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## RINGING AND WORSHIP

*Sermon preached by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow, Gloucestershire, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on the occasion of the rededication of Frampton Cotterell bells on Saturday, October 5th, 1963.*

LAST week's 'Ringing World' provided me with a text for this occasion; it was taken from Ecclesiastes ix, 10: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' I like 'The Ringing World' for a variety of reasons, for it brings before me the names of old friends. It told me last week of the marriage of a daughter of two friends of my younger days. And, sadly, it also told me of the death of a brilliant ringer who had died at the age of 30, a young man known to me, who had rung a peal and a quarter peal for this same wedding only a few days before.

Sometimes 'The Ringing World' enters the field of theology, which it has every right to do, and in doing so occasionally prints a little heresy, religious ideas which are contrary to the orthodox Christian Faith. It need not be abashed about this, for even learned theological journals and newspapers do the same. Last week, for example, there was a front page article entitled 'Second Best?'. It was a good, sensible article, but the writer spoiled it by quoting someone else's theological ideas at the end. Here is this end piece, the heresy or wrong thinking of the article: '... there is a strong army of Christians, clergy and laity that still sees the offering of Sunday ringing as an act of worship . . . .'

If I am to prove my point that this is wrong thinking, I must first explain what worship is. The word worship is derived from 'worthship,' the acknowledgment of the great worth of God. The greatest Christian act of worship is the remembering of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, an offering made by the Son of God Himself. Anything we can offer to God compared with this is very much a lesser sacrifice, and we must not make the mistake of calling it worship. Even the best that we can offer of ourselves demonstrates our worth, but not the worth of God. So though we may offer to God the best of our talents and skills we are making an offering only, a very worthy one maybe, but it is not worship. That is why we say in the Holy Communion service: 'And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice.' There are some theologians who think that the saying of these words is going a bit too far, and that Cranmer made a mistake in allowing that sentence to be part of the service. I am not, however, one who thinks like that. But I still distinguish what I offer to God from the worship of God.

We must learn to distinguish between the worship of God and the results that follow from true worship. Apply this to our ringing. Because we learn to love God in worship, we shall want to give Him of our best. But even the giving of our best in ringing will not be worship, the recognition of the great worth of God; it will be an offering demonstrating our own worth, but not the worth of God.

Let me illustrate this is another way. An aged aunt of mine used to tell of a verger by the name of Binns, who not only cared for his church but also grew wonderful roses in the churchyard. Whatever he did he used to say he did for the Lord. One day she saw him in the road with a bucket, gathering up what the horse had left behind. 'What are you doing, Mr. Binns?' she asked. He replied: 'I'm gathering muck for the garden of the Lord.' He didn't call what he was doing an act of worship. But because he loved God, something he had learned from his worship of God, he wanted to produce lovely roses for the garden of God.

In the same way, though we may ring because we feel we are helping the work of God, we must not call our ringing worship. Now I like ringing; I have liked it since I was a boy. If anyone says to me: 'Why do you ring?', I should say, if I am really honest, and I expect you would say this too: 'Because I like it.' In the same way, if anyone asks me: 'Why do you play a musical instrument?', I should reply: 'Because I like it and because I find it satisfying.' I should not say: 'Because it is an act of worship.'

But, because I love God and because He gave me certain talents, I do the best I can with my hobbies and interests in life, with my ringing, with my music, and so on. What I am able to achieve is a result of worship, but not worship itself. So we must be careful not to describe our ringing as an act of worship; it is a result, but not the act itself. Because I like ringing, I believe that God wants me to do it as intelligently as I can. So I am reminded of the words of my text: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

There are some practical conclusions from this discourse about worship. You cannot use your hands intelligently unless you use your brains too. For real skill in ringing, as in so many things, there must be co-ordination of hand and brain. So, speaking as a ringer to ringers, I have two suggestions to offer. First, no method of ringing sounds good unless it is well struck. Faulty striking is as bad as playing a piece of music without the proper rhythm. Some of our standards would not be tolerated for one moment

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# THE MIDDLESEX HONOUR THE MEMORY OF TOM COLES

THE second triennial dinner of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at the Century Hotel, Wembley, on October 4th, was held in honour of the late C. T. Coles, a former secretary, a ringer of more than 1,000 peals and a member of the Central Council from 1921 until his death in 1947.

The president, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, who was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, was in the chair, and he was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Willesden and Mrs. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (secretary and assistant secretary of the Central Council), Mr. Dennis Beresford (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Deasy, Mr. A. W. Coles (brother of the late Mr. C. T. Coles and former Ringing Master and vice-president) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. T. Lock (honorary secretary), Mrs. W. Turner (widow of former secretary), Mr. J. R. Mayne (Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (honorary treasurer) and Mrs. Goodfellow and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

## THE COMPANY

The company included the Rev. G. C. Oakley, R.D. (Vicar of Willesden), the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar of Hendon) and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mrs. and Miss Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Birkenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thirst, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. E. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Blagrove, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul.

Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. Fardon.

The Misses Wooders, Walters, Clayton, White, Gearing, Foreman; Messrs. A. Tyers, C. Fynes, D. Knights, Sanders, D. Pickett, E. H. Kilby, R. Davies, Stevens, D. Fowles.

An apology was received from Mrs. C. T. Coles, who lives at Wantage and was unable to undertake the journey.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church' Miss Ruth M. Foreman, assistant honorary secretary, said 'to the majority of ringers the church is not just a building which sometimes houses a ring of bells on which we can enjoy ourselves, although this impression is sometimes given. To a great many of us, our first duty as ringers is to ring for Sunday service and to celebrate the festivals of the Church. The fact that we can also thoroughly enjoy ourselves in peals and quarter peals and at Association meetings is, of course, fully appreciated. But we feel that, as ringers, we are a very important part of the Church and I believe that this is being realised by more and more incumbents. At my own church we are lucky in this respect.'

The Bishop of Willesden, who replied, said he was brought up with bells, as being a parson's son he lived within 200 yards of the church. They had a ring of eight bells and a very fine and faithful body of bellringers. In the Army, in the First World War, that was his vintage, his name being Ingle, his nickname was 'Jingle.'

The bells were part of the Church and in ringing the bells they were performing one of the many services that are looked for from all church people. 'This particular service that bellringers perform is a very important one: it would be a very sad day if the bells of the church were silenced. It would be a sad thing if people who did not go to church did not hear them rung, saying: 'It is the Lord's Day: people should come and worship.'

Concluding, the Bishop said: 'I would like to pay my tribute to all those who do this service and ring bells. I beg of you to keep it up and train young people to ring. It is also pleasing that you have recognised the emancipation of women and that so many of them ring in your towers today.'

## OVER 1,000 PEALS

The toast of the evening, 'The life and work of Charles T. Coles,' was proposed by Mr. Edwin A. Barnett, honorary secretary of the Central Council. Giving details of Mr. Coles' career, Mr. Barnett said he was born at Islington, in 1882, and died in 1946. He learned to ring at St. George's-in-the-East, joined their Association in 1903 and rang his first peal in 1905 at St. George's-in-the-East—by ringing the 30 cwt. tenor. He rang 1,014 peals and conducted 278; his 1,000th peal was rung at Crayford in 1943, and this was also Jim Bennett's 1,000th. His list of peals included many outstanding performances such as the first peals of Spliced Surprise from five to 12 methods, 15,312 Cambridge Maximus, 10,440 Cambridge Royal.

Without anything else he would have been a great name in ringing; but he did far more than that. In 1910 he became nominally the secretary of the Association, with Arthur T. King, and a few years later, what he had been in all but name, general secretary. King was a man of some wealth and of great influence in the City of London. He set himself the task of introducing north of the Thames an Association similar to those on the other side of the river, and conducted what was virtually an attack on Central London from the suburbs. In doing so he engendered much ill-feeling among the older Societies. One of Tom Coles' main tasks and main achievements was to restore harmony, and one of his last acts before he handed over the secretaryship to Ernest Turner was to arrange a joint meeting between the Middlesex and the Ancient Society of College Youths, an almost unheard of thing then as incidentally he was a Cumberland. He was a member of the Central Council from 1912 until he died and also a member of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Barnett confessed that as a boy he was scared stiff of Tom Coles, so much so that when 13, he dodged ringing in a peal of London with him by riding off on his bicycle. In January, 1933, he rang his first touch of four spliced with him and in October, 1933, he rang a peal of Bristol with him. The last time he stood in a peal attempt with Mr. Coles the latter showed his integrity. It was a peal of Cambridge and he took the figures from the Yorkshire report—a 5,184 of Cambridge. This came round in the quick time of 2 hours 41 minutes. Tom Coles was not satisfied. He asked to see the figures and, when checked, it appeared that they had rung 4,728 changes.

A letter of personal reminiscences of Mr. Coles by Mr. Henry Rumens was read by Mr. Barnett. In this it mentioned that Tom went to Walthamstow and brought up his family of three boys and two girls. One of his activities was chess, and he was also interested in politics and once stood for the local council. His second son, Freddy, won the M.C. in North Africa, and the following Sunday news was received that he had been killed in Tunisia.

## LIFE OF SERVICE

In conclusion, Mr. Barnett quoted from Mr. J. A. Trollope's leading article in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th, 1947. 'The life and work of men like Charles T. Coles are an example, an inspiration and a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise. It is not

mainly by their own merits that they can now ring methods and peals once thought beyond a ringer's capacity. What the men who went before them have done for them, they must do for the men who come after them and the life and work of Tom Coles are an assurance that if they devote themselves to the service of others they will get their full reward in the respect, honour and friendship of their fellow men.'

The toast was drunk in silence.

Proposing the toast of 'The Association and Guild,' Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, spoke about the close association between his Society and the Middlesex. Their joint meetings were always extremely popular, he said, and on Sunday mornings before ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields they had the privilege of ringing at the church of their president (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), together with George Parsons, their honorary librarian.

