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SPOTS BEFORE THE EYES

MRS. HOOKWAY'S sitting room looked a very pleasant place in which to spend the afternoon: the lounge suite was comfortable, and there was an electric fire to warm our toes on a nippy autumn day; more important to us, the window looked right across to the tower of St. Giles-in-the-Wood Church about 100 yards away, and a short trial peal showed us that we could hear every blow loud and clear, so long as that youth with the new Honda didn't spend the whole afternoon riding it up and down the village street. So Mr. Drake and I got out our notebooks and ruled them neatly, sharpened our pencils and our cars, and settled down to our job.

There are only two of us judging this Torridge Vale Guild festival, because Mr. Jack Harris hasn't been able to make it, and I feel the weight of my responsibility lying rather heavily on my novice shoulders, for my notebook only records one previous experience of judging a competition, and then I was one of four. What's more, I'm here this afternoon in place of no less a man than the late Tommy Darch, and I only hope that his spirit will aid me: his instruction certainly will.

Mr. Drake, I'm glad to see, has a fat notebook well stored with judging records, and I find that he is one of the North Tawton band, who gave ringers all over England such a thrill with their superb striking in the Christmas broadcast in 1950. We have nine teams to judge, five from the Guild itself, and four for the open class; I've already seen some of the Down St. Mary and West Down ringers, and High Bickington are here under the redoubtable Herbert Pidler—me judging him; that's a bit daunting.

A tinkle of the treble—here we go, eyes down and wait for the pitch. There it comes, and we start marking, a dot for the first round, another for the second, each one a quarter-fault, and then as the tenor gets under a full fault every round for no fewer than fourteen: this is a pretty rough rise, and by the time the bells are up there are already 26 faults marked. They settle into reasonable rounds, but when the changes begin they are losing marks all the time, with three or four bad rounds after almost every change, and once a real jiffil (very rare in call change ringing) with two bells clashing for a couple of rounds. Here's the lower beginning now, unsteady all the way; we total up and strike the average, and find the score 92½. Not very bright, that one, but everybody has to learn somehow.

Tinkle again, wait for it, and we're off again, starting with several full marks for a rather ragged pitch. However, this one is better than the last once the bells are double-tonguing, and although the top ringing is a trifle stiff at 32 a minute the changes are very clean and a very fair lower gets them down with a score of 57½. Mr. Drake opens a bottle of brown ale for each of us, and then our pencils are at it again.

This is the best pitch so far, but the rise loses marks when the treble man lets out too little rope and his handstroke blow comes in under the tenor's backstroke for several rounds. Still, it's the best rise to date for all that, and we hope for some really good ringing. In this we're disappointed; although these chaps know what they're doing, they give themselves too little time to settle down: no sooner are they up than they're called into 'thirds' and into the changes, and as a result all the top ringing is choppy than it might have been. They regain a little ground with a very good lower on which they only lose six marks by my reckoning, and make their total 86½.

Peal number four goes off very well, though the 3 and 4 get over for a few blows in the rise. Once up, the treble gets penalised until he gets his bell clear of the tenor, and the top ringing is fair, though these people seem to have difficulty in settling down after each change, even when the change itself has

been made cleanly. Some marks are going down all the way along, but it's still the best ringing yet and even when the lower had been marred by the treble's getting under for three blows near the end, and one more mark lost with a 'chitter' after the rest had stopped, their score is no more than 47.

One more peal before tea, and it's the best of the five. This lot pitch the bells as clean as a whistle, and the rise is only marred by a couple of rounds with the treble just under the tenor. Their rounds and opening changes are rung at a pitch a trifle too low—lower, anyway, than this band can be certain of striking them. But later they stiffen up and the striking improves, and we give them 40½.

Mrs. Hookway meanwhile has been busy, and as soon as we've checked that tally she comes in with a two-tiered trolley completely covered with food. Three kinds of sandwiches, splits and cream, buttered splits, and four plates of assorted cakes—there's enough here for a couple of six-bell bands, let alone two judges, and all of it as delicious as a Devon housewife can make it. Mr. Drake and I make what impression we can on this spread, and by the time we're sitting back hoping that after it we can keep awake for another four peals, the treble rings her warning and the first of the four it about to start.

As soon as they pitch the first round, we know that these ringers are experts. The bells go up swift and clean, and there's no feeling about for the pitch of the bells, going up a little bit too high and then coming down to the right pace, as most bands do: these chaps just put the bells straight up into the right slot and off they go, a shade over 34 rounds a minute and the changes so crisp and clean that they might have been cut with a razor blade. By the time the top ringing is finished, this band's row of dots is only just over half-way across my page, and even the most critical judging can find occasion for only eleven more in a lovely, smooth, slow lower, the bells singing their way down in glorious harmony with the tap-notes running in and out through the hum, swift and light like elves' dancing. This is call change ringing at its very best, a pleasure to judge, sweet to the ear and light on the pencil.

By contrast the next peal is a disastrous one; it loses more on the rise alone than the last one's total of 15½, and this treble man makes the same mistakes as an earlier one of going into changes before the rounds had settled down. Commenting on this peal, Mr. Drake and I afterwards remark on two facts: first, that even with 103 faults peals like this get away lightly, for although they may incur two quarter-faults every round the four unmarked bells in that round are often striking unevenly enough to be marked in a peal as good as the previous one: second, that whereas one of the most important bells in a rise is the 2nd, which has the task of setting the interval for the rest to follow, in changes a very great deal of this responsibility seems to develop upon the bell in 5th's place; in this peal the striking was noticeably sloppy in 5th's, and as a result the rhythm suffered severely. I myself have noticed this in method ringing—that bad striking on the back can destroy the striking quite as badly as unsteadiness at lead.

The last two peals are both very good; No. 8 has an excellent rise and an even better lower: the top-ringing is good too, but here again marks might have been saved if the rounds had been allowed to settle before the changes were begun. Nineteen faults here, though, and the second best of the day. No. 9 has an even better rise; by my marking it was the best of the lot—a nice clean pitch, 'smacked in tight': the treble's handstroke coming in after the tenor to perfection on about the third round, and all the bells double-tonguing within seven or eight, and then the real delight of a good rise, with the bells swiftly 'spreading out.' at Tom Darch used to say, 'like a flock of birds.' In contrast to

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL'S RING OF TEN ORDERED

AN order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for a ring of 10 bells for Guildford Cathedral. The Bishop (Dr. George Reindorp) has asked for the bells to be installed for dedication on May 17th, 1965, the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. At the same time it is hoped to dedicate the Chapter House, the South Garth and the new organ case.

The announcement has come as a pleasurable surprise to the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It is made possible by a thank-offering gift of £5,000 by Brigadier and Mrs. Derek Schreiber, of Bellasis, Dorking, for their daughter Susie's miraculous escape in a motor car accident last September. Other donors have recently contributed four bells and there are two other memorial bells in the Cathedral—the Alfred H. Pulling and Margaret Cleeve bells.

In addition each of the four districts of the Guildford Guild is striving to provide a bell. This was at the behest of Bishop Reindorp who two years ago asked the Guild to accept responsibility for providing the complete ring. This they considered was beyond their compass and their activities were accordingly limited to the present targets. Between them the four Districts have contributed £750.

The happy announcement of being in a position to place an order was made personally by the Bishop to the Master of the Guild (Mr. D. A. R. May) and also to his immediate predecessor, Mr. C. W. Denyer. Discussions had previously taken place with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank by the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, as to the weight of the bells. It has finally been decided to have a 304 cwt. tenor, which is in accordance with the wishes of the Guild.

When the bells are installed it is hoped to move the Guild library to the Cathedral. This is to be named after Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the founder and first librarian.

'BERKSHIRE BELLS' COMPLETED AFTER 25 YEARS

WITH the publication this month of the 18th part of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Mr. Frederick Sharpe completes a 25 years' task. This was not intentional. The original idea in 1939 was to complete the work in four parts. Even after the war the publishers, the Berkshire Archaeological Society, could only manage to produce one small part a year. It is a pity as Berkshire is an interesting county with many examples of the work of the great mediæval foundry at Wokingham and the later Reading foundry—to say nothing of such treasures as the inscribed 13th at Enborne, Sonning, Cholsey and Challow. Also the great achievements of the White family at Appleton.

The final part is of particular importance as it deals with the bells of Windsor Castle. Of the seven illustrations relating to the Castle's bells the most interesting are those concerning the Russian bell in the Round Tower, which was brought from Sebastopol, as a war trophy in 1855. It weighs 17 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. and is tolled at the funeral and deaths of British sovereigns.

This bell, which was cast in Moscow, circa 1750, has moulded canons and is richly ornamented with figures of the Madonna and Child and symbols the Holy Ghost. The original clapper is retained and is curiously positioned out of centre.

Most of the rings described—the volume deals with the 'W's' of Berkshire—have treasures to delight the antiquary. Wokingham (All Saints) still retains two originals from Samuel Knight's foundry at Wokingham 1703-1704, while at Little Wittenham there are two by Henry Knight I of Reading 1620, another by Ellis and Henry Knight III 1676 and the tenor by Joseph Carter 1607. Older still is the third at Winkfield (1591 by J. Carter), but a small bell in St. Peter's, Woolhampton, was cast at the Wokingham foundry circa 1360.

Many of the pictures in this well-illustrated volume are by the author. The price of the part is 2s 6d., post free but copies are only reserved for those who have previous parts.

'THE PERFECT GUEST, OR 'WHEN TIME STOOD STILL.'

Scene: Southwell Minster, Ringing Chamber. Date—Time: 24 October, 1964. Saturday evening, 6.45 p.m. Cast: 8 ringers, approaching half-way stage peal of Stedman Triples.

Enter from corner behind ringers of 3 and 4, one verger complete with overcoat, looks round, listens with critical ear, takes note of ringers, five minutes later disappears.

Noises heard from room above: clock stops.

Few moments later, verger re-appears, stands looking round for a short time. Removes overcoat, collects a chair and sits down, again listens to ringing espys 'Ringing World,' stands up, collects 'Ringing World,' sits down again, and proceeds to read.

Pages turn at regular intervals, glances at watch.

50 minutes later, puts down 'Ringing World' stands up, replaces chair, puts on overcoat, disappears.

Further noises from above, clock starts.

Anxious faces, what next! No further sign of verger, assume gone home, 'miserable fellow, did not even say good night.'

Same place 8.30 p.m. peal complete. Moral—Always take 'The Ringing World,' leave it lying round, the verger may like to read it when putting the clock back.

