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CAMERA IN THE TOWER

INSTRUCTORS sometimes say that if only we could see ourselves ring we would benefit immensely. Some members of our Society were lucky enough to have this experience. A few weeks ago it was brought to the notice of the B.B.C. that the Bristol Cathedral School Guild of Ringers were to start ringing regularly for Sunday morning service at the Cathedral. Two cameramen came to a practice on Saturday, October 24th, and took sound recordings outside and film shots of the bells and of the ropes rising and falling. The next morning we came in at 9.15. As soon as sufficient heavy-eyed ringers had arrived, the wheels (or spools) of the film unit went into action. The operations took rather longer this time, partly because there were two different cameras—one for the News and one for Children's Newsreel—and partly because no one (except the cameramen) was really wide awake. First we were 'taken' walking from the school across the green and into the cathedral. But there was more to it than that—we had to be talking amiably to our neighbours, with wide open smiles on our faces.

'Now,' said one of the cameramen to an unsuspecting ringer, who was rather smaller than most, 'we want you to be the tail-end Joey.' And the poor 'latecomer' had to run along behind us into the cathedral porch. There we all awaited further instructions. This time we had to 'march in purposefully' through the door and halfway up the stairs. When the last person had disappeared up them the cameraman was to shout and we were to back out again. Whoever heard of marching purposefully backwards down a spiral staircase? When we had achieved this the cameras were taken upstairs ahead of us. After a few minutes we heard a shout, 'Come up,' and did so. Halfway up, a film camera had been placed. We ignored it and walked straight on to the ringing chamber, where a second camera 'followed us in.' After prayers, said by John Hunt—an Old Boy of the school, who is now tower captain at the cathedral—the cameras seemed to be everywhere at once, and their operators seemed to have accomplished a tremendous amount by the time they left, three-quarters-of-an-hour later.

The next evening, about a minute of film was included in the West of England news bulletin, and a little more in 'Flashback' the following Saturday. The Thursday after that, 11 days after the filming, yet another version of it was seen on Children's Newsreel from London. This was much longer, but exaggerated the 'terrible dangers' of bell-ringing. We were told, much to our amazement, that one boy had been lifted four feet off the ground when a stay broke, and that the small mats on the floor act as 'targets.'

All in all it was very enjoyable, and we should like to

thank the ringers of the Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Association for their time, patience and encouragement. It is largely due to their efforts that we now ring Bristol Cathedral bells each Sunday.

M. F. S.

SHEER FANTASY OF PLACE NAMES

WHEN I get my 'Ringing World,' I run quickly through the lists of peals and quarter peals to see where these feats have been performed. It isn't that I know many of the towers and hope to see news of ringing in surroundings familiar to me. It isn't that I have so wide an acquaintance among ringers that I expect to see an old friend among the successful bands.

It's just that there's an inarticulate poet inside me who shouts with joy at the loveliness, the strangeness—sometimes the sheer fantasy—of the names with which our ancestors added beauty to their habitations.

I try not to listen to the siren voices from Cornwall or Wales—names like St. Columb Major and St. Keverne would draw a man the length of England; and where but in Wales could one come across such a sesquipedalian jewel as Llangattock-juxta-Crickhowell?

Restricting myself to England proper, I rejoice in the polysyllabic euphony of Easton and Weston in Gordano, Compton Dando, Redmarley D'Abitot, Newington next Sittingbourne, Chewton Mendip and Marston Trussell, Burton on Stather and Deeping St. Nicholas, Chilvers Coton and Hoylandswaine.

Shakespeare himself might have named Hampton in Arden; there is a smooth, slipping-off-the-tongue prettiness in Silk Willoughby, a dignity in Queen Charlton, something a little faded and sad about Wistaston and, for an inland parish, a sound of the sea in that Mecca of Lincolnshire ringers, Surfleet.

Other names have about them an earthy rusticity, even a touch of the comic—Clowne, for instance, and Fobbing; and it is only proper that there should be bell-ropes in Pulham (St. Mary). Upham and Downham, Rougham and Lowdham, have their place in the list, and so do Ringmer and Rusper in Sussex.

Cogenhoe has in it the sound of an older England, and one wonders if Lydiard Millicent is at all related to Kirk Ella. Wanlip has a sad pallor about it, and Flookburgh, Gnosall, Berrynarbor and Bicker a touch of the unreal.

And Morpeth Watch Tower: are the peals rung there with a man standing at a northward-facing embrasure to watch for the border rovers sweeping down from the Cheviot? Sadly, no.

Blessed be our fathers who coined these delightful names, names which sound on the ear as native and sweet as the bells they ring there.

C. P.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	MICHAEL ELSON 7
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 2	JOHN McDONALD 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON 9
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN 6	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS Treble	PATRICK HARRIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
DAVID BEACHAM 5	†ALLEN MORGAN Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 'Completes the circle' at this tower.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. Treble	IAN J. FRASER 6
PETER J. CHILTON 2	A. JAMES POYNER 7
VERNON F. J. PRATT 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4	SIDNEY HARRISON 9
JOHN M. JELLEY 5	ALBERT J. COOKE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of this church to its former parochial status by the repeal of the 12 years' suspension order; also as a welcome to the Rev. W. Basil Williams, as first Vicar of the restored church.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY A. UPTON Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
MURIEL REAY 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
MICHAEL ELSON 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 7
*JAMES B. MORLEY 3	FRANK A. WILLIS BETTS .. 8
JAMES BENNETT 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON 9
*MARGARET A. LADD 5	*ERNEST G. PEARCE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Stanley Jenner, of Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

TONY PRICE Treble	FRANK C. PRICE 6
*ELSIE K. HART 2	JOHN HILL 7
JOAN BEREFOOD 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	THOMAS J. LOCKE 9
*†MICHAEL I. PALMER .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 25th peal. Mr. T. J. Lock has now 'circled the tower.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY Treble	EILEEN M. FEARN 5
*SHEILA WALLACE 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
JOHN R. GILDEN 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 7
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM NEWMAN Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 5
†WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 2	PATRICK HARRIS 6
RALPH HARRIS 3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 7
COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4	HAROLD E. RAXTER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Major. † 'Completes the circle' at this tower.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newman.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY 2	DENIS MADDOCK 6
*RONALD H. DOVE 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* 300th peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Maddock, who were married at Runcorn Parish Church on December 5th, 1959.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' (Heywood's transposition). Tenor 14 cwt.

*E. MARION KEY Treble	*BRYAN J. WYLDE 5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 2	DAVID FRIEND 6
ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 4	*ARTHUR J. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	MICHAEL ELSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	JOHN MACDONALD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. First in the method as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*BRIAN LLOYD Treble	JOHN RYDER 5
FRANK TAYLOR 2	†MICHAEL THOMPSON .. 6
JOHN C. BREEZE 3	CLIFFORD W. SHAW .. 7
ROY FOSTER 4	HAROLD WORRALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the seventh.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOAN M. DAWSON Treble	†LAWRENCE SHEARD .. 5
*SHIRLEY A. MUDD 2	JOHN RHODES 6
RUTH H. APPEBY 3	PETER M. DAWSON .. 7
WILFRED LEE 4	†ROGER J. LUMLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN RHODES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ First of Major.

A birthday compliment to Wilfred Lee.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS .. 5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 2	DENNIS COOPER .. 6
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3	LESLIE W. BACON .. 7
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4	A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES FLEMING. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.

A PEAL OF 5024 KELSHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
JILL MAYES .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

This method, No. 269 in Corrigan's Collection, is now renamed.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 2	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	*RODERICK J. LEES .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. DEXTER'S No. 2. .. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
GEORGE E. GREEN .. Treble	*JAMES LINNELL .. 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 2	ROGER KEELEY .. 6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
*CHARLES TRUMAN .. 4	FREDERICK C. CASE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First on eight bells. First of Stedman and of Triples as conductor.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	*JOHN McDONALD .. 7
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Major in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	MICHAEL CROWDER .. 6
HARRY HALL .. 3	ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
RONALD CHAFER .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung to mark the completion of a new floor and the dedication of a new side altar and ornaments.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JAMES H. PAILING .. Treble	*BRIAN R. WHITE .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. 2	*DAVID T. DARBY .. 6
*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 7
*ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The 300th peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER .. Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. 5
FRANK STEAD .. 2	JOHN JACKSON .. 6
ARTHUR RIGBY .. 3	†STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 7
*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 4	†CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also to mark the 75th anniversary of the church and the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

JANET TAYLOR .. Treble	JAMES MULLER .. 5
ERNEST ELDRIDGE .. 2	THOMAS TOCOCK .. 6
JANET ADAMSON .. 3	PHILIP TOCOCK .. 7
*DOREEN HAGUE .. 4	*JOHN NORSWORTHY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Sir Stanley Spencer, C.B.E., R.A., who lived in and loved this village and its church.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	*DENIS A. BAYLES .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 250th peal. First in the method as conductor.

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SIX BELL PEALS

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD EVANS Treble	JOHN HOPE 4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
ROBERT HATCHER 3	†MICHAEL JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for the dedication of electric light and organ blower. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preece, District secretary for 35 years.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*AUDREY M. HALES .. Treble	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	ALAN J. FROST Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WEBB Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
KENNETH CLARKE 2	CHRISTOPHER WEBB .. 5
WILLIAM SPARKS 3	JOHN REAL Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WEBB.

First peal as conductor. First on the bells since being rehung.

SANDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD J. HARRISON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
*P. ANNE EDWARDS 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*JOHN CRAWLEY 3	PETER J. EVES Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a compliment to John and Betty Crawley, ringers of Chelmsford Cathedral, and as a welcome to their son, Brian David, born January 4th, 1960.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Jan. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

ROGER E. TALLIS .. Treble	*VERONICA MILES 4
*TONIE J. CRITCHLEY .. 2	*SUSAN FUNNELL 5
*LINDA M. HUGHES .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALLAN R. JONES .. Treble	TIMOTHY WOODING 4
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 5
PERCY AMOS 3	ERIC BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of William Kethe, hymn writer.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*MAURICE G. INGRAM .. Treble	†JOHN E. NEALE 4
†DONALD T. FINNEMORE .. 2	†EDRIC J. FRANKLIN .. 5
*DAVID R. INGRAM 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

COLLIERS WOOD, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Wells,

Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 4
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*MIKAELA ERIC 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 5
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*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor
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Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in seven Surprise.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Fifth observation (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

EDWARD J. CAVILL .. Treble	STANLEY E. PARISH .. 4
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*ROBIN I. FORD 2	ERIC J. FORD 5
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HENRY J. CAVILL 3	JOHN J. FORD Tenor
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Conducted by ERIC J. FORD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE 4
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ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 2	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
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MRS. J. THOMAS 3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor
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Conducted by ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.

* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	ALLAN R. JONES 4
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ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 2	PERCY AMOS 5
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VICTOR A. PERRY 3	*DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor
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Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 450th peal. First of Oxford Bob Minor by all the band.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the births of the hymn writers Dean Henry Alford (1810-1871) and Rev. Edward Hamilton Sears (1810-1876).

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents (in four variations of calling) of Plain Bob and 30

extents (in ten variations of calling) and Pitman's 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HEATHER M. PULLON .. Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 4
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*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. 5
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JAMES E. PULLON 3	*JAMES E. A. PULLON .. Tenor
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Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal. First peal in more than one method by all except the conductor.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Wulfstan, Bishop.

NETHER STOWEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of R. Stedman, R. St. Simon's, R. St. Nicholas',

R. St. Martin's, R. Winchendon Place, Canterbury Pleasure, and two

each of R. Plain Bob, St. Bartholomew's, New Doubles, Huntspill, New

Antelope, New Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course, R. Grandsire, Antelope,

Union, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, R. Canterbury Pleasure,

St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. (R=

Reverse.) Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

HAROLD HOOPER .. Treble	F. A. KEITH PRIME .. 4
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MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 5
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HOWARD COLLINGS .. 3	SIDNEY SMITH Tenor
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Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in 24 methods by all the band.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, namely: St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Ox-

ford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and

Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER F. BORER .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
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TREVOR A. CROSS 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
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COLIN F. MCGILL 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor
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Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS... .. Treble	DEREK PRICE 4
*Beryl M. HOLM 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
*MRS. J. E. BOWEN 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal of Minor.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble	BRYAN PATTISON 4
GEORGE S. DEAS 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

50th peal as conductor.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	*C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
*JOHN G. AMES 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in ten methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE 4
DENNIS LAUD 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE MINOR

34—36, 14—12—1236—12—1. 6ths place. Lead-end 142635.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble	REGINALD GOODMAN 4
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH 2	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH 5
*JILL BARRON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS 4
LEONARD J. MINNS 2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE Treble	C. HAROLD WHITTON 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	FRANK TAYLOR 5
JOHN G. AMES 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

PREES, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 4
FREDERICK LEECH 2	REGINALD NEWTON 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal of Minor.

A compliment on the 86th birthday of the mother of F. Leech. Rung to mark the commencement of the thanksgiving celebrations for the restoration of the bells, the Bishop of Shrewsbury being the preacher on the following day.

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G sharp.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	*COLIN SMITH 4
*VALERIE LEE 2	*GUY PICKAVANCE 5
*JOHN R. THOMAS 3	*ROGER W. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 3, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

AT 29, FOREST DRIVE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOE E. G. ROAST 1—2	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 3—4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5—6	

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 7 in C.

*T. DAVID SPENCER 1—2	HOWARD SCOTT 5—6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3—4	STANLEY BIRDSALL 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal. The conductor has now rung 400 peals for the Yorkshire Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
*MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	PETER J. STANFORTH 7—8

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 375th peal.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon, St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): T. Barlow 1, G. A. Bowcutt 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. L. Panter 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss Christine Wheeler (Asfordby's first lady ringer) and Mr. Ron Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 4, K. Rothwell 5, R. Larkey 6, A. L. Pearson 7, H. Moorcroft 8. In memoriam Mrs. Hobson, the wife of the Rev. J. P. Hobson, former Vicar. Also on January 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. Dilworth 3, R. Larkey 4, A. L. Pearson 5, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 6, K. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lunham on their 25th wedding anniversary.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Godley 1, A. Wilson 2, A. Hulley 3, J. Banks (first quarter) 4, F. Watkinson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung after the induction of the Rev. Mr. White to the parish.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Fenwick 1, N. Errington 2, H. Atchison 3, E. Hall 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, leaving for Lapworth, Warwickshire.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Bywater 1, S. Roberts 2, P. Purslow 3, M. Challinor 4, W. Lloyd (cond.) 5, T. Roberts 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss J. Lloyd, ringer in this tower.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Stedman, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Gaisford 1, J. Lucas 2, F. Box 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in four methods for all except 2. An 18th birthday compliment to P. Gaisford.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: F. McCarthy 1, T. Barker 2, J. Jackson 3, J. H. Gartside 4, S. Tuson 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Arthur Hatch, for many years a ringer at this church.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Townsend 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. Gough 5, G. W. Holland 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Braithwaite 1, Judy Moir 2, P. Handley 3, J. A. Wood (first quarter) 4, D. Lawson 5, W. G. Wilson (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Andrew Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles, of Morecambe.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Jan. 8th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Taylor 1, W. Harford (first in method 'inside') 2, T. Yeomans 3, M. Peterson 4, J. Goodfellow 5, D. Llewellyn 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8.

CHARLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker (first quarter) 2, W. Webber 3, R. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Nicholls 1, Miss C. M. Farrington 2, E. Pickett 3, W. J. Newnham 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5. D. S. Billimore 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morris of the local band.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis (cond.) 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Leach 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Evensong, and the visit of the Archdeacon of Oxford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, W. Barker 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service.

DARLING POINT, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, Jean A. Brooks 2, Audrey E. Peters 3, R. J. Klima 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A farewell to Jean A. Brooks, of Syston, who is sailing for England on January 23rd.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Dimbleby 1, G. Wright 2, D. Loake 3, A. E. York 4, Miss S. Feakin 5, B. Yeomans 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. Loake 8.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On June 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Burton 1, Brenda A. Fox (first quarter) 2, W. S. Smith (cond.) 3, T. R. Smith (first 'inside') 4, J. Godfrey 5, P. Coddington (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Tudball (Dunster) 1, A. H. Reed (Taunton) 2, R. Arscott (Selworthy) 3, G. Maidment (Dunster) 4, —, Young (Waterrow) 5, H. W. Lloyd (Dunster) 6, W. Gigg (Taunton, cond.) 7, A. Purchase (Chipstable) 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Isaac Farmer.

EDMONTON, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Iris George (first quarter) 1, D. Langdon 2, Lesley Hawes 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Weeks (first of Triples) 5, T. Hawkins 6, F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Bacon (first of Triples) 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. Napper 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, A. H. Webb 7, E. G. Sawyer 8.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Cook (cond.) 1, G. Turner (first in method) 2, H. F. Munsey 3, D. F. Murfit 4, G. Thoday 5, G. A. Lucas 6. Rung after meeting late for peal attempt.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, A. Newton 2, Sheila Wallace 3, D. Knox 4, R. Hazell (first of Stedman Caters) 5, D. Cornwall 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox 8, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 9, G. Harrison 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Foxall, killed in a motor-cycle accident.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Arnold (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Lander 2, R. L. Arnold 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss A. Carter 6. Rung for morning service and to mark the birth of a son (Nigel) to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Veronica Miles 1, Tonie J. Critchley (first of Major 'inside') 2, Marv Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For evening service.

KINGSWINDFORD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Downing (12), 1, A. E. Morgan 2, Mrs. Margaret Layton 3, D. Layton 4, C. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, R. A. Peakman 8. For Evensong, also a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. D. Layton, who have joined the band of St. Mary's.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, A. R. Knight 3, F. Hunt 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8. First in method for 3 and 4. For Evensong, and in memoriam A. Symonds, 1858-1938.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: G. Stickland 1, W. Harford 2, J. Goodfellow 3, M. Peterson 4, N. Lamping (first of Major) 5, D. Llewellyn 6, B. Taylor 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Harford 1, B. Taylor 2, D. Llewellyn 3, N. Lamping 4, W. Goodfellow 5, M. Peterson 6, G. Strickland 7, T. Lewis (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band except conductor. Rung in honour of Lord Brecon being appointed a Privy Councillor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Warrington 1, J. B. Webb 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, E. W. Colley 4, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 5, P. Ellis 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Jefferies 1, M. Jefferies 2, F. Skidmore 3, C. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, J. Jefferies 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, E. Cocksley 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richings.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. R. Dean 1, Heather Bonner 2, J. Young 3, E. D. Poole 4, Mrs. Evelyn Mead 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. First in method for all except conductor.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Epps 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Joan V. Garnett 3, R. Sealey 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, E. Polhill (first quarter) 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For evening service; also a 21st birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of the conductor.