Referring to the proposed alterations boundaries in Greater London, Mr. Beresford said that Kent was prepared to meet the new situation by defining their area as Kent and that part of London in the county of Kent. He understood that they had similar thoughts so that if the temporal boundaries were to disappear they would protect themselves by the spiritual boundaries of the Diocese of London. He was sure the excellent relations between the Middlesex and the other London Associations would easily resolve the situations.

The Middlesex Association during its 66 years existence had developed ringers who had outstanding qualities in their art. There were William Pye (Master for 20 years), J. A. Trollope (the brilliant ringing historian), Ernest Turner, Charles Roberts and many others. The Association had always been favoured with extremely faithful officers who had built up the Association. He thought of F. A. Milne (treasurer for many years), William Pye, C. T. Coles and Ernest Turner, former secretaries, and now Tom Lock, their present secretary, who was formerly a District secretary.

For sheer brilliance of performances their Association had always been in the forefront. It commenced with that brilliant band at the beginning of the century, the Pye band, then there was the Bushey handbell band and the Willesden band, and now there was the wonderful performances in Spliced Surprise, where each bell has rung all the work in all the methods in five Spliced Surprise. This was surely a marvellous performance.

As to what the future held for them it was a 64,000 dollar question, but the Association had the blend of youth and experience and friendliness among its members and with these ingredients it could not fail to prosper.

The Master, Mr. John R. Mayne, in reply, said the first joint meeting with the Cumberlands took place at Shoreditch in 1938, and since then they had regularly held meetings with the Royal Cumberland Society. They had always enjoyed most excellent relations with them.

'The Visitors' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. H. Coles, who coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. Roy D. Deasy, Vicar of St. Andrew's Holborn, and Mr. T. W. White, the editor of 'The Ringing World.' He had also a special welcome for the Rev. G. C. Oakley, R.D., (Vicar of Willesden), the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar of Hendon), Mr. F. J. Matthews (of the Cumberlands), Mr. Mr. Woolley (Hertford County Association), Mr. Royston Davies (Surrey Association) and Wilfrid G. Wilson (Master of the London County Association).

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# DEREK OGDEN: ONE OF THE GREATEST ALL-ROUNDERS

## 1933-1963

**D**EREK OGDEN was born on March 24th, 1933, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ogden, of Audenshaw. He was educated at Audenshaw Grammar School, and whilst still at school, in April, 1946, he began what was to become an outstanding but all too short ringing career. He showed very early promise and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who taught him to ring, considered from the start that he was one destined to greatness in the Exercise. Mr. Wolstencroft was himself a member of the Cheshire band which rang many of the early spliced peals on six and eight bells, and it was he who sparked off Derek's enthusiasm for method splicing, an enthusiasm which eventually led him to establish new records in this field.

His first peal was Grandsire Doubles on November 22nd, 1947, and his first as conductor was Plain Bob Minor at Birch-in-Rusholme on September 2nd, 1950. Such was Derek's ability and personality he was elected Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Ashton, whilst still only 15 years of age, and during his ten years in that position he built up a Surprise Major band there.

The end of his school days brought disappointment: having obtained his Higher School Certificate in three subjects when barely 16 years old, he was offered a place at Christ College, Cambridge, only to be turned down shortly afterwards, when the University authorities realised that he was too young to be admitted! Rather than remain at school he took a job in the Research Laboratories of I.C.I. for twelve months, during which time he worked on synthetic fibres, being present at the discovery of Terylene.

### AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

In 1950 he accepted a place in Manchester University, from whence he graduated in 1953 with an honours degree in chemistry. He seized the opportunity for ringing which Manchester life presented, and played a prominent part in the early development of the University Guild of Change Ringers; his connection with the Guild continued after leaving the University, and in 1960 he was made its president.

Called up for national service in December, 1953, he reached the rank of corporal in the Royal Signals; he was stationed for 15 months at the S.H.A.P.E. Headquarters in Fontainebleau, and his fluency in French gained for him the post of interpreter. On his return to civilian life he rejoined I.C.I. at Blackley, rising to section leader, and he worked for the company up to the time of his death.

Despite his two year absence from ringing, Derek was immediately re-elected chairman of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, and one of his first tasks was to encourage the Wednesday practice nights at Manchester Town Hall. It was at one of these practices that he first met Joyce Halliday, who was then ringing at Swinton. They married at St. Peter's, Swinton, on June 21st, 1958, and had two sons, Mark in 1959 and David Graham in 1960.

### WORK FOR LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

He was always concerned with the part which the Lancashire Association could play in promoting ringing, and he began in 1960 to formulate plans by which the Association could encourage, and come closer to, young ringers. He considered that each Branch should have its own five-member committee so that all towers could be constantly reminded of the existence of the Association and of the work which it is doing to help them become better ringers. This experiment was tried in his own Branch with complete success.

He believed fervently in the value of ringing competitions, as a means of encouraging good striking, and he undertook the organisation of a trial competition in the Manchester Branch in order to convince the critics, and there were many of them, that their fears were unfounded. That competition was an outstanding success, and his perseverance was amply rewarded when at its 1963 annual meeting the



Association accepted ringing competitions as one of its activities.

One of his earliest proposals was the establishment of an Association library in Manchester Cathedral belfry. A librarian was appointed, and one of the ironies of fate is that the bookcase which he had watched in preparation and for which he had worked so hard should be finished just one week after his death and that he never saw its completion. A more fitting memorial is hard to imagine.

### SPLICED PEALS

Since 1959, Derek had devoted a great deal of his time to composing peals of spliced on eight, 10 and 12 bells, and it was in no small way due to his drive that there was in the Manchester area a band capable of ringing them. He composed and conducted peals of Plain Major in up to 55 methods, Surprise Royal in 12 methods and Surprise Maximus in 18 methods. He also completed a composition of Spliced Surprise Major to surpass the present record, and was working on compositions to beat both the Spliced Surprise Royal record and his own of Surprise Maximus.

Equally at home on a treble or a heavy tenor he was yet the complete conductor, knowing always what was going on, always requiring the best out of us, and never hesitating to call a halt if we didn't match up to his expectations.

He was a keen participant in long peals, ringing the seventh superbly at Loughborough in the 32,704 in 1961. He was to have taken part in the successful attempt on the extent of Major in July this year, but had to withdraw at the last minute because of pains in his chest and feeling unwell. Little did we suspect as he shared in the general rejoicing after the peal that those pains were to take him from us less than two months later.

### UNSUSPECTED CANCER

He had complained a little of headaches and dizziness since Christmas, but X-rays failed to find anything amiss. He volunteered to go into hospital for observation, but still nothing could be found wrong. Finally, he agreed to undergo an exploratory operation on September 17th and it was this operation which disclosed a hitherto unsuspected cancer of the lungs, which had reached an advanced state of growth. Derek Ogden never regained consciousness.

So ends the full but incomplete life of one of the greatest all-rounders of our time; his quiet manner and infinite patience with even the slowest of learners and his unquestioned ability in the highest forms of ringing earned him universal respect and admiration. In the words of one of his close friends, 'No one had such comprehensive greatness nor that quiet ability to lead while appearing to follow.'

### HIS PEALS

#### Tower Bells

Doubles: Grandsire 1, nine methods 1 (conducted 1), Total 2 (1).

Minor: Plain Bob 3 (2), three methods 6 (3), four methods 3 (1), five methods 2 (1), six methods 1, seven methods 4 (3), eight methods 1, 15 methods 1, Total 21 (10).

Triples: Grandsire 12 (8), Stedman 4 (4), Erin 1 (1), Total 17 (13).

Major: Plain Bob 25 (3, also 1 non-cond.), Double Norwich 14 (6), Little Bob 4 (1), Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Kent and Oxford T.B. 2 (1), and one each of Ashbourne, Owen's College and Cross Stone Imperial, also one each cond. of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, 5, 9, 15, 29 and 55 methods.

Surprise Major: Yorkshire 13 (4), Cambridge 9 (2), Bristol 8, Rutland 5 (1), London 4 (1), Cornwall 3 (2), Superlative 3, and one each of Ashtead, Ashton (cond.), Gainsborough (cond.), Manchester, New Cambridge, Pudsey, Southgate, Watford (cond.) and Wychwood.

Spliced Surprise Major: Three methods 1, four methods 2 (1), six methods 3 (3), eight methods 3 (3), nine methods 1 (1), 10 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1), Total Major 128 (45).

Caters: Grandsire 7 (4), Stedman 3 (3), Total 10 (7).

Royal: Plain Bob 9 (2), Cambridge 5 (2), Yorkshire 4 (1), Redcliffe 3 (1, also one false), Rutland 1 (1), Lindsey 1, London (No. 3) 2, Pontefract 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal: Two methods 1 (1), four methods 3 (3), six methods 2 (2), eight methods 1 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 1 (1), Total Royal 35 (16).

Cinques: Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 2 (1), Total 4 (2).

Maximus: Plain Bob 3 (1), Kent T.B. 2, Yorkshire 9 (3), Cambridge 6, Londinium 2, Lambeth 2, Langley 1, Belgrave 1, Brigstow 1, Spliced Surprise in three methods 1, 18 methods 1 (1), Total 29 (5).

Total tower bell peals 246 (99).

#### Handbell Peals

Doubles, in four methods 1, six methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1, Plain Bob Minor 4 (1), Plain Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Belgrave S. Major 1, Yorkshire S. Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Plain Bob Royal 3, Kent T.B. Royal 1, Total handbell peals 19 (2).

Grand total: 265 peals, conducted 101.

#### Long Lengths

July 15th, 1961, 32,704 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough.

December 23rd, 1961, 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Worsley.

August 4th 1962, 18,928 Plain Bob Major, Loughborough.

December 22nd, 1962, 15,904 Plain Bob Major (handbells), Marple.

Twenty-one of his peals were his own arrangements or compositions. His peals were rung in 80 towers, in 13 counties, for 11 Associations. N.B.