EXTENT MAJOR RINGER MARRIED

QN Saturday, October 3rd, the wedding took place of Mr. John M. Jelley and Miss Monica Moore at St. Mark's Church, Wood Green, London. Monica is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore, of West Beech Road, Wood Green, and John the only son of Mrs. F. M. Jelley, of Wigston, Leicester, and the late Mr. Ernest Jelley.

The bride's father gave her away and her bridal gown was of white embossed satin cut in the princess style with a train and headdress trimmed with guipure lace. She had a full-length veil and carried orchids, freesia and cyclamen. Monica was attended by her sister Margaret as bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, of Leicester.

A large congregation gathered at the church in beautiful autumn sunshine to witness the ceremony which was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Suter. In the congregation were many of Monica's friends and relations: some had travelled great distances to be present. John was ably supported by a large Leicester contingent who travelled down with him on the Saturday morning—a group of them joined with some of Monica's friends and rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at 'All Hallows', Tottenham.

After the ceremony the reception was held at the Alexandra Palace and then they travelled to St. Pancras (where a good 'send off' was given) to board a train for an unknown destination. Actually, celebrations started early for John as his car was beautifully and most appropriately decorated by office colleagues on the Thursday prior to the wedding but he was a little more successful in concealing the identity of the hotel where they were to spend their honeymoon.

If the 'send off' was good the welcome home was even better for they were greeted by a very cleverly decorated house said to have been the work of an Austin owner and his name also suggests that he is a member of the B.M.C. group. Captions adorned windows, directions to tradesmen were displayed on large cards and old boots and streamers completed the decoration.

John and Monica are now residing in Coshy, Leics, and the loss to Christ Church, Southgate, band, where Monica was captain, will be the gain of Leicester Cathedral, where she will join her husband. May we offer them our sincere congratulations and many years of 'spliced' happiness.

P.J.S.

REDEDICATION OF MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL BELLS

ON October 4th a large congregation, including many visiting ringers, was present when the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Rev. T. W. Thomas, rededicated the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. After an absence of a year, during which they were in England being re-tuned and refitted they have now been re-hung in a new steel frame and are ringing once more.

The occasion of the rededication was given wide publicity by the press, radio and TV and this attracted Peter Swan (Bristol), Ron Johnson (Manchester) and Robin Turner (Durham and Newcastle), who turned up to try the 'new' bells. In addition there were 17 ringers from Sydney, one each from Adelaide, Bendigo and Canberra and 7 from Ballarat, making a total of 59 including those from the two Melbourne towers. During the afternoon it was proved that the bells were capable of ringing everything from rounds of Superlative and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

The rededication of the bells marked the first completed work in the extensive restoration of the Cathedral now in progress, and the opening of the second phase of the restoration appeal.

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

THE joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild, the Oxford Guild and the Middlesex Association at Hillingdon on October 17th attracted about 70 ringers and friends. This year's highlight was a talk by Mr. Frank C. Price on the recent trip to Washington. He illustrated his most interesting talk with many first class colour transparencies, and, through the courtesy of Douglas Hughes and the help of Bill Coles, a tape recording of some of these fine bells was heard. It was remarkable to hear the spontaneous cheers and applause from the large crowd around the Cathedral when the bells came into rounds.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler, and the choir and organist led the singing. Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. Goodfellow and their noble assistants prepared and served a sumptuous tea and supper and thoroughly deserved the compliments accorded to them.

The ringing practice at Hillingdon and Iver had its ups and downs but amongst some of the good striking was an excellent course of London Royal.

Some old friends were absent and among the apologies received were those from Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mrs. Savory, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collins and Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, two honorary members who have not missed a 'Hillingdon Joint' since the war. So here's to next time.

Oh, yes, the time-honoured annual cricket match during the evening (not under M.C.C. rules!) was again won by the Oxford Guild and 'the cup' was handed to David Hilling.

F.G.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION MEET IN THE CITY OF LONDON

The North and East district visited the Metropolis on October 10th and ringing took place at two City churches.

In the afternoon the pleasant six at St. Vedast, one of two churches in England bearing this dedication to a French bishop, attracted quite a few ringers. Evening ringing was at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber of the latter tower at which confirmation of the provisional election of the following as non-resident life members was made: Russell S. Morris, A. James Poyner, and Herrick B. Bowley, of Leicester; Robert B. Smith, Marple, and Dan S. Pont, of Woodhouse Eaves.

The incumbents and Mrs. E. E. Davis were thanked for their help and co-operation.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised one guinea.

E. H. K.

EXPLORING SOMERSET WITH RAVING RINGERS

THE EIGHTH annual tour of the Society of Raving Ringers was held in Somerset. Some 14 Ravers assembled on July 25th at Sherborne where one of the Hertfordshire ringers, who wishes to remain anonymous, lost his trousers while ringing the tenor for a wedding. Meanwhile in a quiet lay-by near Aylesbury four other Ravers were cursing a mini-bus, fully loaded with camping equipment, which had broken down.

The camp was at Staple Fitzpaine five miles south of Taunton. Service ringing was at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Sunday. In a lay-by near Burford was the ill-fated mini-bus and whilst the bulk of the Ravers had rung in two towers, Chris Clarke had 'rung' in two new A.A. boxes. It was not until 5.40 p.m.—the main party spending the day at Wells, Wookey and Cheddar Gorge—that the stranded four having transferred equipment to a grocers' van, joined the rest outside Chewton Mendip Church. Ringing here ended with a short touch of Bristol and most agreed that the bells were everything they are said to be. Tents were unloaded on the camp site and the four latecomers left for Taunton for a meal of chicken and chips and a noggin of ale.

EXCITEMENT

Ringling on Monday was towards and on Exmoor and it was not without elements of excitement. For example, at Bishop's Lydeard the wooden frame was thought to wander about the tower whilst ringing was taking place (and Yorkshire too!) and at Luxborough whilst ringing spliced Grandsire and Stedman Doubles a carpet sweeper became entangled in Ted Venn's rope and after sailing up in the air finally clobbered Ken Darvill on the back of the neck. After an excellent six at Carhampton came an hour on the glorious ten at Minehead, ringing ending with Stedman Caters and a half course of Cambridge Royal. The evening ringing was at Dunster (rather tricky) and Monksilver.

The difficult six at Pitminster were first on Tuesday's programme. The belfry at Nynhead was in a disgusting state. The trapdoor to the bell chamber had been left open so birds had invaded the belfry. A ladder had been placed across the headstocks of the fifth and tenor and prevented them from being rung. When the debris had been removed from the belfry, the bells were raised in peal and after several courses of original Minor quickly lowered in Somerset style. A comment heard afterwards was 'Ah! t'were a good peal, Ted.'

Before lunch a course of Bristol was rung at Wellington, and afterwards the Devon border was crossed to ring at Uffculme, thought by some to be up to Chewton Mendip standard, ringing including Erin Triples and Yorkshire. Following a picnic tea came Howard Oglesby's 'Golden Egg'—Rockwell Green was his 1,000th tower. On this very good six ringling was mostly Surprise Minor. West Buckland and Churchstanton completed the day's programme.

'RASCALLY RINGERS'

There were fears of a 'washout' when the rain came down on Wednesday, but we reached West Monkton where the fifth manages to slip wheel frequently. The village stocks are in the churchyard and here we placed our 'rascally ringers'—Ted Venn, Howard Oglesby and Chris Clarke. Removing their shoes we were able to tickle their feet! The majestic eight at Bridgwater followed.

The well-loved method of Hitcham Delight Minor was rung at Berrow at the request of the South Bucks contingent. At Burnham-on-Sea the annual dip of the Society (or baths as the case may be) had to be cancelled because the tide had gone out. Instead at pass-ball Jim



THE RAVERS OUTSIDE CREWKERNE PARISH CHURCH:

Back row (left to right): Christopher C. Clarke, Robert A. Reeves, Barry J. Davies, Edward R. Venn, Anthony Smith. Second row: Kenneth J. Darvill, Graham Ridgway, Stephen P. Darvill, Keith J. Walpole, Jim Linnell.

Third row: Gillian Brearly, Howard Oglesby (Master), Michael W. Coleman (Ringing Master), Diana Reeves. Front row: Susan A. Burt, Maureen Lawrence, Marion Petts, Frances Proctor, Jennaifer Seeny.

Linnell's team beat Chris Clark's 'Clobbers.' Evening ringing was at Burnham and North Petherton.

Dorset was visited on Thursday after Chard's awkward bells and lunch. Thorncombe was at one time the heaviest ring in the county but thanks to local enthusiasm the bells have been augmented to eight. They go extremely well, but unfortunately are odd struck. The official tour photograph was taken by Nigel Maggs at Crewkerne—a fine eight.

After tea came Hinton St. George, Kingstone and Ilminster. At Kingstone the ropes come down in the middle of the church and here Rev. B. J. Davies gave us an address.

MET ROVERS

Friday was rather a slack day with only six towers. At Street we discovered that the Roving Ringers had been there previously and Glastonbury we saw several of them leaving St. Benedict's. In this tower we held our first striking contest. Jim Linnell acted as judge and we put three teams into ring. Six members of the 'premier Guild,' all residents of Oxfordshire, won easily, with Hertfordshire second and Berks and Bucks (combined) third. St. Cuthbert's, Wells, were found rather heavy going. Our final tower that day was Ashcott and as we arrived the bells were being rung by the local band to Grandsire Doubles.

Saturday was the busiest day of the tour with nine towers visited. At Fivehead Howard Oglesby attempted to call spliced Hitcham, Oxford and Kent and some 20 minutes later successfully brought it into rounds. A miscall was suspected and argument arose as to whether to ring it for the Bath and Wells Association or the Society.

Lunch was at Ilminster and later in the day came another striking competition at Ash-in-Martock with Ted Venn as judge. The test

was a course of Kent Minor. Herts just pipped the premier county (Oxfordshire) with Berks and Bucks third. As the Oxfordshire contingent came second and not first bribery was immediately suspected.

FINEST SIX

At Long Sutton we were informed that a local ringer had died recently and that the bells were half-muffled. The incumbent, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, and Mr. Paul Field met us and they took part in the ringing which included St. Clement's Minor. We were extremely impressed with the bells and some of us rated them as one of the finest sixes.

On arrival at camp, we immediately changed and went to a ringers' social at Staple Fitzpaine Village Hall in aid of a ringers' outing. The Ravers truly helped the party to go with a swing and social events included handbell ringing and dancing.

