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AN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN

ON the wall of the ringing chamber of Beddington Parish Church will be found a tablet erected in thankful memory of Arthur Bristow Carpenter, a founder member of the Surrey Association, Honorary Secretary for nine years and the Society's first Ringing Master. Fifty years have passed since the death of this notable medical ringer, and personal recollections of him are now confined to very few; but his work is still with us, and the influence he exerted on the Surrey Association had far-reaching and important results.

Despite his busy life, both in general practice and as Medical Officer to the Croydon General Hospital, Dr. Carpenter found time to become a very accomplished practical ringer and a theoretical investigator of some distinction. He rang 165 peals and conducted 45. Among these it may be noted that he called Double Norwich from a working bell and was at home with Holt's Original, the calling of which is still the ambition of many ringers and a challenge to any conductor. As a composer his work was limited by the trend of his day, and his concentration on Triples shows clearly the dominating influence of C. D. P. Davies. In the Triples methods Carpenter's touch was masterly, and among his work is a notable variation of the Original in which the calls are reduced to 110. Those who have access to Davies' 'Stedman' will not fail to be impressed by the table of opening and turning courses of Stedman Caters worked out by Dr. Carpenter, a schedule of more than 540 of each, all having the treble in 2nds place and produced by bobs only. The industry, patience and care required for this immense task are indicative of Arthur Carpenter's character and outlook.

For more than twenty years he represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council. His speeches were not numerous. He spoke against the Yorkshiresmen during their great fight for 360's of Minor in multi-method peals, and in one of the fierce debates he ventured the rather naive suggestion that if 14 methods were desired the band should ring 10,080! He had a fondness for Cater ringing, and at the Council meeting in 1893 he expressed the view that Stedman Caters might well start from 312 so that the treble might be in 2nds place right away. But it is in the substance of his speech to the Council at York in 1904 that his sincerity, commonsense and sense of right most

plainly appear. In commenting on disputes then common among ringing societies he bluntly pointed out that ringing societies did not exist for the convenience or pleasure of selfish ringers, and that the welfare of the Church, its bells and its belfries should be the first and dominating consideration.

The greater and most important part of Dr. Carpenter's work, however, was typically behind the scenes. It included the first and not very satisfactory Peal Collections attempted by the Council; and the task of seeing into publication these difficult, controversial and somewhat invidious anthologies was one of unrewarding drudgery.

But we must look beyond skill as a ringer and work for the Council to perceive the importance of Arthur Carpenter in the life of the Exercise and to feel with those who knew him something of the charm and influence of his life and example. He came into ringing at a time of great expansion and almost feverish activity. New discoveries were being made, new feats performed, and in those final years of the 19th century genius was not always matched by education or culture, and often tempers were hot and controversy bitter and inelegant. It was into this exciting world that Carpenter came, and it was here that he was able to join his influence to that of other balanced and educated men to secure some measure of tolerance and to turn this great outburst of renewed life into some ordered path of progress.

It is to such men that we owe it that ringing was raised to a new status, composition and method construction provided with a basis for scientific development, and the Central Council, which might conceivably have faded into insignificance or have been destroyed by ignorance, brought to its present level of dignity and authority.

Like his great contemporary and colleague, Dr. Conan Doyle, Arthur Carpenter was an active man, a great cyclist, a great traveller, and a scholar who never let his scholarship rust. And of him the writer of fifty years ago said: 'His thoughtfulness for others was stamped on his whole life. It came out in the performance of his duties, in his social relationships, and in his very beautiful home life it was instinctive in him to put others before himself; and behind it all he was a keen and strong churchman.'

At Beddington the Surrey Association honours his memory and gives thanks for his life and work. We, too, may spare a thought at this time for this kindly, upright English gentleman to whom we owe more than we can perhaps comprehend.

E. C. S.

MAKING HEADWAY ON THE MEDWAY

THE three cruisers, 'San Celia,' 'San Carol' and 'San Diana,' patiently bumped their sterns against the Tovil Boatyards jetty in Maidstone, waiting for the eleven ringers and three non-ringers who were to take them up the Medway to Tonbridge and back. 'Celia,' the six berth, was to accommodate the girls during the night, 'Carol' and 'Diana' the eight men. For cruising and cooking purposes the party was to be mixed, two girls to each boat.

Having practised: 1 Driving the boats (i.e. idling around in mid-stream, attempting unsuccessful 'three point turns'); 2 Rowing the dinghy (i.e. fouling the week-end fishermen's lines whilst rowing young ladies to Sunday ringing); 3 Making a single in Stedman (at St. Michael's, Maidstone); 4 Going wrong in Cambridge Royal (at All Saints, where, joking apart, our sincere thanks and apologies are due to the Sunday service band who kindly let us join them)—the fleet finally set sail upstream in Sunday afternoon drizzle.

FIRST CASUALTY

We thought the cruisers having been up and down so often would know their way, but very soon disaster, in the shape of Farleigh Bridge, struck 'San Celia.' 'It came down and hit me,' complained Peter, the navigator—understandably as he was now supporting the broken canopy on his head! After a hurried ring at E. Barming, 'Celia' and crew returned to the boatyard for repairs, thus upsetting the carefully organised sleeping arrangements. From then on there was also 'mixed' sleeping! (actually a much more convenient and quite moral arrangement). At the end of the week, Peter received a sincere vote of thanks from all the party for taking such prompt action in hitting the first bridge! 'Diana' and 'Carol' proceeded upstream to moor at Wateringbury, whilst 'Celia's' (and Peter's) wounds were patched.

Having rung at Wateringbury, Mereworth and Hadlow, the fleet was re-united for beer at Yalding on Monday night. We were now becoming more experienced at passing through locks, fending off, etc., and 'Diana' proved very good at going aground! Leaping ashore was improving, though rope throwing was still sadly amateurish. The latter was not enjoyed by wet, grumpy lock-keepers, who muttered their observations, not always under their breath. Tea, it was found, was a good way to soften this species. Plenty of this, plus 'throwing the stern rope first,' kept the two lockmen happy who guided us, on Tuesday, through the five locks up to Tonbridge. We moored by the gas works in a thunderstorm, though this cheerless greeting was rectified by Mr. Large at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, who was most hospitable.

Justice was not done to these bells, so we tried again next morning, when joined by the 'Putney boys' (Alan and John, plus boater and rolled umbrella). Highlights during the day's outing round Tonbridge included Edenbridge bells and lunch at the XIII Century Restaurant, the beauty of Hever, Chiddingstone, and Penshurst, picnic tea and worm throwing, the fast course of Yorkshire at

Speldhurst, and the aching feet of all members, who had walked over hard road, soft grass and bogs in the interest of ringing. Our apologies and thanks must go to the Tunbridge Wells ringers, who waited 20 minutes for us and were subjected to some very tired ringing.

Having kept our date with the friendly Tonbridge lock-keeper on Thursday, and having been passed back through the five locks, we sunbathed at East Peckham in glorious sunshine, fortified by lager, beer, cider and handbells. Trevor, from 'Carol,' decided to swim in the brown Medway, despite having seen all kinds of things floating by during the week. Two of his crew, David and Pam, went for a row in the dinghy, leaving just 'young Keith,' who, later, trying to moor 'Carol,' inadvertently 'took the plunge.' Luckily he could swim and striking out soon reached the shore. At once his hand went straight to his heart—and encountered his

board, etc.—and thoroughly enjoyed! Handbell ringing had taken place on board 'Carol' most evenings, and in all sorts of places during the week. (One lady liked the sound of bells across the water so much that she followed and moored close to us!) The dinghy proved invaluable for courting, and mops and brooms not only for fending off locks, bridges and other boats, but, in 'Diana,' for sword play. In fact great fun was had by all.

David Bennett, Gill Sims, Mike Hallett and Val Mepharm, in 'Diana'; Trevor Hawkins, 'young Keith,' Elizabeth (Liz) Stevinson and Pam Gough in 'Carol'; 'But,' Mick, Pete (Bridge Basher) Bound, David (Lover) Hughes and Handsome (metaphorically speaking) Sansom in 'Celia.' My thanks are due to them (particularly to David for so ably taking command at short notice), and to all the incumbents and those who met us at the towers, D.M.H. & C.W.



A view of the boats at moorings.

diary. Horror struck, he exclaimed that his 'methods had all got spliced!' The evening was spent in the 'Anchor,' Yalding.

NETTLESTEAD, TRUE TO NAME

The fine six at Yalding were much enjoyed next morning. Having rocked 'Celia' off a sandbank we proceeded downstream to Nettlestead, where we found, rather painfully, why it was so called! A quick ring on the five and back down the muddy path, over the railway, through the nettles to our boats. From Wateringbury we caught a bus to West Peckham, where the East Peckham bells are to be found! Rain fell as we went through Teston lock (tea-pot at the ready) and under Farleigh Bridge, dead centre this time, though the canopy was back as a safety precaution and Mick wearing his bowler to keep off both rain and bridge!

Mooring some distance from the bank we used the dinghy to 'shuttle' ringers back and forth to ring Farleigh bells. Arriving back safely at the boat yard we sighed in relief—at least no one had sunk! Otherwise most of the joys of boating had been experienced—good aground, ramming bridges, falling over-

long draught of rope—between 60 and 70 ft., with only one set of guides about 10 feet from the ceiling. All the bells were raised and lowered, and then came the test—to ring them together when they were up.

Rounds went well for about eight whole pulls when the distraction of seeing No. 3 ringer flying through the air sent two of the other bells right over. Later a second attempt to ring them was made: this lasted about 30 seconds before a missed sally on the second bell made this ringer airborne, the other bells being rapidly let down.

The bells are of good tone, but until guides are fitted it is obvious they cannot be rung satisfactorily. In their present state they present a challenge to any band of ringers bold enough to try the old-fashioned thick ropes that make the task harder.