### RINGING AND WORSHIP

(Continued from front page)

by a good musician. In any form of music, rhythm is something you hear and feel. Good striking of bells is also something you hear and feel, and by many this is not easily acquired. The good ringer in his own way is as dependent upon other good ringers as one player in an orchestra is dependent on the others.

My second point: you cannot learn to strike your bell properly in change-ringing unless you know the method you are ringing inside out, as we say. Now methods are not learned in the belfry: they are learned in the home from books and with the aid of pencil and paper. The good ringer will probably have spent far more time in the home learning about his ringing than in the tower. That is, he will use his brains at home so that in the tower he will be able to use his hands aright and take to heart the good advice of the writer of Ecclesiastes: ' whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

Good hunting, then, with your new bells. Dodge neatly and make your places accurately. Through the years, may the bells give pleasure to the ringers and joy to those who listen to them.

## Letters to the Editor

### Coincidence

Dear Sir,—Having just read the report of the Cambridge University Guild tour of Cornwall I felt I had to write and tell of a most interesting coincidence.

My daughter, Caroline, aged 4, is not content with the usual type of bed-time stories, but instead enjoys a serialised story which tells of the exploits of 'Teddy' (Mr. Edward Bear), who is captain of the 'Throwlington (8)' bell-ringers, and his friend 'Golly' (Mr. Wogg), who is captain of the neighbouring village tower of 'Slapington (6)'. As you can imagine after some hundred or more instalments, including outings, competitions, practice nights, visiting expert ringers, augmentations, hand-hell practices, peal attempts, new recruits, etc., the storyteller begins to find new material more and more difficult.

It was, therefore, a rare coincidence that about the last week in August Teddy and his wife went to Cornwall for a week's holiday and stayed at Fowey. On the Sunday night they went to Lansallos, where 'Teddy' enjoyed a nice ring with the local ringers. Then on the Tuesday he went on a coach trip to Land's End and on reaching Sennen he heard the bells ringing. The coach stopped at this spot long enough for Teddy to visit the church to find that it was the Cambridge University Guild on their summer tour, and he was allowed to join with them in a course of London Surprise Minor! The stopping place for a Cornish cream tea was Zennor, where curiously enough the Cambridge Guild were also ringing, and Teddy had another unexpected ring with them!

Are you sure, Cambridge Guild, you didn't see Mr. Bear on these two occasions?—Yours sincerely,

DONALD ROBERTS,

Torquay.

### 393 Stedman Caters

Dear Sir,—A letter on page 644 of the issue dated September 27th contains an allegation that the 393 of Stedman Caters in the Ringers' Diary does not come round as printed.

Mr. Viggers and I are grateful when errors in the diary are brought to our attention. When this is done publicly, however, an explanation of the nature of the defect would be more helpful than a mere assertion of inaccuracy. Perhaps your correspondent will be good enough to furnish details to enable anyone interested to make any correction that may be necessary in their copy of the diary.—Yours, etc.,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Chesham.

### Remember Their Tutor!

Dear Sir,—With belated reference to the pen pictures of the members of the band which rang the extent of Major at Loughborough, may I say that instead of the academic qualifications, which I feel are irrelevant to the subject, it would have been more interesting and certainly more courteous to have told us who first taught these men, and to whom a share of the glory must go.

I do hope that these men, who have probably travelled far from their home tower, have thought to write a word of thanks to their tutors, whose names are perhaps insignificant to most of us, but who grow grey with years, putting many a rope into a youngster's hand for the first time.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leicester.

### Bristol Surprise Adaptation

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter in your issue of September 13th from Mr. Ernest Bennett, I append the composition of Bristol as rung at Eaton Socon on April 14th, 1962.

If memory serves me correctly, this peal was published as a two-part 5.056 in April, 1955. By a few simple alterations it is transformed into a 13-course peal and the 2nd does not turn up in 6th place at the W and H positions. I hope that Mr. Bennett will not take exception to this—personally I think a 13-course peal of Bristol, with no artificial calls, like 4ths and In, is the most enjoyable to ring, though I may say that in the case of Mr. Bennett's peal this could be regarded as gilding the lily since the original is an excellent example of its type.

Had I by my alterations produced any unique feature I should have probably put my own name to it, as in the case of one you published in 1961, which had double bobs at every W and H position, the first time this had been done without parting the tenors and using a length of 5,280 (Mr. E. A. Barnett's 3-part). Although, I seem to recall, this instance prompted a stern rebuke from Ian Holland.

I hope this will clear up the mystery, and not cause Mr. Bennett to regret that this composition appeared under his name.—Yours truly,

STEPHEN IVIN.

### 5.056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Adapted from a composition by ERNEST BENNETT.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356				1
56234	1		2	2
32465	2	—	2	
35264	2			1
46253	2	—	2	1
63254	2	—	1	2
54326	1		2	2
53246	1	—	2	2
46325	1		2	2
23564	2	—	2	
24365	2			1
26543	2		1	1
62345	2		2	2
45236	1		2	2
23456	1	—	2	1

### Surprise Methods

Dear Sir,—Two Surprise methods recently rung and claimed as new methods, namely Moira (-36-14-1258-1236-14-58-36-78 LH. B.) and Ob (-36-14-1258-1236-14-58-36-78 LH. B.) have previously been rung in a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and were at that time named Purbeck and Oxney respectively. Both these methods are slight variations of Superlative. Can someone please clarify the procedure for naming new methods, and state which is to be taken as the correct name for these methods. Earlier this year, when the controversy arose over Durham Surprise a method previously published as Durham Surprise Major was rung by a Birmingham band and re-named Dunelm Surprise (-38-14-12-38-14-14-38-14-34.18). Does this name still stand or should this method now be called New Durham?—Yours, etc.,

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

Bristol.

### Speedy Ringing

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Morris is probably right in assuming that the ringers of fifty years ago rang their peals in a much more leisurely manner than nowadays. After all, a peal in those days was an event—looked forward to for many weeks before and talked about for many weeks after—so why rush through it? Whereas to the present generation it's just 'another one for our book' so let's get it over as quickly as possible!

Our ten bells at Beccles (25 cwt.) were rehung in 1910 and the first peal, by a band of famous East Anglian ringers, took 3 hours 53 minutes, and for many years the usual time taken was round about 3.50: now, however, 3.30 is regarded as quite reasonable time, and it has been cut to 3.15 on one peal of Plain Royal, in recent years. This seems to refute the suggestion that the speeding up is due to the more general use of ball bearings, as our bells are still turning on the plain bearings fitted in 1910.

Slower ringing is, I consider, much more melodious and pleasing to the listener, and non-ringing friends tell me it sounds much more impressive.—Yours truly,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

Beccles, Suffolk.

### Tune Ringing

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. T. Ogden, in his request for a series of articles on how to arrange music for tune ringing on handbells. I am sure that this would meet with general approval, as there are many ringers with access to sets of handbells, who would like to use them for tune ringing if only they knew how.

At the present time I am engaged in training a band of tune ringers, and any information about how to arrange music would be most acceptable. Perhaps we can look forward to this in the near future.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. PARTINGTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

### Barwell, Leicestershire, Has A New Captain

At a dinner, attended by the ringers and friends of Barwell tower, a pleasing ceremony was performed by the Rector, the Rev. W. D. Quinlan, when he presented the retiring captain, Mr. C. R. Belton, with a gift and cheque on behalf of the ringers. Mr. Belton, who had been captain for 17 years, succeeded his father, who had also held the same office for 25 years.

Mr. A. A. Lucas, son-in-law of Mr. Belton, was appointed captain, with Mr. Alan Hough as vice-captain. Practice night has been changed to Tuesdays, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Owing to the close proximity of the old Rectory Flats, applications for peals must be refused.

Visitors to the quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild were full of praise for the delightful way the Barwell ringers have themselves modernised and improved the belfry. A new entrance has provided more space, draughts have been eliminated and hardwood panelling has provided a pleasing change from the plastered walls.

The work, which has been done by the ringers themselves, includes new electric lighting system and floor covering. It has taken almost a year to complete. The money has been accumulated over a period of several years by the ringers' own efforts and fees from weddings.

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**LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL**

FOUR years ago the first Lichfield Diocesan Festival took place in North Staffordshire. On September 7th, having 'done the rounds' in the Stafford Archdeaconry and Shropshire Association territories, we were back to Stoke Archdeaconry; this time based on Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The first towers visited were Betley (with its recently restored half-timbered church, and light Rudhall six) and Madeley (a rather more substantial church of mellow Staffordshire stone, whose six bells are now seldom rung). Keele followed, more famed perhaps for the University College of North Staffs than its bells, a pleasant six, set under a graceful spire.

For the day's first octave the border was crossed into Cheshire to the ancient Church of St. Bertoline, Barthomley. After a search for the key the 13 cwt. eight were put to good use for two hours. The 11th century church at Audley boasts a melodious Gillett and Johnston eight hung in a squat, solid, sandstone tower, surrounded by trees. Here one may inspect the clappers of the old bells, displayed on the south wall of the church.

Wolstanton (whose spire may be seen from many parts of the Potteries) was next on the list. The bells, rehung by Taylors in 1948, have a front six bought from Trentham Priory in 1767 at 9d. per lb. One can only say that the parishioners of Wolstanton had a bargain. Silverdale, a mining village, belies its name as the church, racked with mining subsidence, is held together with iron tie rods. It contains a pleasant Warner octave (the only complete Warner eight in North Staffs, I believe).

Approaching Newcastle from Silverdale the first object which becomes apparent is the massive buttressed tower of St. Giles' Parish Church, a tower we are told was built round an existing tower. The Croydon foundry rehung this ten shortly before it closed. At the service here, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Craig, the address was given by a ringing member of the North Staffs Association, the Rev. B. Peel, the Vicar of Chesterton.