NORTH MYMMIS, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. C. Papworth (first quarter) 1, Miss A. R. Humphrey (first quarter) 2, A. R. Sherlock 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, T. J. Lock 5, J. E. T. Wiseman (cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, N. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A welcome to Clare, born on January 16th, a second daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Thorpe.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Wakeman 1, R. Grice 2, Miss K. Rivett 3, W. Rivett 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Lovell 6. A wedding compliment to Colin Mann and Mary Tysoe.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, J. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Also 1,259 Doubles (Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Fellows 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, J. Eisel 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, P. J. Brown 6. First quarters on the bells since rehanging.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Martin (first quarter) 1, L. Pearce-Higgins 2, L. Allen 3, S. Rymer 4, C. Mew (first as cond.) 5, R. Dawe 6, A. Clavton 7, B. Bull 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. First in two methods for all except 4. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Hach 1, W. Ellis 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, Miss V. Hester 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vera Hankey (14, first quarter) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Betty Sagers 3, D. Mundy 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. Alfred Gear.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Martin 1, W. H. Seymour 2, A. H. Ince (cond.) 3, P. Williams 4, E. S. Seymour 5, R. Curnow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard George Clemens, a loyal ringer at this church for many years.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cook 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Isaacs (first quarter) 6.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Truman 4, R. Keeley 5.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Moore 1, Miss Brown 2, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 3, A. G. Moore 4, H. Gummer 5, F. Penn 6.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) Basilica, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. C. Sheehy 2, W. D. Watson 3, J. F. Killick 4, R. J. Klima 5, J. H. Fryer (cond.) 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Profit 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding (cond.) 3, Miss E. Brown 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, F. A. Penn 8, E. J. Hitchins 9, R. Burbridge 10. A farewell to Miss E. Brown, who is leaving for South Wales.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer (cond.) 1, V. Mary Mathews 2, Mrs. A. Carveth 3, R. A. Southwood 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Carveth 6, P. J. Coles 7, Rev. A. S. Roberts 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Richard George Clemens, late district secretary, Truro Diocesan Guild.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Coyne (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, Marie Hughes 3, Jill Fisher 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5, A. T. Dutton 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Flint (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, Marie Hughes 3, J. Eastwood 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5, T. Coyne 6.

WETHERBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Mason 1, W. Scheerer 2, G. Thackeray 3, J. Webb 4, P. B. Hodson 5, C. Maxfield (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Pison 1, D. Taylor 2, T. E. Roberts 3, C. Truman 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, J. Linnell 6. First of Surprise Minor by 1, 2 and 4.

WICKHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rolphe 1, Miss D. G. Smith 2, Mrs. M. Bray 3, Miss B. J. Davsh 4, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 5, D. Tippett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Chappell, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for over 60 years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hartley (first quarter) 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD DINNER

The annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, on January 9th, when most of the 40 people present had a pull at St. Peter's during the afternoon. Arthur Lewry's 'home-made' clock, the parts of which were beautifully made, was a great attraction.

After an excellent meal and the usual toasts the company were entertained by the younger members in a manner far more enjoyable 'than anything seen on stage or TV.' Songs and duets by Ann George and Margaret Ladd, with Mrs. Ladd at the piano; some amusing contortions by John Warner with a guitar; miming to a rock 'n' roll record; a really fine performance by George Fry as a country yokel; and the final sketch in which the two husbands, Stanley Jenner and John Warner, complained that they had to stay at home 'sharpening tin openers.' Interval music was courses on the handbells. So once again the youngsters had shown how to do it. Eric Brunger was in charge of the arrangements.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Appropriately, the Leicester District held its annual meeting on January 2nd at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, as the vicar designate (Rev. Basil Williams), who conducted the service, was to be inducted the following Thursday. In his address Mr. Williams said how thrilled he was at taking over the living of St. John's after the long fight had been won to save the church from demolition. Local ladies served an excellent tea to a company of 60 members and friends.

At the business meeting Mrs. P. J. Staniforth was unanimously re-elected District chairman, other officers being Mr. J. P. Kesterton, hon. secretary; Mr. S. Harrison, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Jelley, committee member.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Perhaps it was the snow on the roads or it could have been the ringers' wedding that took place about the same time as the Luton District's annual meeting at Dunstable on January 16th; anyway, the attendance was not so good as it should have been. Ringing varied up to Double Norwich until 4.30, when a short service was held.

During the business meeting the secretary said that the District's subscribers had gone up from 106 to 130, and considering only 14 towers were affiliated, this was a very good effort, but the attendance at District meetings was lower than in the previous year. As there was a loss on tea at three meetings within six months, it was decided that in future it would have to be a case of no name no tea, and if a person failed to turn up after sending a name they would be asked to pay 2s. towards the cost. This is to be put on trial for six months.

The District chairman, Mr. P. Newing, the secretary, Mr. K. G. Spavins, and the treasurer of the Belfry Repair Fund, Mr. R. Churchill, were re-elected. The new committee of four is: Mrs. J. Sinfield, Messrs. Newing, Rushton and Churchill. The 1961 annual meeting will be held at Woburn.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A warm vote of thanks was passed to Miss D. Lester for her work as secretary of the Sussex District at the fifth annual meeting held at Brighton on January 9th. Her successor is Miss L. M. Beeney, of St. George's Nursery, 7, Chelston Road, Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. B. Percy was re-elected vice-president and the committee consists of the Misses Apps, Everest, Downing and Stephens.

Ringing during the day at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters. There was an attendance of 35 and the service was held in St. Nicholas' Church.

UP FROM ZUMMERZET

Able arranged by Audrey Bailey, a small party from Bridgwater and North Somerset visited a good selection of London towers on January 9th. Ringing started at S. Clement Danes' and included a good course of Bob Royal. At St. Lawrence Jewry the party were welcomed by Mr. A. A. Hughes and were warned that the Vicar would be listening for bad striking. We hope our ringing pleased him. The tone and 'go' of these bells are no excuse for poor ringing.

A variety of Doubles methods was rung on the pretty five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, followed by a visit to St. James', Clerkenwell, where ringing included a course of Yorkshire. An excellent tea, arranged by Mr. Bailey, preceded ringing at Shoreditch, where rounds were rung on the 12, and Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the back six. At the last tower, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Mrs. E. Davis made us welcome, but the tower movement was not conducive to good striking.

Refreshments at an establishment recommended by our organiser concluded the visit. To Audrey and all who contributed to such an enjoyable day a sincere 'Thank you.'

M. J. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at the 5-bell tower of Stratton Audley on January 23rd, the Bicester and District Branch had the pleasure of electing six members from the new band at Middleton Stony, and learning that Middleton Stony and Stratton Audley bells were now being rung for Sunday services.

The Branch president (Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton) conducted the service, which was attended by 35 members, and the address was given by the Rev. C. V. Bernard Haddelsey (Vicar). Miss W. M. E. Sharpe was the organist and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe. Mrs. Haddelsey provided tea at the Rectory.

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Mr. Harold Pitstow will be in charge of the ringing at Westminster Abbey to announce the birth of the royal baby. Other members of the band are Alfred Peck, John Crampion, William Rawlings, Richard Deal, George Cecil, Jack Waugh and John Phillips. If the royal birth occurs between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. they will ring the bells from 9-10 a.m., between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. at noon; and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 6 p.m.

Will Mr. N. Dean of Marston, Oxford, please forward his address to the Editor.

Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, band rang 21 quarter peals last year. All but three were for Sunday services.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Morgan, of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on January 24th, aged 63 years.

Mr. Roger O. Fry has now left hospital and is convalescing at Bath. His operation was completely successful. He hopes to reply to the many ringing friends all over the country.

We live in an age of initials. Will correspondents when writing to the Editor give their surnames and not just initials. Much time is spent in searching references for some identities.

Useful spadework has been done on Saturday evenings in teaching a young band from scratch at Chaddesley Corbett by Mr. W. C. Boughton, of Clent, and his son. These bells have been practically silent for 20 years and it is hoped that the new band will be ringing changes by Easter.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis contributes to the January issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' on Course Splicing in relation to composing Minor Extents. Of general interest is Miss J. Sander-son's article on 'More Bells in Philately,' William Shepherd also contributes some of his reminiscences.

Tavistock Wolf Cub Pack Handbell Ringers have under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Grylls and his assistant, Mrs. Ford, been making a name for themselves. This Christmas season they have rung at 10 social functions for charitable purposes. They use a ring of 12, size 19 (F), with three half-tones for tunes in 'G' and 'C.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Lecturers at the Grantley Hall Bell Ringing Course, Ripon, are Mr. Norman Chaddock, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and Mr. Frederick Sharpe. The course is intended for both advanced ringers and complete beginners. Fees (Friday night to Sunday night) £2 2s. for residents of the West Riding, others £3. Particulars from the Bursar, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon. An early application is advised.

Aldershot bells are being dismantled by John Taylor and Co. on February 8th.

The peal at Twyford, Leics (see page 52), was 5,040 Plain Bob Minor and not as printed.

Mr. Dennis Beresford has succeeded Mr. Peter N. Bond as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The disastrous fire at Bolsover Church on January 14th destroyed a large part of the church. The spire was untouched and the bells are being rung as usual.

Mr. Ivan Page, of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, has left for London by air. We are sure he will be welcomed in any tower he visits.