A full report has been sent to the Vicar and Queen's College, advising guides, stays and slides to be fitted. The four ringers who have rung them are of the opinion that they are the longest length of rope without a guide in the country. It is hoped to start service ringing by visiting bands, but this will be restricted

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

MR. JOHN FREEMAN AND VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

THIS year's dinner of the Kent County Association was held on September 28th at the Maritime Museum, Greenwich, and received encouraging support from the Metropolitan district of the Association. Although recently celebrating his 80th birthday, Mr. John Willis, the Association's president, made the long journey from Folkestone to preside in his genial fashion. He was supported by the Association's general secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, and Mrs. Corby, and by Miss Mary Andrews, the Lewisham District secretary, who efficiently made the arrangements, with co-operation of other members.

Among those on the top table were the Rev. John Higgins, Vicar of St. Alfege's, Greenwich, whose bells were to be heard during the afternoon, and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council, Mr. and Mrs. John Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford and Miss Freda Cannon.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. E. Barnett proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and said he often wondered if those of them who were interested in church history or were either born in Kent or made it their county by adoption, were proud of the fact that when St. Augustine laid the foundation of the Church of England in the County of Kent, it was from Canterbury that he sent St. Paulinus on his journey to found the sees of Lincoln and York. Since then it has spread to the whole world and the centre of the Anglican Community was where St. Augustine first planted it in the city of Canterbury.

WHEN ENGLISH WAS AT ITS BEST

Today they were living in a material age, when little or no thought was being given to religion. They were also living in an age of extremes and changes in church services. For some years they had had a revised prayer book and more recently a new English Bible, to which many people in all walks of life found some difficulty in adopting themselves. When they considered that the Old Prayer Book and the Old Bible were both written when the English language was at its very best, he wondered if these changes were a step in the right direction. That was something that time alone could provide an answer.

There was one thing, in particular, that each and every one of them owed a deep debt of gratitude to their leaders for, and especially to Dr. Fisher, the late Archbishop, for the great work they were doing in the cause of Christian unity. He thought they would be foolish to expect any spectacular results in their life time—it certainly would not be in his, but he had no hesitation in saying that he had great hopes for the future.

In reply the Rev. John Higgins said he was one of those Vicars who were fortunate enough to be associated with bellringers for the whole of the time since his ordination, but he had been wise or foolish—he supposed they would say foolish—to keep ringing away from him. He recalled at one time he rang a bell for Evensong. The problem was how long to ring it and he decided on three times seven, as seven was supposed to be a red numeral. One day somebody came up to him at Taunton and asked him why he had only rung 20 times that day!

What was important was that he should thank them on behalf of the Church for their expression of goodwill and that their ancient art, which was probably unique, should flourish and that this marriage between the church and campanology should go on for all time.

The toast of 'The Kent County Association' was proposed by Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council and honorary secretary and treasurer of the Kent County Association. He said he had enjoyed hospitality at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett and Mr. Barnett had arranged many peals for him. It said much for those peals as for 10 years they did not lose one, and when they did it was in Lincolnshire, when the conductor missed a bob.

IN RETURN FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Recently he was discussing with a visiting ringer the matter of Guild and Association subscriptions, and the question arose what should they tell young ringers when they asked what they got for the 3/- or 5/- subscription? Of things tangible he supposed the only one was the annual report. But an annual report, in his opinion, did not reflect the true value of an Association to its members. It reflected the vitality and vigour of an Association to its members and its accounts no doubt the prudence of members and officers. If one perused the latest report of the Kent County Association one was led to the conclusion that the Association was and had been for many years one of energy and wise decisions.

While these qualities were considerable, the real values of this and any other Association lay elsewhere. It was inevitable when a number of people had a common interest they would form themselves into a body to look after and organise their affairs. What the Kent County Association did in 1880 followed such a logical course of events.

Now the first benefit of being organised was that it provided a means of communication and bringing them together from time to time for meetings and the inter-change of ideas, without which change ringing would not flourish. The greatest contribution, however, in his opinion, was that the Association gave ringers some standing in the diocese, which an individual band would never achieve on its own.

When some of the Associations were founded one of their aims and objects was said to be belfry reform and if they believed what they were told the standing of ringers in the last century was low. Now everyone would agree that the standard was fairly high. The change did not come about by the founders setting about to reform their wayward brethren. He thought the formation of an Association brought together a fairly broad cross-section of society, and to the head of affairs ringers of merit and ability, whose efforts led the Associations to be accepted as responsible bodies.

PRIVILEGES

Because of this acceptance they enjoyed the privilege of being able to ring in the vast majority of towers, when the bells were in good order. Also because of this they were consulted on matters relating to bells and many Associations had representatives on Diocesan Advisory Committees. He had the privilege to represent the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and when he gave his opinion he felt that he had the whole Guild behind him.

Their main purpose was to see that church bells were rung Sunday by Sunday in the good old English style, and he had no doubt that the Kent County Association tried to achieve that same objective.

Mr. Philip A. Corby prefaced his remarks with a reference to the late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. They remembered him, he said, with the very greatest respect as chairman of the Association. The gentleman who succeeded Mr. Lewis, when he left the county, was with them that night. Mr. Willis had served them in many ways which most of them were not aware of. A few days ago it was his pleasure to send to Mr. Willis, in the name of the Association, a greetings telegram, wishing him all the best for his 80th birthday.

Mr. Corby also mentioned that the Association was raising a fund to provide a memorial to Mr. Frederick A. Mitchell, who was for many years secretary and treasurer of the Association. They remembered his tremendous work in following Canon F. J. M. Helmore, who was general secretary for 38 years.

He would also like to refer to a member who was second in years of membership of the Association—Mr. Edwin Barnett, who joined the K.C.A. in January, 1897. Their sole foundation member, Mr. Ted Ruck, was in Hopfield Hospital. He was still reasonably coherent. They had lost by death Bertie Aldridge, of Woolwich, and Joe Bachelor, a

member of the committee, who was churchwarden at Little Chart. Shortly the Rev. Peter Robbins, who married into the well known Kent ringing family of Spice, was going to become Vicar of Charing and Little Chart. Another clerical member, he would like to mention, was the Rev. Peter Bond, who was ordained a priest early that year. Many of them had the privilege of being present on the first occasion he celebrated Holy Communion.

Another clerical change had been the retirement of the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, who had been Dean of Canterbury for 32 years. He was a vice-president of the Association and always received the K.C.A. very kindly. He had written to the new Dean expressing their good wishes. His installation that day prevented many of the Canterbury members from being present. The annual meeting next year would be somewhere in the Ashford District, and the dinner was due to be held at Maidstone.

Mr. Corby expressed his pleasure at meeting members of the Lewisham District; he praised them for their loyalty to the K.C.A. in resisting the demands that had been made upon them to join another Association. In peal ringing while the Lewisham District did not do as much as it did 20 years ago it was a lively and active District, and the Association would be much poorer if it left them.

The concluding toast, 'the Guests and Visitors,' was proposed by Miss Freda Cannon, a former captain of St. Alfege's Church. She welcomed by name the Vicar, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. John Chilcott (secretary of the College Youths and leader at St. Paul's Cathedral), and Mr. T. W. White. Mr. John Chilcott replied.

The chairman thanked Miss Mary Andrews for the efficient way she had organised the dinner and asked her acceptance of a box of chocolates. He also thanked Miss Hazel Simkins (soprano), for her songs, which were warmly applauded.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, ESSEX

A 6.30 a.m. start was made by Sawbridgeworth ringers at their recent outing. A sporting gesture was made by the Vicar at Chipping Norton. His bells were out of commission as new ropes had not arrived for two, and he arranged for ringing on the six at Bledington.

Lunch at Moreton-in-Marsh preceded ringing on the musical eight, where Stedman went well, and the same method had the honours on the heavy octave at Stow-on-the-Wold. At Bourton-on-the-Water ringing was fair for Double Norwich and Kent and good for Stedman. Striking was of a high order at Witney, where some of the best ringing took place. Special thanks to Ted Rochester who organised, as for a number of years.

W. H. A.

ADVENTURES AT PAMBER PRIORY

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to quarter turning and chiming until something further is done. Any band wishing to try them must undertake to make good any damage done should they manage to raise the bells, which is as difficult a task as actual ringing.

The inscriptions on the bells, as supplied by Queen's College are:

Treble.—John Taylor & Son, Loughborough, recast me. A.D.1551.

Second.—That hast sent us thy holy worde. 1579 I.C.

Third.—Oh Lorde even for thy holy name. 1582. Joseph Carter.

Tenor.—J. Taylor & Son, fecerunt + inflame our hearts to love the same. 1579.

Recast 1850.

An old gentleman who had maintained the bells said that they had been rehung in 1851, but only the tenor could have been recast.

G. D.

Letters to the Editor

The Penn Performance

Dear Sir,—Having on previous occasions become embroiled in controversial issues with a resultant creation of undesirable alienation of friends, I hoped to remain aloof from the present one, contenting myself with omitting the 'peal' from my personal records, and taking steps to persuade my Guild (for the preservation of its good name) to disclaim it too. However, having supported my colleagues in their rejection of the peal by consenting to append my signature to a joint statement, I now feel it my duty to reply to the latest outburst by Mr. Thompson.

Most of the facts regarding the peal have already been published, and one would have thought there was no need to argue any further about such a performance, but since Mr. Thompson insists on defending it, as well as attempting to besmirch other people and forcing them to write unpleasant things in answer to his charges, I will make a few comments.

1 The peal started at a very steady pace which quickened towards the end of the first extent to the right pace for the bells, and the 720 took 25 minutes. All the other extents took 23½ minutes, except the sixth which occupied 27+ minutes and the speed of the ringing was consistent throughout once a 'beat' had been set. Both Mr. Oglesby and I realised that the sixth extent was questionable and acknowledged this during the ringing by looking hard at each other. As the ringing was very satisfactory, and as one does not stand his bell without the conductor's orders, there was no question of stopping. Up to that point standard callings had been employed, but when the sixth extent began with a bob at the end of the first course I memorised the calling so as to record it later. When 43256 came up at a single the calling was repeated, so I presumed that 43256 was half-way, but a bob was called at the corresponding place in the second half, and two more courses were added. The extra time involved also made me think something was amiss. Consequently at the conclusion of the peal I asked Mr. Thompson what was the calling of the sixth extent. Instead of telling me he replied: 'Oh, I can't tell you now. It's in here' (pointing to his head). 'It's one that Ken Lewis gave me, made up of Q-sets. I haven't the details here. They are at home.'

