relf 2, M. W. Marshall 3, W. P. Tickner 4, A. Lewry 5, R. Swift 6, H. Parkes (cond.) 7, A. Gorham 8. For Evensong. Dedicated to the memory of Kenneth Pattenden, for many years a ringer at this church.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—On March 20th, at All Hallows' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Vanessa Rodrigues 1, Ruth Carr 2, Margaret Fort 3, Alison Mann 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, B. Bull 6, C. Mew 7, D. Wilkins 8, F. E. Dukes 9, A. S. Bishop 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3 and 9. For the visit of F. E. Dukes.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): A. V. McCluskey (first quarter) 1, M. J. Smith 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, A. A. Brown 4, H. Smith (cond.) 5, Gillian M. Smith (first quarter) 6. First in two methods 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, 7, 6, 8 covering): Bernice Nichol (first quarter attempt) 1, Wendy Griffin 2, R. E. J. Dennis (first 'inside') 3, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 4, J. E. Reed 5, J. A. G. Harvey 6, J. L. Bell 7, J. H. Caze 8. For Evensong.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Maureen White (first Minor 'inside') 2, R. A. Stone 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, K. G. Waller 6.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): Glensy Wardhaugh 1, S. Thompson 2, W. Davidson 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, J. Crowther 5. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Glensy Wardhaugh 1, M. Maughan (cond.) 2, S. Thompson 3, W. Davidson 4, W. A. Thow (first of Minor) 5, J. Crowther 6. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. A. Thow 1, W. Davidson 2, J. Crowther 3, S. Thompson 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Glensy Wardhaugh 1, J. Crowther 2, S. Thompson 3, S. Thompson, Jnr. 4, W. Davidson 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marion Balkwill (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Zass (first 'inside') 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, J. Tomsett 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, A. Bagworth 7, A. S. Bishop 8. In memoriam Frank Corfield, a former member of the band, who passed away on March 12th.

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MEETINGS

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), 2.30-3; 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: Cottred (5), 10.11.30 a.m.; Great Hornead (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

BACK NUMBERS

'The Ringing World' has received a very generous gift of back numbers dating from 1919 to 1959. While some are brown with the passing of years, the majority are clean and serviceable. We propose to offer these to readers who want to complete their files. The charge will be 8d. per copy post free.

COVENTRY GUILD—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors on Sat., April 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for branch officers at meeting.

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, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, 'Holmesdale', Station Road, Edenbridge.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 4321

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

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.

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, please.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

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, 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. 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 Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, Tel. 438.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Llanfegan, 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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Mon., April 6th, at 7 p.m. 4383

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

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting at Sprotborough, nr. Doncaster, on Sat., April 11th. For tea please notify Mr. Ernest Short, Kathlyn, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, not later than April 7th.—J. W. Buxton. 4403

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Kingston-St.-Mary, Sat., April 11th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4414

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Morton-St.-Philip on Sat., April 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Phelps, 1, Chatley Furlong, Norton-St.-Philip, nr. Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4386

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Walkington (6), on Sat., April 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. 4386

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Sat., April 11th at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 8th, to Miss M. T. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead. 8. 4390

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting on Sat., April 11th, at Buckland (6) 2.30-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reigate (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 9th, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4394

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8), on Sat., April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4377

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Joint meeting at Malmesbury on April 11th. Bells 2.30. Service in Abbey 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Names for tea essential by April 10th to Mr. H. Blacker, 15, West Street, Malmesbury.—H. Heath. 4398

GLOS AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Mitcheldean on Sat., April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Paton, 13, Orchard Way, Mitcheldean. 4409

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Sat., April 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approx. for those who notify by the previous Wednesday, J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking. 4417

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. 4417

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne on Sat., April 11th. Own tea arrangements.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 4378

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Sat., April 11th. Bells 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness. Tel.: Kirkby 256.—T. F. Metcalfe, Sec. 4391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's (Parish Church), Oldham, on Sat., April 11th. Bells (12) from 3.30 p.m. Tea (cafes nearby) 5 p.m. No business. Names and deposits for Branch trip essential by this meeting.—J. P. Partington. 4399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, April 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names to Mr. T. Riley, 32, Cranchurst Road, Liverpool, 4. 4412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Sat., April 11th. No tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 4406

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars on April 11th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th, please, to Mr. A. E. Hinman, Kirby Bellars, Melton Mowbray. 4397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Sat., April 11th, at Whaplode. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Lincs. Hon. Dis. Sec. 4380

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Sat., April 11th. Ringing at Hampton 2.30. Sunbury 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall to follow.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 4382

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxham, Sat., 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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bucklebury on Sat., April 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Davis by Tues., April 7th. The Village, Bucklebury, Reading. 4396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting on April 11th. Ringing Cranborne 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Wimborne St. Giles', followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th to Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 4401

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—An evening practice meeting will be held at Montford, nr. Shrewsbury, on Sat., April 11th. Bells (6) available 6-8.30 p.m. We regret that Great Ness bells are not available in the afternoon.—E. Norris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4416

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Bingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett on April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed. previous to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, — R. Blackshaw. 4400

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6). Sat., April 11th. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 4408

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Rougham (6). Sat., April 11th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please do help tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wed., April 8th, to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4410