Snores from Bob Reeves' ten proved to be a useful alarm clock and enabled seven of us to get up at 7 a.m. on Sunday to ring for 8 a.m. Communion at Staple Fitzpaine. A missing key restricted the ringing to 10 minutes on this delightful five. Morning service ringing was on the eight octave at Wilton and in the afternoon at Norton-sub-Hamdon and Montacute. The final tower of the tour was Yeovil Parish Church (a glorious ten). Here ringing was mainly restricted to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, although Little Bob Royal was rung. Over dinner at Taunton we discussed next year's tour and reunion. August Bank Holiday came round all too soon and so ended another Ravers' tour.

We thank all incumbents and tower captains and from our own ranks Chris Clarke, Howard Oglesby, Frances Proctor and all who helped in the organisation. Next year we hope to visit Lancashire and West Yorkshire.—M.W.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kings Norton-by-Gaulby, Leics.

Dear Sir.—The publication of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at this church on October 3rd, and the 'note' in Belfry Gossip, recalls personal memories of this Church and its bells before my 'emigration' from Leicester over 30 years ago. I well remember ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 2nd, 1929, arranged by the late Ernest Morris, who also invited me to conduct the peal, but after only the first few leads I let Ernest know that I should have quite enough to do to ring the 7th without also conducting. He therefore took over the calling and we rang Parker's 12-part in 3 hrs. 16 mins. The band was Ronald Russell 1, Ernest Morris (cond.) 2, J. Geoffrey Geary 3, Josiah Morris 4, William H. Clarke 5, Ernest H. Bagworth 6, A. Norman Geary tenor. At about that time the Sherwood Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late Albert Coppock, on these bells, but I cannot remember whether their peal was before ours in 1929 or after.

I am quite sure that it was solely due to the work of the Geary brothers from Billesdon in repairing wheels, etc., that the bells were then ringable. The Sherwood Youths peal was rung in commemoration of a visit Squire William Doubleday Crofts and his band had made for a peal there a long time before (I think the first on the bells).

My recollection is also of the bells being hung with the three trebles in a separate frame from the back five, and hung at least 10 or 12 feet above them.

The local legend too was that these bells were originally a ten, and it was found that they were too much for the tower, so the two trebles were taken out and used as two of the six bells at the adjoining village of Gaulby (which incidentally have not been rung for the past 50 years, and I believe was one of the few towers in the county that Ernest Morris did not ring a peal at. Church Langton (8) was another).

The peal band of October 3rd last are to be congratulated on ringing their peal of Cambridge Major on these bells, and although it was not claimed to be the first of Major on them I believe it was so.

One more point. Staunton Harold bells (8) were about the same weight and age I believe, but compared with Norton-by-Gaulby's, Staunton Harold's were quite poor in tone. Does anyone know if Staunton Harold bells are still there and ringable?—Yours, etc.,

Wimbledon. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

A Farce?

Dear Sir.—It now appears certain that the Methods Committee have no objection to a Major method being given the same name as a Minor method if it is specifically stated that the one is not the extension of the other. This seems a ridiculous state of affairs.

I therefore state categorically that Burslem Delight Minor has no legal extension, and presume that 'To Be Named' Delight Major may now appear in official records as 'Burslem Delight Major.' Whether the law on extension is right is another matter. My argument throughout this wrangle has been directed at the rules, not at the Committee's interpretation of them.—Yours faithfully,

Retford. H. POYNER.

Spur Stays

Dear Sir.—Readers may be interested to note that All Saints', Wandsworth, bells have the spur stays and vertical slides described in Mr. Dalton's letter on page 728, and these bells were rehung as recently as 1922. We (at Wandsworth) find them just as satisfactory as ordinary stays and sliders.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

Putney. London.

Quarrington Surprise Major

Dear Sir.—The method published in your issue of October 23rd is No. 3857 in the H and M Collection, whereas the footnote to the peal refers to No. 3858. Could we be sure which method was rung?—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE

On Sunday, October 18th, William Henry Clarke, veteran of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, passed very peacefully to his rest aged 86 years.

Mr. Clarke, an active ringer under the leadership of the late William Willson at St. John's for many years, succeeded Mr. Willson as Master and Steeplekeeper in 1936.

The bells received the same care and attention with Mr. Clarke as his predecessor. They received the weekly attention as is necessary with plain bearings. Those who have rung there will appreciate this.

A joiner by trade, much of his work is to be seen in the ringing chamber.

Although handing over the position of Master and Steeplekeeper to the writer in 1946, he still attended regularly for both Sunday and practice ringing until undergoing an operation a few years ago. This, together with advancing age, made it impossible for him to climb the steps to the ringing chamber. However, he still came to listen to the bells, thus remaining faithful to the last.

He died as he lived: 'everyone's friend.'

The funeral service prior to cremation took place at St. John-the-Divine on Thursday, October 22nd.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory. S. H.

MR. CHARLES DALE

Mr. Charles Dale, Ringing Master of St. Alphege Parish Church, Solihull, died in hospital on October 27th after a short illness, at the age of 72.

His devotion to his Church and service for others was mentioned in a tribute to him by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd published in 'The Ringing World' after his 70th birthday.

Charles Dale was a boy chorister at the Parish Church, Coleshill, Warwickshire. At a quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild held at Coleshill earlier this year when the ringers were sitting in the choir stalls during the service, Mr. Dale said to the writer sitting with him 'Do you know, I was sitting in this very seat as a choirboy over sixty years ago.'

Later Mr. Dale became a bellringer and to this calling he had been a constant and loyal servant. He was elected Ringing Master at Solihull Parish Church in 1957 and remained in that office until his death. A great friend to all his ringers, he always maintained their loyalty and respect. In addition to his regular attendance for service ringing and practices he gave many hours to teaching learners. Patient and kindly to everyone, and never a bad word spoken of others. His Christian way of life was an example and inspiration to many.

Many of the improvements in the ringing chamber in recent years have been due to his energies, and these will be a lasting memorial to one who will be truthfully missed. Of him it can be greatly said—'He was a gentleman.' T.J.W.

MR. S. A. PAICE

The death on October 11th of Mr. Sidney Alfred Paice, at the age of 78, has left a gap in the band of Horsham Parish Church bellringers which will be sadly noticed.

He had been ringing at Horsham for over sixty years. For very many years he was secretary of the Horsham Society and was treasurer at the time of his death. He was a faithful Sunday service ringer, a regular attendant at practices and taught scores of learners to handle a bell. Although a capable ringer, he had not rung many peals, those he did being mainly at Horsham.

At his funeral service at Horsham Parish Church the Vicar spoke of his life-long connection with the Church. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service by his ringing friends. They were L. Stilwell (Worthing), Denis Mitchell (East Grinstead), E. Fosbury and Harold Wood (Billingshurst), W. Beeson (Cranleigh), G. Francis and M. Turner (Warnham), L. Bourne, C. Denyer, T. Fox, E. Rapley and D. Smith (Horsham). An attempt was made the following day to ring a half-muffled peal, but this, unfortunately, came to grief, but an excellent quarter peal was rung.

T. G. F.

MR. J. W. UNWIN**AN APPRECIATION**

Jack Unwin, who passed away on Oct. 7th in his 81st year, was truly a great churchman. It is said that no one can replace his devotion; he had held nearly every lay position, at St. Stephen's Church, Hackington, Canterbury. He instigated the revival of the band of ringers in February, 1961, at that church.

His connection with ringing in the Canterbury District began in May, 1921, when he became a member. Since then he became an integral part of the ringing fraternity: a member and then captain of the Cathedral band.

Many members paid homage to him at his funeral at St. Stephen's on October 12th. The Ven. A. Sargent, Archdeacon of Canterbury, read the lesson, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Rose gave the blessing, and the Rector (Rev. R. C. Desch) gave the address.

Both the Cathedral and St. Stephen's bands rang half-muffled quarter peals in the evening.

MR. H. T. WILSON

The Essex Association lost one of its oldest life members with the passing of Mr. Henry T. Wilson, on October 13th, in his 89th year.

Tom Wilson learned to ring at Quex Park around 1890 and came to Essex at the turn of the century. A shop fitter, he lived at Walthamstow for a time and then moved to Southend, where for many years he was with St. Mary's, Prittlewell, under the leadership of the late William Judd.

He came to Brentwood during the last war and was a member of the local band until disabled in a cycle accident eight years ago.

A competent ringer and striker on all numbers of bells and an able conductor, he kept no record of his peals but they ranged from Doubles to Maximus.

The funeral was at St. Paul's, Bentley Common, on October 20th when he was buried with his wife, who died about 10 years ago.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory at Brentwood in the evening by Miss J. F. Woods (first of Stedman 1, J. H. Stich 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. E. Pryke 5, E. T. Stich 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8).

'OVERTONES' NEW EDITOR

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur of the Riverside Church, New York, has been succeeded as editor of 'Overtones', the official publication of the American Guild of Handbell Ringers, by Mr. Raymond K. Hollinger, 20, South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, U.S.A.

The current issue of 'Overtones' is a tenth anniversary special, the Guild of American Handbell Ringers being formed in 1954 with Mrs. Margaret Homer Shurcliff as its president. There is a memoir to Mrs. Shurcliff, who as Margaret Nichols, was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1902 and was the first lady to ring a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

VISIT TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. W. H. Lloyd, well known in the Hereford Diocesan Guild, has just returned from Vancouver Island, where with his wife, he visited their daughter and son-in-law (Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Laing). It was no surprise, therefore, that the family party found themselves at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. on the first Sunday morning of the visit! Ruby Laing (herself well known as a ringer before her marriage) introduced her father, whereupon Mr. Izard, the Master Ringer, at once 'offered a rope' to the delight of two small grandsons! Memorable occasion, and one of the highlights of a wonderful trip!

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight 1, M. Clark 2, S. R. Cole 3, P. J. Gardner 4, J. Evered 5, F. Sandy 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Harvest Festival.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held on October 17th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Over 80 members attended including visitors from other districts. Three towers were open on the day—the Cathedral, St. Alphege's, and St. Dunstan's.

The service was held at St. Dunstan's and Canon A. L. Lawler officiated, the choir being supplemented by ringers: the organist was Trevor Pinnock. Tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

Mr. J. A. Russell was chairman for the business meeting. The secretary read his report, noting that membership was down by 11 to 269, compared with last October's figures, the average attendance over six meetings was 52. Christ Church College students were helping to keep the local bands up to strength.

The balance sheet shows a slight decline, but, comparing the figures of last October, the collection of Fred Mitchell Memorial Fund outweighs the difference. With the expenses of £5 17s. 7d. a balance is left of £46 2s. 11d.

