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2,000 PEALS

ABOUT 9 p.m. on Monday, February 27th, a big event took place in English ringing—a man had rung for the first time in his 2,000th peal. This honour has fallen to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. Last December Mr. Morris surpassed the total of the previous record holder (1,969), Mr. William Pye, of Walthamstow. The ringing Exercise has been waiting for the news of the 2,000th peal, and it burst forth in the B.B.C. breakfast-time magazine 'Today,' on Tuesday last week. All ringers will join with us in offering our sincerest congratulations to this grand Leicester ringer of 71.

This month 'The Ringing World' celebrates its jubilee, but throughout that long period the name of Ernest Morris has been familiar to its readers. He appeared in No. 2 issue with one of his compositions. Not only has his name appeared more frequently in our peal columns than any other ringer but from his pen there has been a steady flow of articles dealing with history and the lore of bellringing. The former verger of St. Margaret's, Leicester, is known on both sides of the Atlantic—indeed you will find his portrait not only in the Mitchell Tower of Chicago University but in the Antipodes, in the belfry of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

The 2,000th peal of Ernest was carefully conceived. Brian G. Warwick, Leicester Guild's secretary and a leader of the Monday night bands at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, had a new composition of Surprise Royal for the occasion, which he appropriately named Morrison Surprise Royal. Thus a district near Swansea will be perpetuated all the time change-ringing holds its place of affection among English men and women.

And who were the men who helped Ernest to this glory? Names our readers are familiar with: G. Ronald Edwards treble, Brian G. Warwick (conductor) 2, Ralph Clifton 3, Ralph E. Kington 5, Joseph W. Cotton 6, A. James Poyner 7, John A. Acres 8, Russell S. Morris 9, John M. Jelley tenor. It was a good peal with good striking throughout, and the bells were brought round in 2 hours 25 minutes.

The event was anticipated by the Press. Photographers were in waiting, and Mr. Paul L. Taylor was called from his home to join in the congratulations. What a happy picture they took! Grey-haired Ernest holding his bell-rope and shaking hands with the reigning sire of England's famous foundry. This was followed by the celebration drinks in Mr. Paul Taylor's home—for Ernest a modest mug of cider—and then he was whisked away by car to Leicester to give a B.B.C. recording, one of many he had given, but never before in exactly the same spirit of triumph and of the fulfilment of a personal ambition.

THE BELLS OF TODMORDEN

TODMORDEN, lying on the boundaries of Lancashire and Yorkshire (but nevertheless completely in Yorkshire), has within its boundaries four rings of eight bells. These are probably as diverse in character as any other town of 17,000 inhabitants. Entering the town from Lancashire, via Rochdale, the visitor first comes across St. Peter's, Walsden. With the exception of the tower this church was entirely destroyed by fire in 1948 and the frame was damaged. Mears and Stainbank were given the job of rehanging the eight bells, cast in 1872 by William Blews, of Birmingham, who operated from the 'Chandelier and Gas Fitting Works' from 1852 to 1886. The tenor here weighs 9 cwt. and was rung behind to the first four peals between 1872 and 1926. Seven years later it was turned in to Cambridge Surprise Major and then rested behind in the next peal in 1958, again Grandsire. Only nine peals have been rung on this light ring, hung in two layers.

Passing down the valley we next see the magnificent spire of the Unitarian Church. This building was erected in 1869 at the expense of the Fielden brothers, who were local mill-owners. The tenor here weighs 14 cwt., and the bells were cast by Robert Stainbank. Sixteen out of twenty-seven peals here have been Grandsire Triples, although there have been peals of Superlative (1930), Cambridge (1931) and Bristol (1960) rung here.

Christ Church, or the New Church, as it is known locally, contains 11 bells, all cast by Taylors of Loughborough, in 1897, at the expense of a benefactress, to mark the jubilee of Queen Victoria and in memory of her brothers and sisters. The tenor weighs 23½ cwt., and to get them all on one layer the wall had to be cut away to allow the tenor to swing whilst the flight of the sixth was removed to allow free movement. Twenty peals have been rung on this rather loud eight, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, but only one has been rung in under 3 hours, which was Double Norwich, in 1927, with Edward Jenkins on the tenor. The other three bells are for chiming purposes only and on one occasion 'Money is the root of all evil' was heard issuing from this tower!

Cross Stone is on the hillside, down Halifax valley, and holds a ring, with tenor of 9½ cwt., cast by Charles Carr (bell and brass founder) in 1910. This firm operated from Smethwick (not, as some ringers suggest, Carlisle). The first peal was rung here the day after the bells were installed, as with the other towers in Todmorden, this was Grandsire, some four months before the bells were consecrated. All told 44 peals have been rung on this handy octave, in all the standard Plain, Treble Bob and Triples methods, and Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise. Bristol will, no doubt, be rung to complete all the standard methods, but the writer is of the opinion that the bells have not the weight to do justice to the music of Bristol.

P. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Five-course block.	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.
EDWARD JENKINS Treble	PETER LAFLIN 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
BASIL JONES 3	JOHN WORTH 9
*JOHN NELSON 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS 11
FREDERICK SHALCROSS .. 6	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

PATRICK J. BIRD Treble	*IAN C. MAYCOCK 6
*JOHN C. BALDWIN 2	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 7
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN 3	DAVID HEIGHTON 8
MARY H. HALL 4	D. JOHN HUNT 9
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

TOM CHAPMAN Treble	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	*REGINALD F. CROOK 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL 3	*ARTHUR SAYERS 8
REGINALD W. REX 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD 9
REGINALD T. JONES 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First of Kent Royal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Sanders, Rector of Overton, on being installed as an honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARTON Treble	ALFRED SMITH 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) 2	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 7
†RITA M. JOWETT 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD 9
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First of Royal in the method away from the treble.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5000 FELTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	FRANK C. PRICE 7
CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 3	DENNIS KNOX 8
JOAN BERESFORD 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	TONY PRICE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

FELTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

30—30.4—12—30—14—30—36—145—78—9

2nds place lead. 4ths place bobs.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Treble	ROY COLLINS 5
JILL M. LANE 2	CHRISTOPHER J. W. WEBB .. 6
DENNIS G. BLOWS 3	E. JOHN WELLS 7
*JAMES W. PRIEST 4	†JOHN MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
RONALD C. NOON 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WILFRED G. WILSON 5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 2	JOHN EUSTON 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	GORDON W. LIMMER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

In memoriam Frank V. H. Sinkins, whose last peal of Stedman was on February 14th, 1948, at this church; same composition, same conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
*ANN GRAINGER Treble	*WILLIAM BRADBURY 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	PETER J. STANFORTH 6
ERNEST RAWSON 3	JOHN VERNON 7
ELIZABETH A. WILCOX .. 4	CURZON CLARK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

DENNIS A. HEWITT Treble	*DAVID E. BELCHAM 5
ROY D. TOMLIN 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	*MICHAEL J. HALLETT 7
FRANK C. MAY 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*JOSEPH WOOLEY Treble	CHARLES WALKLATE 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY 6
*PETER MARRIOT 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
JOHN MURFIN 4	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN MURFIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F. sharp.
*JOHN RAITHEY Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 2	HAROLD STEVENSON 6
†ELISABETH A. TUTTY 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL 4	JAMES W. RAITHEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDAND
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
*JOHN F. PEDLER Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER 5
†DOREEN COX 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
ERIC J. HITCHINS 3	*CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS 7
‡BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4	†ANTHONY E. COX Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside' and 50th peal.

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Guild and the 80th birthday of Mr. Frederick G. Leaker, of Bristol.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.	
HARRY B. FULLER Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
ROBERT PLUMMER 2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	LEONARD J. MINNS 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. FLATT.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 3	EDMUND A. MALIN 7
J. CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*JOHN HARTLESS 6
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
JAMES E. DANIELS 4	MICHAEL J. BEST Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.	
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN 5
ARTHUR D. COOK 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS 3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW 4	GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.
Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First touch of Yorkshire.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JOHN RYDER Treble	FRED JACKSON 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	HAROLD WORRALL 6
CECIL RADDOON 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	DENIS MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*GEORGE DAWSON Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
†J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	*PETER KINDRED 7
*RONALD C. NOON 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.
Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
*ANNE P. SMITH Treble	*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
†CHRISTINE MACNAIR 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	BASIL JONES 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal on eight. † First of Major 'inside' and in the method.

ASHTON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.	
MARGARET RIPPON Treble	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS 5
ADRIENNE GIBSON 2	FRANK OAKSHOTT 6
*CHRISTINE A. BOXALL .. 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 7
GERALDINE M. PIPER 4	JOHN C. DAVIDGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Arranged by GEO. MARRINER.

Conducted by MARILYN GIBBS.
* First peal. First of Plain Bob Triples by all. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to June Patricia Symonds, daughter of the Ashted Ringing Master, on her wedding on February 18th at St. Margaret's, Nedland, Western Australia, to Joseph Clifford Kong. Also a birthday compliment to George Cook, for many years Ringing Master at Ashted.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. Treble	DENNIS COOPER 5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES 2	†KENNETH RUTLAND 6
*GEORGE HANCOCK 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
*KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. Treble	*FRANK W. E. CARTER 5
†IAN C. BUCKLAND 2	DON C. EXELL 6
PATRICK J. BIRD 3	D. JOHN HUNT 7
PETER E. PARRY 4	CLIFF RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal at the Cathedral, and on eight bells, by an all-Cathedral band.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.	
*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	†ROBERT B. BLOND 6
RONALD K. RUSS 3	*ERIC O. DAVIES 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. 425th peal as conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.	
ALAN JACKSON Treble	C. MICHAEL ORME 5
*ERIC EDMONDSON 2	EDWIN G. BUCK 6
*PETER J. COLES 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4	JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).
Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5120 HAREFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
CELIA F. WHITFIELD Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 7
JACK S. DEAR 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. This method appears in Corrigan's Collection as Hillingdon (No. 160) and is now renamed as it is not related to Hillingdon Surprise Royal.

HAREFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
38—34.6—56—38—12—5.14—34.5
2nds place lead. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Devizes Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and 12 of Grandsire.	
Tenor 7½ cwt.	
COLIN LOVELOCK Treble	R. HUMPHRIES 4
DAVID STILLMAN 2	P. GAISFORD 5
R. J. PURNELL 3	G. HUMPHRIES Tenor

Conducted by R. J. PURNELL.