Mr. Oglesby then observed, 'The course-end 32456 came up twice, once at a plain lead and once at a bob.' Mr. Thompson would give no further information and stated, 'As there is only some doubt about the extent, I shall take the benefit of the doubt and send up the peal.' Most people would have taken the opposing view and withheld publication.

2 Mr. Thompson accuses us of not discussing the peal at tea-time. As Mr. Hatchett's wife and her parents had invited the band to tea, surely he would not have expected us to start an argument in our hosts' home!

3 Mr. Thompson knows steps were taken to prevent publication of the peal. A student from his college was on school practice where I work. Being himself a ringer (from Derby) I requested him to speak to Mr. Thompson about the matter as the figures arising from his calling proved the peal false. I did not have a chance to work them out till I arrived home. Mr. Thompson kindly replied, and gave the composition, adding also the figures of which he declared he might have called. He had not seen my figures, but they were identical, so he obviously knew what he had called, and there was no real doubt in his mind. I replied to Mr. Thompson stating

that that was in fact what he had called. Unfortunately the student was absent ill and the letter was not delivered, and I regret to say that I failed to post it later, for which I apologise to Mr. Thompson. I still have the letter.

I also requested the Oxford Guild peal recorder not to accept the peal, and told him I wanted no unpleasantness in the 'R.W.' He undertook to write to Mr. Thompson requesting the calling of the peal, so that any further steps could be taken, if necessary. Whether such procedure actually took place I do not know, and I hope the gentleman concerned will forgive my reference to this in my desire to refute Mr. Thompson's accusations.

4 If he is referring to me as 'the member of the band making negative remarks about the peal to totally disinterested parties,' I can assure him that my Slough colleagues are extremely interested in each other's ringing activities, and every Sunday morning questions are asked about successes or failures in our Saturday attempts, or about our outings. What is wrong in admitting that a peal is mis-called?—which was all that happened when Mr. Oglesby missed a 'Wrong' in a subsequent peal, and went on to the course end before calling 'Stand,' a normal procedure—which Mr. Thompson exaggerates into 'five successive homes'!

5 Mr. Thompson is most uncharitable to Mr. Hatchett in emphasising that he did not forward the peal for publication. As Mr. Thompson badly wanted to conducted his first peal, Mr. Hatchett obtained Penn bells and assembled a band to enable him to do so. At the end of the peal Mr. Hatchett stated that he believed something was wrong with the sixth extent, and as soon as he saw the figures he took immediate steps to have the peal withdrawn and disclaimed it himself. A few days after the peal he rang a handbells peal with Mr. Thompson, and as the Penn peal had not been forwarded Mr. Thompson requested him to forward the two peals together, while Mr. Hatchett was still unaware that it had been proved false.

6 We do regret our failure to take the formal steps for withdrawing the peal, but such a procedure is so rarely necessary that we were unaware of them, and apologise to Mr. Thompson.

7 It is to be hoped that this matter will soon be brought to a close by either the Oxford Guild or the C.C. formally rejecting the peal.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

P.S.—Having refrained from posting my reply to Mr. Thompson in the expectation of my Guild taking action, I now learn (5-10-63) that no such action was taken; hence Mr. Thompson's charge is valid. Had I not believed that official action would be taken, I would most certainly have forwarded by letter.—W. B.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

A Learner's Complaint

Dear Sir.—I was particularly interested in 'A Learner's' complaint (page 501), and rather surprised to find that no one had suggested that he/she should consult his/her Ringing Master or tower captain on the point.

It is true to say that in some towers there exist ringers who cannot refrain from commenting upon a probationer's ringing, whether deserved or otherwise, without any regard

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

An outing to the Axbridge area of Somerset on September 7th provided a good day's ringing for many members of the scattered North Dorset Branch. Inevitably a good deal of time is spent picking up along the highways and byways of North Dorset, but a prompt start from Okeford Fitzpaine at 8.15 a.m., and a skilful driver, ensured that we arrived at the first tower with a minute in hand. This was Ditchet, with its fine eight, and Mr. Lintern, its captain, to welcome us.

Ringing here and at the next two towers—Axbridge and Compton Bishop—was conducted by Mr. W. Shute, Axbridge, with its dignified heavy six, gave us some steady Grandsire Doubles and Stedman, while Compton Bishop gave a chance for our younger ringers.

At the next three towers operations were organised by Ringing Master Mr. Ben Ridout. First Shipham, a light six, which sound better outside than in; Stedman here mostly, and rounds. A diversion to Winscombe for tea, which certainly was up to standard at Bird's Cafe. Rowberrow, once found—and with our third Ringing Master, Mrs. Godley, waiting, having driven goodness knows how many miles to be in at the death—gave us 45 minutes of mixed ringing.

Saving the best until last, back over the Mendips to the best six in Somerset—Bruton—for the last and longest ring of the day, with the tenor turned in to Kent, as well as beating the drum for Stedman and Grandsire. With Mr. White, captain, to meet us, the day came to a happy end. R. N. L.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 7th teams representing the five Districts of the Southwell Guild met at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, for the Crawford Cup final. After tea, Mr. Midwinter introduced the judges—Messrs. A. Mould and D. Marshall. Before giving their verdict, Mr. Marshall remarked on the good ringing and growing interest in the Guild to get good striking. Result: Warsop 17 faults, Shelford 30, Wollaton 77, Retford 108, Newark 135. Once again Mr. T. Rooke received the cup, presented by Rev. T. Richardson.

Mr. W. L. Exton announced that £18 1s. had been received from ringers towards the Canon Wilkinson Memorial and £300 from other friends. Evensong, conducted by Rev. T. Richardson, was followed by ringing to suit all until 8.30. R. B.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A typographical error occurred in Reading University Society's tour report. In the fifth paragraph, for 'At 11 am the Rector . . . was set as 'At 11 a.m. . . . The remark about the cracked third did not refer to the ring at Ashbourne that sounded extremely pleasant.

The party consisted of J. H. Croxton, J. W. Manley, P. M. Wilkinson and the Misses Jane Black, Pat and Janet Buss, Doreen Gibbon, Sandra Farley, Jane Foster, Margaret Montgomery and Judi White, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lewis. Other correspondents are thanked for pointing out the error.

for the conductor or Ringing Master. Such attitudes are to be deprecated.

My advice to 'A Learner' is to consult the Ringing Master or tower captain, trusting that he has the ability and tact to deal with the complaint. Whatever the outcome do not despair but use every criticism as a means to greater endeavours.—Yours sincerely,

EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

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ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd 1, D. Kerley 2, J. Clatworthy 3, P. Jones 4, F. Rowsell (cond.) 5, George Kerley 6, P. Brook 7, Geoffrey Kerley 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of David Kerley, Aberdare ringing captain, and Miss Maureen French, ringer at St. Peter's, Pentre.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Minimus (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Dean (13, first quarter) 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Janice Haggett (first away from treble) 4, Angela French (13, cover) 5, K. Cavill 6. For Harvest Festival. The conductor's 100th quarter peal. First quarter by a Sunday service band for nine years. A birthday compliment to Janice.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Harvest Festival Matins.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wellen (first quarter) 1, J. H. Payton 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, B. G. D. Vince 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, R. B. Blond 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. On St. Michael's Day, for Patronal Festival Evensong.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. C. Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, W. W. Ring 4, J. V. Richards 5, G. Stewart 6, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. First in method 3, 5 and 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. D. Thompson 1, Jean M. Hall 2, D. S. Anderson 3, D. L. Hall 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. Rung following the wedding of Susan J. Beresford (a local ringer) to Pilot Officer Keith A. Jones.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Proctor (first of Minor) 1, S. Lilly 2, E. G. Swift 3, M. Damerell 4, J. Camp 5, M. G. Swift (cond.) 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Jennifer Payne (first of Treble Bob) 1, Hilary Martin 2, N. J. Martin 3, J. S. Barnes 4, R. W. Hinde 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate Bellringers' Sunday.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Long 1, Miss V. Hunt (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Long 3, T. Lewis 4, T. H. Oram (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, A. Beckwith 3, P. Davey 4, J. Nichola (first as cond., aged 16) 5, G. Everett 6, C. W. Burton 7, B. Shepherd 8.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Sept. 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Margaret Pratt 1, R. D. Hayne 2, Pamela Wright 3, D. Allen 4, R. D. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a 12th birthday compliment to Andrew Scott, a learner at this tower.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on heavy minor eight): J. Froome (Hurst) 1, J. A. Atkinson 2, Rev. K. C. Davis (Basingstoke) 3, J. N. Brown (Liverpool, cond.) 4, R. I. George 5, C. J. Reede 6, F. E. Dukes 7, W. T. Farrell 8. In memoriam Thomas McMorran, sometime conductor of the Cathedral Society.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Silvester 1, D. W. Friend 2, G. E. Morrall 3, P. Morris 4, F. Beech, jun. (cond.) 5, B. K. Wickstead 6. Rung for the marriage of Kathleen Margaret Heather Breeze and Reginald Eales.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, W. J. Muntion (first in method) 2, Sally M. Hooper (first quarter) 3, Janet M. Besant 4, J. C. Davidge 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. E. Chapman (first as cond.) 7, G. W. Stevens (first quarter) 8. A farewell compliment to the Rev. W. G. Howard. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara H. Gooden 1, D. A. Hogg 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, Susan E. Smith 5, Christine M. Harbott 6, J. C. Davidge (first as cond.) 7, J. T. Symonds 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Balchin 1, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 2, Ann M. Sweeney 3, D. P. Elsmore 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. North 7, A. C. Beadle 8. A compliment to the Rector, Canon H. R. Wilds, who was installed honorary canon at Guildford Cathedral earlier in the day.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: P. Wilkinson 1, Dr. P. Spencer-Phillips 2, Jane Foster 3, C. K. Cooper 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, J. P. Brandon 6, H. Carter 7, L. J. Ainger 8. For Matins.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, H. Colcombe 5, W. Simmonds 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Mallett 1, J. Fowler 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, A. Grainger 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the front six): R. F. Turner 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. W. Lawrence 3, A. H. Idle 4, J. Mitchell 5, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 6.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, T. J. Milsom 3, D. Barnett 4, W. R. Curtis (first of Minor) 5, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who was on holiday from Paul, Cornwall.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Dixon (first quarter) 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. D. Sell (first of Minor) 3, A. T. Poulton 4, A. A. Paton 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Wells and London): Miss C. M. Follis (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss D. K. Moore 2, Miss M. C. Smith 3, E. W. Colley 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 22nd, 1,350 Plain Bob Caters: M. Austin 1, P. D. Chapman 2, Miss G. Wild 3, A. Gargrave 4, D. Blows 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, D. Ellidson 8, D. Hewitt 9, J. McDonald 10. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hopper 1, Mrs. K. Horne 2, D. T. Young 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, S. Gibson 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, E. E. Gosling 7, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): B. D. Holt 1, W. H. Nield 2, J. B. Thorpe 3, M. Rigby 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. In memoriam Derek Ogden, Ringing Master of Manchester Branch of L.A.C.R.