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6). Sat., April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 4413

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

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual general meeting on Sat., April 18th, at St. Nicholas Church, Warwick. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall followed by business meeting. Names for tea by April 15th to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4402

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Dagenham on April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 16th to Dr. J. Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood. 4392

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel on April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking, Surrey. 4379

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LADIES' GUILD—Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Clyst Honiton on Sat., April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Clyst St. George bells (6) available 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Q. Retter, Waldrons, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Gentlemen welcomed. 4389

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Sat., April 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., April 15th, to Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo, J. Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton on Sat., April 18th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tues. to Mrs. Wilkins, 20, Queen Street, Earls Barton. 4418

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS—Meeting at All Saints', Loughborough (10), at 3 p.m. on Sat., April 18th. Names for tea by Sat., April 11th to A. Myatt, 64, Toothill Road, Loughborough. 4393

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting. Brading, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. East, 79, Avenue Road, Sandown, by April 14th. 4410

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Striking competition at Banstead on April 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last band has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. H. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, Surrey, by April 22nd. General ringing after tea and meeting. 4395

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual Festival will be held on Sat., May 9th, at Hartford, Northwich. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. H. Huggill, Rural Dean of Middlewich. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 4s. 6d. each, obtainable from Mr. R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich, before May 4th. Towers available: Hartford (6) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting; Middlewich (8) Over (8); Weaverham (6); Gt. Budworth (8); Davenham (6); Witton (8) all from 2-3.30 p.m. and after the meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 4375

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Blandford Speke on Sat., May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. names early. Meeting following.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 4381

LATE NEWS

Mr. P. J. Bird informs us that an attempt will be made for a peal of 24,119 Grandsire Caters at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, by the University of Bristol Society on Saturday, April 11th.

QUARTER PEALS

CAMBRIDGE—At the Church of St. Benedict, on March 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. B. Cooke 1, R. W. H. Hayes 2, T. A. Getty 3, R. M. Damerell 4, C. A. Friskney 5, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. First of Minor 5 and 6.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): G. Harris (first quarter) 1, J. Drever 2, Ann Collins 3, S. Udell 4, R. Snack 5, C. Timms 6, H. Baldwin 7, B. C. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and in appreciation of the Mothers' Union supplying a bellringers' dinner on the previous evening.

HAMPTON, MIDD.—On March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brock 1, D. W. Struckett 2, A. Knights 3, P. N. Felton 4, P. A. Preston 5, A. Watkinson 6, M. B. Tyers 7, P. A. Brand (first as cond of Major) 8. Rung by Hampton Grammar School Society for Founders' Day. Also at the school, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor 'in hand': A. Knights 1-2, M. B. Tyers 3-4, P. A. Felton (cond.) 5-6.

MR. F. HECTOR BENNETT'S 250 PEALS

Mr. F. Hector Bennett has travelled far for his 250 peals. They have been rung in 20 English, five Welsh and six Irish counties for 21 Associations, Guilds and Societies. Owing to a miscount his 250th peal was rung at Count. Shropshire, on December 28th and not February 15th as claimed. His list is:—

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge Surprise.—3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2. Royal.—Plain: Plain Bob 6, Little Bob 2; Treble Bob: Kent 3, Oxford 2; Surprise: Albanian, Belgrave, Cambridge 10, Prittlewell, Southwell, Yorkshire 3.—30.

Caters.—Grandsire 2. Major.—Plain: Double Norwich Court Bob 17, Plain Bob 16, St. Clement's 3, Little Bob, also C.C.C. numbers 13, 14, 33, 35, 36, 82, 209, 212, 216, 217, 219, 221, 225, 227, 228, 229, 246, 370.—55; Treble Bob: Kent 11, Little Albion, Oxford 3.—15; Surprise: Aldenham, Belgrave, Braunstone, Bristol, Cambridge 20, Derby, Ewell, Fordham, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire 8, London, New Cambridge 2, Painswick, Pudsey 2, Rutland 5, Southwell, Superlative 5, Wessex, Wye, Yorkshire 20, Zelah, Spliced three methods.—77. Total Major 147.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Plain Bob 3.—5. Minor.—Plain: Plain Bob 7; Treble Bob: Berwyn, Kent 2, Oxford 2, Norton-le-Moors; Surprise: One to seven methods 9; Assorted: Two to 13 methods, 25.—47.

Principles.—Cinques: Stedman 2; Caters: Stedman 2; Major: Duffield; Triples: Stedman 2.—7.

Handbells.—Plain Bob Minor 6, Oxford T.B. Minor.—7. Total.—250 (conducted 9).

MR. F. D. MACK'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Frank D. Mack, of Exmouth, completed his 100 peals with Bob Maximus at Buckfast on February 15th. Details:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1, three methods 2.

Minor.—Plain Bob 7 (1), three methods 1, four methods 6, five methods 1, seven methods 1, Cambridge 1, London 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 5, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (one 10.080), Double Norwich 3, Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge 4, Yorkshire 6, Rutland 2, Belgrave 2, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Aldenham 1, Bristol 1.

Caters.—Stedman 10, Grandsire 9.

Royal.—Plain 3, Little Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 3, Erin 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

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