Average age of the band 16 years. Believed to be the first 'teenage' peal for the Guild.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOAN COTTON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
DEREK P. JONES 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 5
JOHN K. SMITH 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.	
FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble	REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 4
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 2	HAROLD F. WHITE .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	PHILIP J. EVANS Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP J. EVANS.

First peal as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) London and Wells, (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN 4
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 5
COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.	
Tenor 22½ cwt.	
HAROLD WORRALL Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON 4
JOHN RYDER 2	CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 5
VICTOR NEAL 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

SEDLEScombe, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.	
*RALPH BARNES Treble	†IAN SMITH 4
JOAN V. GARNET 2	†WILLIAM SMITH 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ERIC A. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.	
*DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
GEORGE A. WALKER .. 3	*†GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

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

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 31 extents of Plain Bob and 11 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*PETER J. BILL (12) .. Treble	JAMES E. PULLON (13) .. 4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (13) 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS (15) 5
†JEREMY A. TANDY (14) .. 3	PETER J. BROWN (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal on tower bells for the Association, the average age being 14 years 6 months.

A birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 35 methods, being one 1,440 and five extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Canterbury, Morpeth, Chester and Munden (1,440 in 11 Surprise by A. Rolfe); (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER 2	ALAN R. SYDER 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

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CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES IN 26 METHODS

Being one extent each of St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, Shares-hill, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton; two each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and four of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
DORIS M. SMITH .. Treble | MICHAEL LARCHER .. 4
ROSEMARIE E. JONES .. 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 3 | *ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 100th peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.
CYNTHIA J. SHACKELL .. Treble | F. RICHARD VERRALL .. 4
D. JUDITH TIDEY .. 2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 5
SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. 3 | CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. B. R. Hornung on their golden wedding day. Lt.-Col. Hornung is patron of the living.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.
*SUSAN J. HUBBARD .. Treble | *THOMAS J. BROCK .. 3
MICHAEL UTTON .. 2 | RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4

MICHAEL J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal. First in two methods by all.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble | HAROLD CLAYTON .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2 | BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
KEITH JORDAN .. 3 | DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the second.
First as conductor.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley, London, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 6½ cwt.
H. GEORGE HART .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4
GLADYS MANCHIP .. 2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 3 | *KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* 75th peal of Surprise Minor; has now 'circled the tower.'

KINGTON ST. MICHAEL, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman and Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 20 of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PATRICIA A. BURT .. Treble | CLIFF J. RICHARDS .. 4
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 2 | ALAN F. LEE .. 5
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3 | TERENCE J. MILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in five methods. † First in five methods of Doubles.
First peal on this anti-clockwise ring cast by A. Rudhall in 1726.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Little Aston, (3 and 4) Seighford, (5 to 9) Rushall, (10 to 12) All Saints, (13 to 18) Grandsire, (19 to 22) Plain Bob, (23 to 26) April Day, (27 to 30) Clifford's Pleasure, (31 to 34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (35 to 38) Southrepps Pleasure, (39 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.
*MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble | ALEC GAMMON .. 4
JOHN S. WALKER .. 2 | EDWARD R. VENN .. 5
ROY H. JONES .. 3 | †HERBERT ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal for 25 years.
Rung to mark the birth of Lynne Margaret, a sister to the ringer of the second, Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Lightfoot, London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.
DENNIS E. PEPPER .. Treble | GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
DONALD F. MURFET .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 80 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sanddal, Capel, Campanula, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, Hemsworth and York Minster Treble Bob, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Ros-therne, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Chepstow and Skipton Delight; (2) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden Bob; (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale Surprise; (5) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden Surprise; (6) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 24, MANOR STREET.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

AND

THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH HALL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
*SUSAN E. CROSS (12) .. 1—2 | ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3—4
IRENE A. CROSS (14) .. 5—6
Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First peal, first attempt. Youngest band to ring a handbell peal for the Suffolk Guild. First handbell peal for the College.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
*DAVID F. MOORE .. 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

Also

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT 645, NUTHALL ROAD, CINDERHILL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
MRS. S. PATRICIA M. NIX .. 1—2 | PETER NIX .. 3—4
FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 5—6
Conducted by PETER NIX.

Believed to be the first peal 'in hand' for the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. A. Shackelford 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A compliment to Mr. M. W. Ford (tower captain) on the eve of his first wedding anniversary.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. G. Beck 1, D. Targett 2, E. C. Wadman 3, V. Savage 4, E. J. Chivers 5, A. Munday 6. Rung half-muffled after the committal of Mr. W. Roberts, who, for over half a century, was a ringer at this church and for many years tower captain.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. C. Dale (rung one-handed with right arm in plaster) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, W. R. Chandler 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): Sharon North-east (first of Minor) 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Wroe (first of Minor) 3, V. Griggs 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. Oliver (cond.) 6, J. Burgess 7, C. Jeffries (first quarter) 8. For Matins. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Tanner (first of Triples) 1, T. H. Bird 2, Elizabeth Starmer (first of Triples) 3, D. Wroe (first of Triples 'inside') 4, K. Game 5, F. W. Bird 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Starmer (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, also as a compliment to Keith Johnson and Elizabeth Starmer, on their engagement.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain and Double Bob Minor: E. G. Mould 1, Dorothy M. Stafford 2, Jennifer M. Gambling 3, A. Kench 4, I. C. Maycock 5, D. R. M. Heighton (cond.) 6. For Evensong, by U.B.S.C.R. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane B. Tuffin 1, I. C. Maycock 2, C. T. Biscoe 3, Judith Atkinson (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Austin 5, J. C. Baldwin 6. Conducted in turn by 2, 3, 5, 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Scarrott (first quarter) 1, B. Heighton 2, Christine Collett 3, M. J. Austin 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, D. Evans 6. For Evensong.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Lanigan 1, R. Webb 2, M. Baughan 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. Hearns 5, G. Wickens 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Gray and Miss J. Morey.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Driver 1, A. Lock 2, R. G. Egging 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. Riddy 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6. First on bells. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Jose (cond.) 1, Helen Hobbins 2, A. Lock 3, Marion Driver 4, Mrs. Mossop 5, R. G. Egging 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1, C. J. Brown 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Mrs. J. de Jong 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7. F. Battin 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Pierce, for many years a member of the Corston tower.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, V. Nutton 3, P. Birkett 4, A. Rogers 5, F. Linfoot 6, J. R. Pargdin 7, D. Smith (first as cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent for 1 and 3. For Evensong, by Sunday service band.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Beaumont 1, L. Edwards 2, W. Cox 3, W. Jones 4, J. Whiting 5, R. Hazell 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Pobjoy (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 81st birthday of Harry Newman. Also on Feb. 26th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Whiting (first of Stedman) 1, P. Allen 2, W. Cox 3, P. Clarkson 4, W. Jones 5, L. Edwards 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, J. Whiting 8. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Diana May (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. King 6. For Evensong.

HOWDEN, YORKS.—At the Minster, on Feb. 26th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Major: Susan M. Harrop 1, Elizabeth Harrop 2, A. H. Hawcroft 3, J. Kay 4, E. Philpot 5, E. A. Newham 6, B. Baxter 7, J. M. Harrop (cond.) 8.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Gratton 1, Stella Allen 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Herbert Bown, a ringer for over 50 years, interred this day.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, at St. Matthias', Burley, 1,296 Spliced Minor (576 Little Bob and Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob): M. G. Swift 1, Josie R. Hutchings 2, Frances Fairbank 3, R. Brown 4, F. K. Williams 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Matins.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, L. Batley 2, F. Miles 3, R. Smith 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. Gant 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, C. Willington 8. For the institution and induction of the Rev. E. de Lande Jones as Vicar. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White (first away from covering tenor) 1, C. Hughes 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Eastwood (first 'inside') 4, R. Smith 5, C. Willington 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, F. Miles 8. For Evensong.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Proudman 1, J. Lawrence 2, H. Wright 3, N. Statham 4, H. Hollis 5, K. Hudson 6, J. W. Rawson 7, G. Newton (cond.) 8. To celebrate the 90th birthday (February 25th) of Mr. William Henson, 62 years service ringer and 40 years sidesman at this church.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Cook 1, D. Mitchell 2, H. W. Easey 3, J. H. Kindred 4, G. A. Kindred 5, M. Solley 6, J. W. G. Kindred 7, P. Kindred (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William J. Garnham, ringer and vergier at the church, interred earlier in the day.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Old, Norfolk and Grandsire): P. B. Gates 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, W. D. Watson (cond.) 4, R. L. Clark 5, J. Y. Seymour 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Viscount Dunrossil, Governor-General of Australia, buried this day in Canberra.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, F. E. Day 2, A. W. Myers 3, H. F. Myers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. R. Bould 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Y. C. Porter.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Revers: Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. J. Slade 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, G. Cornick 4, Miss B. Marsh 5, G. H. Perry 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Canon W. J. Smith, M.A., and Mrs. Smith.