LEEDS, YORKS.—1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): P. Louth 1, R. H. Dove 2, J. J. Fox 3, A. E. Stamp 4, J. Weaver 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Porter 1, R. Jones (cond.) 2, L. Porter 3, G. Belcher 4, A. Gammon 5. A wedding compliment to Kathleen Mason and Michael Moffat.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, Miss J. King 2, R. Saw (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Bruce. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, R. Saw (first 'inside' in more than one method) 2, Miss J. Woodman 3, Miss C. Withell 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, R. Bruce 6. A farewell to Robin Trebilcock, former captain, on leaving for Lechworth. Also a compliment to Rev. Duncan Dormor on ordination to priesthood.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Miss E. Mason 3, T. G. Hull (first in two methods) 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. John Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. M. Roffe 1, P. M. Fleckney 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, W. R. Banker 4, F. T. Boyall 5, A. Twyman 6, B. Harris 7, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 8. For morning service.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian M. Weston 1, Jocelyn M. Cook 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Angela Wakefield 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung as a thank offering for the life and work of Edwin H. Lewis.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth Carr 1, P. Sadler 2, Monica Moore 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, I. Darby 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Rung for the 40th anniversary of dedication.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Cowan 1, Miss D. J. Wilson 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton (first in five methods as cond.) 3, Miss M. C. Potts 4, C. G. Alban (first in five methods 'inside') 5. First in five methods by an all local band.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Susan Henty (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Osbon 2, R. Osbon (first 'inside') 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, O. Wood (cond.) 5, W. T. Henty (first quarter) 6, J. Cole 7, B. Henty (first quarter) 8.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob): G. R. Robbins 1, Pamela Wright 2, Margaret Pratt 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Bell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, Mrs. I. Stimson 3, Miss V. Dupre 4, M. T. Stimson (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Stimson 6. An 11th birthday compliment to Ian Bell, ringer of 1.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fry (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards 3, R. G. Crosland (first as cond.) 4, W. A. Hughes 5, J. D. Faircloth 6.

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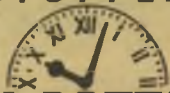
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TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR IN THE NORTH-EAST

SATURDAY, August 31st, saw the start of Tom Lock's eleventh peal ringing tour. The area was Northumberland and Durham, and the headquarters were at the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay. This was a very comfortable hotel overlooking the sea, although we were not to see much of the sea during the next eight days. About 20 of the party were accommodated at H.Q. and were joined daily by two locals, Kenneth Arthur and Fred 'laughing boy' Ross, and on some days by two others, Michael Maughan and Alan Patterson. Transport this year was by private cars, and the daily convoys consisted of anything up to eight vehicles.

Two peals were attempted on Saturday afternoon—Cambridge Maximus at Newcastle Cathedral and Cambridge Major at Whitley Bay, still the home of the Gofston family. The former came unstuck after two-and-a-half hours' ringing, but the latter was successful.

On Sunday we were requested to supply ringers to make up bands at churches where local bands do not exist, as well as joining other local bands for service ringing in the Newcastle area. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was successful at St. Peter's, Jarrow, for morning service. Everybody met at Newcastle Cathedral at midday and were issued with instructions by Kenneth Arthur for the afternoon, evening and rest of the week. It was then realised what care and trouble he and his helpers had taken to make the tour as successful and enjoyable as was humanly possible.

After lunch at the Asia Café, the convoy was piloted by Kenneth to Durham Cathedral to ring for Evensong. The majority ascended the 241—or is it 242?—steps to the ringing chamber to be locked in for one hour. Back in Newcastle, each made his appointed way to the various towers for evening ringing. Those fortunate to be directed to St. Stephen's were rewarded with a majestic ring, one of the finest eights of the tour. Another band went to Cramlington where, unfortunately, a quarter peal of London Minor was lost. However, a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was successful at the home of Alan Patterson after Evensong. Being St. Aidan's Day, one of the hymns sung at Evensong at Cramlington was a new one, entitled 'The Hymn of the Church of Northumbria.'

NORTHERLY RINGS

After fine weather on Saturday and Sunday, Monday started with a heavy mist which lasted well into the afternoon. Kenneth took us to Embleton, a very pleasant ring and the most northerly ringable six in the British Isles. While ringing was enjoyed here, a peal band went to Bamburgh—the most northerly eight in England—to attempt a new method which would have been named Lindisfarne. During the ringing at Embleton, a non-ringer seated in one of the cars overheard the following from three young boy cyclists who had dismounted to listen. 'I wonder why the bells are ringing on a Monday?' 'It can't be a wedding as the cars haven't got ribbons on them.' 'It can't be a funeral because there isn't a coffin.' Eventually, curiosity got the better of them and they approached the non-ringer to satisfy themselves.

After coffee at Embleton, lunch was taken at Bamburgh. The peal came to grief after 40 minutes' excellent ringing, but there was no scenic reward as the mist still obscured the Farne Islands and mainland coastline. The staircase leading to the ringing chamber here is interesting in having the steps grouped in threes around a square centrepiece. During the morning Len Stilwell sent a congratulatory telegram to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, who were to celebrate their diamond wedding the next day. After leaving Bamburgh, the mist suddenly lifted, but rain began to fall and continued for the rest of the day. Two bands went their various ways to Rothbury and Morpeth; Rutland Major was successful at the former and Yorkshire Major was scored at the latter.

Tuesday started with a trip over the Tyne Ferry to South Shields to meet Kenneth, and on to Roker where we greeted Margaret Ranken, a member of previous tours. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung here. The rest of the party rang at St. Ignatius', Sunderland (Joseph W. Parker's tower), and at Holy Trinity. After lunch all rang at St. Michael's, Bishop-

wearmouth, and then said goodbye to Margaret. The lectern here is in memory of Major Robert Challis Hudson, churchwarden, Sunday School teacher and bellringer, killed in the belfry on November 26th, 1925. He called the first peal on the bells by a local band. The base of the lectern has bells carved around it.

On to Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street. A peal of Bristol Major was lost at the former after one hour and 20 minutes, but 4-Spliced Major was successful at the latter. In the meantime the four members of the party not ringing were graciously entertained to tea by Denis Bayles and his wife. Also at the tea party was Frederick Sheraton, until recently a ringer at Chester-le-Street. It was his 84th birthday, and his name is on a peal board for 1897 in the tower. This was conducted by his brother, one of the original band at Chester-le-Street from the installation of the six in 1883. Unfortunately Mr. Sheraton now finds difficulty in climbing stairs, but enjoyed listening to part of the peal from outside.

Wednesday started bright and sunny, and remained so for most of the day. Winifred Keys joined us at breakfast time, having travelled overnight by train. This morning most cars got temporarily lost in Gateshead, but all eventually made a rendezvous with Kenneth, although delaying our arrival by half-an-hour at St. Aidan's, Blackhill. Here Superlative Major was attempted while another band attempted London Major at Consett. Unfortunately both came to grief, the former after two hours five minutes of good ringing and the latter after only 17 minutes. A quarter of Bristol at Consett also came unstuck. Thanks to Norman Errington, of Consett, lunch was taken as guests of the Consett Iron Company.

CONSETT IRON WORKS

During the afternoon a peal of Lincolnshire Major was successful at Blackhill Roman Catholic Church. Those not ringing had an extensive tour of the iron works, where artificial sun-tans were obtained by all. Some parts of the tour were definitely hair-raising. This was followed by a very good tea provided by the company. A ring at Benfieldside was then secured, where the peal band (minus tea) met up with the 'iron tourers.' This church has been beautifully restored and is in a delightful setting, although the ringing chamber is rather cramped. After a quick visit to the home of Norman Errington for a wash and brush up, the whole party were then the guests of the Fenham ringers at a social in their Church Hall. Mrs. Arthur and her lady helpers had a splendid array to satisfy the 'inner man.' Community singing was enjoyed, and even the locals were surprised at our rendering of the Blaydon races, although probably disgusted at our pronunciation.

Thursday saw us heading south once more. This time to Darlington, where Darlington Major at St. Cuthbert's was brought to a halt after only 47 minutes by the untimely entry of the verger, who decided to inspect the clock and its chimes. This poor gentleman was nearly left in tears after admitting that he had only been in the job for one week. The same method was attempted at St. John's and completed without interruption. In the meantime the remaining ringers went to Holy Trinity, but ringing was delayed for an hour by a damaged clock hammer, which was eventually 'tied.' In the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire Royal was attempted at Stockton, and the remainder of the party went to ring on the pleasant eight at Ormesby. After tea in Middlesbrough, a return to Stockton found that the peal had been successful. We then said goodbye to Arthur Mason.