After a sumptuous tea provided by Newcastle ringers and served in St. Giles' Church Hall, the gathering were welcomed to North Staffordshire by the Rev. B. Peel and Mr. G. W. Biddulph (chairman). By 6 p.m. ringing had resumed at St. Giles' and visitors were on their way to the other four towers open during the evening. These were Broughton, the church with no village but a grand ring of eight (the peal ringers' delight), and Eccleshall, once the seat of the Bishops of Lichfield, with its church and tower of stately proportions. Two trebles were added here in 1957 to complete the octave. Stone has an anti-clockwise eight. The inscription from the third bell here, 'When ye me ring I'll sweetly sing,' was used on the souvenir ash trays given to the Central Council visitors in May, 1962. The last tower of the day was Swynnerton (6), whose belfry stands sentinel over the picturesque village.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of their bells and to Newcastle ringers for arranging tea.

**FUNERAL OF MR. LEWIS W. WIFFEN**

The funeral service for Mr. Lewis Wiffen took place at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, on September 19th, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Trundle). Many ringing friends were present, including Mr. H. Turner, deputy Master of the Essex Association, Mr. C. Willmington and Mr. and Mrs. J. Crampion, from the S.W. District. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the graveside by F. Claydon 1-2, T. Bird 3-4, H. Turner 5-6, Miss H. G. Snowden 7-8.

The memorial service, which was held on September 21st, was attended by many more ringers, including the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel), Mr. R. Suckling (Northern District) and Mr. E. W. Roast (S.E. District). Representatives from four of the five Districts of the Essex Association attended either the funeral or the memorial service. The Rev. F. C. Trundle again conducted the service, which was fully choral. He spoke of the work Lewis Wiffen had done for his church so faithfully during his life.

After the service a 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung half-muffled by the following: B. Warne 1, Miss J. Dye 2, F. Claydon 3, R. C. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, Miss H. G. Snowden 7, R. Lindsell (conductor) 8.

**HIS PEALS**

**TOWER BELLS**

Maximus.—Cambridge 17, Superlative 7, Yorkshire 1, Rochester 1, Pudsey 1, York 1, Double Norwich 1, Treble Bob 13. Total 42.

Cinques.—Stedman 23, Grandsire 2. Total 25.

Royal.—Cambridge 9, Pudsey 1, Lindsey 1, Double Norwich 2, Treble Bob 4, Plain Bob 1. Total 18.

Caters.—Stedman 16, Grandsire 3. Total 19.

Major.—London 86 (conducted 15), Bristol 17 (5), Yorkshire 13 (6), Belgrave 2 (1), Painswick 2, Falmouth 1, Colchester 1, Feering 1, Berkshire 1, Rutland 1, Coggeshall 1, Spliced Surprise 3 (2), Double Norwich 85 (20), Cambridge 78 (19), Superlative 79 (15), Treble Bob 39 (4), Hedingham Bob 1, Longney Bob 1, Duffield 1, Little St. Lawrence 1, Plain Bob 12 (4). Total 426.

Triples.—Stedman 29, Erin 1, Grandsire 15, Plain Bob 1. Total 46.

Minor.—9.

**HANDBELLS**

Grandsire Triples 8, Caters 4, Stedman Triples 1, Plain Bob Major 46 (2), Treble Bob Major 16, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Bob Royal 7. Total 83 (2).

Grand total 668—tower 585 (91), handbells 83 (2).

**AN APPRECIATION**

I would like to add a word of appreciation for the work done by Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen in the belfry at Braintree.

Lewis' fierce bark across the belfry (invariably from the 7th) was certainly worse than his bite, as he would often walk over to the victim after the touch and explain where they had gone wrong in the nicest way possible. This was his method which resulted in a good many excellent ringers being produced in this part of Essex.

I feel it was a privilege to have been one of his pupils.

ANDREW T. BECKWITH.

**RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT LINCOLN**

THE autumn meeting of the Guild was held at Lincoln on September 28th and, in spite of the long journey for many of the members, there was a good attendance, with all regions represented.

Mr. Jack Bray, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who was the chief guest, said it was a pleasure to welcome the Railwaymen's Guild to Lincoln, and hoped that everyone had enjoyed their short visit.

Ringing arrangements, which were organised by Mr. Jack Walden, were excellent. The following towers were made available: St. Botolph's (6), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Giles' (8) and the Cathedral (12). Harmston's 8 were also made available for Friday night, but only two turned up. The two members however, went to a lecture on church bells! The highlight of the day was the Cathedral bells, and the wonderful view from the parapet outside the belfry chamber.

Evensong in the Cathedral preceded the tea and meeting, which was held in the Eastgate Court Hotel.

The business opened with correspondence, the Master (Mr. Charles Basset) being in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. John Freeman, secretary, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, apologising for absence, and Mrs. Dewey wrote that her husband, Mr. Frank Dewey, of Boston, had passed away last March. Members then stood in silence to his memory.

Apologies were received from 21 members, who sent their best wishes for a successful meeting. The minutes of the 1962 autumn meeting at Taunton were adopted, and Mr. Foske proposed Messrs. John Curtis, V. Briggs and Michael Stanley as members. This was seconded by Mr. J. Thomas and carried.

A discussion followed on the programme for the 1964 A.G.M. This opened up the question of members leaving before the business commenced. Mr. Foskett proposed that the secretary should write to Mr. Frank Stenson, asking him to arrange the business meeting, to be held either before lunch or immediately afterwards, the ringing programme to follow in the usual way. This proposal was seconded by Mr. J. Thomas and carried.

An annual dinner was discussed at length, and Mr. J. Thomas proposed that this matter be included in the 1964 agenda. It was also proposed to include in the agenda a ringing competition.

Before the meeting closed the secretary thanked the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Messrs. J. Waldon and H. Walker, whose arrangements were so satisfactory.

**St. Crantock, Cornwall, Ringers' Outing**

Accompanied by their Vicar (the Rev. F. N. Brown) and friends, St. Crantock ringers held their outing on September 28th, which proved to be one of the best days of this somewhat bad summer.

Ringing was enjoyed at Constantine, Mawgan, Manaccan, St. Anthony, St. Keverne, Mullion, Helston and Wendron. Tea was taken at Helston. Our thanks to incumbents and ringers who met us, and also to Harry, our coach driver, who brought us safely back with a slightly battered coach after squeezing through some of our notorious Cornish lanes. J. R.

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## OUTINGS

### ROTHERHAM, YORKS

Rotherham Parish Church ringers' outing into Northants, Leicestershire, Rutland and Notts on September 28th was made enjoyable by pleasant country, some excellent bells, good ringing and a courteous driver, who kept well on schedule throughout the day.

Outstanding features were the magnificent display of nature's produce at Grantham Parish Church for Harvest Festival, the wedding for which we rang at Rothwell, the excellent touch of five Spliced Surprise Major at Thraps-ton and the unique tone of Oakham Parish Church bells. We also enjoyed ringing at Market Harborough. In addition to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, courses in the four standard Surprise Major methods and Yorkshire were rung. Suitable thanks were extended to Mrs. Burns and Mr. Chaddock who organised the outing. N.C.

### BROMHAM, BEDS

On August 31st the Bromham ringers staged their usual supplementary outing, visiting Beaconsfield, Cookham, Hitchin, Slough, Hampton-on-Thames and Twickenham. Many excellent friends, old and new, were met, and some good ringing, ranging from Bristol to Grandsire, was enjoyed.

The more active part of the programme completed and the homeward journey started, one of the party, an expert in such matters, expressed the opinion that the refreshment offered in the Harrow area was superior to that obtainable in most places. This theory had to be proved, and a suitable place was found to carry out the necessary research—a task which was entered upon with great enthusiasm! Unfortunately, the time allow was inadequate for such an important matter, but a good time was had by all!

Sincere thanks to incumbents, to the local ringers for their splendid co-operation, to the organisers for their excellent arrangements and to all members of the party for keeping to the schedule. A.E.R.

### KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

Starting at mid-day on September 21st Kirkby-in-Ashfield ringers had their second outing this year, the objective being towers in West Lincolnshire.

After the five at Coddington came the majestic 23 cwt. six at Brant Broughton. William North and Louis Willders joined in Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob at Leadenham. Tea break followed. At Ancaster (5) an extent of St. Martin's was rung in keeping with the dedication.

Messrs. James Musson, Henry Collin and Richard Hunt met the visitors at Silk Willoughby (6), where touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Blankney bells were regarded as a good six, and it was dark when we arrived at Nocton, to be met by two ringers. The last tower, Durston, was a disappointment as the second of the five bells lacked both stay and rope. The remaining bells were rung to a variety of Minimus methods.

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Some very beautiful country in North Derbyshire and Yorkshire was visited by the Association on September 21st during its annual outing. After a glimpse of a herd of deer in Chatsworth Park, a stop was made at Eyam, for ringing and coffee. A very pleasant ring was had at Cawthorne, although some of the party were put off by the Yorkshire back-strokes and found two sallies a bit of a handful.

The final ring was at Shelley, and then came the arduous climb of 1,725 feet on to Saddleworth Moor and past the B.B.C. television transmitter.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, D. C. Brookes 2, Margaret E. For 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, J. E. Price 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination as deacon of Tony Clayton, Past Ringing Master of this tower, at Southwark Cathedral this day.



**Mr. JACK L. MILLHOUSE**  
Congratulations to Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, who rang his 1,000th peal on October 2nd at Evercreech while a member of Mr. G. E. Fearn's peal touring party in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

## MEMORIES OF REV. C. W. O. JENKYN

Memories of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were renewed by Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, of Reading, when he was invited to accompany the Caversham band on September 28th, during their autumn outing in the beautiful Lambourne Valley.