PUNTEE, LONDON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew 1, E. Negus 2, B. Bull (first of Minor 'inside') 3, L. Allen 4, A. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. Warrilow 6. For evening service.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn M. Cumberworth (first of Triples) 1, T. D. Wickins (first of Triples) 2, S. Rayfield 3, Margaret A. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, A. Dunk 6, T. A. Cross 7, K. Young (first of Triples) 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cheal.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, P. Avey 2, P. Perkins 3, R. Goodship 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): W. A. Howlett (first quarter) 1, Miss W. M. Hatchett 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, D. M. Hibbert 4, H. A. Bradbury (first as cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. J. Millyard to his first parish—Wormley, Herts.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela A. Hunter 1, Mary Davy 2, A. E. Hunter 3, P. C. Saunders 4, J. Horsman 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8. First quarter, first attempt 1 and 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rev. W. R. Horth, R.D., on completion of ten years as Vicar of the parish.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hall 1, D. Holland (cond.) 2, W. Holland 3, L. E. Smith 4, S. J. Dunn 5, B. Holland 6, R. Birch 7, R. Hall 8. For the induction of Rev. W. R. Godding, B.Sc., on Feb. 4th.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 College Bob IV Delight Minor: K. M. Richards 1, L. Willis 2, W. Rhodes 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5, G. H. Lane 6. First in method by all.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,344 Painwick Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, D. K. Walters 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Rung by the local band for the visit of Bishop of Buckingham.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Carol Normal (first quarter) 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (cond.) 5, N. May 6. For Evensong.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, H. Miles 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Hicks 4, A. Cantwell (first as cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. Rung for the 11th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Trinder.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gregory 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Ray 4, R. Sanders 5, K. J. Cherrill 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Perrett 8. For morning service.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,500 Doubles, in 18 methods: Miss P. Harris 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, J. Boyd 6. First in 18 methods for all except conductor. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods), same band. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 1,260 Bob Doubles: January 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pickett 1 and 6, Miss P. Harris 2, C. Fynes (cond.) 3 and 4, K. Young 5. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (Miss M. Gibson 4). Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Harris 1, C. Fynes 2 and 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, J. Pickett 6.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—Correction.—On Jan. 13th, 720 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Webb (Honiton) 1, Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster) 2, C. J. Turner (Ottery St. Mary) 3, R. N. Pittman (Uplyme) 4, G. H. Cross (cond.) (Chardstock) 5, B. Pidgeon (Awliscombe) 6. Rung to celebrate Preb. E. V. Cox's 60th anniversary as a ringer.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. J. Markham 1, Miss M. A. Verity 2, Miss B. J. Fisher 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Feb. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. C. Hughes (first of Kent) 1, W. D. Watson 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, R. L. Clark (first of Kent) 4, J. F. Hammond (first of Kent) 5, J. H. Fryer (first of Kent as cond.) 6. A tribute to Viscount Dunrossil.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Rossiter 1, A. R. Poyntz 2, Mary Russell 3, D. McCollough 4, Heather Hood 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. Mackenzie 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Short, vergier for many years.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Richens (first on treble) 1, Jacqueline A. Reason (first 'inside') 2, Pat A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, L. J. Cox (first 'inside') 5, P. R. Young 6. For Ash Wednesday service.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At All Hallows', on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian A. Neal Smith 1, Jill Barron 2, Ann Muir 3, Dr. A. J. Muir 4, D. Hill-Brown 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Elizabeth Hill-Brown 8. First of Stedman by 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8, and on the bells.

WARSPON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Double Court Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wingrove (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, T. Jennings 3, G. F. Roope 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Jacqueline Anne Wills to Charles William Swann.

WEST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Rosemary Whitehouse 1, J. Woolley 2, W. L. Ratcliffe 3, J. B. Perkins 4, R. W. Winstanley (first as cond.) 5, A. T. Bailey (first quarter) 6. Rung by members of the local band in recognition of the completion by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, of 20 years as Rector.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, J. Y. Parker 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5, E. V. Ballam 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Guy Long, for 19 years as Rector.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge and Plain Bob: D. Murfet 1, G. Crisp 2, A. Payne 3, D. Mortlock 4, A. Yarrow 5, G. Thoday (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor: Mary Perkins 1, Meriel Boyce (first 'inside') 2, B. Gibbons 3, A. Bridges 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, D. Culham 6. Rung as an appreciation to the Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Keet, who are leaving for Eising, Norfolk.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: M. V. Chilcot 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, Jeanette M. Winchester 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. J. Cook 6, J. Schofield 7, F. D. Jennings 8, F. E. Darby (cond.) 9, S. F. Kimber 10. By the local band for Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Stone (first on eight) 1, C. W. T. Riddleston 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, B. North (first 'inside') 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, D. Snowwell 8. A farewell to the Rev. James Turnbull (curate), on acceptance of livings of Twineham and Sayers Common.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's): W. G. Saunders 1, F. C. Arnold 2, T. C. Browne 3, L. F. Bailey 4, F. Pearson 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Inman 1, P. J. Spice 2, D. J. R. Martin 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, A. M. Macve 5, Miss M. E. Kirby (first as cond.) 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, A. Richards 8. First of Bob Major 'inside' for 4, 5 and 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, W. S. Crawford 2, J. Hanley 3, R. Evans 4, A. A. Elsmore 5, B. L. Jones 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung for Evensong, on the occasion of the annual ringers' festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 15th, at St. Peter's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, C. Bower 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Both for Evensong.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Catchpole (first quarter) 1, C. R. Catchpole 2, H. B. Fuller 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. C. Arnold 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDY.—On Feb. 19th, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (first of Triples) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Gathercole 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): C. Hale (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, A. Hicks 3, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Ginns 1, B. Ward 2, R. Marriott 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. Webster (first as cond.) 5, J. Morkitt (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

HARLINGTON, MIDDY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Grice 1, Miss W. Smith 2, C. Stevenson 3, T. Durne 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Durston (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for all except conductor. To commemorate the first birthday of Prince Andrew.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, C. L. Bell 2, A. J. Davey 3, P. E. Wells 4, G. Cheetham 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 19th, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob Minor: C. L. Bell 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, P. E. Wells (first in two methods) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUNTON, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Buckingham 1, J. Mattingley (first 'inside') 2, N. Mattingley 3, R. Phippen 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, T. Longhurst 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Girling 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, H. C. Foster 4, P. J. Bergdahl (first 'inside') 5, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 21st birthdays of the 3rd and 5th ringers.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley (cond.) 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. For evening service.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Walsh (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Walsh (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, G. Milsom 4, A. J. King 5, J. Ryman 6. Rung for members of the Sunday service band, for Evensong, as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Andrew, also to welcome Raymond Hayden after a spell in hospital.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 12th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, A. R. Ling 2, J. Beresford 3, G. A. Parsons 4, F. J. Matthews 5, T. H. Francis 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. First of Briqol for 2 and 4. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Feb. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rita Gasson (first of Major) 1, P. Cattermole 2, Gay Williams 3, N. J. Davies 4, M. P. Barton 5, D. J. R. Martin 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Rita Gasson.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Mills (cond.) 1, C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, R. Mills 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Blackshaw 1, D. Bradley 2, F. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, B. Mills 6. Conducted by D. Bradley and B. Mills. A welcome to the new Vicar.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 12th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. D. Edwards 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, A. J. Adams 3, Miss D. Elson 4, C. Holloway 5, C. Coles 6, E. R. Venn 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 19th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,200 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, rung alternately): Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung for Evensong, and Prince Andrew's first birthday.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Olliffe 1, E. Townsend 2, E. Hill 3, P. Pearce 4, P. Beedie 5, D. J. Smith 6, K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Franklin 1, W. Jones (cond.) 2, Dianne Holley 3, R. Franklin 4, A. W. Franklin 5, E. Boyce 6. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. William Henson, a quarter peal was rung on Market Bosworth, Leics., bells on February 25th. At this church he had been a service ringer for 62 years and a sidesman for 40 years. In early life he drove the carrier's cart weekly to Leicester, and at the age of 83 decided to build himself a new bungalow! Mr. J. Walden is the new Master of Lincoln Cathedral band.

Ernest Morris, in reporting his 2,000th peal, wishes to associate the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Pat Halls, of Derby, who helped so much in new Surprise Royal methods and other peals. Thank you, Gordon and Pat.

The time taken in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at Dorchester Abbey for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (see page 90) was 2 hours and 59 minutes and not as printed.

Miss Ruth Blackshaw writes, in reply to Mr. W. S. Palm, of Faversham, that a pleasing presentation frequently employed at Holme Pierrepont is to mount an ordinary peal card printed by 'The Ringing World' in a 4s. 11d. frame. Recipients have been really pleased and proudly show it to their friends.

The seventh bell at Bramley, Hants, has been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to the great satisfaction of the local band. Ringing is back to normal—Sundays 10.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; practices, Tuesdays 7.45 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

There was a good turnout of members for the social evening held on February 24th, by the South Derbyshire and North Leics Association. The main item was a film show given by British Railways, to whom thanks are accorded and also Mr. L. Walmsley, of Shardlow.

Mr. C. E. J. Norris writes: 'The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal (page 122) rung at Rochester Cathedral on February 4th was first in the method on the bells. It was one of the finest peals on these bells since the late James E. Davis called Cambridge Royal here for the first in the method on the bells on December 26th, 1929. I heard both the peals.'

The bells of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, will be heard on the Scottish Home Service on Monday, March 13th, at 8.5 p.m. The programme is entitled 'The Bells of St. Magnus' and listeners will be able to hear the unusual story and tune of these bells and the voice of the Orcadians who are connected with them.

The quarter peal rung at Owslebury, Hants, on February 10th, was rung by the Warnford Sunday service band.

It is hoped to erect a peal board in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft in Ashton-under-Lyne belfry.

A.B.C. Television have presented the Bishop of Coventry with a cheque for £5,000 for Coventry Cathedral rebuilding to mark the fifth anniversary of the opening of their programmes in the Midlands.

The University of Bristol Society, in the light of its recent Central Council membership, has appointed Mr. Patrick J. Bird, of 3, Belmont Road, St. Andrew's, Bristol 6, to co-ordinate activities. It is hoped to organise more tours and reunions to bring members into closer contact.

Mr. Harold W. Dunsden points out that the footnote to the peal at Streteley (page 140) 'First peal on the bells since 1903' is incorrect. He writes, 'In our belfry in Blewbury, we have a peal board recording a peal of 5,040 Grand-sire Doubles, rung at Streteley by the Blewbury band on January 27th, 1906, some three years later.'

The band of twelve ringers at Claverley, Salop. Parish Church, includes eight members who are also choristers. On Sunday evening, February 26th, the band divided and officiated at two churches simultaneously for Evensong. Five members went to Ryton Parish Church, near Shifnal, and rang on the five bells there. Four of this number, with the assistance of three lady members of Claverley Church choir, then sang Evensong. The six ringers who remained at home rang on the back six at Claverley and four of that number then took their places in the choir to sing Evensong. The Claverley band includes the lay reader and church treasurer.

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Our Jubilee Issue

Our jubilee issue on March 25th will consist of 24 pages of reading matter with a special cover.