All officers were nominated, with the exception of the Ringing Master. Mr. F. C. W. Knight was put forward and elected and Mr. D. A. Chapman was proposed Assistant District Secretary, with responsibility for all meetings in the absence of the Secretary.

The returning Ringing Master in his report stated that 18 peals were rung. He hoped the striking competition in 1965 would improve the standard of ringing and handling the bells. Seventeen new members were elected, 9 from Chartham.

Mr. John Willis brought to the notice of members the need of regular Sunday service ringing. He sounded the meeting regarding the possibility of support for a course on ringing, to be held in the county. After much discussion it was felt that the most opportune time would be just after Easter.

The church collection for the day was donated to the Organ Fund of St. Stephen's, in memory of Mr. J. W. Unwin.

In closing the meeting the chairman thanked the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, the Rector of St. Alphege's and Canon Lawler respectively for the use of the bells, and the ladies for providing the tea. T.C.P.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Seven members of the Dublin University Guild—the Misses A. Sadler, Mr. Bernard-Smith and S. Dukes, and Messrs. A. Kere-Hodge, A. Pike, P. Vesey and M. Davis—took part in a ringing tour of North Wales on October 24th, at the invitation of the University of Wales Society, several of whose members joined us.

The towers visited were Portmadoc, Bangor, Llandegai, Llandudno, Abergel and Beaumaris, and methods rung included Plain Bob and Kent Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and several Minor and Doubles methods. We were accompanied throughout the tour by a non-ringer named Alexander, a skewbald rabbit, who seemed to enjoy himself as much as we did! Thanks are expressed to the incumbents of the churches visited, especially to the Welsh ringers for the arrangements, and to Mrs. Bernard-Smith for the generous way in which she supplied the transport.

60 Years in One Tower



MR. H. J. GRAVETT

On October 11th Burgess Hill ringers rang a quarter peal to mark the completion of 60 years' service to the tower by Mr. Henry J. (Harry) Gravett, elder brother of the late Arthur Gravett, of St. Peter's, Brighton.

Harry's membership of the Sussex County Association dates back to 1905. Of his 24 peals, 13 have been rung at Burgess Hill. He stood in an attempt to ring 8,000 Bob Major which broke down at 7,000 changes.

During these 60 years he has been a devoted member of the band, helping learners and setting a good example in punctuality. We were all proud to take part in this small tribute to a much-loved and respected member. K. C. K.

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SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.), on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Tibbets 1, Elizabeth M. Snell 2, J. Hartley 3, Kathleen M. Higgins 4, C. G. Sayer 5, M. R. Meadows 6, J. E. Chapman (cond.) 7, C. A. Friskney 8. Rung for evening service by Sheffield University Guild. First of Triples for the Guild.

THE ROCHESTER WEEK-END

CHIEFLY of note in the Rochester outing to Bath and the West, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Short, was the warmly companionable atmosphere of the hard-working group from Hertfordshire, and Ron Short and his two friends. They strengthened the band and added to the good company.

The list of towers on Saturday was formidable:

Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (8), 30 cwt. (little Saxon church nearby not to be missed); Westbury-on-Severn (8), 35 cwt. (lunch at the Cedar Hotel, Warminster Road); Frome, St. John-the-Baptist (8), 27 cwt. (George Massey was here discovered by some old friends); Mells, St. Andrew (8), 26 cwt. (broken guides in the clock chamber are apparently necessary to reach the clock mechanism! A local ringer arrived in time to brush aside our concern as groundless. Apparently it was!); Chewton Mendip, St. Mary Magdalene (8), 24 cwt.

Break here for tea. Secretaries, attention! Mrs. Baber, Barrow Farm, Chewton Mendip, Somerset, is the wife of a keen ringer, has been brought up in the tradition and — miraculously — likes housing and catering for ringing parties. Hats off to Mrs. Baber and family.

On the wheel again for: Blagdon (8), 19 cwt. and Chew Magna (8), 28 cwt. This was the last ring of the day and we thankfully turned into the Angel Hotel, Bath, where we were looked after a great deal better than we have been at some more star-spangled hotels.

We mixed with Twerton-on-Avon's keen young band in ringing for the Parish Communion on Sunday. After breakfast at The Angel, we rang at Bath Abbey (10), 34 cwt. (Dr. Dobbie found some friends from her Birmingham ringing days joining in her Sunday Matins touch).

In the afternoon to Batheaston (6), 18 cwt. and after tea quickly glossed over at Malmesbury to our final tower, Newbury St. Nicholas (10), 16 cwt., where we rang for evening service.

Our only disappointment was that Audrey Short, who with her husband arranged our outing, was in hospital. It was a wonderful weekend, Audrey, and your arrangements were just perfect. We hope you smelt our best wishes for recovery with the flowers which have reached you by now. You can look on the weekend, with an average tenor weight of 24 cwt., as a huge heavyweight success. Thank you, L. G. G.

Sleaford and Grantham District Outing

Five towers in Cambridgeshire—Tydd St. Giles (6), Newton (6), Levington (6), Wisbech St. Mary (6) and Elam (6)—were visited by Sleaford and Grantham ringers on Sept. 6th. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Norwich Surprise and Single Court. A good standard of ringing was maintained. Thanks are accorded to Mr. Edgar Cole, the organiser, incumbents and those who met the party. E.A.C.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. Bennett 1, P. Davis 2, P. E. Powell 3, C. A. Bennett 4, D. Reeves 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. First in method 2 and 5. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roper, who are leaving Adderbury for Selby, Yorks.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. Piper 1, Geraldine Piper 2, R. Bradbury 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Diana Prynn 5, J. Beams 6, M. Harbott (cond.) 7, Margaret Rippon 8. For the christening of Sally Carolyn Kong, the youngest grandchild of J. T. Symonds. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, R. Bradbury 3, Diana Prynn 4, J. T. Symonds 5, M. Harbott 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, Margaret Rippon 8. Rung half-muffled following the memorial service to Peggy Halscy, the wife of the Rector.

BARKSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Colborne 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, D. Hopkinson 3, G. Colborne 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6.

BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 T.B. Minor (Woodbine, Oxford): Eileen Jenkinson (first quarter) 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, I. Crossland 3, P. Carbutt (cond.) 4, E. Stainrod 5, H. Mann 6.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Pile (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. A. Crowder 2, M. W. Crowder (cond.) 3, N. Bell 4, G. Bromfield 5, W. A. Crowder 6. Rung for the conductor's birthday, and his parents' silver wedding anniversary.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandshire): Miss S. Bird (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, K. Warner 2, J. Euston 3, D. Darby 4, D. Elliston 5, R. Tingley 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, P. Chapman 8. For Harvest Festival.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): I. Freestone 1, Diane Siret 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, J. Hallett 4, B. J. Davis 5, A. Palmer 6. The congratulations of the band go to Alan Palmer, on his 21st birthday; also rung prior to the 'Laying up of the Boats' service.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Grant-Ives (first quarter) 1, Betty Mansfield 2, G. G. Mansfield 3, J. Snelling 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: K. R. J. Ingham 1, R. W. Sweet 2, S. G. Riches (cond.) 3, A. J. True 4, L. H. Clash 5, J. David (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and to mark Arthur True's 51st year as a ringer at St. Werburgh's, also his 44th wedding anniversary.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. M. R. Field 1, D. A. Hammond 2, J. B. Long 3, R. Chapman 4, R. L. Piron 5, E. P. Inskip 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, R. E. Fowler 8. Wedding compliment to Miss P. M. Stratton and Mr. P. A. Wakeman.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Mary the Great, on Oct. 11th, 1,320 Stedman Cinques: J. W. R. Quinney 1, H. F. Brown 2, J. M. H. Hunter (arr. and cond.) 3, H. J. F. Muncy 4, J. Rank 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, R. M. Damerell 7, P. D. Lawrence (first on 12) 8, B. D. Threlfall 9, H. Foster 10, P. J. Bergdahl (first of Stedman Cinques) 11, J. A. Harrison 12. Rung for Harvest Festival.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Our Lady and the English Martyrs (R.C.), on Oct. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: P. J. Bergdahl 1, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 2, H. J. F. Muncy 3, C. R. F. Muncy 4, S. P. Darvill 5, H. Foster 6, C. H. Rogers 7, V. Nutton 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 12th, 1,295 Grandshire Caters: A. E. Davies 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, T. C. Phillimore 3, D. C. Chatfield 4, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 5, S. Walter 6, D. L. Cawley 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, E. A. Dixon 10. First on ten 1 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of John W. Unwin, member of the Canterbury Cathedral company from 1922 and Ringing Master from 1946.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob (Minor): J. S. Barnes (cond.) 1, Ann Galloway (first 'inside') 2, Hilary Martin 3, Jillian Outhwaite 4, D. L. Parker 5, R. W. Hinde 6. For Harvest Festival.

COLWICH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): N. C. Bowen (first quarter) 1, L. E. Monk 2, Lucy Smith 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, C. T. Bowen 6. For Evensong.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. R. Manton 1, Elizabeth Manton 2, Pauline Hillson 3, G. Holman 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the second ringier.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, R. Russell 2, P. S. Heath 3, R. A. Todd 4, G. Reynolds 5, E. A. Jacques 6. For Harvest Festival.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples (on the back eight): T. H. Wilson 1, V. R. McCormack (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Vere Hodge 3, H. W. Jones 4, C. J. Reece 5, W. T. Farrell 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Buchanan.

EALING, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. Felton 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, W. G. Wilson 4, F. Ransom 5, F. D. Bishop 6, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. Glover 1, P. A. Harrison 2, K. I. Davis 3, R. Button (cond.) 4, M. E. Harrison 5. H. C. Haywood 6.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: S. Swift 1, Miss J. M. Yardley 2, B. D. Sims (cond.) 3, M. Matthews 4, M. F. Hall 5, R. Foster 6. By St. Mary's, Handsworth, band on tour.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rowling (first in method) 1, J. Sims 2, K. Small 3, P. Clarke 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Morgan 1, Miss R. Sheldon 2, Miss M. Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, F. Sheldon 6. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,320 London Doubles: Miss R. Morse 1, A. Howard (cond.) 2, Miss M. Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, D. Voss 5, M. Buckler 6. For Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. F. Baxter 1, D. A. Frith 2, Miss C. Lewis 3, D. Hopkinson 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, V. P. Evans 6, J. R. Holmes 7, P. A. Slight 8, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 9, H. R. Woods 10.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. Dew 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, T. Phillips 3, Miss R. Moore 4, T. Davies 5, Miss G. Winnett 6, G. Yarborough 7, P. LeBlanc 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 5, 6, 8. For St. Luke's.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Rosemary Brooks (first quarter) 1, P. Bosworth 2, Judy Morris 3, E. Martin 4, R. Martin (first as cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

GREENWICH, KENT.—At St. Alfege's Church, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Miss F. Webber 1, M. F. Oakshott 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Miss F. J. H. Oakshott 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, P. J. Spice 6, R. Clarke 7, D. P. Smith 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, J. Dafters 10. A wedding compliment to Philippa A. Bates and Frederic H. Shepherd.