After a ring on the heavy six at East Garston he paid a visit to the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. 'It was a rather sad memory,' writes Mr. Whittle, 'as I rang the third bell of the then augmented ten at Newbury on Easter Monday, 1933, which Mr. Jenkyn conducted. This proved to be his last touch, as on going outside to hear the new trebles he passed away suddenly on the doorstep of the Two Brewers.'

Continuing he writes: 'I was rather shocked at the state of neglect of his tombstone, which was very green and neglected; but as I stood over his grave I thought what a wonderful place to be laid to rest.'

Ringing followed on the heavy eight at Lambourne, which, according to the captain, are to be tuned and rehung. Tea at the Red Lion was a very enjoyable meal, and the journey was continued to Wantage for more ringing and a final refresher. 'Thank you, St. Peter's, Caversham; how very pleasant to be with such very old friends,' concludes Mr. Whittle.

## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

On September 7th the Western Branch met at Clifton-on-Teme and in spite of wet weather about 40 ringers were present. During the afternoon the bells of St. Kenelm's Church were rung to methods up to Cambridge. At the service the Vicar, in his address, emphasised that all talents were acceptable in the service of the Church and that we, as ringers, were using our peculiar gift in exactly similar manner to the native drummers, who had summoned the congregation to worship, when he had been at work in Africa! Tea was followed by a meeting in church.

During the evening ringing took place at St. Peter's, Martley, where the six bells are reputed to have been cast in a field near the church and all date from 1673. They are of very fine tone and some good ringing was heard.

Next meeting: Malvern Link and Madresfield in December. Special methods: Double Norwich, Worcester S.M. P.C.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Ashford District

The annual general District meeting of the Ashford District took place at the mother Church of St. Mary, Ashford, on October 5th. Some 40 visitors were present for the service, conducted by the Rev. A. Atkinson, and the tea, kindly given by the Ashford ringers.

The honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet made gloomy reading. Subscriptions were well down on last year, no meetings were held for five months and successful peal attempts were few and far between. Many of these ills were due to the lack of leadership, caused by the death, early in the year, of the late Mr. J. J. Batchelor, District representative, and the illness and long convalescence of the District secretary. However, although some famous towers appear to be, temporarily, in the doldrums, others, such as Lympe, Wittersham and Biddenden, have set a fine example of progress, and most members have maintained steady support despite these ups and downs.

Mr. Alan Berry (Folkestone) was re-elected as District representative; and Miss Violet Relf (Tenterden) was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Batchelor. Mr. C. T. Hillis was re-elected as honorary District secretary, and Mr. Berry was also elected as Ringing Master. Three new members were elected to the Association.

Afterwards, ringing on this fine eight (tenor 23 cwt.), continued until 9 o'clock, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major and ended with a good 'lower.' C. T. H.

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### East Devon Branch

About 50 ringers and friends attended the service and tea of the East Devon Branch, held at Luppitt on September 21st. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Prouse), who is a ringer, conducted the service, with Mrs. E. Thorne as organist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung prior to the meeting, at which Mr. J. Sage (chairman) presided. Certificates were presented by the Vicar to the Misses Irene Thorne, Iris Broome and Susan Davey.

The chairman reported on the proposed memorial to Preb. E. V. Cox, and stated that it was now resolved to erect a tablet in Exeter Cathedral belfry.

In future quarterly meetings are to be held on the second Saturday in October and February (Cotleigh). Monthly practices are Dunkeswell, October 15th; Feniton in November; Hemyock, December.

The Vicar said they were delighted at the number of young ringers present and suggested a special meeting being arranged for them. The chairman gave a short talk on the history of Luppitt bells, which was much enjoyed.

## THE HARVEST QUARTER

Invited by the Vicar to ring for the Harvest Festival Evensong at Evenley, Northants (5, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb), the writer called at the Vicarage at 5.15 p.m., on September 29th, thinking he was in good time for a steady quarter for 6.30 service. A casual remark to the Vicar, 'It is 6.30 service?' brought the reply, 'No, we always begin at 6.'

The writer jumped in his car and did a 'racing start' to the church. The bells were up and the method changed from four Doubles to just 'plain and simple.' The bells were in motion and, by much sweat and effort, 'That's all,' was called 36 minutes later, the conductor, not being content with calling a 60 after 10 extents, called a full 120 to make it 1,320 changes.

The average for each 120 was 3 mins. 16 secs., and a peal would have been in the region of 2 hours 17 minutes if we could have lasted out till then! With three minutes to spare and a straight run down, the Vicar was able to enjoy a full two minutes of ringing the service bell. Let it be noted, the ringers needed fully 10 minutes to restore themselves to normal before leaving the tower. C. C. C.

## QUARTER PEALS

**FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. C. W. Sherwood 1, D. M. Morton 2, P. D. S. Caligari 3, P. D. Selt 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, K. S. W. Morton 6. First in two methods for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled by the Hereford Cathedral School Society in memoriam Mr. C. H. Shelton.

**GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sturgess (first away from tenor) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Whiting (first quarter) 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. L. V. Porter.

**GREAT HALE, LINCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Rooney 1, M. Rooney 2, Sylvia A. E. Brown (first 'inside') 3, June Bird 4, Daphne P. Brown (cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Wilkes (first on ten) 1, D. Buckley (first quarter attempt, aged 13) 2, R. Starbuck (first of Royal) 3, P. Atkins 4, I. Fraser 5, S. Harrison 6, R. E. Hardy 7, G. W. Mason 8, K. B. Townsend 9, R. K. Mason (cond.) 10. Witness M. Wade. By the Sunday service band for Evensong, and also as a wedding compliment to David Simpson and Valerie Slipp.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 6th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Young 1, Mrs. K. Horner 2, A. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, E. E. Gosling 5, G. Lister 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to J. W. Blackwood, leaving shortly for Dorset.

**LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, D. J. Reeve 2, F. Poulson 3, S. Twitchett 4, O. Ballard 5, D. W. Reeve 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, C. W. Powell 3, A. Knight (first quarter) 4, A. R. Pink 5, F. G. Knight 6, H. G. Keeley 7, H. Davies 8. For Harvest Festival.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Cooper (first quarter) 1, R. Boulbee 2, H. E. Turner 3, P. Gay 4, S. A. Turner (cond.) 5, C. J. Boulbee 6.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—On Sept. 25th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Cowling 1, Gwen Roper (first 'inside') 2, Mary Cowling (first 'inside') 3, Helen Henderson (first tower quarter as cond.) 4, Harold McDonald 5, Kevin Marstin 6. A birthday compliment to Mary Cowling.

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 28th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (front six): Patricia Mills 1, G. A. Moore 2, Barbara G. Dale 3, G. Beech 4, D. S. Midgley 5, T. L. Walley (cond.) 6. Arriving short for Major on the occasion of Miss Barbara G. Dale leaving for London University.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Feather (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Maybrey 5, A. Luxford (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, B. White (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For Harvest Festival.

**OXFORD.**—On Sept. 29th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Katie Wheare (first quarter) 1, J. H. Gardner 2, Marilyn Bird 3, D. O. Wilks 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, P. Walker (first as cond.) 6, S. D. Edwards 7. For Harvest Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, D. Linnington 3, H. W. Milford 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, J. W. Perkins 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Harvest Festival Evensong, at which the Lord Bishop of Exeter preached.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lane (cond.) 1, R. Gale 2, G. H. Pullin 3, V. H. James 4, Mrs. G. Simmonds 5, R. G. Way 6, A. J. Gould 7, D. Gale 8. To welcome the Rev. Roger O. Fry, on arrival to take up duties at Portishead, also a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. White (first quarter) 1, Jocelyn Hillier 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, D. Bounds 4, E. W. Ford 5, F. Broughton 6. For Harvest Festival.

**RUSKINGTON, LINCS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Short 1, J. T. Cawdron (first quarter) 2, R. A. Hunt (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Muxlow 4, G. F. Hugh 5, J. F. Hoodles (first of Plain Bob) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Sept. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Goodspeed 1, Miss C. Folkes 2, Miss J. Fellows 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, J. McClenahan 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, J. R. Pemble (first on ten) 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 2 and 3. Birthday compliments to Miss N. Pearse, Miss P. Doorn and W. Little.

**SOUTHGATE, N.14.**—At Christ Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Moore (first quarter of Major) 1, Monica M. Moore (first of Major as cond.) 2, S. G. Peck 3, B. Greenwood 4, W. Wainwright 5, J. Weaver 6, L. G. Gates 7, J. Jelley 8. For Evensong, and to mark the wedding of Pamela Miller and David Newsome, and also the engagement of Monica M. Moore and John M. Jelley.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Talbot 1, J. Rea 2, R. Sanders 3, J. W. Chapman 4, R. J. Talbot 5, D. P. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Harvest Festival. Also a wedding compliment to Miss C. M. Sanders, daughter of Mr. R. Sanders, and Mr. J. Matthews, married the previous day.

**WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cooper 1, F. Buttler 2, B. Hancox 3, G. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. R. Hancox 5, G. Clarke 6. To mark the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—On Oct. 6th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): C. D. Emery 1, J. V. Clark (first as cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, M. P. Moreton 4, R. A. Yeates 5, L. W. H. Smith 6.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's College Chapel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Youdale (first quarter) 1, D. Humphrey (first 'inside') 2, N. R. Tumber 3, C. M. Tuckett (first of Minor) 4, C. W. Daws (first of Minor) 5, J. E. Spice (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of the death of William of Wykeham.

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The Society of Windsor Youths were invited by Dorcen Hague and John Norsworthy to visit Bray and ring the annual Patronal Festival peal. The successful peal of Windsor Treble Bob Major was the first peal in the method, and the first peal of Major by the Windsor Youths; previous peals by the Society being peals of Triples rung 1798, 1799 and 1934 at Windsor Parish, in 1799 at Denham and in 1748 at St. George's Chapel. The invitation and refreshments after the peal were very much appreciated.

With reference to the peal at Hanley, the band wish to thank David Jones for standing in at extremely short notice.