In addition to our list of continuous readers over the past 50 years, for which we invite 10 lines of ringing biography, readers are requested to contribute to the following:—

- (a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (No more than 20 lines.)
- (b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)
- (c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)
- (d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY CLAIMS WORLD RECORD

On Thursday, February 16th, 1961, four members of the Liverpool University Society set up what is thought to be a new world record for ringing handbells non-stop, by ringing for 12 hours and 1 minute, as part of the University's 'Panto' (Rag) week celebrations. This beats the previous record (set up last year by Manchester) by 32 minutes. Ringing consisted of rounds, call changes, courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles, touches of Bob Doubles, and attempts at Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Bob Minor and Original Major.

Ringing commenced at 9.20 a.m., outside the Adelphi Hotel, and went on till 9.26 p.m., the ringers moving around the city centre, accompanied by various people with collecting cans. The band were Michael Pilgrim (1-2), Geoffrey H. Pullin (3-4), Peter S. Bennett (5-6) and Frank Anderton (7-8).

Credit must be given to Mr. Pilgrim who, prior to the attempt, had never rung handbells before and could only ring rounds on tower-bells, but, in the course of the day, he managed to learn to hunt the trebles to Grandsire Triples and Original Major. It was originally intended that he should only come along and make up the eight, from time to time, to relieve the monotony of six (as in the last record) but, after the first hour, he needed no further pressing to continue all day.

An upshot to this was heard the next day by a friend of one of the ringers. Apparently he overheard a conversation between two workmen who thought that the ringing was for an open-air service, but on being enlightened commented that 'they worked very hard for it and they weren't doing anyone any harm.' It seems rather a pity that all Rag stunts are not as acceptable to the public.

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Marjorie Webster, of Walkasey, for the loan of the handbells.

SPALDING RINGERS' DINNER

As in previous years, the ringers of SS. Mary and Nicholas', Spalding, were entertained to dinner at the Greyhound Hotel on February 9th, by the Parochial Church Council. A short business meeting preceded the meal when the Vicar thanked the ringers for their loyal support. The bells had been rung for 109 services, apart from special occasions, and the captain, Mr. J. G. Ames, had been present 107 times, for which he was duly congratulated. There were two changes of officers: Rev. R. S. Bennett (curate) being appointed chaplain, and Mr. E. T. Chapman elected secretary, in place of Mr. M. Bennett.

After an excellent meal games were organised by the Rev. R. S. Bennett, with assistance from one or two other members and the evening closed with some handbell ringing.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 10



MRS. ELSIE L. HAIRS,
Sussex County Association

One of the most active lady ringers during the last 50 years is Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, of Groombridge, Sussex. It was quite a coincidence, and a good omen, that on the very day she was born at Guildford, Surrey, on October 22nd, 1892, the Surrey Association held a meeting there! She is the daughter of the late Frank Bennett, who rang over 1,500 peals, and was one of the cleverest conductors of all time.

Mrs. Hairs learnt to ring at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, London, S.E., and rang her first peal on handbells in August, 1911. She actually rang 75 handbell peals before ringing her first tower-bell peal, which was Stedman Caters at Hillingdon, Middlesex. In 1916 she married Frank L. Hairs, and rang a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford on her wedding day. They have rung a large number of peals together, and their daughter, Olive, is married to Edwin A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council.

Her present total of peals is 320, and has included a number of interesting and unique performances. She took part in the only peal of Stedman Caters rung by an all-ladies band at St. Clement Danes', Strand, on January 20th, 1926, and also the first all-ladies peal of Surprise—Cambridge Major at Crayford, Kent, on March 31st, 1928. Amongst her interesting peals on handbells have been Supernative Major, Carter's Odd Bob Stedman Triples, and 8,099 Grandsire Caters. On one occasion she rang three handbell peals in three methods, and had a 60 mile bicycle ride, all within 12 hours! She has also rung the four standard methods to a peal on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and also Cambridge Maximus. She rang in the first handbell peal rung by married couples, rung at Edmonton on December 7th, 1919, conducted by the late John Thomas, and also repeated this performance on tower-bells, both methods being Grandsire Triples. She also took part in a similar peal of Cambridge Royal on tower-bells.

In addition to an active peal ringing career, she has found time to do her full share of duties, and has held several offices. A keen member of the Ladies' Guild, she was the first secretary of the Central Division, and while she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association she wrote out all the peals rung by the Association up to the start of the last war—some 3,000 odd. This was done in case the original peal book got destroyed. She has been secretary of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association, and at present holds the office of secretary of the Northern Division, doing the job with her usual efficiency.

She is very proud of the fact that she is the only living lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and has rung several peals for the Society. Among her most treasured possessions are a letter from the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, congratulating her on her handbell ringing at the social after the Central Council meeting in 1912, and a letter from the late Canon Helmore, of Canterbury, and one from the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of her rescue of her husband from the river at Surfleet in 1923.

Mrs. Hairs has been one of the pioneers of lady ringers, and has set a splendid example to all her sex, both in practical ringing and of service to others. All her many friends will wish her, and her husband, Frank, good health and good luck for the remainder of their long married life together. **APACE.**

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District

A letter from Mr. C. W. Denyer, announcing his decision not to seek re-election as Master of the Guild was read at the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Leatherhead, on February 4th. The meeting, presided over by Mr. Frank Oakshott, thought that Mr. Denyer should continue the work for the Guild that he had begun, such as the Pulling Memorial Bell, the talks on amalgamation with the Surrey Association and 'The Ringing World' jubilee meeting.

The secretary was accordingly instructed to write and express these views to him and ask him to reconsider his decision. He was then duly nominated. (Mr. Denyer has since agreed to accept nomination.—Ed.)

The balance sheet and report for 1960 showed that the District was keeping its end up. All the District officers were re-elected, with one exception. Catherine Powell was now attached to Esher and Mr. C. Munday was elected assistant secretary. Mr. Parrott proposed that the District should vote some of its balance to the Pulling Memorial Bell Fund, and after discussion it was agreed that £20 be given, subject to the A.G.M.'s sanction.

Twenty-seven new members were elected and the election of five compounding members ratified. After the usual vote of thanks to the clergy for conducting the Guild's form of service and for the tea, a collection was taken for the Pulling Memorial, which realised £1 10s. 6d.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Elke Deaneries Branch took place at Spalding on February 11th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods until the service, conducted by the Rev. R. S. Bennett, the lessons being read by the Vicar of Bicker, and the organist was Mr. Colin Martin.

An excellent tea was served by the local ringers' wives in the Day School to 47 members. In the absence of the president, Rev. D. G. Jakeman, the chair for the business meeting was taken by Mr. R. C. Noon, assisted by Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, secretary and treasurer.

After the adoption of the secretary's report and statement of accounts the officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. S. E. Bennett, who wished to retire as Branch representative on the Guild Committee. Mr. J. E. Allen was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was agreed to fix a maximum price of of 2s. 6d. for teas for schoolchildren, any deficiencies to be met out of the general fund, with the hope that more would be encouraged to attend meetings. Also that grants be made to assist in purchasing new ropes in towers from the Belfry Repair Fund, such applications to be presented and considered at any Branch meeting. Seven new members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. J. G. Ames proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting, after which ringing was resumed till 9 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN REVIEW - 1960

By G. W. PIPE

EVEN though most of our ringing brethren in the Exercise are at this time of the year experiencing the British winter perhaps a quick tour around 'Sunny Australia' (where as I now write temperatures are in the 100's) will at least warm the heart and bring forward next summer a week or two!

We'll start at Perth Cathedral in Western Australia, where very marked moves were made towards the end of the year to have these bells swinging again. According to one of their team (who chime at present) the reputed unsafe tower is nowhere near as bad as was feared. This weakness has always been labelled on Perth, even before the Great Adventure days, but apparently if the Cathedral architect has his way this almost brand new Warner eight will be ringing very soon. However, chiming has gone on through the year and in Melbourne we were able to teach (rather hurriedly) a St. George's boy to handle a bell correctly.

A journey of over 1,600 miles east across the Nullarbar Plains brings us to Adelaide. These ringers, who were just feeling their feet at the end of 1959, enjoyed great success during 1960. This has been a prime example of enthusiasm, good churchmanship and ambition achieved. No less than sixteen quarters were scored in Adelaide, fourteen at St. Peter's Cathedral and two at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, a northern suburb. These comprised Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 3, 2 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Minor and one each of Oxford, Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor, as well as three of Bob Minor. In every case one or more 'firsts' have been recorded, whilst four conductors have shared the honours.

At both towers membership is approximately 12 and it is particularly good to see such progress at the Cathedral, where, with a 41 cwt. tenor, the ringing of the eight to changes is certainly a specialist job. Enid Lloyd-Roberts is passing on her conducting knowledge to Bill Pitcher and Hervey Bagot and no doubt her immaculate handling to any learner that comes along. These three, with their band under Bill Pitcher, deserve our warmest congratulations for such marked progress.

The Adelaide ringers visited Melbourne in June and November and besides the methods rung in quarters have taken part in and practised in their own tower both Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples. Their hopes for 1961, apart from maintaining their Sunday service and striking record, are for Major and Stedman Triples and perhaps a peal on their glorious eight. Brian Cox, a gifted heavy-bell ringer is being coached along to turn in the tenor, having succeeded already in one or two courses of Bob Major. We wish Adelaide luck for 1961.

THREE SPIRES

Five hundred miles south east is Melbourne, with not even a ringable four in between! In this city stands two fine examples of 19th century ecclesiastical architecture. Both St. Paul's (Anglican) and St. Patrick's (R.C.) have three spires and with both churches containing rings of bells this is probably the only instance in the world where this occurs.

Melbourne has had a varied and in some ways rewarding year. Practising members (sharing the ringing at both Cathedrals) number about 25 with a good sprinkling of learners, though some difficulty has been experienced in getting hold of some 'young blood.' It must be said that St. Patrick's bells are in very poor condition with unfor-

tunately little chance of their being overhauled, whilst St. Paul's are already overdue for a visit to the foundry. This has definitely retarded all stages of ringing and the St. Paul's Society has pledged itself to work hard for this renovation work anticipated for next year.

Methods practised have included Stedman Caters and Bob Royal and peals of Kent and Little Bob Major and Cambridge Minor have been scored. Quarters of Kent and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples have produced some good striking, notably the Stedman, which was almost faultless. Again we have enjoyed inter-State visits especially one to Adelaide in April, and visitors from England as well as from other States have been especially welcome.