Mr. Fred. Price, of Bournemouth, writes regretting an omission on his part in his advertisement in our last issue regarding Sunday meals in July and August. The correct terms are given in this issue.

Mr. Alan J. Frost, of Kettering, has completed his first 100 peals. His peals are on all numbers of bells and include two of special note, 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise and Scientific Triples.

The band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Batley on January 16th would also like to associate the peal with the recent examination success of Doctor David Atkins of Batley, and offer their congratulations to him.

Surgeon-Lieut. John Killick, of H.M.A.S. 'Gascoyne,' whose home tower is St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, rang his first quarter peal in Australia on January 17th. We understand that he is recruiting four of his best sailor splicers to attend to the ropes after a quarter peal was lost owing to a broken rope.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1959

MR. ERNEST MORRIS, of Leicester, heads the list of peal ringers for 1959 with a total of 90. During the year he never missed ringing for three Sunday services and attended two of them, except during his fortnight's holiday, when he rang at Bournemouth. He has now passed the 1,850 mark for peals, and is leading living peal ringer.

Second on the list, and the ringer of most tower bell peals, is Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, with a total of 81 peals. He comes second in the list of living leading peal ringers, having passed the 1,600 mark.

The leading conductor is Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, who conducted 53 of the 78 peals he rang. His wife, Mrs. Ruth M. Border, heads the list of women peal ringers of the year with a total of 55. Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, who rang her 500th peal during 1959, is second in the ladies' list with 30 peals.

Probably the youngest ringer in our list is Martin C. Faulkes, of Hinckley, who at the age of 15 has rung 27 peals. Dr. R. E. Price, of Sheffield, is just out of the list. One of his peals has this year been reported false. Our list includes six members of the Sunday service band at Norbury, Hazel Grove.

A group of ringers in the 54 to 60 range have expressed a desire to keep their records private. We respect their wishes, but many of their ringing colleagues would as a matter of general interest like to know their totals.

Peals conducted are shown in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Ernest Morris	73 (4)	17 (1)	90
George E. Fearn	81		81
Peter Border	78 (53)		78
John A. Acres	51 (2)	22 (11)	73
Robert B. Smith	70 (7)	3 (1)	73
Joseph W. Cotton	67		67
A. Patrick Cannon	65 (33)		65
Bernard F. L. Groves	63 (8)	2 (1)	65
John R. Mayne	55 (46)	9 (9)	64
Russell S. Morris	63 (5)	1 (1)	64
John A. Anderson	63		63
Brian G. Warwick	60 (49)	2 (1)	62
Brian J. Woodruffe	57 (25)	5 (5)	62
Brian Harris	57 (7)	1	58
Ruth M. Border	55		55
Derek P. Jones	54 (37)		54
H. William Barrett	53 (4)		53
William H. Dowse	52 (1)	1	53
Basil Jones	52 (7)		52
Ian H. Oram	50 (13)		50
Norman J. Goodman	49		49
Edwin T. Chapman	48 (8)		48
Leslie Boumphrey	47 (1)		47
Gordon A. Halls	47 (10)		47
Richard J. Clifton	45		45
Alick Cutler	44		44
Kenneth R. Dunstan	44		44
Thomas J. Lock	39 (5)	4	43
Frank Osbaldiston	40	2	42
Patricia A. M. Halls	40 (2)		40
John P. Partington	39 (1)		39
Philip G. K. Davis	38		38
Bryan Pattison	37 (16)	1 (1)	38
David W. Brunning	35 (10)	2	37
Philip Mehew	37 (1)		37
J. Alan Ainsworth	36 (15)		36
B. Stedman Payne	18 (3)	17 (10)	35
John R. Ketteringham	34 (13)		34
Cyril A. Wratten	32 (11)	2	34
Barrie Hendry	32 (4)		34
Alan J. Frost	32 (2)		32
Eric N. Harrison	32 (2)		32
R. Hobbs	32 (23)		32
John Pinfold	32		32
Kenneth Arthur	31 (11)		31
George S. Deas	31 (1)		31
Trevor N. J. Bailey	26 (2)	4 (4)	30
Patrick I. Chapman	30 (1)		30
H. Denman	30 (2)		30
Muriel Reay	30		30
Charles N. Lea	29 (4)		29
Carol Fernley	29		29
Geoffrey J. Hemming	29 (5)		29
Frank B. Lufkin	29 (25)		29
John McDonald	29		29
John R. Cooper	28		28
Gerald C. Hemming	28 (10)		28
Reginald W. Rex	28		28
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	27 (1)		27
Geoffrey R. Drew	27 (7)		27

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE - No. 6



MR. G. W. FLETCHER
(Life Member of the Central Council)

Mr. G. W. Fletcher's ringing career has been closely connected with the Central Council, and he was secretary for no less than 21 years. At the time he was elected the Exercise had not yet warmed to the idea of such a body, and was cold and sceptical about its work. This coldness was not improved by the dog-fights which were a regular feature of the Council's meetings in the early days, and older ringers will remember the battles royal between the Rev. H. Law James, J. A. Trollope, C. T. Coles and others. One prominent ringer once described the Council as 'This classical example of complacent futility!'

When G. W. Fletcher teamed up with E. H. Lewis this state of affairs was soon altered.

Ralph G. Edwards	27		27
Howard W. Egglestone	25 (7)	2 (2)	27
Martin C. Faulkes	27		27
Ian M. Holland	27 (11)		27
W. Arthur Riddington	27 (2)		27
George E. Thoday	27 (4)		27
Robert J. Warrilow	27		27
Eileen M. Fearn	26		26
Donald H. Niblett	24 (3)	2	26
Derek M. Sawyer	10	16	26
Herbert W. Woolven	26 (4)		26
Philip A. Corby	25 (18)		25
Stanley Jenner	25 (6)		25
Cecil W. Pipe	25		25
John G. Pusey	25		25
Denis A. S. Symonds	23	2	25
Miss V. Waterfield	25		25

Tips For Beginners—6

When you ring Plain Bob you meet the bells in the same order each time until they have been disturbed by a call, except that the treble intervenes between each pair in turn. The same thing occurs in Grandsire except that the intervention is by the treble and the bell-in-the-hunt.

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Tutty on the way she rang her first quarter peal at Newark on Christmas Eve. She is the first of the band of new recruits to ring a quarter peal in the tower and it is hoped the others will follow very shortly.

Newark Parish Church Society Ringers have elected the following officers for 1960:—Master, J. W. Raithby; deputy Master, D. Simpson; hon. secretary, F. W. Midwinter; hon. treasurer, H. Stevenson. An outing to the Cotswolds is to be held in June and the Gopher dinner on the usual Friday in November.

Thorny problems were thrashed out in committee and the Council meetings were more dignified. Fletcher's great knowledge of procedure and his grasp of essentials enabled the Council to get through a tremendous amount of work in one day.

He was born at Southgate in 1896, and learned to ring there. His education was commenced at the village school and completed at evening classes in London. He became an accountant and worked in London for a number of years. In 1928 he married Miss E. K. Parker, daughter of the famous James Parker, and they were actively connected with the Middlesex Association, George becoming vice-president, a position he held for nine years.

On being appointed as secretary and accountant to Messrs. E. Lacon and Co. Ltd., Great Yarmouth, he took up residence at Caister-on-Sea, and soon became active in the Norwich Association, was elected chairman and later vice-president of East Norfolk Branch. He has rung about 300 peals (tower and handbells).

George N. Fletcher is one of the four men who saved 'The Ringing World' from extinction. He, together with E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes and the late Rupert Richardson, took over responsibility for it on the death of the late J. S. Goldsmith, and together they financed the purchase of the paper from the executors. To George, who was ably assisted by Edith, his wife, fell the task of sorting order out of chaos, and this turned out to be a colossal task, which lasted the best part of two years. All debts were collected and paid over to the executors, and the paper was placed on a sound business basis. There is no doubt that, but for the rising spiral of prices, the action taken by Fletcher and his committee would have proved to be a profitable venture for, after the first two years after taking over, the Council was able to reimburse the committee, and was also able to make some small recognition of the work of George and Edith. Later on in this series we hope to say something about Mrs. Fletcher's work, for, as a husband and wife team, their work made a profound impression on the Exercise. JAFUS.

ANONYMOUS GIFT OF £400 FOR REHANGING FUND

Only two days after the launching of an appeal for the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos., the tower captain (Mr. O. Mills) received a cheque for £400—four-fifths of the estimated expenditure.

This fine ring of eight, last rehung in 1902, was cast in 1756 by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester. The treble and tenor were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Company (who again have the contract) in 1902.

A further £50 has been added to the appeal fund through the efforts of the youthful band of ringers. For some time now they have collected waste paper, and at Christmas a band of them toured the town ringing handbells.

In years gone by Wotton-under-Edge was renowned for its highly competent team of ringers under the captaincy of Mr. Frederick Oakhill, now in his 80's, a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Eighteen months ago the present captain was faced with a problem of finding enough ringers for the rare occasions on which the bells were rung. He set to and trained a group of schoolchildren, all under 15 years of age. And now there is a team of nine who turn up regularly for Tuesday practice and Sunday ringing.

It is hoped that work will start on the bells immediately after Easter. They will be rehung on heavy duty ball bearings, and in addition Messrs. Taylor will install new clapper bearings, rope pulleys (on bearings), etc. B. T. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AND A COMPUTER

Dear Sir,—I have lately been conducting a particular study in my spare time and would like to enquire, through the courtesy of your columns, if any of your readers have had thoughts in the same direction.