On the journey back to Whitley Bay a call was made at Sedgfield. This tower, which looks from the outside as if it could hold a ring of ten, actually has five bells, the front five of a ring of six, and provided the 'highlight' of the tour. After the front four had been raised, an unsuspecting ringer started on the fifth. Before he had the bell half way up, everyone was in hysterics with tears streaming everywhere. Surely this is the bell for the 'Tenor King.' When ringing commenced, a nameless gentleman from a southern spa town tried his hardest to prevent the ringer of the tenor from striking at all. When the hilarity died down, a visit to the

belfry, in which the bells only occupy half the space, showed that the bells had only recently been rehung on ball-bearings and fitted with new clappers. However, the obvious crack in the tenor was not visible at all.

A GREMLINS' FEAST

Friday (not the 13th) was to be a black day and a feast day for the Gremlins. After meeting Kenneth once more, at Fenham, we journeyed to Hexham Abbey. An attempt for Cambridge Major was made on the Abbey bells whilst another band journeyed on to Allendale for London Major. The former came to grief after one hour's good ringing. After lunch came the sad news from the latter that their peal had also been lost after ringing for 1 hour 40 minutes, a bob called early being the undoing. Altogether once more, we were taken right out into the country and given a tour of Hadrian's Wall—on foot, of course—by Centurion Ross. The weather was calm if a little overcast, and the quietness and scenic beauty were certainly a grand tonic after the disappointing morning. Handbells were rung on the Wall, but there was no sound of Hadrian turning in his grave. A peal band was then despatched to attempt Northumberland Minor at Newton Hall, while the remainder had high tea at the George Hotel, beside the river at Chollerford. It was decided to call at Newton Hall to listen to the peal. On arrival, the cars coming from all directions of the compass, were greeted only with silence. On entering the ringing chamber, the culprit, in the form of the fourth rope lying on a seat, was found. They assured everyone that they had rung for 45 minutes! On the journey to H.Q., calls were made to local practice nights at Benwell and Fenham.

Travelling was cut to a minimum on Saturday. In the morning a peal of Fordcombe Major was attempted at Jesmond. No sooner had changes begun than a local ringer, who is also well-known in Westminster, appeared on the scene completely breathless. He was soon assured that it was a peal attempt and that he could return to bed as he hadn't forgotten to turn up for a wedding. The start for a peal of Yorkshire Major at Gateshead was delayed for an hour by a wedding. Both these peals were successful. The final peal attempt of the tour was in the afternoon at North Shields—the most northerly ring of ten in England—where Cambridge Royal was scored.

The concluding get-together was held on Saturday evening in Mr. and Mrs. Lock's hotel bedroom. Fortunately it was a large room. Although only 11 tower-bell peals out of a total of 20, plus one handbell peal, were rung during the tour, it was unanimously agreed that it had been a most enjoyable tour socially. 'Marg.' read her usual poem, which caused a good deal of laughter, and Bill Rogers thanked drivers for supplying transport. Kenneth Arthur was thanked for his excellent work and presented with a table model dinner gong. Tom was then presented with a coffee percolator for arranging yet another pleasurable tour. Next year's venue was suggested as Somerset and North Devon.

Those who stayed over Saturday night all departed by 9.30 on Sunday morning. Some rang for morning service at Newcastle and four rang at Roker. Nearly 600 miles were covered on the tour, with only one bad day as far as the weather was concerned. To all members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association we say a big 'Thank you' for your wonderful welcome and hospitality, and not least to our fellow tourer Kenneth Arthur.

D. T. C. S.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Matthew's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Gwen Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. G. Gray 4, J. W. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival, and as a welcome home to Jennifer Hales, Naomi Hales and Dr. John Hales, on their return from the U.S.A.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. E. Fullbrook 1, J. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, I. Storer 4, K. Leach 5, D. Storer 6, H. White (cond.) 7, A. R. Wood 8. For Evensong, on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.

OUTINGS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE

For their annual tour, Chelford, Cheshire, ringers, their wives and friends, went to Lancashire. Though the weather forecast promised a dismal start, there was nothing dismal about the spirits of the party who left the Roundabout at 8 o'clock, first call being at Rainford (8). From there northwards to Tarleton (8), and after ringing we had some excellent coffee, thanks to Edward Ashcroft.

At St. James', Leyland, in spite of the long draught, some very good ringing was obtained on the noisy (in the belfry) six. After an ample lunch we made our way to Lytham, where we found a musical eight at St. Cuthbert's, and with the sun still shining we made our way to St. Anne's Parish Church and another eight in first-class order.

Having disposed of a very good tea, we spent an hour walking it off on the prom. before embarking for our last visit, to Eccleston (an easy-going six in a very old and well-kept church).

Thanks are due to incumbents and the tower captains. F. G. F.

ST. DAVID'S, EXETER

Ringers from St. David's, Exeter, together with Mr. R. Berry (Topsham), Mrs. G. Retter and daughter (Honiton Clyst) and Mr. A. Newton (St. Cyres), had a half-day's outing on September 14th.

Towers visited were Hiltisleigh (a 3-bell novelty), Spreyton (6), Jacobstowe (5), Exbourne (6), North Tawton (8, the treat of the afternoon), Washford Pyne (6) and Poughull (6). Ringing included call-changes. Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Thanks are due to Mr. Peter Pavey, who not only organised the trip but drove the Dormobile. A. J. W.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL

Starting out on a wet and dreary Saturday morning, Constantine ringers made for Lostwithiel, which was the nearest point to our first ring at Braddoc. We rang the five bells to the local changes, which were conveniently placed for all to see.

A picnic lunch was taken at Talland Bay, but we were soon on our way to Lanreath, where we were joined by two friends from Truro Cathedral and Kea. After a few call-changes and rounds, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 40 minutes. This was a first for one of our members.

On to Lansallos (a delightful eight), and whilst there we had a photograph taken by a roving reporter for a local newspaper. Tea at Polperro and then on to St. Veep through narrow lanes and beautiful scenery; but as no previous arrangements had been made we were unable to ring, but were invited to ring at St. Winnow. We then returned home, tired but pleased with the day's ringing. G. W. R.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

We were very lucky, with good weather, good bells and a good driver, reads the report of Twerton-on-Avon outing on September 14th. Cambridge went well on the pleasant six at Kilmington, rung from the gallery, and at Uplyme, another slow-turning six, Beverley was the highlight. (The youngsters here must be congratulated on their call-changes.)

Two hours were allocated to enjoy lunch on the beach at Lyme Regis. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Powell welcomed us at the church; but whether it was the lunch or the sea air, it took us till the fall before we warmed up on this grand ring. Mr. Bert Walborne was waiting for us at Whitechurch Canonicorum, and at Symondsburry there was something beyond the very loud bells in the ringing chamber, where London Minor went well. The Rector, the Rev. D. Strangeways, and his daughter, who is organist, met us and tried out our ringers' voices with hymns. Our two organists each rang in a new tower and played on a new organ! A. F. L.

WEDDING OF MR. R. B. SMITH

On Saturday, August 24th, the marriage took place between Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire, and Miss May B. Foster, of Leicester, at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

Ringers began assembling early as an attempt for a peal in honour of the wedding was made at All Saints' Leicester. The bridegroom himself wanted to join in but was not 'permitted' by his trainers. As ringing was out he looked to his next pleasure, namely cricket and it was most difficult to drag him away from the television in order to get him to church! Nevertheless, the bridegroom, his best man, Peter Staniforth, the two ushers, Basil Jones and Bill Lee, had sufficient time to go up into the belfry and join their fellow ringers before the ceremony.

Some excellent ringing on the beautiful 12 welcomed the bride and her attendants, Miss Ann Smith (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Adrienne Lapworth and Rosemary Staniforth, friends of the bride.

The bride, who wore a full-length gown of ivory brocade with pearl and diamante headress, was given away by her brother, Mr. W. Foster, due to the indisposition of her father (fortunately, however, he was able to attend the ceremony). The bridesmaids were in midnight blue slipper satin with cream accessories, and carried cream and pink roses. Rosemary was dressed in pale blue Swiss broderie-anglaise and carried a pomander of yellow freesias, carnations and roses.

The reception was held at the Victory Hotel, Leicester. After receiving a good send off the couple spent the first night of their honeymoon at the Falcon Hotel, High Wycombe, and then travelled on the next day to St. Helier, Jersey. They are now making their home at Macclesfield, where all their many ringing friends will send their best wishes. P. J. S.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: W. Clarke 1, T. Hester 2, P. Beedie 3, L. Oliffe 4, P. Pearce 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6, D. Smith 7, J. Coggins 8. Rung for the feast service.

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When the bells of St. Francis' (R.C.) Church, Holbeck, were dedicated 10 years ago by Dr. Heenan, then Bishop of Leeds, the ringers in the opening touch were from Leeds Parish Church. It was mostly from the same tower that a band rang a peal at St. Francis' Church to honour the Archbishop's enthronement at Westminster. The peal, however, nearly ended in disaster as the tenor rope broke on the first pull of the 'lower.'

Mr. T. J. Lock, of North Mymms, Herts, has 'circled' Willesden tower to peals on 11 occasions, and needs to ring the treble only to 15 more peals to make it 26 times round.

The title of the Somerset peal tour on page 649 should have read 'Campingologists' tour, to denote that the week was spent under canvas. The error is regretted.

In the peal of Redcliffe Surprise Royal, reported on page 437, Mr. C. J. Sedgley's composition was used, reports Mr. David Mottershead.

Mr. Harry P. Thompson, of 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, Co. Durham, is the new honorary secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Through 'The Ringing World' the Guildsbrough Branch of the Peterborough Guild desire to thank the Great Glen handbell ringers who, under the expert direction of Mr. Len Allen, gave 'a most enjoyable and colourful performance' at their recent Branch dinner.

Two members of Kirkby-in-Ashfield tower have gone to further education establishments. John Harrison is entering Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and Martin Kirk, Chichester Teachers' Training College. There are several up and coming youngsters to take their places, youngest of whom is Colin Pitman, aged 10.