Sydney lies about 600 miles N.E. of Melbourne, where it is said the surf is a little better but the beer definitely weaker! But the Sydneysiders have the edge on Melbourne for rings of bells so the intending migrant must take his pick! Three peals and thirty quarters were rung during 1960, mostly of Doubles and Minor, but with thirty-two ringers taking part with six conductors.

Randwick (a steel ring) practises regularly on the back six and the eights of Burwood and Darling Point and the sixes of Turramurra and Parramatta are faithfully rung Sunday by Sunday. The two sixes at Christ Church and St. Benedict's have no regular band so ringing here is restricted to saints' days.

The centre of Sydney's ringing may be said to be at the noble Basilica of St. Mary, where a fine octave is found. Ringing through the year has included Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples and it is most pleasing to note that Kent and Double Norwich Major are now being practised. Three of Sydney's leading young ringers, Messrs. Fryer, Watson and Clarke, have rung quarters of the latter in Melbourne and we wish them luck in their future ambitions.

Last year also saw the retiring of John Cummins from the Editorship of 'Ringing Towers' and we heartily thank him for doing such a splendid job for so long. Some very capable ringers and conductors may be found in Sydney and it is hoped that in 1961 these people will really get together and continue the high standard of progress attained in the early '50's.

Two more sixes, at Yass and Maitland, are found in N.S.W. and again last year with visits from the Sydney ringers encouragement has been given to these bands (100-200 miles out) to keep their bells ringing on Sundays.

About 800 miles north of Sydney lies our Queensland outpost—Maryborough, and to 'grab' this tower is really an achievement! (No 'after-supper job' this. A.P.C.!) Queensland has an area over seven times that of the British Isles and one ringing peal. However, this octave is sounded out week by week to call changes and the N.S.W. ringers hope to make the journey in 1961.

Before taking our leave we must call at Hobart, in Tasmania, some 1,300 miles south of our last tower. Managing the two octaves in Hobart has always been a struggle and congratulations must go to Mr. Sidney Smith (whose brother, Bert, rings at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex), for his endless patience in maintaining Sunday ringing. These are two interesting eights and it can be recalled how much the 1934 English ringers enjoyed themselves in this very lovely island. So that's the round for 1960 and who knows what 1961 will bring? The first peal of Double Norwich or a peal of Royal, perhaps, or some promising recruits? Maybe some further move towards arranging a second 'Great Adventure'—let's hope so!

THE BELLS OF ST. GILES', ASHTEAD

In the early eighteenth century the tower contained three bells but in 1725 these were melted down and a new ring of six cast. They were the gift of Edward, Lord Dudley. This ring of six was again broken up in 1873 when the present ring of eight bells was installed. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. 8 lb. in the key of F. The original plain bearings of 1873 were replaced in 1932 by modern self-aligning ball bearings. The six largest bells are hung in the original timber frame of 1725, the two new trebles of 1873 being installed in a frame of flat steel.

Over the years the ring of eight bells in the combined timber and steel frame has given wonderful service and, in fact, in 1957 the local band scored the three hundredth peal on the eight bells. This was, incidentally, the first peal ever rung by the resident Sunday service band as distinct from a local resident band.

None of the bells has ever been quarter turned while the original wrought iron clapper staples remain in the crowns.

Some two years ago it became evident that the bells and frame needed expert attention and reports were obtained from the only two firms of bell foundries now in business. Both advised that an entirely new metal frame should be installed while in addition the bells should be quarter turned and supplied with all new fittings. The work would include the removal of the cast iron clapper staples and supplying new metal headstocks, wheels clappers, etc.

It was considered prudent to discontinue peal and quarter peal ringing although service ringing has continued uninterrupted. The cost of the work envisaged by the bell foundries was in the neighbourhood of £1,500, which at the time seemed a very formidable sum. But the local ringers were undeterred and set about raising what cash they could. The salvage of waste paper was organised on a whole parish basis, the local ringers went carol singing at Christmas, 1959 and 1960, a beetle drive and jumble sale were organised, appeals were made to local tradesmen. In fact, any effort considered of value was tried and the cash began rolling in.

At that time the Parochial Church Council of Ashted decided to organise a scheme of planned giving and one of the objects of the appeal was the restoration of the bells.

Now after fifteen months of intensive effort the ringers themselves have raised nearly £700. The Parochial Church Council have voted during the past two years partly out of the planned giving campaign the sum of £650, while an anonymous gift of £100 has just been received on behalf of the bells appeal. In fact, the amount required is in sight and the Church Council have decided to have the work put in hand forthwith.

One or two final peals and quarter peals on the bells are being rung, but when the bells are removed from the tower a silence of four to six months will begin. In the meantime, the local ringers intend to keep themselves in form by use of handbells and visits to neighbouring towns. The time will soon come for the bells to be returned to the tower when all ringers will again be welcome and visiting hands will be sure of a ring on these lovely bells which in the past have been so much sought after.

As the local ringers, consisting mainly of teenagers, have been so enthusiastic in their efforts to raise money it is considered only right that to them should go the honour of ringing the first peal on the restored bells.

J. T. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMBITIONS AND THANKS

Dear Sir.—In almost every walk of life we see and admire people with ambition. Some set their aim very high, some even at the impossible, yet who would progress must of necessity have some goal to aspire to.

In ringing we have certain prominent men who, with earnestness and zeal, set out with certain aims. Some are merely ambitious to ring every bell in their own particular tower to a peal; others with wider interests try the same at neighbouring towers. Then there are others with 'pet' methods to ring the extent on all numbers—5 to 12 bells; while others have the desire to ring as many tenors as possible. In recent months we have noted some who aspire to ring methods (or should one call them variations?) of the 'so called' Surprise with a different initial to their names.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, not content with 1,000 peals, endeavoured to get a like number of Stedman Triples. The late 'Uncle Joe' Sykes had a similar ambition to ring every possible number of changes of 'Yorkshire Glory'—Kent Treble Bob Major—from 5,000 to 6,000 and all composed by his friend, Arthur Knights, as well as 'bagging' all tenors in this and other distant countries.

The late James George had the desire (and he is not the only one) to ring a peal on every date in the year. In like manner—now fulfilled—the present writer had the ambition to ring a full peal of 5,000 changes at all possible churches in his native Leicestershire with 5 bells and over. To accomplish this task it meant overcoming many difficulties, such as travel to outlying places, finding bells sadly neglected (especially the fives and sixes), sometimes entailing more than one journey to oil bearings, tighten up frames and fittings, mend wheels, splice ropes, etc., and in many cases only securing peals under great difficulties and punishment by way of blisters, aching limbs and wet shirts!

It is gratifying, however, to be able to record that in some instances, at least, these visits have resulted in interesting the locals to get things restored and bells augmented.

In attaining this ambition I have to record my deep appreciation in years gone by to my Billesdon friends who assisted me with transport to many distant places, both in Leicestershire and 'just over the border,' and in some instances by repairing wheels and fittings and supplying ropes, etc. Also to Ratby and Groby friends in like manner in many of the towers around their district.

Forty or fifty years ago I never had the ambition to ring a multitude of peals, but as time went on the enthusiasm of the late Harold Poole (who lived a few doors away from me) in fetching me out for handbells as well as tower-bells for practices and peals on all sorts of occasions, prompted my desire to ring 1,000 peals—he eventually conducted my 1,000th (Stedman Cinques) on handbells.

Of later years, the enthusiasm of Brian Warwick, with my friends of the 'Wednesday' and 'Monday' bands at Loughborough Bell Foundry and other places, increased my own ambitions to even greater efforts.

Through all this I have ever kept before me—and tried to carry out—my late father's advice and instructions, particularly that given to me in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, when a youth. He said, 'I want you to make the name of Morris one to be honoured here in this church, up in the belfry, and in "The Ringing World".' So I went on and on till now, in completing 2,000 peals, I feel I have not let my father down, nor the church, nor the ringing fraternity.

As will be seen, my peals range on all numbers in a great variety of methods, and

the lower numbers of bells have not suffered for the sake of the higher! I have truly enjoyed helping with humble peals of Doubles and Minor, with local lads, as much as I have with the experts in Cinques and Maximus, or in the 'Surprise' class.

Unlike most prolific peal ringers, I have never been on a peal ringing tour, my work as verger of a large city church not allowing me either the time or the money for such pleasures.

It is quite impossible for me to say 'thank you' to all friends—too numerous to mention by name—who have helped me to fulfil this great ambition; nevertheless, I do so now through the medium of these columns, and thank the Editor for his many helpful kindnesses.—Yours, etc.,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

TWO CAPTAINS IN 73 YEARS

Dear Sir.—In 'Belfry Gossip,' in your issue of February 17th, Twyford claim to have had only four tower captains since 1913. Records show that change ringing started at Goring in 1888, since when there have been only two tower captains. The present captain, Mr. L. G. Haines, has held office since the former captain, Mr. John Bower, died in 1941. Mr. Bower was responsible for teaching the original band, who rang their first 120 of Grand sire Doubles in 1888, and there has been a regular change ringing band since that date. Is this a record?—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. IRVING.

Goring-on-Thames.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—Mr. R. F. B. Speed's letter (page 131) resurrects the perennial argument which occurs in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' I am not suggesting that anyone should have the nerve to claim the peal of Shackerstone S.R. (page 10) as his own—the composition is too trivial to be termed such—but it is generally very difficult, especially for the younger composers, to ascertain whether a composition is original or not.

Few people have access to a comprehensive collection of the peals published during the last fifty years. In my own case, as a comparative newcomer to ringing, the only peals to which I have access are those published in the 'R.W.' during the last three years or so and the Central Council Collection of 1950. It is thus very likely that any original (to me) composition that I produce will have been published before. In all innocence (some might say, naively) the young composer will publish his peal as original, only to be subjected to bitter attacks in these columns from certain eminent members of the Exercise, alleging plagiarism. Yet I consider that the composition was just as much an achievement on his part as it was by the original composer.

Surely this is a matter for the conscience of the individual composer. If he has, to the best of his knowledge, never seen a composition similar to one that he has produced, then I consider that he is entitled to call it his own until such time as someone finds an earlier composer, and this information could be given with a little less righteous indignation than is often the case.

The only answer to the problem, as far as I can see, is for the Central Council to set up a clearing house for compositions (and methods too, perhaps), to which a composer could send his peals to ascertain their originality.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. FORDER.

Eastleigh, Hants.