In the course of my work I prepare programmes for D.E.U.C.E., which is a general purpose electronic computer. This machine, in addition to its normal task of carrying out high speed calculations, can perform 'stunts' which are mainly used for demonstration purposes. These include playing noughts and crosses, playing tunes, and so on; in fact it can do anything, generally speaking, which involves the use of logical processes. As change-ringing can be said to fall into this category, I have been looking into the question of making D.E.U.C.E. ring changes, and I would like to hear from anyone else who has considered this problem on this or any other computer.

I envisaged a scheme whereby the conductor selects the required method by depressing a numbered key, whereupon, after one backstroke of rounds, the machine commences to ring the method. A bob or a single is called by pressing one of two appropriate keys, and as an aid to the conductor a warning light is automatically switched on on the backstroke preceding the lead-end. The machine stops when the changes come round and awaits the next method to be selected.

So far, Bob Major and Stedman Triples have been programmed, and Double Norwich is in a state of preparation, but I foresee complications in some of the Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

The eight notes are produced by an adaptation of the D.E.U.C.E. music programme, which was very kindly lent to me for the purpose by its author, Mr. S. J. M. Denison, of English Electric Ltd., Kidsgrove.

To those who (quite rightly) have a distrust of 'canned' bells, I would say this: Firstly, the sounds produced by D.E.U.C.E. are more reminiscent of a bass clarinet than of bells; secondly, the scheme is totally uneconomical for general use. The cost of the equipment is in the region of £50,000, and a fully-trained electronic engineer is required to be in constant attendance on the machine. Apart from that, the machine is far too versatile to use for this purpose alone.

This study is purely for personal interest, and I want to reassure ringers that there is no intention of trying to displace conventional bells and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Lytham St. Anne's. A. TOMLINSON.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Will those interested please note an important correction on page 651, November 6th, 1959. Aldeburgh should read Alburgh Court Major. Also the correct spelling of Cholmondeley is as written here, and not as on page 651 or 711.

With further reference to Mr. Griffiths' letter, it should be noted that the C.C. Plain Major Collection does not contain all regular Plain Major methods. These are the figures of the regular Plain Major not included in the Collection, but given in First Performances.

Hingham Little I.B.M.: -18, 56, 38; 56; 12.
Cawston Little B.M.: 36, 18; 36; 12.
Regina I.B.M.: -18-18-1458, 36; 78; 12.
Tunstead Little I.B.M.: 38, 14, 56, 18; 56; 12.
I must thank Mr. Barton for the information about the 'Spliced' Caters. The performance consisted of 1,280 Grandsire, 1,260 Plain Bob, 1,040 Kent T.B. Royal, 1,149 Stedman and 1,277 Grandsire Caters; composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley.—Yours sincerely,
F. T. BLAGROVE.

B.B.C. And Christmas Day Broadcast

Mr. Henry Riddell, of Outside Broadcasts (Sound), B.B.C., has written to the Editor regarding the correspondence in the issue of January 8th about the Christmas bells broadcast. He writes:—

'I was naturally interested as I arranged this broadcast. I apologise for the fact that Talgarth was heard twice and Wareham not at all, which is quite true. This was due to a mistake, over which I had no control.'

'The main reason for writing is to contest Mr. Chadlock's contention that the programme is organised in a casual way. This is not true. I enclose a script used for the broadcast. This shows with what care it is arranged and also the large number of people involved. A simple mistake by any one of these can lead to disorder, if not disaster.'

The script indicates the many people involved in a broadcast from points so widely apart. The general instructions were very implicit and great care was taken in the timing.'

LLANBETHIAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the past 14 years the six bells at Llanblethian, Glamorgan, have been silent and ringers making inquiries about the bells have been put off by reports that the tower floors were unsafe.

Last July the key of the tower was procured and, on inspection, the bell frame and tower floors were found to be in good shape but the ropes were completely rotten. With the Vicar's permission, a very willing band of ringers from Cowbridge Grammar School cleared out the tower floors and also the roof drains.

After oiling and greasing the bells were finally rung by the Cowbridge band, with borrowed ropes, in the second week in July. Perfect rounds could not be obtained owing to the odd-struck trebles, but at last the bells were ringing.

The bells were not disturbed again till December 5th, when the South Wales Nomads held a meeting at Llanblethian. The bells were again inspected and, with the aid of more oil, the odd-swinging treble clappers were corrected, and when the bells were finally rung all present admitted that the bells had a remarkable 'go.'

A peal was attempted on the bells on Boxing Day but, unfortunately, it was lost. Since then the bells have remained silent and ropeless. The church authorities state that they cannot afford six new ropes, so a band cannot be formed at the tower.

I hope that in 1960 Llanblethian bells will be fitted with ropes and that soon the bells will ring out regularly on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,
R. J. LEE.

Chester.

A TEACHING POINT

Dear Sir,—During the course of teaching four 16-year-old boys to handle a bell, we kept up the great enthusiasm by a 'challenge' as to who could set their bell the greatest number of consecutive times (both strokes), using blackboard and chalk. This was so successful I am passing on the idea; but perhaps it is widely used already?—Yours sincerely,

Black Torrington, MRS. JOHNSTONE.
Devon.

THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—Mr. Geoff. Hemming's reply to my letter raises three points in his argument—peals of Royal, weight of tenor ringer, and Pershore. We are not concerned with fast peals of Royal, but with one fast peal of Major with a 36 cwt. tenor, rung by one particular band. Most people know it is usual to ring Royal faster than Major, on the same weight of metal. The question of speed only enters in the argument in relation to how the peal was struck, and the experience of the tenor ringer. If tenor ringer 'A' likes to ring this tenor to Major, in say 3 hours 10 minutes, and competent witnesses say it was rung with clockwork precision, then I'll be the first to congratulate him, whoever he is.

My own preference for a peal of Major at Evesham would be from 3 hours 30 minutes to 3.40 to get the best out of these highly-tuned bells, and when Geoff. allows me to come, I think he will agree that is about the right speed. Incidentally, I find that I've rung 11 different 30-35 cwt. tenors to Major (no Plain Bob) at an average speed of 3 hours 33 minutes.

Geoff. also quotes a weight of 14 stone, as though it is an asset. With a few muscular exceptions, a heavyweight is often handicapped in fast ringing. Mr. Edward Jenkins, who has rung most of the tenors in the British Isles worth ringing, and many at a fast speed, weighs only about 8½ stone! The secret of well-struck fast ringing is to have complete control of the rope at every stroke.

With regard to Geoff's remark about Pershore, I would say that 3.10 is about the right time for these old style Rudhall bells. I wish he had stayed and heard the whole of the peal. These were a ring of bells where everyone had to work, and certainly the ringers in this band would not have allowed the striking to deteriorate.

However, in future, I have decided not to put the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells,' as although my fast peals have been rung on light tenors, it probably sets a bad example to some young ringers.—Yours etc.,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

AN INSIDE INCIDENT

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Mr. Edwards should choose to attack the band who rang the fast peal at Evesham in such strong terms.

As he was actually invited by the conductor to set his bell at one point I fail to see how he can find any cause to complain at all.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

PEAL RINGERS AND THEIR JOURNAL

Dear Sir,—If over the past five years a small donation (say 5s.) had been forwarded with each peal report, I think it is safe to say that the 90 per cent. peal ringers' journal would not have been in financial difficulties, and this somewhat acrimonious correspondence been averted. After all, it is normal practice for a service rendered to be paid for. Ever since its inception the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column has week by week borne witness to one fact, and one fact alone. Surely there are some generous souls within the peal ringing fraternity who would be prepared to explain to their fellow peal ringers the difference between the terms meanness and dignity.

Donation enclosed to cover cost of inserting this letter.—Yours, etc.,

W. C. B.

Clent, Worcs.

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CREDITING PEALS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—If it is satisfactory to do something simply because it has been done before then there is a course of action open to Mr. W. C. West which has a precedent in the county from which Mr. P. J. Johnston writes. Mr. West, on this basis, need not be put off by the publication in 'The Ringing World' under the name of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of the peal at Collingbourn, and could go ahead and enter it also in the records of the Salisbury Guild. In 1947 the Yorkshire Association did that with two peals published in 'The Ringing World' of September 19th, 1947, under the name of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and they bear the numbers 4,599 and 4,600 in the Yorkshire records. The peals were rung at West Hartlepool and Shildon in County Durham, and I have recently seen a statement from Yorkshire that the former was claimed as a Yorkshire peal only!

Before Mr. West takes this course, however, I wish to make it clear that I do not accept the view that simply because something has been done before it is necessarily right to continue to do it, and in this case I do not see how a peal can be credited to more than one Association, and I am pleased to note that in the current correspondence no one has suggested as a solution the publishing of peals rung by visiting bands for both Associations.

This was a solution attempted by a Durham and Newcastle band which visited Yorkshire and rang a peal there, publishing it under the heading of 'The Yorks Association and the Durham and Newcastle Association' ('R.W.', 1959, page 326).

A peal in its recording resembles a goal scored in football or a run scored in cricket. The ringer, like those players, is at any one time representing one society or team, although he may well be a member of several. Runs scored by Peter May are credited to Surrey or England or The Gentlemen and not to all three. Otherwise the total of runs recorded for May put together would exceed the total that he had scored. So too with the peal, it is credited to one Society or another and not both, or an individual's totals for various Societies when combined would exceed the true figure for his peal total, and the combined totals of the various touches would exceed the total number of peals rung.