The young band who rang a quarter of Bob Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on September 29th, are proud of 13-year-old David Buckley, who had his first quarter attempt on the second.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on October 3rd, was the first peal of Surprise ever to be rung in Ashton by a local band.

Barbara L. M. Baker, who learned to ring at Upwey, Dorset, contributed a well written article to 'The Christian Science Monitor' of August 24th on 'Change Ringing as an Art.' She has a facile pen.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. A. C. Hazelden has been confined to his home for the past month, with shingles. He and Mrs. Hazelden were to have been guests of honour at the Guildford Guild dinner last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Morgan, tower-keeper at Stoke-on-Tern, and Mrs. T. Morgan are well known for their hospitality to ringers. After the peal on September 26th, for their silver wedding, they provided a sumptuous repast for the band, which included a wedding cake.

Being a learner at Babworth, Notts, is not without its hazards. Since August there have been casualties due to a broken ankle, a sprained wrist, a broken wrist, appendicitis and scarlet fever. Three others may still be described as 'fit' and are making good progress.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Sunday, October 6th, was the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick Sharpe's admission to the choir of Launton Church. His record of service to Launton Church is server since 1918, ringer since 1920. P.C.C. since 1925, churchwarden since 1932. lay reader since 1957. For the past year Launton has been without a Rector, so Fred has to organise parochial duties and take the services. Seven adjoining churches are all without incumbents and he helps them when possible.

Congratulations to Michael J. Roberts, of Shepshed, Leics, on ringing his first peal at Woodhouse Eaves on September 6th. Shepshed now has two peal ringers of 11 years of age, Stephen Hall having already rung a peal earlier in the year.

Two tours are featured in the current issue of 'The Irish Bell News'—Florrie Wyman's and Eric Speake's—and apart from these there is plenty to interest the reader. We are pleased to note that the circulation is increasing. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. to Fred E. Dukes (Editor), Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

Portishead bells rang merrily for a quarter on October 1st, as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. Roger Fry), and for the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams. Joining Portishead band as a youth Mr. Williams has completed more than 50 years' loyal service, including a long spell as captain. Illness has prevented him from ringing for nearly a year, but his critical interest in ringing has not diminished.

The late Ernest Morris, of Leicester, had one ambition, shared with his brother, G. Stedman, of Lyme Regis, which unfortunately he never fulfilled. This was to ring a peal at Cattistock in Dorset, where their paternal grandfather and great grandfather used to ring many years ago. On Saturday, October 5th, through the kindness and interest of the Rector, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Mr. A. J. Scott and the local ringers, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, being the first on the bells. The band feel that Ernest would have approved of the way in which it was accomplished.

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MR. GEORGE E. FEARN'S PEAL TOUR OF GLOUCESTER AND SOMERSET

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Yorkshshire Surprise Major peal, including Jack L. Millhouse, Norah M. Randles, Clifford Skidmore, Robert W. Hinde, Geoffrey Paul, George H. Randles, Frank E. Darby, and George E. Fearn.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 1/2 cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Lincolnshire Surprise Major peal, including Peter Border, Clifford Skidmore, Jack L. Millhouse, D. John Hunt, Robert W. Hinde, George E. Fearn, Geoffrey Paul, and Frank E. Darby.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR, A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Geoffrey Paul, Robert W. Hinde, Norah M. Randles, Jack L. Millhouse, George H. Randles, George E. Fearn, Frank E. Darby, and Peter Border.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 1/2 cwt. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including Norah Randles, Frank E. Darby, Clifford Skidmore, Jack L. Millhouse, George E. Fearn, George Randles, D. John Hunt, and Peter Border.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including Frank E. Darby, Clifford Skidmore, Jack L. Millhouse, Robert W. Hinde, D. John Hunt, Geoffrey Paul, Peter Border, and George E. Fearn.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the London Surprise Major peal, including Peter Border, Peter Bridle, Clifford Skidmore, Jack L. Millhouse, Robert W. Hinde, D. John Hunt, George E. Fearn, and Geoffrey Paul.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Cambridge Surprise Royal peal, including Jack L. Millhouse, Norah M. Randles, Clifford Skidmore, George E. Fearn, Peter Bridle, Geoffrey Paul, George H. Randles, D. John Hunt, Frank E. Darby, and Peter Border.

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Rung in memory of Mrs. S. White, lately of Horsehill Farm, Evercreech, donor of one of the bells of Evercreech tower.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 1/2 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Rutland Surprise Major peal, including Robert W. Hinde, Norah M. Randles, Clifford Skidmore, Jack L. Millhouse, George H. Randles, Peter Border, D. John Hunt, and Frank E. Darby.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Bristol Surprise Major peal, including Peter Bridle, Clifford Skidmore, Robert W. Hinde, D. John Hunt, Geoffrey Paul, George E. Fearn, Frank E. Darby, and Peter Border.

TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Spiced Surprise Major peal, including being in eight methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 110 changes of method. Includes names like D. John Hunt, Peter Border, Geoffrey Paul, and George E. Fearn.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Lincolnshire Surprise Major peal, including Robert W. Hinde, Clifford Skidmore, Norah M. Randles, Jack L. Millhouse, George H. Randles, Geoffrey Paul, George E. Fearn, and Frank E. Darby.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Spiced Surprise Major peal, including being in four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method. Includes names like Robert W. Hinde, Clifford Skidmore, Peter Border, Jack L. Millhouse, and George E. Fearn.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Ipswich Surprise Minor peal, including J. Ashmore Dodd, Eileen J. Osborne, Leonard Goodall, and Geoffrey N. Goodall.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First in the Minor method by all.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with 5-6 right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Table listing names and positions for the Durham Surprise Minor peal, including Anthony Laughton, Leonard Goodall, Geoffrey N. Goodall, Eileen J. Osborne, Malcolm P. Phipps, and Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method by all.



EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for Eaton Socon peal: Stephen Ivin (Tenor), Peter J. Shipton, Avril Ivin, Ronald J. Sharp, Don C. Exell, John B. Long, Frank W. Rivett, Ronald F. Diserens.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS. Rung with the best wishes of the band to James Russell Taylor and Jennifer Mary Davies, married earlier in the day at St. Paul's, Bedford.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

Table listing names and positions for Horringer peal: Frederick Cooper, Arthur Balham, John Underwood, Keith R. Gardner, Raymond D. Hart, Arthur R. Wright, David J. Allen, Geoffrey Pratt.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT. \* First peal of Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for Ashton-under-Lyne peal: F. John Nelson, Derek A. Ashton, Basil Jones, Neil Bennett, John H. Fielden, Derek Butterworth, Edward Jenkins, Robert B. Smith.

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT. Rung half-muffled in memory of Derek Ogden. Ringing Master at this church from 1948 to 1958, who died September 17th, 1963, aged 30.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for Audley peal: Raymond J. Ballard, Paul J. Atkins, Norman Sherratt, Geoffrey Davies, Ivor R. Nicholls, Walter Sherratt, Barry Corbishley, Roy Worrall.

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES. \* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 1/2 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for Darley Dale peal: H. Dexter's (No. 1), David Vincent, J. Frank Smallwood, Christine C. Macnair, Harold Lonyon, Sandra Chesterton, A. James Poynor, Robert B. Smith, Derek Butterworth.

Composed by ROBERT B. SMITH. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH. \* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. Rung in memoriam Norman Hotchin, former local ringer.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for Frodsam peal: Henry Parker, Victor Neal, Michael Thomson, Roy Forster, John Ryder, Harold Worrall, Christopher Jones, Harry W. Howard.

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Cynthia G. Moore (a ringer of Wotton) and Mr. J. Kirkham, who were married at Wotton Parish Church earlier in the day.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for Gorleston peal: William B. Duncan, Edwin R. Goate, Norman P. J. Cossey, Charles Bailey, William A. Bird, Stephen High, Richard C. L. Brown, Ralph W. Bickers.

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE. \* First peal of Bob Triples. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal for N.D.A.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for Kirtlington peal: Ernest G. Jones, Alec W. Ivings, Herbert H. Alexander, Christopher C. Clarke, Robert A. Reeves, Barry J. Davies, Edward R. Venn, Michael W. Coleman.

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN. Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for Northfleet peal: Ann Jenner, Olive D. Tester, Jean L. Lavender, Stanley Jenner, Stewart F. W. Kimber, Bernard F. L. Groves, Colin A. Tester, Philip A. Corby.

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY. \* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE. THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for Ringwood peal: David Wilson, Patricia E. Hibbert, John W. T. Hibbert, Reginald W. Rex, John H. Napper, Frank B. Lufkin, Arthur Sayers, Ronald N. Marlow.

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN. \* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes. AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 PICKERING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for Southport peal: John Lunham, Ronald Kenrick, Terence Fitzgerald, Victor Draper, Dennis Jones, Eric Cook, Frederick Pearson, Joseph Ridyard.

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD. First peal in the method by all on the bells, and by the Association. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Horridge, mother of T. S. Horridge, of Liverpool, and Derek Ogden, of Manchester.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for Weston-Super-Mare peal: John W. Owen, Victor Savage, Gwylm Salmon, Peter C. Wright, Victor G. Roberts, George Massey, Edgar T. Skipsey, Eric Naylor.

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR. First peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

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**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(The Society of Windsor Youths.)

*On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 WINDSOR TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 62 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JAMES BROOKS .. .. . Treble	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. . 5
MONICA BLAGROVE .. .. . 2	*ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. . 6
LEONARD STILLWELL .. .. . 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. . 7
EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. . 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. . Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.  
\* First peal in the method. First of Major by the Society.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Sept. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55½ Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

E. JAMES MILES .. .. . Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. . 5
DAVID JONES .. .. . 2	M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. .. . 6
ALAN D. STEEL .. .. . 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. . 7
K. PETER JONES .. .. . 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
Rung in memory of Norman Sargeant, a lifelong ringer at this church.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

E. MARION KEY .. .. . Treble	RAYMOND W. BALLS .. .. . 5
ERIC YOUNG .. .. . 2	WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. .. . 6
ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. . 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. . 7
JACK KING .. .. . 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. . Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
A compliment to the third ringer who was 79 years of age this day.