So appreciative is one Association secretary of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's front page article, 'Second Best,' that appeared in our issue of September 27th, that he is sending a stenciled copy to all towers in his area. We have about 30 copies of this issue available. If there was a similar demand we could consider a reprint of the article.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Robert B. Smith informs us that it will not be possible to get the band who rang the extent of Major together until sometime next year as all the members have a packed programme until the end of the year. The ringers at present are scattered over five counties, but at the earliest opportunity a photograph will be taken.

Who were the ringers who rang the middle six at St. Paul's Cathedral on their recent outing?

We regret that the handbell peal of Surprise Minor at Lechlade on page 636 is a duplicate.

An unlocked door resulted in an intruder wrecking a peal after 2½ hours' ringing at Folkestone. The peal was to have been for the installation of the Ven. Ian White-Thompson, a former Vicar of Folkestone, as the new Dean of Canterbury.

Will the secretary of the band who visited Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, September 28th, at approximately 9.15, please contact Mr. E. Richester, 7, Riverfield Lane, so that he can write and explain what happened, and apologise.

The best wishes of ringers in the North Staffordshire area are extended to Mr. Eric Young, of Stone, who is now in the North Stafford General Infirmary to undergo an operation. They wish him a speedy recovery and trust his return to ringing will not be too long delayed.

Ringers who have difficulty in finding St. Peter-de-Witton Church, Droitwich are reminded there is only one farmyard in Droitwich containing a church! On the nearest civilised road has been erected a large sign 'St. Peter's Church Lane.' Practice night: Thursday, 7-8.30 p.m. Inquiries to Miss J. Stone-Wigg, 10, Newland Road, Droitwich Spa.

On his journey to Cornwall, Mr. W. Hibbert called upon Mr. Joe Dyke at Chilcompton, and spent a pleasant half hour with him. When told that there were four more ringers in the car outside, Joe insisted that they came in and joined in a bottle of beer. It was a thrill to the young ringers to meet such a grand veteran of the art.

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WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
LEONARD STILWELL Treble .. 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2 .. 6
RUTH M. FOREMAN 3 .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA 4 .. Tenor
Composed by KENNETH ARTHUR.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Sun., Sept. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 83, CAMBO DRIVE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALAN R. PATTERSON 1-2 .. 5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4 .. 7-8
Composed by A. YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

ARTHUR G. MASON Treble .. 5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2 .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3 .. 7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 4 .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* 800th peal.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble .. 5
MARTIN F. LOCK 2 .. 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3 .. 7
RUTH M. FOREMAN 4 .. Tenor
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

FREDERICK ROSS Treble .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 2 .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3 .. 8
DENNIS KNOX 4 .. 9
ARTHUR G. MASON 5 .. Tenor
Composed by WILLIAM ROGERS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 960 Cambridge, 640 Bristol and 640 Superlative; with 110 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble .. 5
*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2 .. 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3 .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4 .. Tenor
Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Spiced.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MARTIN F. LOCK Treble .. 5
CHRISTINE M. RIMMER 2 .. 6
FREDERICK ROSS 3 .. 7
DENNIS KNOX 4 .. Tenor
Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON Treble .. 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2 .. 6
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 3 .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4 .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* 150th peal. First in the method by all except the treble ringer.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 2 .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3 .. 8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4 .. 9
DENNIS KNOX 5 .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND.

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

RUTH M. FOREMAN Treble .. 5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON 2 .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3 .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS 4 .. Tenor
Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 500th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the ringers of 4 and 7.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2 .. 6
MARTIN F. LOCK 3 .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4 .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*MARTIN F. LOCK Treble .. 6
*RUTH M. FOREMAN 2 .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 3 .. 8
PHILIP MEHEW 4 .. 9
FREDERICK ROSS 5 .. Tenor
Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal on ten bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

SUSAN FUNNELL Treble .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2 .. 8
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 3 .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4 .. 10
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5 .. 11
RODERICK W. PIPE 6 .. Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 2 .. 8
WILLIAM A. LACEY 3 .. 9
SUSAN FUNNELL 4 .. 10
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 5 .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN 6 .. Tenor
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*DAVID WILFORD Treble .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 2 .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH 3 .. 9
†JOHN W. WARD 4 .. 10
WILLIAM A. LACEY 5 .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6 .. Tenor
Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. * First of Cambridge Maximus for 24 years. First of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Chester Hughes, M.A., Vicar of St. Martin's, Provost of the Cathedral Church, Leicester; also as a wedding compliment to Robert B. Smith and May Foster, and congratulations to John M. Jelley and Monica Moore on their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN 3	DAVID J. PURNELL 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	BASIL JONES 7
*HAROLD C. LONYON .. 3	*RAYMOND SUART 8
*WILLIAM WALL 4	*HEDLEY WOOD 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	†ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW.

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

In memoriam Derek Ogden.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*† MARTIN SMITH Treble	† ERNEST BENNETT 6
† BETTY FAUNCH 2	EDWARD COWPERTHWAIT .. 7
† PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING 8
† MARGARET CROSTHWAITE .. 4	† W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT .. 9
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 5	ALAN GARDNER Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters. 50th peal on the bells.

Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Rev. J. M. W. Adam, M.A., as Vicar of Preston.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD CHAFER Treble	JACK BRAY 6
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	*W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
*JOHN HALL 3	*FRANK KENNINGTON 8
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	*ARTHUR PASHLEY 9
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 5	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Royal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

R. JOYCE MARKS Treble	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 6
*YVONNE C. PORTER 2	FREDERICK E. DAY 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 8
MRS. MARGARET A. BOULD .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS 9
DENIS F. WHEELER 5	WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 25th peal.

Rung to commemorate the conferment of the Freedom of the City on the Plymouth Command of the Royal Navy this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1963, in 6 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 11520 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

GILES B. THOMPSON Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	FRANK OSBALDISTON 6
HAROLD C. LONYON 3	JOHN C. EISEL 7
BASIL JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The longest peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

NORMAN W. COTTON Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH 6
COLIN LORD 3	ROLAND BENISTON 7
WILFRED LORD 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 BLACKBURN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JEFFREY SAWYER Treble	GEOFFREY FOIHERRGILL .. 5
MARGARET E. FORT 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
BERNARD MOSS 3	J. BARRY PICKUP 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method, Corrigan's No. 34.

In memoriam Derek Ogden.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Hubbard's Five-Part .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*RAYMOND LAFTY 3	PETER ADCOCK 7
HENRY TOOKE 4	CHARLES H. MOORE Tenor

† LESLIE BAILEY 4

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*ANNE BATESON Treble	† HARRY POYNER 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	† R. HARRY HAWCROFT .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	JAMES W. RAITHYBY .. 7
MARY C. POYNER 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

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

Rung with the compliments and best wishes of the ringers to Canon and Mrs. Keal on their silver wedding anniversary.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	† E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
*EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
E. JANE SIBSON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN GARTSIDE Treble	BERNARD MOSS 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 3	FRANK STEAD 7
ARTHUR RIGBY 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

A welcome to Canon Eric Rothwell, newly-inducted Rector of this parish.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*PETER J. BROWN Treble	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 5
PAUL W. WEBB 2	JOHN C. EISEL 6
† GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 7
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (C.C.C. 27).

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Major. † 100th tower for a peal. First of Major as conductor. First of New Cambridge Major by all the band.

BLACKBURN SURPRISE MAJOR

—36—14—58—16—12—58—16—78

L.-c. 3527486. 8ths place. F.c.h. 24365, 32465, 43265.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
F. BLOWEN Treble	J. WEBB 5
*J. TURNEY 2	L. PARRY 6
G. COUSINS 3	ERNEST PENN 7
ARTHUR HALLING 4	HAROLD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PENN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung for evening service; also as a tribute to the devoted ministry in this parish of the Rev. E. Hoskins, who has been appointed Vicar of Leckhampton, Glos.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HOLBECK.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

*PETER LOUTH Treble	ANTHONY E. STAMP 5
*R. FRASER MACK 2	*PETER FENNEY 6
JEFFREY J. FOX 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
ARNOLD COLE 4	C. BARRIE DOVE Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Cardinal Heenan as Archbishop of Westminster. As Bishop of Leeds, Dr. Heenan dedicated these bells in 1953.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	ALAN J. CLARKE 5
*MICHAEL DANIELS 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 6
BRENDA E. DOWNING 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING 7
DIANA M. PIPE 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Dorothy L. Gray.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT BISHOP LATIMER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MURIEL REAY Treble	DAVID R. INGRAM 5
GEORGE DAVIES 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rev. Cecil H. Smyth, Vicar of Bishop Latimer's.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 18 cwt.
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Treble	THOMAS W. SMITH 5
*CHRISTOPHER LOMAX .. 2	EDMUND OSBORNE 6
JAMES CUNLIFFE 3	JOHN ASHCROFT 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY 4	†DAVID R. FORSYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal.

Rung in memorial Canon H. J. Elsee, some time Vicar of this parish and president of the Association.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.
HARRY STACEY Treble	D. ROY BOULD 5
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
FREDERICK MYERS .. 3	CHARLES SANGWIN 7
WILLIAM G. LAYERS .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Charles Sangwin has now 'circled' the tower, and is the first ringer to do so.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

PAMELA M. TURNER .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
GEORGE DAVIES 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SOULS.

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. Treble	HARRY POYNOR 5
BERYL N. REED 2	J. DAVID CLARKE 6
MARY C. POYNOR 3	COLIN W. REED 7
WILLIAM L. EXTON 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HARRY POYNOR.

* 100th peal. First in the method by the Guild, and by all the band.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 6
PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. 3	GEORGE J. HEMMING .. 7
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

Rung in honour of the ordination in Southwark Cathedral the following day of Anthony Clayton to serve as Deacon at All Saints', Tooting.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol: with 139 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

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

HILARY F. MARTIN .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	†NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE 7
*RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by RICHARD G. CROSLAND. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Spiced Major. † First of 6-Spiced.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being five of St. Clement's, one of Childwall and one of St. Clement's and Childwall Spliced. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

BRUCE D. SHILTON .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 2	BRIAN C. LAW 5
DAVID F. MOORE 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

Ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Fastest of Minor on the bells.