Support is found for this view in the Central Council Handbook, 1956, pp. 21 and 22:—'. . . shall decide beforehand to which Association [note the singular] such peal shall be credited.' I believe that the 'Rules and Decisions, 1927,' used words to the effect that in future peals should be published under the name of one Society only. Earlier, when points were awarded for peals and these might have been shared, such a course was not permitted.

This view seems to be almost universally accepted in that, although there must be many instances each week of peals rung by bands with complete membership of more than one Association, it is only very rarely nowadays that one finds a peal with attempted 'dual nationality.'

The task of a peal recorder, as I see it, is not simply to include the maximum number of peals in his Society's records but rather to compile accurate and reliable records. The Central Council has a Peals Analysis Committee for the compilation of the 'central accounts,' and where a Society is affiliated to the Central Council, surely it should endeavour to keep its own individual records (the 'pass books') in line with those 'central accounts.' Adopting these principles, the peal published under Yorks and D. and N. is credited to Yorkshire only (C.C. Handbook, 1956, page 22), and I did not include it in the D. and N. list although I men-

tioned it in the discussion of the peal report. That is the position as it stands at present in the D. and N. annual report for 1958-1959 which was recently printed.

Needless to say, this position is not accepted unanimously in the D. and N. Association, and I have also been informed of comments from outside which say, in effect, that the Peals Analysis Committee's records do not matter so far as an individual Association is concerned. If this is so, one may well ask 'What is the purpose of the C.C. Peals Analysis?' These outside comments had already extended this matter beyond a purely domestic issue, and there is involved here a fundamental principle affecting the records of all Societies.

The Central Council is today the owner of 'The Ringing World.' It can now instruct the Editor rather than express hopes about his actions, and I feel that it should instruct him to publish peals under one Association only, with any sub-division (e.g., a District of that Association or a special combination of ringers) shown in brackets thereunder. This would not be sufficient to prevent action such as mentioned at the start of this letter, and affiliated Societies would have to be instructed to publish in their peal lists only those peals that were then credited to them in 'The Ringing World.' If this suggestion does not reflect the general feeling of the Exercise today, then the other logical step is to suggest the discontinuation of the Central Council Peals Analysis.

I await with interest the observations of others while considering a motion for one course or the other to the next C.C. meeting.—Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

PEALS OF CONVENIENCE

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if you would permit me to pen a few words in my defence, following a recent letter on 'Finance' by Mr. R. B. Smith.

Mr. Smith has stated that I asked for a couple of peal attempts in Cheshire some years ago. I would first state that it was not I but a good friend who asked for these peals: and we shall always remember the cordial welcome given to us by the Cheshire men at Norbury and Macclesfield and the two excellent peals rung. Through their kindness and tolerance I was given the opportunity of ringing my first peal in a Surprise method, an opportunity seldom forthcoming in Cornwall. Need I mention that if any members of those peal bands should pay us a visit we will be only too pleased to offer them a similar welcome?

I notice, incidentally, Mr. Smith, that you took part in neither of these peals, but assume, nevertheless, that as I and my friend were on holiday at the time that we only ring peals at our convenience. This seems to me to be rather a narrow-minded attitude.

What your argument has to do with the one put forward by me I fail to see. I enjoy ringing peals and am prepared to pay for that pleasure. As for ringing for my 'own convenience,' I would state that (a) I have taken part in, conducted and enjoyed, peals in which there have been one or two 'firsts.' (b) spent many an hour teaching bell control, and (c) many a cold winter evening oiling bells and splicing ropes. I hope we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you to Cornwall one day, Mr. Smith. Let us know when you are coming, and we shall be pleased to arrange a peal or two for 'your convenience.'—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Truro.

COMMEMORATING DOSTOYEVSKI

Dear Sir,—Your suggestion that only ringers understand the reason for the Dostoyevski peal is surely wrong—we don't understand it but we do tolerate it.

Your assumption that the member of the party who dreamed this up was brainy is also wrong—he isn't brainy, he's childish.

I diagnose here the 'cult of personality,' which in Dostoyevski's country today still leads to a trip to Siberia, but without a return ticket.—Yours sincerely,

A. WRIGLEY.

Chatham.

Dear Sir,—Surely the footnote to the peal rung at Rothwell on January 2nd reaches an all-time 'low' in ridiculous footnotes?

Did the band honestly meet to celebrate the anniversary of this Russian writer's return from exile?

What was the incumbent's reaction when told that his bells were going to be used for this purpose? I'm sure the answers to these questions will prove most interesting.

Whilst church bells are rung for certain secular occasions, surely no right-thinking churchman would class this as such an occasion.

If ringers wish to celebrate such occasions I suggest they visit a secular tower for the purpose and in future keep their footnotes more in line with the original purpose of church bell ringing—to proclaim the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

PEALS IN OTHERS' TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—Correspondence re peals in the territory of another Association reminds me that peals have been rung at Putney for Surrey Association, London County and North South-west Diocesan Association, Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Devon Guild, Kent County Association, College Youths, Waterloo Society, London University Society. There may be others. At least three of them could have no territorial or other claim on Putney.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney, S.W.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Pusey for his interesting letter following my article, but I would point out that my subject was 'Stedman for Beginners,' and in my first paragraph I wrote that I proposed to deal with the subject as simply as possible. Had I written 'Stedman for the Historian' or 'for the Mathematician' then Mr. Pusey's points would have been relevant, but in 35 years I have not met them in any tower, so would not risk confusing beginners with them.

A secondary reason for writing articles for the 'R.W.' is to stimulate correspondence and further articles. However much we may complain about the contents of our paper (and its price) I am sure you, sir, will agree that those contents are almost entirely dependent upon our own efforts in supplying your copy. For that reason Mr. Pusey's letter is welcome, and to others who have written directly to me I have replied suggesting that they should address their comments to 'The Editor.'

In view of Paludian's humorous account (page 58) of our activities at High Wycombe, I look forward with interest—and not a little apprehension—to further letters to you.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

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SOMETHING FOR CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A call change ringer from Kent asks for a little more of interest to call change ringers.

Those front page articles by the Rev. J. M. Scott are always interesting. Of course, they have rising and falling reduced to a fine art in the South West, the bells all strike off in one tightly compressed round ('pitch,' I think they call it) and after a few blows they all start to double-clapper in the same round, and not gradually joining in, as we do. It is very effective.

It is over 50 years since I became interested in bells and ringing, and at that time every village band for miles around rang call changes, and the majority still do. Some rang from boards or cards with the changes on, the conductor calling 'Change' three or four times a minute, so it takes close on 20 minutes to get through the 120. Here they have 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles painted on a board, and the conductor reads out the figures '1, 2, 3, 5, 4,' etc.

In calling, some men change one pair at a time (the usual way), though some change two pairs as in Doubles. The best change-caller of the present generation I have met is Mr. Fred Whittaker, of Hinstock. He changes one pair at every handstroke, so he must feel a little dry after half-an-hour of ringing.

I expect nearly all 8-bell men know that from rounds 'Queens' is called up in six changes, and changing the pairs in the same way 'Titums' comes in another six. Then with a slight variation in the pairs changed 'Whittingtons' comes in another six, then rounds in another six, making 24 changes or a 'short service peal.' I don't much like to hear the second striking immediately in front of the tenor (7th place) round after round, and this does not occur in this 'peal.'

The late Will Weatherby (brother of Ernest) used to turn the tenor in and call up 'Reversed Queens' (86427531), but the same effect can be had with the tenor covering (64275318). At one 6-bell tower I sometimes visited in the early days the conductor used to call the bells up behind in turn. This would come round in 20 changes, but by changing 2 and 3 instead of the final round it runs to 40—another 'short service peal,' though the changes in this are not specially musical.

I understand the West Country men sometimes ring the 'sixty on thirds'; perhaps Mr. Scott will tell us what this is.

At one tower I visited as a 'teenager' the band was composed for the most part of elderly men. They had a different way of calling from any I have met elsewhere. 'Up' and 'down' meant the opposite of what method ringers mean. 'Up' was going up the scale towards the treble, and 'down' was going down the scale towards the tenor. Thus 'Rise 3rd, down 2nd' produced 132456, then 'Rise 5th, down 4th,' followed by 'Rise 5th, down 2nd,' produced 'Queens,' and so on.

The captain was rather a severe old man, but I got on with him quite well, and many years after his death, his son told me: 'You know, my father thought a 'lot of you'; which I thought was quite kind of the old boy.

He was an old volunteer of Queen Victoria's time, and also in his prime very handy with his fists. This landed him in trouble on more than one occasion. Once when there was a row in the pub the police constable was sent for, but Sammy threw him out into the street, for which he went to jail for a term to cool down. When he came out the ringers rang a peal to celebrate his release, and for that they were all dismissed, but were subsequently reinstated.

Those were the days!—Yours sincerely,
E. V. RODENHURST.
Whitchurch, Salop.

100 PEALS NEXT YEAR!

We had made a resolution.

'A hundred peals next year.'

We had planned it all minutely.

No doubts, it all seemed clear.

Then we thought we'd have a trial.

Four weeks to get just eight.

We only managed one of them.

And that was second-rate.

We thought before we started

That we'd better go for ten.

Now we're wiser, although sadder.

And we'll never try again.

Have you ever had nine inquests

Within just thirty days?

We are none of us on speaking terms.

We hope it's a passing phase.