HAMPTON, MIDDXX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Essen 1, Lesley Essen 2, C. F. Low 3, Alison Wylie 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, W. S. Deacon (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Lesley Essen 1, Hilary Essen 2, Dr. Gillian Leale 3, Alison Wylie 4, R. G. Leale 5, W. S. Deacon (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HONTON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: C. Manley 1, R. Watts 2, A. Crabb 3, F. Stamp (first quarter) 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. For St. Michael's Day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss D. M. Mullins 1, T. Fox 2, W. T. Beeson 3, E. Fosberry 4, D. D. Smith 5, G. Jennings 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sydney Paice, over 60 years a ringer at Horsham.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, W. H. Dale 2, G. J. Colborne 3, H. L. Squires 4, C. F. Baxter 5, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Nixley 1, R. B. Davey 2, G. E. Bonham 3, A. J. Davey 4, T. G. Smith 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home to the Queen, after her visit to Canada.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis. Mr. Ellis was churchwarden and a vice-president of All Saints' Guild.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Lander 1, Susan Desborough (first quarter) 2, D. Price 3, Helen Price 4, K. Walpole (cond.) 5, Diane Angell 6. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Goldthorpe 1, R. Ducker 2, Joan Gray 3, K. Kirk 4, G. K. Smith 5, H. C. Palmer 6, D. S. Johnson 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 3 and 4.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Callow 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Miss J. Crocker 3, R. Parker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: I. Goldthorpe 1, G. Smith 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. Palmer 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong, and visit of the B'hop of Hull.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, D. Gower 6. For Evensong.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Horseman 1, A. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, K. Baker (first of Minor 'inside') 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. A. Richards (cond.) 1, F. Knowles 2, L. Parker (first of Treble Bob) 3, W. Swain 4, E. J. Stierland 5, J. Swain 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORWICH.—At St. John de Sepulchre, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. Lubbeck 1, F. C. Goodman 2, D. House 3, D. Cubitt (cond.) 4, H. Tooke 5, H. W. Barrett 6, M. Cubitt 7, D. P. Mortlock 8. For Evensong.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. D. Nicholson 2, C. J. Eades 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on October 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. D. Nicholson 2, C. J. Eades 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. Rung prior to the institution by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the induction by the Archdeacon of Canterbury of the Rev. P. W. Allen, M.A., as Vicar.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 4th, at St. Aldate's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, R. Benstead 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a welcome to the new curate.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, D. Stephens (first 'inside') 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Oct. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jacoba Hos (first of Minor) 1, Laura Beeny 2, Michael Page (first of Minor) 3, Brian Lawes 4, Basil Potts (first of Minor as conductor) 5, Laith Reynolds (first of Minor) 6. For Evensong. First of Minor on the bells. A farewell to Miss Laura Beeny and Basil Potts.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. W. Eustace 1, Diana Reeves 2, R. A. Reeves 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): R. Goodliffe 1, C. Peaple 2, V. James 3, G. Skelly 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. W. T. James, Vicar's warden.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor (8th coverage): E. Whiting (cond.) 1, A. G. Harrison 3, E. G. H. Maynard 4, R. Churchill 5, L. Minns 6, W. Flatt 7, H. B. Fuller 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss M. Favill (first quarter) 1, P. Roynon 2, N. Webber 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, C. White 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Kne 7, T. Mallard 8. A compliment to the ringer of 4th on completing 50 years as a ringer, and to the daughter of the ringer of 7th on her engagement.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,277 Grandshire Caters: Miss O. Williams 1, H. W. Knight 2, G. H. Pulten 3, M. Collins 4, Mrs. H. Kingcott 5, A. Ferris 6, R. Cole 7, S. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, J. Baker 10. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Bernard Leigh and Miss Shelia Mullary, for their marriage on October 10th, also for the Rev. Roger O. Fry, on his recent induction as Rector of Portishead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

A bitterly cold day with occasional heavy showers did not deter numerous members and friends from attending the autumn branch meeting at Douling. Some 55 people were present at the service conducted by the Branch Chairman, the Rev. A. G. Durston.

At the meeting members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Charles Harvey, of Compton Dando, who recently passed away. Two new members from Wanstrow were elected along with 11 non-resident life members.

Mr. G. Massey in proposing the vote of thanks, made special reference to Messrs. Arthur Kingston and Jack Metcalfe for making the local arrangements under very difficult conditions.

Ringing on handbells and in the tower then continued until 8.30 p.m.

Branch annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, January 9th, subject to consent.

D. T. H. R.

Chew Branch

The bells were kept going in a variety of methods when the Chew Branch held their quarterly meeting at Winford on October 10th. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Penny) gave an interesting address at the service and afterwards joined the company, of about 30, for tea at the village hall.

At the short business meeting the Secretary reminded those present that only nine towers had so far paid their subscriptions this year, and asked that those outstanding would contact him without delay, as it was necessary to complete totals before the annual meeting.

Mr. G. Masters, of Winford, was elected a member.

November meeting, Easton - in - Gordano; annual, Stanton Drew, with Chew Magna after tea.

J. B.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch at Usk

The Monmouth Branch meeting, held at Usk on October 10th, proved to be a most enjoyable and memorable occasion. All the Usk ringers were early in the tower to welcome warmly some 50 visitors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Davies, Mrs. York was at the organ and Mr. Reuben Clench read the lesson. A bountiful tea, prepared by ringers' wives, was afterwards waiting at the Usk Memorial Hall. The Rev. Ivor Richards expressed the sincere thanks of the visitors to the Usk ringers, and also to Mrs. York.

New members were elected from Blaenavon, Newport and Usk. The Master, Mr. Jack James, reported progress from Monmouth where a new band was being formed. Mr. David Pike reported progress from Caerleon where many learners were being taught. Mr. Trevor Roderick spoke of the renovation work done to the Usk ringing chamber by the Usk ringers themselves. He considered that they had saved the church many hundreds of pounds and that a contractor could not have done a better job.

The Vicar proudly confirmed and said the parishioners were very proud of the efforts of the ringers.

Good wishes were expressed to the Rev. Ronald Lucas on his ordination and warm birthday wishes were given to the genial Usk tower captain, Mr. Lionel Jones. Mr. Jack James thanked the Vicar for his welcome to the Branch and for so ably conducting the business.

J. S. K.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, G. Clarke 2, Miss B. J. Leigh 3, R. E. Clarke (cond.) 4, P. R. Clarke 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer 7, W. D. Grainger 8. Rung at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the meeting with the Patriarch of Moscow at Lambeth Palace.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Shirley on October 17th when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar in the Parish Church of St. James-the-Great.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram) referred to several notable events which had occurred since the last meeting. On August 9th, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Bryan S. W. Green) unveiled the memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker in St. Martin's belfry. In addition to the members of the Sunday band, Albert's son and daughter were present, and the presence of Mr. and Mrs. John Chilcott and Mr. John S. Mason, who had journeyed from London specially for the occasion, was appreciated.

For Mr. Frank E. Haynes this Sunday was memorable as it was his last day as a member of the St. Martin's Sunday band before leaving for Cambridge. Frank was the recipient of a bookcase from his ringing friends of the 'Bull Ring' tower in appreciation of his 35 years' service in St. Martin's belfry.

Tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Mrs. Diana M. Frost (London), Michael Maughan (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Martin L. J. Jordan (Tewin, Herts), Robert E. Hardy (Elstree, Herts), E. J. Gower (Cambridge).

It was formally proposed and agreed that the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner be held on March 6th, provided that suitable accommodation can be found, at a reasonable price.

A suggestion that a striking competition should be held among the towers within the diocese will receive further consideration at the next meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells.

Next meeting (annual) St. Martin's Hall, January 2nd.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, C. Willington 2, Miss P. Fox (first in method) 3, C. Hughes 4, R. Smith 5, D. Ellison 6, D. Hewitt 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Capt. Marybelle Nissly is the first lady member of the American Forces to ring a peal and maybe the first member of the Forces. This took place at Huntingdon on October 22nd. It was Marybelle's first attempt; she was ringing the treble to Plain Bob Minor. Although, states the conductor, suffering from a heavy cold, she rang very well, and afterwards received the congratulations of the band. The peal at Weedon Beck (see page 639) was rung on Friday, September 4th.

The peal at Andover on September 26th was Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randle's 300th together.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford on October 3rd was 5,115 changes not 5,152 as published.

This year the Kent County Association propose to hold their Easter Monday meeting at Canterbury.

The peal rung at Painswick, Glos, of Stedman Cinques (page 333) was for the Painswick Youths and not the College Youths as published. The error is regretted.

From Mr. Ralph Edwards we hear that Mr. Jim Woolford was not the first to 'turn in' Liverpool Cathedral tenor. Obviously it was the one and only 'Tenor King'—Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. He rang it to three leads of Treble Bob Royal.

Some 50 ringers attended the autumn festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at Crowan on October 10th with evening ringing also at Camborne, Gwinear and Wendron. The Vicar (Rev. J. E. Beckerlegge) conducted the service.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe is troubled with whooping cough. He was unable, in consequence, to attend the dinner last Saturday of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the first he had missed for 31 years. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. Barnett writes: I am sure Mr. Walker was perfectly correct in describing the bells at Merton College as 'the oldest complete ring by one founder in existence.' A complete ring is an octave, anything less is incomplete.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wombourn, Staffs, who is a member of the Claverley

band, is in Czechoslovakia, having been sent by his Midland firm of engineers on prestige work, of some importance to the foreign trade of this country. He anticipates being in Czechoslovakia until February with a three week break at Christmas. He sends his best wishes to all ringing friends.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Shifnal on October 3rd (page 720) was for the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, not the Shropshire Association.

The incomprehensible Irish! Dublin University Guild took with them during their tour a rabbit named Alexander who seemed to enjoy himself as much as they did!

Church Lench bells, Worcestershire, installed between 1868-1870, have not been rehung since that date. The peal on October 18th was the first on the bells since 1912.

South Wales College Youths rang the first peal of Stedman Triples on the augmented bells at Newton Nottage, Glamorgan, on Oct. 23rd as a compliment to Mr. Jack Phillips on completing his year as Master of the Society.