COMPOSITIONS FOR SHACKERSTONE AND RAVENSTONE

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Speed's letter on page 131 of 'The Ringing World' of February 24th, I should like to explain that the two compositions mentioned should be credited as 'Arranged by . . .'. Taking the Shackerstone first, it is true that the composition is one of Cambridge Maximus with 2 sets of 3 Homes added, but the credit is due to the arranger, surely, for knowing where to add them in order to avoid falseness. Shackerstone has 3 false course-ends (24365, 32564, 46253).

With regard to Ravenstone, which has no falseness, I do try, as far as possible, to ring alternative compositions. Very often in a peal of Surprise Royal with a clean-proof scale one finds the second in sixth for one course. In the composition rung to Ravenstone the sixth is in sixths for 7 courses (half the peal), the fourth for 4, the third for 2, and the fifth for one. I, personally, like the third in sixths better than the fourth and (of course) the second. The composition is W. Pye's Cambridge Royal, but a block of 3 Homes is added when the sixth is at Home and omitted elsewhere.

I hope this clears up Mr. Speed's first paragraph. In his second paragraph he asks two pertinent questions, (1) How do I select what composition to call? This is easy to answer. Mr. Burton has a large collection of Surprise Royal methods in card index form and on the back of the card for each method is attached a suitable composition. Both he and I try to get some variety. After all, we should not expect every peal of Yorkshire or Superlative Major to be composed by Pitstow, should we?

Mr. Speed's second question is certainly provocative. 'Has it ever struck him that even ill-named perversions of Yorkshire Royal would yield good music to reasonable compositions?' he asks. I suppose that there is a degree of sarcasm in the use of the word 'perversions.' Both Ravenstone and Shackerstone are pure Yorkshire above the treble, but below the treble they differ vastly from the parent method, with a considerable amount of difficult backward hunting. Surely we are not expected to ring Yorkshire Royal every week?

Does Mr. Speed really think these methods are ill-named? Both are names of Leicestershire villages, and Mr. Speed's criticism is certainly in very bad taste on this point.

Lastly, Mr. Speed implies that these two methods produce poor music. In the case of Shackerstone, I should be glad to hear from Mr. Speed of a more musical composition within the limits of the falseness. As for Ravenstone, I think I have already answered that one earlier by stating its musical qualities (2nd never in sixths, 3rd there for 2 courses—which I like as it gives the dominant dodging behind with the mediant) and again I should be glad if Mr. Speed would let the Exercise know of some compositions of clean Surprise Royal methods (without the 2nd in sixths) without reference to the old firm of Messrs. Sedgley, Sedgley & Sedgley, Ltd. When Mr. Speed replies I hope he will inform the Exercise why he thinks these compositions are not reasonable.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN G. WARWICK,
Hon. General Secretary,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

AT IVYCHURCH

Dear Sir.—In support of E. J. Rowe's letter, I rang at Ivychurch, Kent (5; 17 cwt.) on F. C. W. Knights' peal tour of the county, on August 10th, 1948. Mr. Rowe was also a member of the company.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

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LETTERS—Continued

COMMENTS ON RECENT LETTERS

Dear Sir.—Recent call change correspondence suggests that while Queen's is the old thirds, Whittington has a few 'variations.' Some bands jump to it and some attain it by a slow half-pull movement nowadays.

Many years ago, 'Turn again Whittington, Lord Mayor of London' was rung thus: 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, and repeat, on the back five of a ring of six, followed by 'Turn again Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London': 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, and repeat. The tower was occasionally visited by one or other of the 'snobs' of the Exercise, i.e., one who doesn't remove his coat unless something more intricate than Cambridge is being offered, yet never did a 'snob,' who only entered the tower out of a Whittingtonian quality—curiosity—get away without admitting defeat. The local band were, incidentally, known to the younger set as 'The cat's whisker.'

Correspondence on page 28 reminds me of an incident recorded by a well known bishop. Passing a public house one afternoon, the door opened and a half drunken man staggered out with a not too gentle push—the door closed. Realising that he stood before a clergyman and maybe, hoping to recover lost dignity, he asked, 'Mishter, whish road do I take for heaven?' The answer, of necessity, was brief, 'Turn to the right, and keep straight on.' And that is just about as much as many learners get from their instructors when they ask for direction when they reach that most difficult time in between handling a bell and ringing changes in Plain methods. Instructors who refuse to teach which bells to follow must either have super intelligent learners, or must lose a lot who could become 'super snobs' or just useful standard method ringers. Teaching one or two with a good band can of course be a ropesight adventure.

Not that any advance in teaching methods is expected by anyone: I, myself, well remember being called by the late Dean Dwelly to answer why certain ringing was being done in a certain way—and, begging leave, quoted the late Lord Holden:

'Who seeks to please all men each way
And not himself offend,
He may begin his work today.
But heaven knows when he'll end.'

Mr. Percy Cave's letter recalls a time just after the war when the tower he mentioned was without a Sunday service band, and visitors, to the great joy of the Rector and the parish, kept the bells ringing by arranging Sunday afternoon peal attempts. One of the ringers on (I believe) this occasion went 'jumping mad,' the good Rector fearing an apoplexy or worse in the good man, left them: he told me afterwards: 'I only wanted to welcome them.' You really should have locked the door, Mr. Cave, and spared a man from being vituperated from his own belfry.—Yours faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—The committee of the Ely Diocesan Association wish to withdraw the peal rung at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on December 27th, 1958, on page 88 (1959) of 'The Ringing World,' as this did not conform with rules of the Central Council.—Yours, etc.,

H. S. PEACOCK.
(Gen. Sec.)

Huntingdon.

Suitable Nomenclature?

When Ogden, Smith and Fielden.
Peal out the bells of earth.
Their own names methods christen,
Inviting wrath or mirth.

Should Ogden and his fellows,
E'er peal the bells of heaven,
Saint Smith, St. Ogden Doubles
As names could be forgiven!

D. P. J.

THE GARFATH TABLET

Dear Sir.—With reference to the account of the Consistory Court held in Guildford on February 14th, the tablet bears the name of a member of my family, a man well loved and remembered by his family and his memory greatly respected by his many ringing friends in the Farnham and Hereford Districts.

I was greatly distressed when visiting the church to find the tablet gone, but was somewhat relieved to find it placed in the ringing chamber above.

I remember when I became a ringer at St. Andrew's, Farnham, being told by the older ringers that it was at first suggested that it be put in the ringing chamber, but on the suggestion of the then Rector it was placed in the church; he wished, in addition to it being a memorial to Mr. Garfath and recording events of national and local interest, to pay tribute to the ringers who, at that time, were being regarded more as church workers than had been the case for many years.

It seems two wrongs have been committed (both no doubt with good intent) which no right can efface, but it would be a great gesture if those in authority caused the wind of change to blow again, returning the tablet with the blessing of all to the place from which it was removed for no apparent reason.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. ELKINS.

Woodlands Park, Altrincham.

[Copy also to 'Farnham Herald'.]

A MERE VARIATION

Dear Sir.—The latest letter by Mr. P. Amos appears to be a mere variation of his former ones, except that he has written it with a 6th place bob on this occasion. If somebody doesn't call 'That's all' soon we may discover that we've only had the first three courses of the 27 course block.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

LEICESTER'S GREETING

Dear Sir.—Driving through Leicester on a recent Tuesday morning, I was waved at enthusiastically by an elderly (hatless) gentleman on the pavement, who had evidently spotted the bellringer's badge on the front of my car.

Owing to the traffic and the fact that it was some seconds before I realised why anyone should wave to a complete stranger, I'm afraid I did not stop, but would like to thank whoever it was for his greeting, which brightened up an otherwise tedious journey of six and a half hours.—Yours faithfully,

N. I. WRIGHT.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A meeting of the Sherwood Youths Society was held on February 25th at West Bridgford in the afternoon and Lenton in the evening. About 20 members and visitors from as far as Balderton, Greasley, Derby and Keyworth took part in ringing methods, including Yorkshire, Double Norwich, Siedman and Cambridge at Lenton. We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Buswell, from Keyworth.

A. H.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Southern Branch held at Bunwell on February 4th. The service, which was conducted by Rev. D. H. Mee, had many references to bells and their ringers.

Following tea in the school, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided at the meeting, supported by Mrs. Nolan Golden (president) and Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer of the Association).

The officers for 1961 were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Philippo; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Saunders; Standing Committee, Mr. F. C. Arnold and Mr. H. B. Fuller; Branch Committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. C. R. Catchpole, W. J. Flatt, L. J. Minns and F. C. Roper.

Next meeting, Redenhall, April 29th. It was decided to hold an evening meeting each month, the first of which will be at Pulham Market on March 4th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The annual District meeting was held on a dull, windy, rain-spattered afternoon, so perhaps it was not surprising that few came to Hitchin if they were only just recovering from influenza or just about to succumb to it. The bells were raised and rung until the arrival of a photographer from one of the local papers, shortly followed by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh, who conducted the service, with Mr. P. Wells at the organ. In the prayers the Vicar particularly mentioned those who were unable to be at the meeting because of sickness.

An excellent tea had been provided by Mrs. C. A. Agg and her helpers, members of the local tower, at Church House. At the business meeting which followed Mr. A. R. Agg was chairman, and Miss J. Sanderson deputised for the District secretary, Mr. Buck, a victim of the flu.

The District report was encouraging. The quarterly meetings were a success, particularly in August at Wallington, and membership had been maintained. Sunday service ringing had slightly improved, despite Norton's silence (due to new places and times of services). Coltered bells were to be recast and rehung, the first major restoration since Norton in 1947. Later in the meeting a grant of £10 was made from the fund. The combined bands of Sandon, Rushden and Wallington were making steady progress. Mr. W. Lawrence, of Stevenage, had completed sixty years of service to that tower; Mr. and Mrs. W. Barrett, of Barley, celebrated their golden wedding on December 12th.

Only 37 quarters were rung, compared with 49 the previous year. Peals were the same as before, 21, including the first peals of Kelshall and Codicote Surprise Major.

District officers for 1961: Secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck; 'R.W.' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; General Committee, Mr. L. B. Scoot and Mrs. C. A. Agg; District Committee, Messrs. G. W. Critchley, B. L. Marks, C. M. Orme, D. Taplin and Miss J. Sanderson. Mr. C. A. S. Harwood is District Ringing Master.