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

*On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. . Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. .. . 5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. . 2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. .. . 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. .. . 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. . 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
First peal in the method.  
A 50th birthday compliment to the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

**PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Sept. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire; with 69 changes of methods. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

RONALD C. NOON .. .. . Treble	*RAYMOND H. DAW .. .. . 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. . 2	*KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. . 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. . 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . 7
*ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. . 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. . Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
\* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Oct. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*DEREK A. ASHTON .. .. . Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 5
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. .. . 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. .. . 6
BASIL JONES .. .. . 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. . 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
\* First peal of Superlative.  
Rung on the eve of Miss Christine Macnair's 21st birthday.

**WINDSOR TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
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**SIX BELL PEALS**

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*TONY LEWIS .. .. . Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. . 4
*MARGARET C. GODFREY .. .. . 2	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. . 5
HILARY F. MARTIN .. .. . 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.  
\* First peal in seven methods.  
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Phillip Haynes, priest-in-charge, by the Bishop of Woolwich; also as a birthday compliment to Hilary F. Martin and Katharine M. Guy.

**STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Oxford T.B., and one each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

E. MARION KEY .. .. . Treble	WILLIAM G. TALBOT .. .. . 4
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. . 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. . 5
PETER MORRIS .. .. . 3	RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan on their silver wedding anniversary.

**MORETON CORBETT, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, being 2,040 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob, 960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 April Day, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

GEORGE B. HEMMING .. .. . Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. . 4
PETER MORRIS .. .. . 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. . 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. . 3	FREDERICK MORRIS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

VALERIE J. WILSON .. .. . Treble	MARGARET E. CHILTON .. .. . 4
*ANNE E. BATESON .. .. . 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. .. . 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. .. . 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.  
\* First peal of Doubles 'inside.'  
A tribute to the conductor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, who died August 27th, 1963.

**SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*ROBERT A. REEVES .. .. . Treble	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. . 4
†DIANA M. FRENCH .. .. . 2	§MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. . 5
‡ALEC W. IVINGS .. .. . 3	BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARRY J. DAVIES.  
\* 25th peal together. † First peal attempt. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.'  
§ 50th peal for the Guild. First as conductor.  
Rung for the recent engagement of Anthony K. Fortin to Marjorie Begg.

**UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED MARY OF UPHAM.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY R. COPE .. .. . Treble	CHARLES E. BASSETT .. .. . 4
SUSAN E. SMITH .. .. . 2	*MARTIN MAJOR .. .. . 5
DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. .. . 3	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.  
\* 50th peal.  
Rung for the forthcoming wedding of Audrey J. Knight, of Romsey; also for Harvest Festival.

# QUARTER PEALS

**LONG LENGTH**  
**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—On July 13th, at St. Peter-de-Witton, 3,600 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): P. Catermole (cond.) 1, W. H. Raxter 2, Sylvia Cater 3, M. Powell 4, J. Whittall 5, S. Bridge 6. A peal attempt called round owing to illness near the church.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Bentham 1, G. Harrop 2, N. Bennett (cond.) 3, Christine B. Clayton 4, D. A. Ashton 5, D. J. Marshall 6, R. M. Edwards 7, F. Shallcross 8. Rung half-muffled before Parish Communion in memory of Derek Oden, Ringing Master, 1948-1958, at this church.

**BARMING, KENT.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clisby 1, Miss S. Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, J. A. Cook 5, T. Crocker 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Bray 1, D. T. H. Robertson 2, Frances M. Massey 3, D. J. Brown 4, D. G. Massey (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Baker 6, G. W. Massey 7, L. A. Fear 8. For Matins.

**BELTON (Isle of Axholme), LINCs.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): J. H. Selby 1, J. Thorley 2, M. A. Rose 3, R. Stephenson 4, J. M. Thorley 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival service held same evening.

**BROADSTAIRS, KENT.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Eldson 1, A. Bridges 2, P. Fennell 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, M. Taylor 5, R. Dadds 6, T. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. A compliment to Anthony W. Bridges and Mary E. Eldson, on their engagement.

**BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Ralph 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, A. S. Harrison 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, E. H. Amey 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, Rev. R. N. Longridge 8. Rung prior to the collation of Canon H. G. Goodall as Rural Dean of Blandford.

**BLOXHAM, OXON.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. H. Jarvis 2, F. W. Spoden 3, J. J. Benfield 4, P. Beedie 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, T. W. Timms 7, W. J. Dixon 8.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Miss J. Dye 2, F. Clayton 3, R. Heazel 4, R. Suckling 5, C. Barker 6, H. Snowden 7, R. Lindell (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service of Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Wood 1, Sonia Taylor 2, J. H. Sitch 3, R. C. Heazel 4, A. Pryke 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Philip and Jean Banks on the birth of a daughter, Gillian. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Sharplin 1, Judith Wood (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Taylor 3, E. W. Furbank 4, J. H. Sitch 5, P. G. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: B. G. North 1, A. W. Bond (cond.) 2, Peggy Taylor (first 'inside') 3, Angela Grainger 4, B. J. Stone 5, Angela Wright 6, D. P. Treble 7, I. R. Vaughan 8, S. E. Armstrong 9, C. W. T. Riddlestone 10. For Harvest Festival.

**BURGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, F. Gosling 4, D. G. Papworth (cond.) 5, Marion Gosling 6. Rung by the local band for Harvest Festival Evensong, also the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel V. Porich 1, L. Penfold 2, D. C. Harding 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Matins.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Ballam 2, H. Clarke 3, P. Everett 4, W. Goodship 5, F. Buckle 6, J. Kerry 7, R. Stannard 8. Birthday compliments to Mr. A. Moore (81) and F. Buckle (72).

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Baker 1, A. E. Barker 2, Lynda J. Roberts 3, Shelagh C. Guthrie 4, Margaret A. Guthrie 5, Susan J. Devey 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, J. Smith (first quarter) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. French 1, P. J. Small 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, B. J. Luck 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. Dixon 8. Rung on the front eight in honour of the installation this day of the Very Rev. Ian White-Thompson as Dean of Canterbury.

**CHURCHILL, OXON.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, W. Dixon 6, T. Timms 7, C. Tompkins 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch for the last 12 years. (Substitute for quarier, Freeland, page 647.)

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, S. Upton (first 'inside') 4, E. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. J. Biles 1, A. Higden 2, T. Marks 3, T. Look 4, W. Higden 5, H. Gaylard 6, J. Nicholls 7, G. Gaylard 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Higden.

**CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Terry 1, Pamela E. Key 2, Barbara Wiggan (first quarter) 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, Ms. E. M. Key 5, J. W. Dyke 6.

**CORBY GLEN, LINCs.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Wiles (first quarter) 1, R. D. Baxter 2, W. A. Holmes 3, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 4. Rung after Evensong, for Mission Week in Corby Glen.

**EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret Green 1, Rosemary Rich 2, Dorothy Humphris 3, C. W. Bailey 4, W. R. Churchill 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. A. Castle (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Tester 2, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 3, E. J. Jenner 4, D. J. M. Cox 5, J. H. French (first quarter) 6, G. S. E. Winter 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. An offering of thanks for the success of our Michaelmas Fair held this day. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): J. H. French 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, Elizabeth A. Tester 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. M. Hollyman 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, L. J. Fox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): G. Seth 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss S. M. Law 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Huckle.

**EVENLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, A. W. Ivings 2, W. Ivings 3, C. C. Clarke 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDx.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Robotham (first quarter) 1, L. Tubb 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, F. Barker 4, A. Warren 5, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Pearson 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, J. H. Payton 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, J. P. MacDermott 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, G. Burford 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. L. Battin (first of Stedman) 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, M. B. Rose (first 'inside') 5, C. M. Meyer 6, R. C. Stevens (first as cond.) 7, D. G. Hollis 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. the Hon. Oliver T. W. W. Finneas as 62nd Rector.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcolmson 6. Wedding bells. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Harman 6. An 80th birthday compliment to R. Harman. Harvest Festival Matins. Also same day for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Rachael Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Malcolmson 6.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Goddard 1, P. Avey 2, P. Perkins 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, R. Goodship 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung before the wedding of Gerald Sandwell and Elizabeth Hatch, ringers at this church. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss A. Goddard 1, M. Sinden 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. G. Powell 1, C. Smith 2, L. Walters 3, C. W. Nutt 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6. With best wishes to Diana Davies, ringer, and Philip Morgan, Ringing Master, who were married this day.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Ceilia Chandler (first quarter, age 12) 1, R. Beresford 2, Katharine Burchnall 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, B. Hough 6, H. Hawcroft 7, D. Williamson 8.

**SYDMOUNTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Littlejohn (13) 1, J. Pares 2, C. Butler (15, cond.) 3, E. Cox (15, first attempt 'inside') 4, G. D. Weston (17) 5, C. Wellman (15) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**TARRANTON, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Andrews 1, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 2, L. Walters 3, J. Ward 4, C. Biggs 5, G. Gwyne 6. For morning service.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Dear (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Wild 2, Miss J. Whiteher 3, Mrs. D. Cobb 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

**WARFIELD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Chaney (first of Triples) 1, Rosamond Murrell 2, Rosemary Rich 3, G. C. J. Murrell 4, F. G. Henbest 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. Rung in honour of the christening of David Julian Sargeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sargeant.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Lias 1, F. Mills (first on working bell) 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, F. Farr 4, E. Hunt 5, M. Church 6, W. Bridewell 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and in recognition of the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Franklin).