We weren't just raw beginners.

Not young and angry men.

But possessing all our senses,

Optimistic, eager—then.

Everything: lost keys, missed 'buses.

Broken ropes, no ropes, changed courses.

Fusing lights, ladies with flowers.

And the interested vicars,

Rattles, bumps, excessive thirst.

Organs, passers-by who cursed.

Until at last, filled with doubt,

The final one—just fired out!

That's all there is to tell.

You want a moral—well?

PEAL BORED.

(Who is not a leading peal ringer).

ROYSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I noticed in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' that a peal of Royston Surprise Major was rung at Royston on Boxing Day. The footnote states that the method is not No. 269 in Corrigan's Collection which also bears the same name.

Could some more information as to the reasons be forthcoming, please? Has Corrigan's Royston been rung before or not?—Yours faithfully,

BRYAN PATTISON.

Bede College,
Durham City.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Thirty-three ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at St. John's, Deptford, on January 23rd. After the service the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Lee) joined the company for tea, which had been prepared by ladies from Bexley and Crayford and was served in the church hall.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting. Fourteen new members were elected and two ratifications were made. Members were reminded of the annual meeting in the District on Easter Monday and asked to give their full support. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, on April 30th at Chelsfield. It was, however, agreed that wherever possible quarterly meetings should be held on the fourth, as opposed to the last Saturday of the month. In conclusion, votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and all who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

In the absence of the Rector through illness, the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer), assisted by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, with Mr. S. G. Ponting as organist, conducted the service at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on January 16th.

The Guild Master also presided at the business meeting following tea at St. Nicolas' Hall. Reporting on the past year, Mr. E. John Wells (District Ringing Master) referred to the losses to the District by the death of Mr. A. H. Pulling and departures of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mark White, Mr. D. Bentley, Miss Monica Collins and Mr. D. A. Kirk. Twelve peals had been rung in the District during the past year and he congratulated Miss Janet Cleeve, Miss Margaret Smith and David Tubbs (all of Holy Trinity, Guildford) on ringing their first peals.

Mr. Hazelden, in a tribute to the late Mr. Pulling, said he first met him when he could just about ring the treble for Grandsire Triples. They rang some very fine peals together. A peal which was near perfect was one of London Surprise, the first for the Guild, and it took two years to learn. It was rung perfectly until the last lead, when the treble man missed his dodge in 5-6 down.

Officers elected were: District Ringing Master, Mr. E. J. Wells; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. O. L. Warner; hon. secretary, Mr. S. G. Ponting; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman. Mr. A. C. Hazelden was nominated as a vice-president of the Guild. Nine new members were elected.

The Professor Would Like To Know

why ringers who persist in ringing Minor methods with 'single' changes as an integral part of the method don't resuscitate some of the methods rung when change-ringing was in its infancy, as they can then wallow in stagnation to their heart's content, seeing that most of the methods proceed entirely by 'single' changes?

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

South-West District

The wintry weather and bad road conditions prevented many members from attending the meeting held at Lavenham on January 16th, and even the chairman and secretary almost failed to get there, as their car skidded on the icy road and landed in a ditch. After several vain attempts to get it back on the road they were fortunate enough to have a furniture van come along, which duly towed them out, and so they arrived at the meeting a little late but undamaged.

It was gratifying to find that several other drivers had braved the weather, and altogether about 22 ringers finally arrived, and were able to ring these famous bells in methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and including rounds and call changes for the learners.

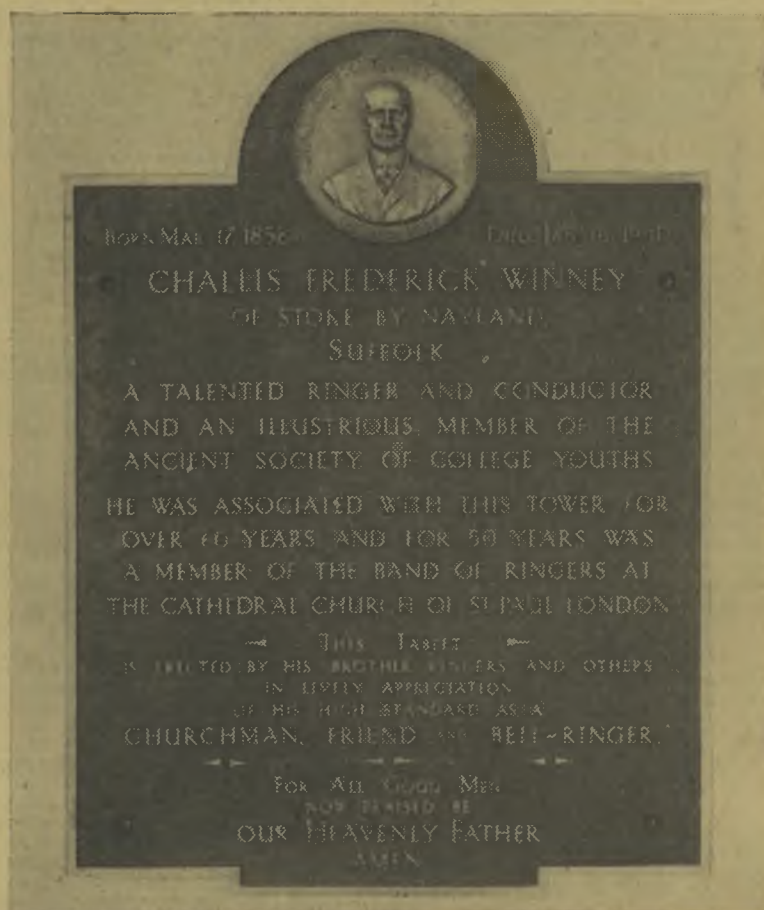
A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. W. S. Cotton), who, in his address, told us the history of a small bell believed to have been cast in 1350, which the church has recently purchased to hang in a turret for use as a service bell on weekdays.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master presented his report for 1959 and said that six peals had been rung in the District—a decrease of five.

The secretary reported an increase in membership, especially ringing membership, which had gone up from 63 to 73. Attendance at meetings had also improved and the amount subscribed to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund was a record so far.

It was decided to hold another supper and social at Lavenham this year, and October 15th is the provisional date.

COLLEGE YOUTHS & CHALLIS F. WINNEY



ON Saturday, January 9th, a most pleasing ceremony was performed at the Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, when, in the presence of the chaplain-in-charge, officers of the Society and ringing friends, a memorial plaque to the late Challis F. Winney was unveiled by the Master, Mr. James G. A. Prior.

Following Mr. Winney's death in 1940, it was proposed by Mr. E. Alexander Young that a suitable memorial should be erected, and many ringing friends subscribed towards the project. A plaque was designed incorporating a life-like relief of Mr. Winney and a tribute worded by Mr. Young. This design was then cast in bronze.

Owing to the destruction of St. Clement Danes' by enemy action in 1941, it was not possible to place the memorial in that tower as originally intended, and it was housed throughout the war years at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Recently Mr. A. A. Hughes brought the plaque to the attention of Mr. W. A. S. Lloyd, the architect responsible for the church, who welcomed a suggestion that it now be placed in the tower with which Mr. Winney was so closely associated.

So, on January 9th, in a simple but dignified ceremony of which he would have thoroughly approved, the plaque was finally dedicated and now rests in its rightful home, as a worthy memorial to a splendid man and great London ringer.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The Southern District, at its annual meeting at Redhill on January 16th, elected a number of new officers. The 1960 team is: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Streeter; District secretary, Mr. G. West; treasurer, Mr. A. P. Cannon; auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Miss F. Hankey, Messrs. G. Olliver and G. Clark. The Rev. S. G. Dyer, who conducted the service, gave an interesting address on bells and their meaning to the Church. Ringing reached London Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

Most member towers were represented among the 50 or so ringers who were present at the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch held at Gainsborough on January 16th. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the bells of the parish church and the service which followed was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts). After tea in the Old Hall, the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) took the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the president (Canon J. E. Roberts).

In his report, the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) said that 23 new members had joined during the year, making a total ringing membership of 123. Presenting the balance sheet, he said the finances of the Branch were in a very healthy state. The Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) reported that seven peals had been rung during the year, two members having scored their first peal.

The following officers were elected:—Canon J. E. Roberts (president), Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), Messrs. J. M. Blaikie and M. L. Mann (auditors), Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

Meetings for the year were agreed to as follows: February 20th, Kirton Lindsey; May 21st, Belton and Epworth; July 16th, Saxilby; September 17th, Messingham; November 19th, Lea.

After some discussion, Rutland was chosen as the venue for the Branch outing to be held on July 2nd. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and further ringing followed.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N, Leslie 1, F. Trinder (first 'inside') 2, D. Leslie 3, V. Clifton 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, A. Cantwell 6. For the second ringer's birthday.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The standard of striking at the 15th annual meeting of the Newark District, held on January 16th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, was of the best heard at the annual meeting for many years.

Officers elected were: Chairman, F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, P. W. White; committee, J. D. Clarke and C. J. Copp. New members elected were Miss D. Wright and Miss C. Pratchett (Southwell), and C. Town (Newark); non-resident life member, Miss J. Richardson. Mr. A. Dent, of East Bridgford, who has had to give up ringing due to an accident, was recommended for honorary life membership.