New members: the Misses E. Jackson (St. Ippolyts), B. Learner (Hitchin), P. Langley (Stevenage), and the Rev. D. C. Ritchie (Norton). Non-resident life members: Mr. M. Stanforth (Stotfold), Mr. B. Woodruffe (Fairfield, Derbys), Miss P. Bourne (Accrington), and Miss H. K. Snowden.

Ringing continued until 8.30 when the octave was lowered in peal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The meeting of the Biggleswade District at Clifton on February 18th was well attended by ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. In all 19 towers were represented.

After 1½ hours of ringing the Rector, Rev. E. Hall, conducted Evensong, with Mr. M. Lockley at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, during which the business meeting was held, with the Rector in the chair. Southill was chosen for the next meeting, on March 11th.

Mr. G. Mayes was Ringing Master and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Bristol and Spiced Surprise. The special methods were Rutland Surprise and Double Oxford Major. The successful meeting was brought to a close at 8.30 p.m. when the bells were rung down in peal.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 6th, 1931.—

A hundred and thirty years ago a peal of 7.001 '5.040 Double Bob Royal 10-in' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts. There were two men on the ninth and two on the tenor.

On March 8th, 1737, only a little more than twenty years after the first recorded peal, the Norwich men rang a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft in 8 hours 15 minutes.

A hundred and thirty years ago a peal of 7.001 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames.

'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by E. Morris, is published.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on January 21st at the Ayrton Hall of Imperial College. A full day's ringing had been arranged at three well known London towers, and a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine was very ably given by Mr. Douglas Hughes to a privileged gathering at the Science Museum.

The dinner itself was an excellent four-course meal, and had a record attendance of 74 members and friends. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. Philip Gray, whose lively sense of humour and witty interjections did much to make the dinner an enjoyable and memorable one.

He extended the Society's welcome to visitors from Reading and Southampton University Societies, and remarked that it was the first time the dinner had been held at Imperial College, thought by some to be the premier college, although he himself was aware of a claim for that title by the Royal College of Needlework!

Dr. D. N. Layton, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he, too, was of the opinion that Imperial College was an excellent and appropriate venue for the dinner, since the first meeting of the Society, in 1945, was held there, five members being in attendance. Also Imperial College is closely connected with the Imperial Institute, with a ring of bells in the 'pile of architecture,' and he hoped the authorities would not condemn the tower as unsafe without the buttressing of the adjacent buildings.

He then exhorted everyone to be grateful to the Church as the guardian of our faith, and pointed out that although the Church provides us materially with bells for ringing it is a service to the Church, as well as a hobby, so that the toast to the Church can be very properly drunk.

In reply, the Rev. Maurice Dean, Rector of St. Olave's, drew attention to the recent international change ringing in the upper circles of the Church, involving the transference of the Archbishop of York to Canterbury, and the Bishop of Bradford to York, and reminded everyone that moves in the upper hierarchy influence the lives of both Church and Community. He noted especially that all Archbishops make a great contribution to international confidence, and that Dr. Fisher, with his unique capacity for turning the flanks of difficulties, illustrated this in his recent visit to Rome, which he hoped would bring closer mutual understanding.

The Rector hoped that one day a Commonwealth of Churches would be formed, and said he thought the Prime Minister had shown remarkable statesmanship in his choice. In conclusion he thanked the Society for its goodwill, and especially its contribution to St. Olave's, which he hoped would be returned in some small part.

Mr. Nicholas Martin, Master of the Oxford University Society, in proposing the toast of 'The Society,' gave a witty address, which included a clever analysis of the Society. He looked upon 'London' as the capital, having an essential criterion of more 10- and 12-bell towers per square yard than elsewhere. By 'society' he conjured up a picture of keen, efficient young ringers, categorised into a Master, secretary, 'friendly' treasurer, and the 'plebs.' The Master he considered to be a glorious, impregnable individual, who issues orders, but who becomes easily harassed when hunting round to find members to ring peals. This, he pointed out, led to the creation of a Society of liberal-minded, individual individuals.

Mr. Michael Rose, the Society's treasurer, in his carefully prepared reply, took the theme of the difficulty in gauging to what extent a visiting ringer could be regarded as 'competent,' without hurting anyone's feelings. He illustrated this with a reference to a peal in the West Country, at the end of which one of the less expert ringers apologised to the conductor for missing his sally halfway through; the conductor, however, remarked that this was his only well-struck blow in the whole peal.

BIG ARRAY OF GUESTS

Mr. Geoff Pratt, proposing 'The Guests,' expressed the Society's thanks to Mr. Albert Hughes for his kind interest in the Society, and for offering another tower where the bells are to be soon reopened, and to Mr. D. Hughes for ably demonstrating the Carter ringing machine.

He thanked Mr. Michael Morton, Master of the College Youths, for his renewed interest in the Society, and Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Cumberland Youths, to whom he extended the Society's wishes for another year of improved ringing. On behalf of the Society he welcomed A. Tumber and P. Wilkinson, Masters of the Southampton and Reading University Societies, as it was the first time that representatives from these Societies had been invited. He apologised to Mr. John Baldwin, Master of the Bristol University Society, for a clash in the two University dinners, that was luckily prevented. He congratulated Mr. Nicholas Martin, of Oxford, on his excellent speech, and pointed out that he could not travel around London much to find ringers, since the distances involved were too great (up to 10 miles). He welcomed Mr. James Taylor, Master of the Cambridge University Society, adding that his own home town was Cambridge, and that they were old friends.

Mr. John Baldwin, in replying for the visitors, thought the London Society was probably one of the most flourishing Societies connected to a University, and expressed his privileged feelings to extend the guests' thanks. He considered this a compliment to his own Society.

Mr. Philip Gray, in his concluding speech, spoke of the uncertainty of the summer tour, which had now been provisionally decided and was to take place in Cheshire and North Wales.

The majority of the company then adjourned to a local ale-house, where stories were told, and both old and new acquaintances made. Thus ended a memorable and enjoyable day in the Society's history.

N. J. D.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The first annual dinner of the Nottingham University Society was held on February 18th. During the afternoon eight towers, in and around the city, were open and attracted good crowds of visitors. Undoubtedly the largest numbers of the day were at All Saints', where the bells have recently been reopened by the Society, and the ringing was followed by Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins. The dinner, attended by 60 ringers representing a large number of Societies and Guilds, was held in the Portland Building of the University. After the meal the chairman, Mr. Bruce Grainger, proposed the loyal toast and introduced the speakers. The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Cambridge, secretary of the Universities Association, who welcomed N.U.S. into the 'big nine'—a select body of those Universities holding a beltring dinner. Mr. David Friend replied on behalf of the Society and spoke of some of the Society's activities during the year.

The president, Mr. Paul Taylor, proposed the health of the guests, and welcomed especially the Rev. and Mrs. J. N. D. Perkins and the Rev. N. Cribb, curate of All Saints'. Mr. Dermot Roaf, Mr. A. York-Bramble and representatives from the Universities of Sheffield, Cambridge, Southampton and Bristol, as well as representatives of the Society of Sherwood Youths and city ringers. Mr. Perkins replied, and in a witty speech spoke of the gratitude which his church owed to the Society for their efforts. He hoped that the happy association of the University with his parish would long continue.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked everyone for their support and especially the secretary, Mr. Martin Bishop, for all the arrangements he had made. He hoped that next year's dinner would be as great a success.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER J. PREBBLE

In his 94th year, and several months after an operation, Mr. Walter J. Prebble, of Hythe, died in hospital on February 16th.

Although not a peal ringer, he was of great value as a regular and dependable service ringer. He started beltring at Stowling Church on four bells at the age of 14, and spent most of his life in Hythe, taking an active part in ringing as late as October, 1957.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, in July, 1957, thirty ringers and friends from neighbouring towers attended the celebration, and were entertained at the vicarage. In the evening a quarter peal was rung in his honour. Always good humoured and young in heart, Mr. Prebble's chief joy in life was beltring. He was a guest on the annual outing of the Hythe ringers last July.

The funeral service at St. Leonard's Church, where he had rung for so many years, was attended by eleven of the local band. Half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the service.

MR. J. W. TOYNE

On February 12th, Jack Toyne, of Messingham, died in the War Memorial Hospital, at Scunthorpe. Born at Grayingham, Lincs, in 1906, he went to live at Messingham more than 30 years ago. He became a member of the church choir and did many practical jobs in and around the church and church hall.

It was only after the 1939-45 war that Jack learned to ring, but his enthusiasm was such that Messingham bells were soon made into six and there was a young band being taught to ring them. Jack became their leader and his example of regular attendance at meetings, practices and ringing for service impressed itself upon the rest of the band. In all he rang only about half a dozen peals before in his mid-forties he became a victim of arthritis. This, together with other illnesses, caused him to give up ringing—but he was quite often to be seen at meetings talking to his many friends. Many ringers in North Lincolnshire owe much to Jack Toyne for his kindness, his enthusiasm and his constant courage.

On the day of his funeral a half-muffled 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Messingham, with the following taking part: Stanley Whiting 1, Jill Allison 2, Rev. Michael Freeman 3, Michael Whiting 4, Jack Bray 5, George Moody 6.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

On February 17th and 18th the U.W.S.C.R. held a short tour of mid-Wales, based at Aberystwyth.

Friday morning—fair weather, fine scenery, five-to-a-car, full speed for Barmouth. After adding five ropes to the three already there, we rang a peal of Plain Bob Major. We 'lunched' on tea and biscuits, and hurried back to ring at Llanbadarn. An abortive peal attempt was followed by general ringing, including a miscalled touch of Oxford Bob Triples which, surprisingly, came round by itself.

On Saturday, a much enlarged party set off for Machynlleth, the only eight in the day's programme. The next stop was in Newton—an excellent light six. After lunch we went southwards to Llandinam, a somewhat rough but quite ringable six, which, incidentally, is not listed in Dove. Here we attended evening service, and then went on a couple of miles to Llanidloes, where we found a good ring of six awaiting us.

At this tower, we held a business meeting. Mr. Colin Lewis was elected secretary for next session and Mr. Trevor Lewis re-elected as Ringing Master. We also acquired four new members.