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**RELFE.**—As from October 19th, the address of Albert Relfe will be No. 2, Tuttyshams, High Street, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3399

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'LIE not one to another.' (Colossians iii, 9)

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.**—Practices are being held each Wednesday, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. H. Paulson. 3417

**LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Advance notice of the annual dinner, to be held this session at the Philharmonic Hotel, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 29th. Details later.—R. J. Shea, Hon. Sec. 3412

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Extraordinary general meeting on November 5th at 9.15 p.m. in belfry of the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford. It is hoped all members will be present. 3390

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Second Branch dinner and dance at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, Saturday, November 30th. Tickets, £1 1s., now available from Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. All welcome. 3392

**RARE RINGING BOOK.**—'Change Ringing' by Can. Troyte (3rd Edition, 1875). This book needs binding, and consists of all the leaves, recently renovated, but loose and unsewn. Best offer secures.—D. C. Brookes, 4, Redgrave Road, S.W.15. 3393

**ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.**—IPSWICH, has varied the practices from Tuesdays to Mondays, 7.30 p.m., owing to proximity of a theatre. Perhaps Dove will observe.—G. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 3402

**ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.** now meet at The Cardinal, Francis Street, S.W.1. Intending visitors, please note—long draught. (Ringing still at Rochester Row.) 3398

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### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Branch.—Meeting, West Pennard (6), Saturday, October 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder. 3361

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton (6), Saturday, October 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Gait, 'Glenview,' High Littleton.—E. Chivers, Sec. 3365

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting on October 19th at 3 p.m., Skelton-in-Cleveland bells (8). Names for tea to Mr. T. M. Cox, 8 Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 3400

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 3312

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, October 19th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3356

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, October 19th, Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. only. Tea and business, followed by Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Talk 7 p.m. (Mr. R. Clouston), S.M.: Pudsey. Names to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. 3378

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at St. George's, Gravesend on Saturday, October 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Constant, 8, Glebe Road, Gravesend, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3374

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. W. District.—Meeting on October 19th at Harefield. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea essential to F. Corke, Taylor Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex. Joint meeting at Hillingdon is on November 9th.—F. T. B. 3369

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Saturday, October 19th, Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 3357

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ascott-under-Wychwood (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 3302

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th, Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3307

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Annual general meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, October 19th, Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Miller, Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3354

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, October 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 3373

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8), October 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, October 24th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 2964

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington (6), October 26th, Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3396

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Toddington, Saturday, October 26th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Woburn bells after tea. Names by 24th to Mr. I. Pett, The Square, Toddington, Beds. 3395

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, October 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Laughton, 95, Tenter Baulk Lane, Adwick-le-Street.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 3397

### DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26th.

at Blandford Parish Church.

Ringings 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.

All Dorset ringers welcome. 3406

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Hurworth, Saturday, October 26th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to E. Thompson, 14, Twinsburn Road, Heighington, Darlington, Aycliffe 2240. 3404

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, October 26th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 3411

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Oct. 26th, Olveston, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea before Oct. 24th to Mrs. Robbins, Haw Lane, Olveston, near Bristol. 3413

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, October 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 23rd to Mr. A. E. Leach, St. Mary's Cottage, Church Street, Tewkesbury. 3405

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Autumn festival meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Berkeley (10, 24 cwt.) on Saturday, October 26th, Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6 p.m. onwards. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Numbers for tea before October 16th to Mr. P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3418

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, October 26th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to G. Oliver, Belindor, Viggory Lane, Horsell, Woking. 3409

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Annual District meeting at Chelsfield, October 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 23rd, to Miss H. F. Martin, 'High Woods,' Oxenden Wood Road, Chelsfield, Orpington. 3412

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Devon Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, October 26th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to Miss Y. Porter, 17, Hillside Road, Saltash, Cornwall. 3362

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, October 26th, Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Agenda urgent. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 3415

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, October 26th, Chalfont St. Giles, Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please, St. Albans Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3391

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle, not Deene, Saturday, October 26th, Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd inst. to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 3403

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 3400

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 26th, Ogbourne St. Andrew and Ogbourne George, afternoon and evening respectively. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3408

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 26th, Broadchalke. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 22nd. please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3387

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam (6) on October 26th. Bells 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, October 22nd, please, to I. Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex. 3384

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Glasbury on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Clifford (8) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Lewis, The Vicarage, Glasbury. 3389

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Binsted on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 3410

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Meeting, Maldon, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3370

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner and social, November 2nd, 6 for 6.30 p.m., Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Tickets (17s. 6d.) available from undersigned before October 26th. Cash, P.O. or cheque with order. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 3353

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, November 2nd, at Holbeach. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Wednesday.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. 3375

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Barton Sea-grave, November 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. Hulme, 46, Argyle Street, Kettering. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3416

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**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Parsons 1, M. Clarke 2, S. Cole 3, I. Buckland 4, P. J. Gardner 5, J. Evers 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Harvest Festival Evenson.

**LONG LENGTH YORKSHIRE ROYAL ATTEMPT**

Dear Sir.—Mr. Paul Taylor has again kindly agreed to a long peal attempt on the bells at Loughborough Bell Foundry. The attempt will be for 21,240 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, commencing at approximately 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 26th, the band being: L. Bournemouth, G. S. Deas, J. C. Eisel, B. Harris, E. N. Harrison, M. L. J. Jordan, R. G. Leale, A. R. Patterson, R. G. Turner and J. A. Ainsworth.

The composition is appended.—Yours truly, J. A. AINSWORTH.

Birmingham.

21,240 by JOHN SEGAR (No. 9)

	23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—	—
46532	3	—	—	—
54632	3	—	—	—
43652	2	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—

5 parts. Omit last 2 W's produces:

	23456	M	W
34625	—	—	—
26543	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD West Lindsey Branch**

The attendance at the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch at Messingham, on September 21st, was disappointing, but the enthusiasm and general standard of ringing of those who attended did much to offset the poor numbers and ensured a successful meeting.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Freeman, a ringer himself and brother of the vice-president of the Central Council, conducted the service and did much to enliven the business meeting that followed a tea prepared by wives of local ringers and their friends.

Two special methods selected for this meeting, Wragby and Double Oxford, were rung with varying degrees of skill and it was agreed that for the next meeting, at Saxilby, Hereward and St. Albans Delight would be the special methods. H. C. R.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District**

The neighbouring Districts of Bingham and North Notts, and also the Derby Diocesan Association were represented when the Mansfield District held its by-monthly meeting at Warsop on September 28th. Methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were enjoyed by all on this fine ring of six. A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood, after which a nicely prepared tea awaited the company in the Church Hall.

Next meeting: Sutton-in-Ashfield (subject to confirmation). D. J. B.

**5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

By HADLEY HUNTER

2314567890E	1	6	19
2143657890E	A		
413265	—	2	)
312465	—	2	)
213465	—	5	)=B
314265	—	2	)
412365	—	2	)
21436578E90	—	B	
214365879E0	C		
412365	B		
2143658709E	—	B	
A=5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13s, 15, 16.			
C=1, 2, 13s, 15s.			

5 makes every bob at 6 and is in 6ths place at 22 course ends.

**GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 21st, when the attendance was not so large as in former years, although it attracted visitors from as far afield as Somerset. Ringing consisted of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major and Royal, with rounds on the 12 for the less experienced.

A short service was held in the Mission Room, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh, with Mrs. F. P. Walters at the organ. Tea followed in the Car Park Café.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, the Branch chairman, a number of apologies for absence were received, including that of the Branch secretary, Mr. D. J. Roberts.

The recent meeting with the South Devon Association at North Bovey was reported on, and a report by the Branch secretary on ringing at various towers in the Branch showed that 50 per cent. of the towers were satisfactory, 25 per cent. unsatisfactory and 25 per cent. no ringing at all.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who contributed to the arrangements, and ringing took place at Dean Prior Parish Church in the evening.

Next meeting (annual), Paignton, January 4th, subject to permission. A. L. N.

**HANDBELLS IN STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE**

The village of Bradley, near Stafford, held a barbecue to raise funds to put the five bells of the Parish Church in ringing order again. Proceedings started with handbell ringing by children of St. Lawrence's Primary School, Gnosall, which included call changes and a course of Original on eight bells.

Later they entertained a large audience in the marquee with tune ringing in harmony, their programme including such well known airs as Camptown Races, Brahms' Lullaby, Crimond, Bach's 'Sheep may safely graze' and Handel's Water Music. They were accompanied by two Glockenspiels and a Victorian bell toy, also played by children.

**LATE NOTICES**

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Practice at Hawley (8) on October 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore. 3421

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Surprise and Treble Bob practice at Aldershot on October 22nd. 7.30 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore. 3422

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Evening meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at Greasley (8) commencing at 5.30 p.m.—P. Nix, Sec. 3425

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on October 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.. Service 4.30. tea at the Rectory 5 p.m. Requests for tea by Wednesday, October 23rd to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 3427

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South Wales District.—Meeting, November 2nd, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Bells (12) 2.30 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Trowbridge, 40, Preston Avenue, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen welcome. 3419

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 10th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 9th November, 1963 at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. each, from General Secretary. Limit date November 5th. Early application and s.a.e. please.—F. V. G. 3426

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OR STAFFORD.**—Annual dinner on Saturday, November 9th, 1963 at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d. each) from B. G. Key, 'Sunnyside,' Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford.

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By E. F. P. BRYANT

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52364	X	—	YNSN
36524	—	—	RYR
53624	—	—	RSR
65324	—	—	YNSYR
32654	—	—	SYSNR
63254	—	—	RNR
26354	—	—	RSR
35264	—	—	RYNSN
23564	—	—	RNSYS

Second Part                      Third Part

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The 'Monday' band at Loughborough has been strengthened by the Vicar of Clifton. Nottingham, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville. It was quite appropriate that the peal of Packington Surprise Major rung at the Foundry on Sept. 30th was a birthday compliment to him. It is hoped that his green M.G. will continue to traverse the Leicestershire countryside in 'the furtherance of the art.'

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