A compliment to Mr. H. Needham, a local ringer, on his 60th birthday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ELLISON .. Treble	HENRY KIRK 4
LYNNE V. SHERWOOD .. 2	ALAN G. KIRK 5
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. S. Williams, wife of the Rev. H. Saunders Williams, Vicar of this parish from 1929 to 1956.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In five methods: (1 and 2) Annable's London Surprise, (3) London Surprise, (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GILES B. THOMPSON Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4
CAROL FERNLEY 2	JOHN C. EISEL 5
ALEC OSBALDISTON 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN HALL Treble	MICHAEL WHITING 4
WILLIAM BAINS 2	RICHARD HALL 5
HAROLD JUDD 3	C. AUBREY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

First peal as conductor.

KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 13 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Chester, Carlisle and Munden, (2) London and Wells, (3 and 7) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4 and 6) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, York and Durham; with 77 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

SHIRLEY M. DREW Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4
*BRUCE WAKEFIELD 2	*GORDON W. LAND 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3	*PETER WAKEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise, and of Surprise in 13 methods. First of Surprise on the bells

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. W. Lane, Vicar of Kempsford since 1955.

KNUITSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Morning Star and Oxford Treble Bob. St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STUART COUTTS Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 4
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	PETER DALE 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung in memoriam Derek Ogden.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER Treble	REGINALD PREECE 4
M. IRENE ELLSMORE 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE 5
LESLIE PREECE 3	THOMAS PUGH Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

Rung in memory of Mr. Hedley Evans, for many years warden of this church.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

K. BARRY OSBORNE Treble	SAMUEL COTTLE 4
PAMELA A. OSBORNE 2	DERRICK P. BAILEY 5
COLIN HILLIER (14) 3	JAMES W. ABBOTT Tenor

Conducted by DERRICK P. BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev. C. Y. Pooley, who is shortly leaving the district.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*SUSAN E. KAY Treble	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL 4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 2	JOHN B. PICKUP 5
RICHARD S. STARKIE 3	RICHARD J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. PARKER.

* First peal attempt.

Rung in memoriam Derek Ogden, of Manchester.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 120's (ten callings) and six different 240's Morris'. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
RUTH BLACKSHAW 2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT 5
MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chilton on the anniversary of their wedding.

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

MARTIN L. HOWE Treble	*GEORGE B. COLLINS 4
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
MONTY W. GILBERT 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

* First peal on six bells. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margo Giles and Michael Sharp, who were married prior to the peal; also a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. H. W. Wilmington.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

TREVOR J. FROLEY Treble	D. WALFORD DAVIES 4
TREVOR M. RODERICK 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY 3	HAROLD PREECE Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JANE DOWSE Treble	†GEORGE A. DAWSON 4
RUTH BLACKSHAW 2	SYDNEY ADAMS 5
*JOHN EBORALL 3	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

A wedding compliment to Dorothy Christine Sheppard and Roy Victor Albans, married this day

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

COLIN LORD Treble	JOHN K. SMITH 4
JOSEPH W. COITON 2	RAYMOND BENFIELD 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

SOPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Treble	*MAURICE PETERS 4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*ALAN A. PRICE 5
JOHN HARTLESS 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. First on the bells since augmentation to six by addition of a treble bell by John Taylor and Co.

UFFINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. BUSH Treble	JOHN M. ROFFE 4
WENDY HOLLOWELL 2	RAYMOND H. DAW 5
JAMES W. HAW 3	CHARLES E. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BLACK.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the rehangings of the bells, and on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1963, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 18 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY... 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE... 3-4

MICHAEL WHITE... 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wilmslow, Balmoral, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Oxford, Sandal and Kent. Tenor size 15 in C.

*GORDON W. LAND... 1-2 | BRIAN BLADON... 3-4

ANTHONY R. PEAKE... 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal for the Association.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH... 1-2 | RICHARD G. CROSLAND... 3-4

ANDREW M. MACVE... 5-6

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

* First peal 'in hand.' First 'in hand' as conductor.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON... 1-2 | RICHARD A. GOFTON... 5-6

ROBIN G. TURNER... 3-4 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... 7-8

JOHN E. ANDERSON... 9-10

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

A compliment to John Anderson for the 50th anniversary of his first peal, rung on September 20th, 1913.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 5, MOAT CLOSE,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 of London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 of Bristol; with 100 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN... 1-2 | ROGER BALDWIN... 5-6

JOHN R. MAYNE... 3-4 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY... 7-8

Composed by ALBERT P. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN... 1-2 | ROGER BALDWIN... 5-6

JOHN R. MAYNE... 3-4 | *JOAN BERESFORD... 7-8

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne Payne 1, F. Goodcarl 2, D. Longley 3, Carole Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Payne (first of Minor as cond.) 6, R. Benstead (cover) 7, P. Dence 8. First of Minor 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, H. Pratt 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, B. Rodgewell 5, C. Barker 6, P. Le Count 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lewis W. Wiffen, life vice-president of the Essex Association.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Stewart 1, J. Saxton 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, R. Chambers (first quarter) 4, D. Cooper 5, M. Cooper 6, D. G. Davison 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8. Rung for the 16th birthday of ringer of the 4th.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela A. Osbourn 1, C. C. Hillier 2, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 3, A. A. Bradfield (first 'inside') 4, D. A. Powney 5, G. Pluckrose 6. A compliment to Miss Susan G. Powney, on her fourth birthday. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. C. Hillier 1, H. A. Gummer 2, S. J. Cottle 3, G. Pluckrose 4, D. A. Powney 5, D. P. Bailey (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Lorna Adams and Mr. Gilbert Cowdry, who were married at this church prior to the quarter peal.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. D. Clamplin 1, E. R. M. Cansdale 2, S. J. Twichett 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, D. W. Brooks 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung for the admittance of Dr. J. Young as lay reader.

CAERLEON, MON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Corson 1, J. Weaver 2, A. E. Stamp 3, D. Pike 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, M. A. Edwards 6.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Platt 1, Sheila Moore 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, T. Hawkins 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 7, M. W. Coleman 8. First of Grandsire 2 and 3. For Evensong.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Prescott 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, C. J. Blain 3, G. E. Bonham 4, A. J. Davey 5, P. Woolven (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Peter Woolven, who is going to Nottingham University.

HARLINGTON, MIDD.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: W. Birmingham 1, Susan E. Smith 2, Juliet Wooders 3, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 4, Jennifer Sceeny 5, J. F. Bowler 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. B. Fynes 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Kenneth Bartlett (son of the Rector) and Miss Elizabeth Mollon, of Holbeach, Lincs, married on September 14th at Holbeach.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Brown (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge 4, D. Leslie 5, B. R. White (cond.) 6, F. A. White 7, J. R. Chaundy 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ms. D. W. Barker 1, D. Bedford (first in method) 2, P. Harper 3, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. Longhurst 6, For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Bristol): Miss J. M. Gurnhill 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, Clare Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, P. A. Sharp 6, H. Poyner 7, G. Paul 8.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Adcock 1, J. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, W. Ibald 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for Harvest Evensong, and to welcome the Dean of Ripon, former Vicar.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: C. H. Webber 1, Mrs. D. T. North 2, I. G. Hughes 3, W. A. Riddle 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor 1 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

PORKERRY, GLAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Smart 1, H. Green 2, Catherine Malinas 3, L. J. Malinas 4, M. Williams 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Sheila Simon, wife of the Bishop of Llandaff, who died this day.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Redding (first quarter) 1, H. F. Laskey 2, Mrs. J. R. Smith 3, J. R. Smith (cond.) 4, E. Durram 5, H. Ford 6.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Kathleen Yardley 1, Shirley Guymer 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Baikie 4, H. A. Cox (first of Minor 'inside') 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, at the completion of the parish mission.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, A. R. Mildred 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, N. W. Grassby 4, K. H. Mildred 5. For Evensong.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Saunders 1, W. G. Bilner 2, G. Everett 3, J. Nichols 4, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 5, B. Shepherd 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rev. G. and Mrs. Day on the birth of a son.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Penn 1, A. Broxton 2, N. Price 3, A. Halling 4, C. Longmore 5, A. Brazier 6, E. W. Penn (cond.) 7, L. Woolley 8. For Evensong, and as a token of respect and gratitude for his many services to Canon Brian Poretoy, on his retirement as Vicar.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. C. Marshall 1, W. W. Ring 2, P. Richardson (first in the method) 3, J. V. Richards 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (11 extents in 11 methods): M. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. A. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Wavertree and Lytham, 720 College and London Bob): C. Black 1, R. H. Daw 2, Wendy Hollowell 3, A. Twyman 4, J. H. Bluff 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A. Stainesby.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Carter 1, Jean Whit (first quarter) 2, K. A. Roe 3, A. Chamberlain 4, F. R. Roe 5, Joy Watkin (first as cond.) 6, T. E. Harrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, F. Garland 2, T. Wits 3, R. Bowley 4, P. Riddiford 5, R. Nicholas 6. Rung for the centenary celebrations of the Parish Church, and also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Deane, married previous day, the bridegroom being a member of the Woodchester band.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MANN—OAKLEY.—The engagement is announced between Anthony Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mann, of Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Heather Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Oakley, of Delrow, Aldenham, Hertfordshire. 3346

SOUTHAM—AYRES.—The engagement is announced between Thomas J. Southam, of Welwyn Garden City, Herts, and Margaret A. Ayres (recently of Hertford), elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ayres, 15, Woodbrook Road, Hastings, Sussex. 3349

DEATHS

GARDINER.—On September 27th. 1963. at Poole General Hospital, Ralph Stanley, of 1, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, beloved husband of Dorothy and father of Graham, Hilary and Jill. 3346

HILL.—Suddenly on October 5th, 1963, at 24, Elms Road, Worksop, Arnold, beloved husband of Violet, aged 60 years. 'Thy will be done.' 3385