In the recent peal of Doubles at Bradford, Yorkshire, there were two first-pealers. The 14-year-old ringer of the tenor, Philip Wood, had only been ringing for 11 months. He is the first member of the recently revived local team to ring a peal.

Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham, writes that his 15,000 thesis on school ringers will not be available for the Central Council Library until March, 1965. He would be grateful for any extra information and thanks all who have assisted in the project.

Fl./Sgt. John Sankey, who is a member of flight crew, arrived back at Lyneham from Singapore on Sunday, September 20th. After a few hours' sleep he took his place in the tower to ring a peal for the 24th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. It was a delighted but very tired man who stood the treble after the peal to his first peal of Doubles.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Trevor M. Roderick Treble	David J. Llewellyn 5
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 6
Donald G. Clift 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	Jack M. Pryor Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung as a compliment to the Master, Mr. Jack Phillips, on the completion of his term of office, by a band of South Wales College Youths.

First peal of Stedman on the augmented bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST CHINNOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, ten callings.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Raymond P. Selway Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Albert W. Dyer 4

William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

The first peal on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
*Derek Yates Treble	John Worth 6
Harold C. Lonyon 2	Frank Osbaldiston 7
Basil Jones 3	Alan A. Potts 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 4	William H. Dowse 9
*Alan McFall 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. William King, a service ringer at the above church, to Mrs. M. Edge, who is also a member of this church.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

William H. Dowse Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 6
Derek F. Yates 2	Robert B. Smith 7
Basil Jones 3	Alan McFall 8
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Frank Osbaldiston 9
Robert J. Warrilow .. 5	A. Peter Whitehead Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Mary Worth and John Kerby, who were married at Christ Church this day.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Neil Bennett Treble	Robert B. Smith 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan McFall 6
Robert J. Warrilow .. 3	Basil Jones 7
John Worth 4	Frank Osbaldiston Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Wendy E. Lee Treble	John A. Booth 5
*Joyce Grainger 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
†Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Eric Roughley 7
†Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by John R. Prichard.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Hilary.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*John V. P. Lochner .. Treble	Vivian T. O. Boase 4
Mrs. C. B. Pemberton .. 2	Charles B. Pemberton .. 5
Marjorie E. Webster .. 3	T. Roy Humphreys Tenor

Conducted by T. Roy Humphreys.

* First peal attempt. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Canon L. R. Healey on his retirement as Rector.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

George P. Hammond .. Treble	*Ernest J. Gower 5
Ian C. Maycock 2	Edward Holdsworth .. 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Geoffrey Pratt 7
Arthur R. Wright 4	David J. Allen Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by David J. Allen.

* First in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Janet Taylor and N. Anthony Freeman, both ringers of this church, who were married earlier this day.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., and Plain Bob.

Christine J. Rothera .. Treble	F. Mark Robbottom 4
Pamela M. Turner 2	Roger E. Tallis 5
Peter S. Bennett 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

First peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., Oct. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*James Harris Treble	Ian R. Stevens 4
Percy A. Oram 2	F. Mark Robbottam .. 5
Maurice C. Hughes 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal.

ROWINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob.

A. Charles Morris .. Treble	David J. Allen 4
Geoffrey W. Randle .. 2	Ian C. Maycock 5
F. Mark Robbottam .. 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

David W. Friend .. Treble	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
John F. Murfin 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
David J. Marshall .. 3	Peter Marriott 7
Denis A. Frith 4	Denis R. Carlisle 8
Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5	Harold Taylor 9
	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Arranged by Neil Bennett.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter, Paul and Thomas-of-Canterbury.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart .. Treble	Clive G. Bryant 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Martin F. Lock 6
Frank D. Mack 3	D. Roy Bould 7
Margaret A. Bould .. 4	Norman Mallett Tenor

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight.

Conducted by Martin F. Lock.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 22nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINWICK, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings.

Geoffrey Davis .. Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.
Roy W. Spencer 2	Bernard Branstom 3
	Robert J. Yeomans 4

Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. Sutton, recently inducted Vicar of Winwick, also for the christening of the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Alderman, of Winwick.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUXFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Brian D. Threlfall Treble	Ian Munro 4
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	Ian G. Stracey 5
John G. Gipson 3	Michael E. Stracey Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.

First of Minor as conductor.

Rung to mark the 15th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells (rededicated October 28th, 1949).

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

*Marybelle Nissly Treble	Albert J. Davey 4
†Henry Levens 2	Jane K. A. Cook 5
Frank R. Nicholls 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

ST. IVES, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Harold S. Peacock Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	Geoffrey Pearson 6
Jane K. A. Cook 3	John G. Gipson 7
*Dennis E. Pepper 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First of Cambridge.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHILL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Austin T. Wingate Treble	Richard J. Warrilow 5
J. Dennis Holden 2	Eric E. Speake 6
Roderick J. Lees 3	Harry Griffiths 7
*William A. Blake 4	Edmund Malin Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Augustine V. Good Treble	*D. Joseph Goodman 5
C. Valerie Mills 2	Peter W. Harper 6
Howard Collings 3	Edwin J. Upton 7
Walter Ayre 4	†Brian M. Barker Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent and 50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to Sally Joanne Collings.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DATCHWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Colin A. S. Harwood 5
Alick Cutler 2	G. William Critchley 6
J. Richard Castledine 3	Dennis Knox 7
John Hill 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

The first peal in the method.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Christina M. Foulkes .. Treble	*Roger D. R. Brown 5
*Julia A. Fellows 2	Eric Edmondson 6
Martyn L. J. Jordan 3	Gerald Penney 7
Michael D. Frost 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of four and five.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Harold J. Hazel Treble	Frederick J. Culham 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Thomas E. Sone 3	David S. Osenton 7
Herbert Audsley 4	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

THROWLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A. Corby Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
*Ann Jenner 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Olive D. Tester 4	*Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 100th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*Graham J. Richards .. Treble	Cyril W. J. Beeching 4
Graham G. Firman 2	David L. Cawley 5
Martin Ostler 3	Frank C. W. Knight Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. W. Knight.

* First peal.

In memoriam Mr. John Unwin, for many years captain of the Canterbury Cathedral ringers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., Oct. 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 93 lb. in E flat.

Richard S. Starkie Treble	Neil Bennett 5
*Richard J. Parker 2	John Robinson 6
†Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Dennis Latham 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

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

Rung on St. Luke's Day.

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, being 384 each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest Bennett Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 5
Jearl M. Pailing 2	Richard J. Parker 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Norman Smith 7
James H. Pailing 4	Walter E. Wilkinson .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

Greatest number of methods to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Oct. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

Alan E. Hartley Treble	Brian S. Chapman 7
*Cyril S. Jarratt 2	†W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
†Monica M. Jelley 3	*Martin L. Howe 9
John M. Jelley 4	Herrick B. Bowley 10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Shirley Burton 6	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

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

† First of Surprise Maximus. Ringers of 2, 8 and 9 have completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung in memory of William H. Clarke, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. Maxwell Lindsey .. Treble	David G. Wilford 5
Frederick Shallcross .. 2	William A. Lacey 6
Martin C. Faulkes 3	Leslie M. Melton 7
Roland H. Cook 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. approx.

R. Kingsley Mason Treble	John M. Jelley 5
Dan S. Pont 2	William A. Lacey 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Roland H. Cook 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	Leslie N. Melton Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

RADCLIFFE SURPRISE MAJOR: x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36. 14 x 12. 58.

36 x 36. 58. 2nd's place 142.

HIGHER WALTON: x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1238 x 14 x 78. 2nd's place 157.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., Oct. 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Ronald D. Hughes Treble	Dan S. Pont 5
Brian G. Warwick 2	Richard J. Clifton 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Joseph W. Colton 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.66).

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal on eight.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Wainwright, churchwarden for over 30 years. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Norah M. Randles Treble	Peter A. Sharp 6
Anne E. Bateson 2	*George H. Randles 7
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	†James W. Raithby 8
*Jack L. Millhouse 4	John Walden 9
Geoffrey Paul 5	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* 200th peal together. † First of Royal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Ronald F. Diserens Treble	David J. Llewellyn 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	*John Manley 8
*Elizabeth Brown 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 9
Jacqueline S. King 4	David J. King 10
*Helen M. Diserens 5	Noel J. Diserens 11
Donald G. Clift 6	*Frank W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

* First peal of Cinques.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Trevor J. Froley Treble	Harold Preece 4
D. R. Lynn Jones 2	William T. Petty 5
Thomas E. Hiddins 3	D. Walford Davies Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Gareth, son of the tenor ringer.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 4
R. Frazer Mack 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
*Roger J. Shea 3	†David G. Wilford Tenor

Conducted by Richard S. Starkie.

* First in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

*Peter N. Felton Treble	Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 6
Patricia Rogers 2	John Ketteringham 7
*Rosemary Rich 3	William Birmingham .. 8
*Peter M. Fleckney 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
Michael Hatchett 5	Harold W. Rogers Tenor

Composed by W. P. Ye.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Rung to commemorate the recent four years' incumbency of the Rev. F. J. Fellowes-Brown, the installation of a sound lantern and new tower roof, repainting of bell frame and replastering and decorating walls of bell and ringing chambers.

NON-ASSOCIATION, LONDON.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

Michael V. Chilcott Treble	Frank J. Matthews 7
Joan Beresford 2	Stewart P. W. Kimber .. 8
Antony R. Kench 3	Ralph G. Edwards 9
Dennis Beresford 4	Brian Harris 10
John Phillips 5	Philip A. F. Chalk 11
Thomas H. Francis 6	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons.

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Ancient Society of College Youths as a compliment to Mr. W. R. Winterton, during his year of office as Master of the Worshipful Company of Drapers.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Oct. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Peter J. Heritage 3	Charles Coles 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of St. Frideswide, patron saint of Oxford.

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Wed., Oct. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John N. Money Treble	T. Felicity Webber 4
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 5
Patricia E. Buss 3	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Luff.

* First peal of Minor.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Vernon Clifton Treble	Norman Leslie 4
*Bertram Miles 2	Dennis Leslie 5
†Jack H. Rooney 3	Peter Trinder Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Leslie.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Tenor 6½ cwt.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2, 4 and 7) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (5 and 6) Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. Robert Mordaunt .. Treble	Roger M. Heyworth 4
Richard Wharton 2	M. Roger Ashmore 5
Anthony P. Foster 3	John W. Thorp Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp.