After the meeting, we went on to the last tower, Nantmel, where a brief ring sufficed us before parting to go our various ways.

B. J. C.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Webb 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Orledge 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall 7, O. Cripps 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5.

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BIRTH

SAMSON.—On March 3rd, 1961, to Audrie (née Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, a son, brother for Veronica, Christopher and Jeremy. At the Park Hospital, Wellingborough. 7810

PERSONAL

THOUGHT for the week.—Labour not for the meat which perisheth... (John vi. 27.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANYONE interested in tour of Hereford and district with Sussex tourist party, from July 16th to 22nd, write Miss Wyman, 73, New Farthingdale, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey. 7837

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner. Ringing arrangements: St. Bene't's, 2-3 p.m.; St. Andrew the Great, 3-4. Service 4. Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady and the English Martyrs), 5.15-6.15; St. Mary the Great, 6.30-7.30. Dinner in Selwyn College 7.45 (Tower Room). 7830

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—Practice night changing back to Tuesdays, on Tuesday, March 21st. No practices before that date. 7835

WANTED.—Driver-ringer for Scottish tour. Dep. Huddersfield noon, April 1st, return by noon April 5th. Must be 21 and capable of rounds, at least. One year's driving essential.—Armitage, 22, The Grove, Hipperholme, Halifax. 7834

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—Please note, there will be no ringing at the above church between Whit Sunday and Sunday, July 2nd next. Applications by visiting bands should be made now for other dates.—F. Hansford, Hon. Sec., 'World' Station Road, Winterbourne Down, Bristol. Tel. 3205. 7822

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE.—Summer tour, September 2nd to 9th, in leisurely fashion, of some towers in Cornwall. H.Q. Truro.—Write to F. D. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth, Devon, if you would like further details. 7840

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead (10 bells). Saturday, March 11th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 7831

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, March 11th, annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Look up St. Clement's Bob Major and Lincolnshire Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7228

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting at Whittlesford, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 6 o'clock onwards.—E. W. Bullman. 7791

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street, Colchester. 7755

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m., at St. Nicolas' and Stoke. 2.30 to 4.15 at Holy Trinity, 7.15 to 9 St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.15 at Holy Trinity. Tea buffet and service 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea.—S. Russell, Hon. Sec., Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 7799

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting March 11th, Northchurch (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 7750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 11th. Bishop's Stortford, 3 p.m. Special business: Formation of Bishop's Stortford District, and election of secretary. Names for tea to H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam. 7771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District).—Quarterly meeting, and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Annual meeting at Staplehurst, on March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7727

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5. followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. R. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton. 7795

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, on March 11th. Ringing at Birstall (8), 2.30-5 p.m. and Thornhill (6), 7.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. All names for tea, please, to D. C. Birkinshaw, 114, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3. (Finchley 3288.) 7759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District.—Meeting at Debenham, March 11th, to elect secretary and committee. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal. 7758

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7307

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington St. Mary's Saturday, March 18th, usual arrangements. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, March 14th.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 7827

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) in Bell Hotel at 5 p.m., but for those who send names only, to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, by 16th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7812

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary's, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free, for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7832

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Ormesby, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7824

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 7826

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bledington, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 7829

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—March 18th. Windrush, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Sherbourne 6.30 p.m. Names essential for tea by March 14th.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 7807

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—March 18th, Elmore (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please note, March 18th not 25th, as originally. Teas to 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester, by 15th. 7817

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheatthamstead, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7809

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Thanet, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and cakes only, cost 1s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, please, by March 13th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7719

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Rochdale Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Riddle and Hudson, Secs. 7828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Rossendale Branches.—Radcliffe (old church), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. Business follows tea. Ancient church, stocky 13th century tower, ex. 8.—Thornley and Porter, Hon. Secs. 7833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Millom, Saturday, March 18th. Names to Rev. N. Darrell, St. George's Vicarage, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 7821

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shepshed, March 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 14th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed.—C. W. Hall. 7802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Narborough (6), on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Cosby bells also available during afternoon. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, March 16th, to Mr. L. E. Rivers, Tennyson Street, Narborough.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7805

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Eaton, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Village Institute, at 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 15th, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, near Grantham, Lincs. 7839

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Hallaton, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7841

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), March 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Kent, Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 15th.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7787

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, on March 18th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringing at All Hallows' 6 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7813

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Quainton (5), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury. 7804

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Chacombe, on Saturday, March 18th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7825

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8), March 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne, Wilt. 7819

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottingham Kingdon, March 18th. Names for tea essential, to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilt. 7818

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (mod. charge). Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, on or before March 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7801

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those notifying C. Copp, North Muskham, Notts, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 7770

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Joint practice meeting at Pulborough, on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Red Lion'. Names by Wednesday, March 15th, at the latest, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 7823

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea in Andover, followed by meeting, Andover (8) 6 till 9 p.m. 7814

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, March 18th. Bells 2.30-3, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton, by March 15th, please. North Stoneham available after tea. 7815

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Rothwell, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7790

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, March 25th, combined with the wedding of Harry M. Windsor and Miss Joyce M. Elliman, who extend a very cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. Ringing 2-2.20 p.m. Service 2.30, followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be available for everyone, but please send names before March 23rd, to Miss J. M. Elliman, The Gables, Shrewley, Warwick.—H. M. W. 7793

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8), on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m., to be followed by ringing at Rickling (5)—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7811

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst, not Marden as previously arranged, on March 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 21st.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7793

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, on March 25th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 7803

SOCIETY OF RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Gnosall, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. G. Key, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, by Wednesday, March 22nd. Astins bus leaves Odeon, Stafford, 2, returns 6.10 and 7.25. Towers also available: Haughton (5) 2.30-3.30. Church Eaton (6) 7-8 p.m. Please adhere strictly to times. 7820

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Meeting at Wickham Skeith (6), Saturday, March 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 23rd, please, to H. Milson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 7808

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Names for lunch (6s.) essential with stamped, addressed envelope. Ringing details later.—G. Salmon, Hon. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7836

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7777

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Reading, April 29th. Will members and friends interested in transport from London being arranged for this meeting please notify Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Mawneys, Romford, Essex, not later than March 31st. 7838

APPLETON RECORD STILL REMAINS

The attempt to beat the Appleton record of 21,363 Grandshire Caters in 1922 at Grundisburgh last Saturday was called off. According to the national Press, 5,759 changes were rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

The first quarterly meeting for 1961 was held at St. John the Baptist's, Harrietsham, on January 14th. Ringing commenced sharp at 3 o'clock, nearly 20 members having been welcomed on time by the local captain, Mr. J. Betts. By service time the ringing chamber was crowded, some 40 odd ringers having arrived.

A very pleasant service followed, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Finch. During this a course of Grandshire Triples was rung in place of an address. Mr. J. Betts then invited the company to his home and entertained them with a most sumptuous tea in the running buffet style.

Dr. John Hatcher, general secretary, presided at the meeting and expressed his pleasure at the large number present.

Mr. A. Waddington, District representative, presented his report on the recent committee meeting held in Maidstone.

Twelve new members were elected; also Miss Barbara Manship was elected a non-resident life member.

Closing the meeting, Mr. A. Waddington thanked the Vicar for his welcome. Mr. and Mrs. J. Betts for their most generous hospitality and Mr. W. Mattingley, of Linton, for playing the organ for service.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; M. Turner 1, I. G. Stracey 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, C. J. Bird 4, J. G. Gipson 5, M. E. Stracey 6 For Sunn Eucharist

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Monica Blagrove 1, F. T. Blagrove 2-3, A. J. Glass 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A. J. Glass 3, G. Jenkins 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Brooks 8.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District Annual Meeting

Fifty-five ringers representing 13 towers attended the meeting held at Mansfield on January 21st. The very foggy weather kept the attendance lower than usual. A short Evening-song was conducted in church by the Rev. H. Pettegill, and an excellent tea served in Grove House by the local ladies.

Mr. S. W. Fossey, District chairman, presided at the business meeting. The following five ringing members were elected: A. L. Rawson, F. G. Rawson (Selston), M. Kirk (Kirkby), and Miss A. C. Rooke and Miss I. Cooke (Warsop). Rev. A. M. P. Wilson, of Mansfield, was elected an honorary vice-president.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1960 were read and approved. Officers were re-elected en bloc, viz: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; honorary secretary, D. H. Rooke; committee, A. J. Brown and D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke.

Next meeting at Kirkby, March 25th; District cup contest, Selston, May 27th. It was decided to invite J. H. Pailing and W. L. Exton to act as judges.

The meeting agreed to Mr. H. T. Rooke's proposal to hold a joint meeting at Warsop, on either July 1st or 8th and to invite neighbouring Societies to participate. Towers open: Creswell and Cuckney in afternoon, Warsop afternoon and evening, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse evening. Provisional fixtures for the District for one year in advance are to be printed in the Guild report. As far as possible meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month. The Bell Fund collection amounted to £1 1s. 3d.

Ringling was resumed after the votes of thanks in a wide variety of methods up to Yorkshire Surprise.

D. H. R.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the Bedford District was held at Elstow on February 4th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in a variety of methods, ranging from rounds and Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise and York Surprise.

The Rev. Peter Hartley took a short service, which was followed by tea and the business meeting. K. A. R.

A WILTS AND GLOUCESTER OUTING

From Lechlade, Glos. we have received a report of an outing on February 4th, which started from Cricklade (a difficult five), on to Ashton Keynes and crossed into Gloucestershire, to ring at South Cerney (6) and Siddington (6). After lunch at Preston, there was sunbathing by some on the roof at Amprey Crucis, before tackling the hard-working five. Hatherop's were regarded as the best bells of the day. The party were too tired to bring forth the splendour of the heavy eight at Fairford and the heavy six at Kempsford. Thanks are accorded to tower captains and incumbents for permission to ring.

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MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. K. Lewis 1, B. G. Brown (first 'inside') 2, Myra T. Wilkins 3, W. Richings 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, E. Cooksley 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. F. Wilkins, of Warmley.

NECTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. H. Bennett 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. W. Woodcock (cond.) 5, A. R. Wife 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. May 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. C. Law (first 'inside') 3, M. G. Wood 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. May 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson (first 'inside' in two methods) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. C. Law 6. First in two methods for 1 and 6. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

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