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

AINSWORTH.—The address of Alan and Marion Ainsworth is now 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Birmingham, 32. 3364

TREBILCOCK.—The address of Robin and Pam Trebilcock is now 7, Haymoor, Letchworth, Herts. 3355

PERSONAL

'O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.' (Psalm cxxxvi, 1)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practices are arranged for Minehead, October 12th, November 23rd; Selworthy, November 2nd, all at 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 3376

DARTFORD PARISH CHURCH.—Ringers' service, Sunday, October 20th, 6.30 p.m. Bells available 5.15 p.m.—R. G. Rayfield, Sec. 3366

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Shalford on Thursday, October 17th. Methods: Bristol, Ealing, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative. 3377

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—October 12th Sandy. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. S.M. Bedford Delight, Single Court. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Sec. 3359

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge University Guild and Cambridge District on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. F. Murfett, Dis. Sec. 3387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhill Road, Raveligh. 3287

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th Widford, 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—J. Southam. 3298

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—October meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Goldsney, 4, Waterend, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 3325

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—October 12th, annual meeting, Maidstone (All Saints'). Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Manning, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. Bells at St. Michael's (6) available 3 to 4. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. Special methods, London S. Royal and Treble Bob Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint with Hinckley District at Ibstock on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock. 3343

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby.—R. R. Brown, Asst. Sec. 3358

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell. 3314

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing at Holborn.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3358

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 3335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Towell, 40, Main Road, Uffington, Stamford. Lincs.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 3379

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—October 12th meeting at Ellesmere. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Presentation to H. M. Poyner from the Association, in the ringing chamber at 4.15. Business meeting 6 o'clock, with ringing after until 8 o'clock.—E. Morris. 3379

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Wharton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Rotherhithe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Rotherhithe bells available in evening. 3327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Pulborough (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton (Hants) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to J. Chesterman, Lea Croft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, Hants. 3320

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Bretforton (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham. 3340

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, to include nomination of officers, will be held at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 15th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices all commencing 6.30 p.m.: October 15th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 22nd, St. Maryle-Bow, Chapside; October 29th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 5th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 3351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Elkstone (5), Wednesday, October 16th, 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 3368

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Elmham on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) available 6.30. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 3330

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, near Rotherham, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Andrew King, Vicarage, Wentworth, Rotherham, not later than October 16th.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 3381

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

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 16th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3372

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea important by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at latest to J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 3312

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Blaydon, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon. 3350

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

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at St. George's, Gravesend on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Constant, 8, Gleebe Road, Gravesend, by the 16th, please.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3374

LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District).—A joint meeting will be held at Gamston on Oct. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Denman, 2, Askham Road, Rockley, Retford, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 3300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Association Competition Final at Accrington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. General ringing, 1.30 to 2.50 and 7.15 onwards. Competition 3 p.m. Tea from 4 until 6 p.m., but names for tea MUST be sent not later than previous Wednesday to A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington. During competition the ringing machine and the Roger Leigh miniature ring of bells will be demonstrated. Judging 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 3334

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Leicester District, October 19th. Kimcote (4), 2-2.45 p.m.; Peatling Parva (5), 2-2.45; Lutterworth (5), 2.30-4 (subject to permission); Gilmorton (6), 4-4.25 and evening. Service: Gilmorton, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Gilmorton Village Hall, 5. Names for tea by October 16th to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby. No name no tea—accommodation limited. Dinner tickets (17s. 6d.) will be available. General Committee meeting, October 14th, 7.45 p.m., St. Margaret's bellry.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3352

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 14th, to the Rev. E. R. Gaymer Harris, Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3352

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Ringing: St. George's, Borough, 1-2 p.m.; St. James', Clerkenwell, 2-3; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4-4.30. Service at St. Olave's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the vestry. Names for tea by October 17th, essential, to the Secretary, Miss Diana M. Lawless, 16, Weech Road, London, N.W.6.—A. J. F. 3344

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Meeting on October 19th at Harefield. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea essential to F. Corke, Taylor Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex, by October 14th. Joint meeting at Hillingdon is on November 9th.—F. T. B. 3369

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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, October 19th, Leek. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wilkinson, 27, Alsop Street, Leek, Staffs, by Wednesday, October 16th.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 3345

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3308

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on October 19th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Norwich Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 3371

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Perry Barr, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Oct. 16th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3307

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at ST. MARY'S, KINGSWINFORD, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and during evening. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by October 16th, latest, to C. M. Smith, Roiselle, Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lich. 2124. Wordsley bells (6) also available, 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3318

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Annual general meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Miller, Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk, by Wednesday, October 16th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3354

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Joint meeting on Oct. 19th at Ockley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Chapel. Chapel bells after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Bourne, King's Head, Chapel, before Oct. 17th.—F. I. H. and G. A. W. 3293

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

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking competition, St. Michael's, Southampton, Saturday, October 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 3360

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 3380

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wilby, Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. C. W. Partridge, The Bakery, Wilby, near Wellingborough. 3363

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 1963, in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. There will be professional entertainment and dancing after the dinner until 11 p.m. Tickets, 14/- each, available from Branch secretaries, or general secretary, up to October 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. Swithun's (6), 5 to 6 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., Goodiers Lane, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 3368

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 326th Anniversary Dinner will be held at

THE BRIDGE HOUSE RESTAURANT,
LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.,
on Saturday, November 2nd, 1963,
at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (25s.) are now available and, since accommodation is limited, members are advised to make early application therefor.

JOHN CHILCOTT,
42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey.
3233

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

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

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

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Preliminary Notice—

1963 REUNION and DINNER,

Saturday, December 7th, at the
'Pitt and Nelson,' Ashton-u-Lyne.

If accommodation is required, please contact Mr. F. Shallcross, 1, Russell Street, Ashton.

—W. A. Lacey, Secretary. 3347

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Preliminary arrangements—up to date—for the A.G.M. at MACCLESFIELD,
April 25th, 1964.

Meet at 'Headquarters,' Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe, 10.15-10.30 a.m. for meeting, leave by bus 11.30, via Railway Station for Macclesfield, 12.15 p.m. for lunch. Three towers—1 hour each—one possibly before lunch. Leave for home 4.30 p.m., for tea 5.30; after which last hour or so at Christ Church.

—An' no Messin'—an' read your 'Ringin' World.'

Names for Kettell's Hotel for Friday night as soon as possible to Frank Stenson, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. There is a 'North Western' bus every hour to Macclesfield, via Railway Station. Will fix up for a tower—handy—for Friday evening.

—Arthur Hoare. 3367

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For the September meeting, the St. Albans District visited Wheathampstead, which must have one of the longest free draughts in the country, ringing being from the floor of the crossing. However, despite their misgivings, even the inexperienced found the bells easier than they had feared.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. Roe, who preached a sermon for St. Matthew's Day. A tea which defied the critics and the determined eaters alike was prepared by the local girls, led by Mrs. Brown.

At the meeting John Cull was elected to the chair. Miss Lesley Lilley, of St. Michael's, St. Albans, Miss Janice Parker, of St. Peter's, and Paul Brearley, of Wheathampstead, were elected members. The District Car Rally was discussed and will take place on October 26th. Details from the District secretary.

Special method for October (Harpender): Pudsey. J. D. C.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The five Corderoys, who took part in the quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on September 29th, consisted of father and two sons, a brother and an uncle, the latter being foreman of the nearby tower of Harwell. Peter Corderoy has now left the calm of the Berkshire countryside to take up a post with Scotland Yard, and a decrease of crime is confidently expected.

Mr. George P. Garner, a Barwell, Leics, ringer for over 50 years, who has unfortunately had to suffer a further leg amputation, is back at his home at 6, Chapel Street, Barwell, and would welcome letters and visits from old friends to help the days along. He thanks Charles Brown for his letter, but unfortunately has lost his address.

Kettering Parish Church, where a young band is being nursed, lost on September 21st a quarter of Stedman Doubles after the second single in the 10th 120. The occasion was a visit of the Bishop of Peterborough to dedicate new entrance gates to the church erected as a memorial to the Roughton family, which had been connected with the church since before it was built in the 15th century.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. G. E. Fearn's Surprise peal four of Gloucester and Somerset which concluded on Saturday, resulted in 12 peals being rung. The list included Solicited Surprise Major in eight methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal at Evercreech.

Ten teams competed for the Kimpton Cup on Saturday, which was won by North Myms who rang London Surprise Minor. They were the winners in 1962.

LATE NOTICES

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

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

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. Cann 1, R. G. Pearce 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, D. L. Pearce 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Bowden 7, C. J. Cholwill 8. Birthday compliment to H. Heard, and a farewell to R. M. Cann, who is to be stationed at Berlin.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Lynn Taylor 1, A. J. Butcher (25th quarter) 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Peggy Butcher 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cook (13, first quarter) 1, W. Cook 2, W. Alexander 3, Mrs. P. Heath 4, G. Heath (cond.) 5, T. Spencer (first quarter) 6. For the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Attrill (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, Christine Abbott (first 'inside') 3, Rachel Betton-Foster 4, J. W. Hagley 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. F. Warnes, curate and bellringer.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. Cann 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, H. Stacey 7, G. Halford 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan Newman 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Elizabeth Wilkins (first of Royal) 3, Alison Mann 4, M. J. Bingham (cond.) 5, D. Wilkins 6, W. Jackson 7, D. Leach 8, K. Newman 9, R. Harris 10. Rung for the ordination at Southwark Cathedral this day of Sidney Wood, friend of the ringers.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. B. Hullah 1, Ann P. Robinson 2, Gillian M. Breatley (first 'inside') 3, C. M. Foster 4, M. J. Sherrick (first as cond.) 5, A. T. Hawkins 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss J. M. Bunyan, of Watford.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Boyd 1, Mrs. R. Sturgess 2, Miss J. M. Tyack 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, Miss B. J. Daysh 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, P. Page 8.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Ward (first attempt) 1, Jean Harrison 2, J. Harrison 3, W. Savill 4, Pamela Warren (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. F. Hurd, after nearly 16 years as Rector.

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