First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Bryan S. Cope Treble	Alan C. Cozens 5
David Taylor 2	Stanley Ruddlesden 6
Arthur Gibbs 3	Michael J. Staley 7
Shirley Ruddlesden 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

HAZELBEECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

William J. Chester Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Roger W. Smith 2	Alan A. Paul 6
James Linnell 3	Graham C. Paul 7
Charles E. Truman 4	George E. Green Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (D.9).

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARRINGWORTH, Northants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*Harry Hackett Treble	Ronald Russell 4
Frederick A. Ginns 2	George F. Roome 5
†James W. P. Lyons 3	Richard A. Webster Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Mrs. Brian G. Warwick Treble	Keith R. Davey 4
Brian G. Warwick 2	Gerald W. Reynolds 5
*Derek J. Jones 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 50th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Minor in seven or more methods, and 50th in seven methods as conductor.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 28 methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's, London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (2) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (5) Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York, Berwick and Beverley, (6) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (7) Surfleet, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick, Primrose and Beverley, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

William J. Chester Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
Graham C. Paul 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Roger W. Smith 3	James Linnell Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

First of 28 Spliced Surprise for all the band.

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

WILLENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 29 lb. in F sharp.

Susan Funnell Treble	George S. Deas 6
M. Elaine Murcott 2	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Diana M. Frost 3	Eric N. Harrison 8
Alan J. Frost 4	John A. Anderson 9
Norman J. Goodman 5	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Sept. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods, six extents of each, viz.:—Plain Bob, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Kennington, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew and April Day. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*John Sankey Treble	K. Barry Osborne 4
Pamela A. Osborne 2	George Pluckrose 5
Derrick Bailey 3	Dennis A. Powney Tenor

Conducted by George Pluckrose.

* First peal of Doubles and on less than eight bells. First peal in seven Doubles methods by all.

Rung to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At The Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Oct. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Peter Humphrey Treble	Simon Humphrey 5
Raymond Benfield 2	Michael Poppleston 6
Susanna Poppleston 3	George A. Dawson 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At The Bell Foundry, Campanile.

On Mon., Oct. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. Treble	G. Ronald Edwards 5
Raymond Benfield 2	Susanna Poppleston 6
*Elizabeth Foster 3	Michael Poppleston 7
Simon Humphrey 4	Peter Humphrey Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

* First peal.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.
George E. Foster Treble	Colin W. Reed 5
Katharine Burchnall 2	*John R. Pratchett 6
Grace Burchnall 3	William L. Exton 7
Beryl N. Reed 4	*Bryan R. White Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in method. First of Stedman on bells.

WILLOUGHBY ON THE WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and two extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

*Robert D. Marsh Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
*S. Jane Dowse 2	C. Raymond Larkin 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal in 11 methods.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Ward (October 19th).

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt. 19 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*W. Allan Wilson Treble	George Challans 4
Katherine Burchnall 2	A. Harry Hawcroft 5
Grace Burchnall 3	†Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the gift of a new organ to this church by the Ashforth family.

GEDDINGTON, Northampton.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
Margaret E. Chilton 2	*C. Raymond Larkin 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* 25th peal.

A wedding day compliment to John O'Brien and Rachael Masterton (cousin of the conductor), married this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed-Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Lucy Smith Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	P. George Golder 7
*D. Kay Moore 3	Philip G. K. Davies 8
†Cyril T. Collins 4	Jeffrey B. Webb 9
†Clifford W. Bowen 5	Clive M. Smith Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

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

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Walter G. Lane Treble	†Robert Farmer 4
*Denise J. Hargreaves .. 2	*David J. Large 5
D. Keith Lane 3	Gordon H. Lane Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.

* First peal † First of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Pat and Keith Lane; also for the consecration this day of the new Church of St. Chad, Pheasey, by the Bishop of Lichfield.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 17th, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

A. William Bird Treble	Peter Kindred 4
*Thomas Brock 2	†Stephen High 5
William B. Duncan 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* 25th peal † First in three methods.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
On Fri., July 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
Leonard Stilwell Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Patricia Diserens 2	Brian J. Luff 6
William T. Beeson 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Reginald V. Johnson 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.	
Patricia Diserens Treble	Henry C. Weaver 5
Patricia Buss 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Janet H. Buss 3	John Manley 7
William T. Beeson 4	Ronald F. Diserens Tenor

Composed by C. Middleston.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
Harold F. Wood Treble	Ronald F. Diserens 5
William T. Beeson 2	*David D. Smith 6
Patricia Diserens 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipier (B.40).

Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Surprise.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.	
Leonard Stilwell Treble	Henry C. Weaver 5
*Raymond J. Talbot 2	Frank I. Hairs 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	George Francis 7
Robert Wake 4	Raymond P. Wood Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow

Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.

* First peal in method.

The band extends every good wish to Mrs. E. L. Hairs on her birthday.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.	
Tudor P. Edwards Treble	*Malcolm A. Phillips 6
Richard S. Starkie 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Ian C. Maycock 3	Jeffrey J. Fox 8
Christopher K. Cooper 4	John H. Fielden 9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 5	David J. Allen Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal on ten bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Malcolm A. Phillips.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Oct. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb.	
Malcolm A. Phillips .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	†Christopher K. Cooper .. 6
*John H. Fielden 3	*Richard S. Starkie 7
†Jeffrey J. Fox 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

HALESOWEN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.	
Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	*Christopher K. Cooper .. 5
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2	*Jeffrey J. Fox 6
Richard S. Starkie 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
*†Malcolm A. Phillips .. 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

CHURCH LENCH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Oct. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in G.	
Anthony P. White .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry 4
James Attwood, jun. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
John Weaver 3	Paul Cattermole Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

First peal on the bells since 1912.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CALVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.	
Peter M. Dawson .. Treble	Douglas Thorp 5
Olivia A. Marshall .. 2	Percy Wheatley 6
A. Barry Sullivan .. 3	S. Barry Schofield 7
Roger Waddington .. 4	Roger J. Lumley Tenor

Composed by Amburn Wilson.

Conducted by Roger J. Lumley.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. Hall, vergers at this church, and Mrs. Hall.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At St. John's Church.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
Sheila A. Chinnery .. Treble	Arthur Dunn-Birch 5
*Elizabeth Peace 2	*Christopher Moxon 6
Sandra Crossley 3	Noel F. Moxon 7
Harold Chant 4	Trevor Tarbatt Tenor

Adapted (from J. Reeves) and Conducted by Harold Chant.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At St. Matthew's Church.
On Thurs., Oct. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.	
One extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent.	
Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Leonard Goodall 4
Olivia Marshall 2	Peter Dawson 5
Roger J. Lumley 3	H. David Holland Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

Rung in honour of the wedding between the Revd. Michael J. B. Nuttall and Miss Valerie D. Rignall.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.	
Allen Twyman .. Treble	*Alan Sheppard 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 2	S. Barry Schofield 6
Frances Fairbank .. 3	*Kenneth Brian Sissons .. 7
A. Barry Sullivan .. 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by J. H. Fielden.

* First peal of London.

Rung on the vigil of St. Crispin.

HUNTINGDON, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods—(1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.	
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb.	
David Sheppard .. Treble	John Potts 4
J. Martin Thorley .. 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
G. Frederick Terry .. 3	Alan Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HANDBELL PEAL

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., Oct. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

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.

The first peal in the method on handbells.

SPOTS BEFORE THE EYES—(from front page)

the previous band, who pushed the bells along at about 34 or 35 a minute, this lot get them up high and stay there; Mr. Drake and I agree that it will take good men to strike them at that pitch, a bare 32, but these are good men, and they ring a good peal for 31½ faults.

There's time for a peal before service, so with our notebooks firmly in our pockets and our lips (so far as the results are concerned) sealed Mr. Drake and I make our way to the church and sample the very pretty six for ourselves. And then, the service over, and the cup, shield and certificates ready on the table, we announce our verdict. 'First, peal number 6,' calls Mr. Drake, and Mr. Poole, the secretary, replies, 'West Down.' Nobody's surprised to find that No. 8 is Down St. Mary, and the rest follow: 3rd, Swymbridge; 4th, High Bickington; 5th, and winners of the shield for the Guild towers, Torrington—Tommy will be pleased about that. 6th, Tawstock; 7th, Littleham—good for them, for their bells were silent till two years ago; 8th, Monkleigh, and 9th, Dolton.

Nobody seems to want to assassinate us, so we can't have done too badly; we've got spots before the eyes—heaven knows, we've made getting on for 2,000 of them in our books this afternoon—and I find my ears literally aching with listening so carefully for four hours; but what better could you listen to, and how better can you learn what makes or mars good striking than by listening to Devon men making it, and sometimes marring it, and setting down those rows of dots?

J. G. M. S.

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BIRTHS

COX.—On October 4th, 1964, to Doreen and Anthony Cox, a son, Stephen Anthony. 5654
GOTHAM.—On Wednesday, October 14th, 1964, at 1, Norfolk Court, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, to Susan and Russell, the gift of a daughter, Alicea Fidelia, a sister for Justina and Dunstan. 5673

ENGAGEMENTS

CHATFIELD—BAILEY.—The engagement is announced between Janet M. Bailey, elder daughter of Mrs. D. L. Hall and stepdaughter of Mr. D. L. Hall, of 62, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, and Norman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Chatfield, of Valley Close, Withean, Brighton. 5686

JOHNSON—CHADDOCK.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, of 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Susan, to Fredric Neil, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson, of Sandbach, Cheshire. 5662

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. D. Dunk, of Stockbury Valley, wishes to thank all her friends and ringers, for their kind messages of sympathy, in the sad loss of her dear husband, Albert. So many were sent that it is impossible to answer all individually. 5671

PERSONAL

'Take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee.' (Ecclesiastes vii, 21.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice on Tuesday, November 17th, at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, from 7.45 to 9 o'clock. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and London. All welcome.—D. A. R. May. 5663

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Saturday practices in November; all commencing at 7.30 p.m.: 7th, Bishop's Stortford; 14th, Brent Pelham; 28th, Braughing. Members of the Eastern District especially invited.—D. Kingston. 5679

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, November 28th, Mayflower Room, Royal Pier, Southampton, 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets 18s.; these and information from Miss R. Kemp, 49, Belmont Road, Portswood, Southampton. 5658

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Advance Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Bristol on Saturday, January 2nd, 1965. Usual circular will be sent.—D. Exell, Hon. Sec., 121, Stockwood Lane, Bristol 4. 5656

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting on November 7th. Priors Marston 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Southam 6.45-7.30 p.m. No tea arranged. There are facilities available in Southam.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 5687

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March (6), Saturday, November 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and ringing after tea. Special methods: Netherseale and Rev. Canterbury. 5602