Wanthorpe was confirmed for the March meeting and Barnby-in-the-Willows for May. The Vicar (Canon J. H. D. Grinter) was thanked for taking the service, and the lady members of Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers for providing a most enjoyable tea.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Ringers from Oakham, Humberstone, Rothley, Dronfield, Portsmouth, Desford, Matlock, Chellaston and Newark were welcomed at the annual meeting of the Nottingham District on January 2nd. Mr. N. Pailing was elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year. He is probably the youngest member to fill this office, and he made a personal appeal to all members to give him their fullest support.

The February meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Aspley (the new Taylor six), on the 6th instant.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Despite the cheerless weather, about 40 members and visitors were present at the annual meeting of the St. Albans District on January 16th. Ringing in the afternoon was on the ten at St. Peter's, followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Fergusson. Then all, except one unfortunate who was involved in a cycling accident but escaped serious injury, went to tea, which was in St. Stephen's Hall.

This was the first time the present young band at St. Stephen's has provided tea at a meeting, and the feast they prepared will long be remembered by the District.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. G. W. Debenham) was in the chair. Mr. R. W. Darvill of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was elected District Ringing Master in place of Mr. J. D. Painter, of Harpenden, who is shortly leaving the district. The Secretary, Mr. S. Huckle, of Hatfield, was re-elected, and the members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

J. D.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Some 50 members from 21 different towers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Earls Colne on January 16th, and visitors were present from Bushey, Colchester, Great Tey, Kirby, Maldon and Thaxted. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitford.

Mr. H. A. Pratt, of Black Notley, was re-elected Master at the business meeting. Mrs. M. E. Moore (Bocking) secretary, and after a ballot, Messrs. J. Elliott (Kelvedon) and J. Warner (Witham) committee members. Twelve peals had been rung during the year and five meetings held with an average attendance of 41. The District had now 201 members plus four elected at the meeting. Messrs. J. Jennings (Great Bardfield) and C. Button (Kelvedon) were nominated for life members. Next meeting: Black Notley, on March 19th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Miss P. A. Hearne (12) 1, B. S. Shepherd 2, Mrs. G. Swain 3, J. E. Manners 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, M. J. Hiett (14) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

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DEATH

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IN MEMORIAM

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH.—Surprise Minor practice the second Monday of each month, 7.30 to 9. Methods for February: Beverley, Bourne, London, Norwich, Surfleet. All who are interested are very welcome. 5723

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY. — Will the many ringers who will be visiting this lovely church this summer please note that as from this week practice night has been changed to Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Please alter your 'Doves' now. 5734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Motions for consideration at the general committee meeting must be received by the general secretary by Saturday, Feb. 6th. (See Rule 9.). — M. R. Cross. 5690

WORCESTER.—All Saints' and St. John's. Please note that the Wednesday evening practices have been cancelled until after Easter.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Secretaries of affiliated Societies are reminded that subscriptions (ten shillings per representative) became due on January 1st. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 6th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5673

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5681

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., with business meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Further ringing after.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Feb. 6th, Watford (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bengoe, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that St. Andrew's, Hertford, will be available after business meeting.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ecclesfield, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 5689

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Woodbridge (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., obtainable at Deben Tea Rooms.—C. R. Lovett, Dis. Sec. 5688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5687

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Hall.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5696

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) 6 p.m. 5697

BARNLEY DISTRICT.—Meeting, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. 5701

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Henlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Norwich Surprise. Please note change of tower.—A. Smith, Sec. 5712

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Cottingham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. K. Ormbo, 36, High Street, Hull. 5695

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Davenham, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 5703

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Chesterfield. 5711

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names to E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual, Colemans Hatch, Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells and Hall not available on 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5705

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Whittlesford, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Brewery Tap 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5708

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, at Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Luben, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 5719

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea important to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 5707

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Chiddingfold, Surrey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Feb. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Witley (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5666

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, Feb. 13th. No tea arranged—cafes nearby. Business in tower 5.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 5720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Millom, Saturday, Feb. 13th. 2.30 p.m. Name to Mr. J. Ullock, 135, Albert Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 5724

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 10th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool, 6.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Shore (Littleborough). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea—Hudson, Sec. 5726

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: Copt Oak (6), 1.45 to 2.30; Woodhouse Eaves (6), 2.30 to 3.15; Woodhouse (Old) (6), 3.15 to 4; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.25 and 6.30 to 8; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Any notice of alteration to rules must be given by this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 8th, 7.45 p.m. in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5686

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Botolph's, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Feb. 8th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5710

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGES' GUILD.—Meeting, Barnes, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Roger N. Clarke, College of SS. Mark and John, Chelsea, S.W.10. 5721

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Hendon (buses 83 and 143 to Hendon L.T. Garage), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Ringing also at St. Mary's, Finchley, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Mary's Church House. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's (8) available after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 5718

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Gamston (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided in School. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 5722

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in evening. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5716

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Sharow (8), Ripon (10), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Sharow from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Café Victoria, Ripon. Names by Thursday, 11th, to me. Cathedral bells, 6 to 9 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 5727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Feb. 15th, 7.30 p.m.—St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Special methods: Bob Major, London Surprise Major. A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, business

and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 5709

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5715

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Loddon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 5691

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea direct to Mr. F. Crutenden, The Bakery, High Street, Henfield, by Thursday, Feb. 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5730

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Palgrave (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norfolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea must be in by Feb. 23rd.—H. A. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5702

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice. The festival and annual general meeting will be held at Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5728

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Frome Branch

With regret, the Frome Branch received the resignation of the Rev. N. Mitchell after three years in office as Branch chairman, at the annual meeting at Midsomer Norton on January 9th. The Rev. A. G. Durstan, Rector of Hemington, a practical ringer, was elected his successor.

Other officers elected were: Mr. E. J. Chivers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master; Mr. F. Savage, Assistant Ringing Master. Nominated for general secretary of the Association was Mr. Gwilym Salmon, of Wells, and as treasurer Mr. Eric Naylor, of Bath. Twenty-five new members were elected.

A report on the Central Council meeting last Whitsun was presented by Mr. H. J. Sanger, with particular reference to the increase in price of 'The Ringing World' and how to make it more attractive. A suggestion made from the meeting was a write-up of the bells and their history in every tower, with a photograph of the tower inserted in 'The Ringing World' in loose form, so that when completed they could be put into album form or bound as a book. (The suggestion is too costly; it would take more than six years to do Somerset towers, alone.—Ed.)

The service was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Scott, who was thanked, and also Mr. G. Stenner, the organist, Mr. Fred Savage for arrangements for tea, and the ladies who served it to the 65 members present.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd. 1.260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Cynthia M. Clayton 1, Christine B. Clayton 2, M. D. Fishwick 3, G. Rothwell 4, J. P. Partington 5, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. R. GEORGE CLEMENS

The death took place on January 15th in the Camborne-Redruth Hospital, after an illness of several weeks, of Mr. R. George Clemens, who had been living recently at Camborne. He had recently retired from farming.

George learnt to ring at Crowan on the original six there with the old call-change band, but after moving to Stithians joined the Redruth band and enthusiastically took up method ringing. He also became captain of the Stithians tower when the six bells were installed there. He had rung several peals, mostly Doubles and Triples. At the time of his death he was secretary of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild, and was present at the autumn meeting at Constantine. He was a Freemason, and was Steward of Druids Lodge, No. 589, Redruth.

The funeral took place at All Saints', Tuckingmill, on January 19th, the Rector of Redruth, the Rev. J. Ruscoe, officiating. There was a large attendance. Among the mourners were his father, Mr. R. Clemens (also representing the widow), and his two daughters, Mesdames A. and H. Martin. The Diocesan Guild was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Messrs. E. S. and W. H. Seymour (Redruth), W. J. Sanders (Tuckingmill), R. E. Bourdeaux and C. J. Roberts (Crowan), and Miss A. Hastings-Ince (Redruth).

On the following Saturday an attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, half-muffled, unfortunately failed at Tuckingmill close on half-way, through a miscall, but a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

MR. A. W. FOXALL

With deepest regret we record the death of Mr. Arthur W. Foxall, a young Hughenden ringer, who was fatally injured when the motorcycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a stationary lorry near Caerwent on January 8th.

Arthur, aged 18 years, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foxall, who left South Wales to live in Buckinghamshire ten years ago. He was educated at Wycombe Grammar School and on leaving joined the staff at the Local Government Offices.

He commenced ringing in 1953 and was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild a year later. He could be counted upon to participate in all the local ringers' activities, having a good attendance for service ringing as well as joining in outings and peal attempts arranged in the district. Arthur rang a total of 20 peals, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman to Surprise Major, one of which—non-conducted Grandsire Triples—was the 300th peal on Hughenden bells, and he 'circled the tower' last year.

Memorial services were held at Llangibby and Hughenden, and the many wreaths included tributes from ringers of both churches. On January 13th a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Hughenden and on the following Saturday a quarter peal of Stedman Caters at High Wycombe.

Swansea and Brecon Guild

Despite the wintry weather, 20 members attended the annual meeting held at St. David's, Brecon, on January 16th. After conducting the service the Vicar (Rev. D. R. Wilkinson) invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Glasbury-on-Wye. It was proposed that Mr. Rees Price be elected an honorary life member for services to the Guild and tower. Mr. J. Williams moved the vote of thanks for the use of the bells. G. P. D.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire), 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Smith 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, M. Riley 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 5, Miss K. Gee 6, D. Palmer 7, J. Thorpe 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Morton Whithurst, last of a generation of the Smith-Caringtons, whose family were responsible for the restoration of the church and its ring of eight bells.

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