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Newport (6) on Saturday, November 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5631

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting at Little Munden, November 7th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 5612

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, November 7th. St. John's Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in school room. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 13, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester.—Dis. Sec. 5645

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ricker, November 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, 'Greenacres', Gauntlett Road, Ricker, Boston, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5652

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, November 7th. Weston Underwood (6), 6 p.m. 5666

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD and SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Workson Priory, Saturday, November 7th. Ringing from 2.30 n.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells again 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Workson. No name no tea!—P. Denman and J. Seager, Secs. 5639

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 7th. Coleman's Hatch. Method: Kent Treble Bob. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hair, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Phone Groombridge 438. 5623

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Telkirk, near Barnsley, Saturday, November 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Harold Chant, The Rowans, School Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield, not later than November 10th.—J. W. Buxton. 5674

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pocklington, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 5661

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington (6) on November 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. (Phone Chesterfield 5416.)—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 5677

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Clawton, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Branch Sec. 5633

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, November 14th. 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 11th to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 5673

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at Bolney. Bells 2-5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Cuckfield 6.30-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by November 12th, please. 5634

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 14th. Little Shelford bells (6) 3-5 p.m. Service at Little Shelford 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Stapleford. Further ringing at Stapleford (6) 7 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 5672

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchingfield. 5635

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting at Walthamstow St. Mary's on November 14th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. St. Saviour's (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Hewitt, 13, Malta Road, Leyton, E.10. 5640

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on November 14th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants.—D. P. Elsmore. 5617

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Chetton, Saturday, November 14th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 5678

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A social will be held on Saturday, November 14th, at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Canterbury. Tickets 2s. 6d. Commencing at 4 p.m. Those wishing to come, will they please send cash to the District Secretary by Wednesday, November 11th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. All County and District members and friends welcome. 5648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Snodland, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. service 4.15 p.m. Name for tea please to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling, Kent.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 5657

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Practice meeting at Tunstall, November 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, November 11th, to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent. 5644

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Millom on Nov. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Gray, The Riddin. Hill of Millom, Millom, Cumb.—T. F. Metcalfe Branch Sec. 5651

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. E. Ashcroft, Woodside, Parris Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Bus services 100, 101, X27, 298.—L. Walmsley. 5672

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Learners and visitors especially welcome.—J. P. Partington. 5660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, November 14th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Chief speaker: Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln (Vice-President of Central Council). Tickets (price 17s. 6d.) from the undersigned by November 7th at latest, cash with order.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 5598

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting. Welton and Dunholme, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Welton. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Dixon, Welton, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 5627

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Porthkerry on Saturday, November 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Transport will be available from a main road. Names for tea by November 9th to W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff Glam. 5629

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Forncett St. Peter, Saturday, November 14th. Bells (5) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C.F.W.P. Branch Sec. 5668

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice at Hughenden, Saturday, November 14th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 10th please. You are also invited to our 3rd annual dinner and dance at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, on Saturday, November 28th. Tickets £1 1s. Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 5649

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, November 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, November 11th, to Mr. W. Marsh, 43, Blundell's Lane, Tilehurst, Reading. 5681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thame, Saturday, November 14th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday 11th, to R. Arnott, 103, High Street, Thame, Oxon. 5619

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Witchesampton, Saturday, November 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Possibly Long Crichel 6.30-8 p.m., otherwise Witchesampton. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mrs. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keynton, Blandford, Dorset. 5619

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special Notice.—Practice meeting at Market Drayton on November 14th. Bells available 6 p.m. (not 3 p.m.) till 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5688

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Whetton, November 14th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to: W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Dis. Sec. 5655

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Lyminster (6) on Saturday, November 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea, R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 5682

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) Saturday, November 14th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5679

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Sunday, November 15th, 1964

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All ringers and friends invited to refreshments after service. Approx. numbers please, by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to: Miss L. Taylor, Highfield, Danehill, near, Haywards Heath, Sussex. 5667

DORCHESTER, DORSET — St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers—Ringers' Sunday, November 15th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Ringing 7.30 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. Dedication of new peal board following Morning Prayer. Tower open to visiting ringers and public 2.30-5 p.m. All ringers most welcome. 5665

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please, to: Mrs. K. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Woking. 5671

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at High Halden, Saturday, November 21st. Bells (6), 3 p.m. service, 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden, near Tenterden, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 5674

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5676

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gaywood on Saturday, November 21st. (Please note alteration of date.) Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea at 5. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 5680

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting Saturday, November 21st, Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Names for tea must be sent by previous Monday, please to me—Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 5670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Saxmundham (6), 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. tea 5 p.m. Benhall (6) 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 18th, to: Miss M. Branch, 125, Corton Road, Lowestoft. 5607

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting Handsworth, November 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Centre 5 p.m. Names must be sent to me by 19th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3. 5676

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—Rededication of bells, Sunday, November 29th. Service 3 p.m. Ringing until 9 p.m. For tea, please notify J. Godfrey, Cannons Green, Fyfield, Ongar. 5664

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Knipe 1, A. T. Shelton 2, K. G. Game 3, A. J. Bull 4, G. Charlton 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, Joan Hanning 8. For Old Choir Boys' Reunion service.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Smith 1, C. Berry 2, K. Tyler 3, W. D. Wilson 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ST. JULIOT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. T. Stacey 1, A. E. Bissat 2, C. Sangwin 3, D. Pearce 4, F. Sangwin (cond.) 5, G. Halford 6. A wedding compliment to Miss E. Prout and Mr. M. P. Hancock.

The farewell quarter peal to George M. Pickwell by the St. James', Silsoe, ringers, came to grief in the morning of October 25th. Unbeknown to George, who had then left for Leicester, a quarter was scored in the evening.

TAYSOM TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

ON October 23rd the 'Travellers' assembled for their annual week-end in Devon. The party consisted of Rita and Bill Lampard, Diane and Ken Weeks, Elizabeth Webb, Derek Smith, Brian Metcalf (Warmley), Barbara Dench (Corston), David Burl, David Barnett Terry Milsom, Jean and Alan Lee (Twerton) and Henry Taysom (Frampton Cotterell), who, as usual, drove the mini-bus. Lustleigh, the headquarters, was reached at a late hour after driving through heavy rain.

The weather, however, proved to be very good and on Saturday morning we were pleased to have Aubrey Bennett, Margaret and Roy Bould (Tavistock) with us for the day.

Drewsteignton, the first tower, had a rather heavy six (tenor 17 cwt.) rung from the ground floor. The long ropes made handling a trifle difficult and the tenor must have been rung by a giant judging by the height of the sally. On to Chertiton Bishop, where we were met by the Rev. G. Lewis, who said prayers before we sampled the six bells. This ring was rehung locally and are really worth ringing.

Teddburn St. Mary stands some way from the village. The bells are very good but the second casts wheel frequently and needs strong handling. At Whitstone both the Rector (the Rev. B. Brown) and tower captain (Mr. R. V. Netherway) met us and after prayers we had a good pull on the 12 cwt. six. Although this is now a call change tower, a peal of Grandsire was rung here in 1890 by a local band.

Rewe (6 bells) was first on the list after lunch. The bells are a very pleasant ground-floor ring restored by Gillett and Johnston. We were sorry to hear that these and Stoke Cannon's 6 (our next tower) were not often rung. On to Pinhoe, where we really enjoyed the lovely six.

The first octave of the day was the ground-floor ring at Exminster (tenor 18 cwt.). The Rev. D. J. Taylor welcomed us and informed us that the ropes were not in good condition, but they lasted our ring. After tea we had one more tower, that of Chudleigh, a lovely 13 cwt. octave that taps along at a merry speed. The day had been an extremely pleasant one and ended with a good meal kindly arranged by Mr. Bennett: afterwards we had the pleasure of playing Roy's handbells to both tute and method ringing.

Methods rung during the day: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and 4-spiced Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Beverley and London Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Bob and Grandsire Major and call changes. On Sunday morning we had the pleasure of ringing at Lustleigh: since our last visit the bells have had new bearings and clappers and are very good except that the second still tends to drop. On our way home we were pleased to join the ringers at Bishops Hull for evening ringing.

Our week-end over for another year; 300 miles covered, good bells, good company, and our thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us so well, to Mr. Bennett for his arrangements and to Henry Taysom, who drove the mini-bus through some very difficult country roads.

A. F. L.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 ringers assembled for ringing at the Chertsey District meeting held at Weybridge on October 24th. One or two scored their first of Double Norwich and others of Kent Major. The Rector conducted the service and gave the Guild a warm welcome. A magnificent tea was provided by Mrs. Luxford and helpers.

The Guild Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) presided at the business meeting when a silent tribute was paid to the memory of Miss Nora Shorter. All were delighted to see the Grand Old Man of the District—Mr. W. Shepherd. The committee is to arrange a striking competition and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Godfrey of Addington were elected non-resident members.

Evening ringing at Oatlands Park included Cambridge and Superlative. R.C.

QUARTER PEALS

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Hardisty 1, Miss R. Lee (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Walsh 3, R. Hayden 4, G. Land (cond.) 5, W. Gearing 6. For Evensong, a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Baxter and Miss M. Smith (choristers) and to welcome home from hospital Mr. A. J. King (tower captain).

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire: K. Cowan 1, D. Wilson 2, M. Potts 3, D. J. Goodman 4, G. G. Alban (first as cond. in two methods) 5. To celebrate the marriage of Geoffrey and June Rees, fellow ringers.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): T. R. Lett 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, T. R. Harris 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, W. J. Lett 6. A farewell to G. M. Pickwell, with the good wishes of the St. James' Guild.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Clark (first quarter) 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, J. Clark 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, S. B. Dobble 6, J. Judd cover. For Harvest Festival.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. C. Noon 1, Mrs. E. T. Chapman 2, Miss J. Kendrick 3, Miss I. Hubbard 4, B. B. Tyrell 5, J. Morton 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, M. Bennett 8. First quarter 3 and 4. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, J. Chapman 2, M. Potten 3, J. Rea 4, S. Howard 5, R. Tingley 6, A. Griffin 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Dedication service.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Roberts 1, N. Watson 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Iving 4, A. G. Harrison 5, E. G. H. Maynard 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, A. W. Foreman 8. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fuller.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Warboys 1, R. Hayden 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, D. H. Kingston 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley (first quarter) 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. For Evensong.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. P. Wood 1, J. Reed (first of Stedman) 2, J. R. Wilson 3, M. Fromm 4, H. C. Weaver 5, H. D. Butler 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, R. Cox 8.

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