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1963 — A MEMORABLE YEAR

IN the ringing calendar of posterity the year 1963 will rank as outstanding. Dwarfing everything else was the ringing of the extent of Major (40,320 changes) on July 27th/28th at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile in 17 hours 58½ minutes. The feat was regarded by many as outside the ambit of human endeavour. Robert B. Smith, the conductor, will go down to posterity. With him were two others—John M. Jelley and Neil Bennett—who had taken part in the 32,704 peal; but the late selection of a 17-year-old grammar school boy, Frederick Shallcross, was a surprising yet justified selection. He is certainly no longer 'an up and coming youngster.' This peal has not ended long length attempts. There have been quite a number with mixed results.

In a year when new methods were a weekly occurrence and Spliced Major Surprise a regularity in various parts of the country, another peal we feel will be quoted in the future is that of 143 Spliced Minor methods rung at Castle Eaton on December 2nd, conducted by Anthony R. Peake. It was the culmination of a succession of spliced multi-Minor peals.

Before leaving peals—there was another 1,000-peal ringer in Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln, and also the 1,000th peal rung in a tower, the Bell Foundry Campanile at Loughborough. In these 1,000 peals, 770 ringers had taken part and 60 different methods were rung.

While 'the Exercise' side of ringing is flourishing, judging by the number of peals and quarter peals published, mention should be made of the many performances associated with the death of President J. F. Kennedy. Ringers expressed the nation's sympathy in a remarkable manner. Gratifying is the flow of recruits, judged by sales of the Central Council's publication *Beginners' Handbook*, which reached 1,681 copies.

It has been a good year for English bell-founders. The focus of their achievement has been the provision of bells for Washington Cathedral. A carillon of 53 bells with a Bourdon bell of 10½ tons was sent across the Atlantic, and also a ring of ten bells which were opened on October 20th with an English instructor in charge. This and a new ten for Groton School constitute a challenge to America to take up change-ringing. The influence of this country was seen in another way. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who this year completed six years as President of the Central Council, to be succeeded at Great Yarmouth by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, was invited to America as the

guest speaker at the eighth convention of the American Guild of Handbell Ringers. Although as an exponent of handbell ringing he holds a unique position, in this country his selection as President of the Central Council, which is primarily interested in the change-ringing side of ringing, was because of his expert knowledge of church bells, both historically and as exemplified by the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee. Tunc ringing on handbells has not a place in the Central Council activities, and we do not think it will be generally acceptable unless handbell ringing plays, as it does in many American churches, an integral part in the music of church worship.

Probably the most important addition in this country was the new 12 at Tewkesbury on April 5th, with a tenor of 27 cwt. Two other eights were at St. Peter's, Harrogate, and St. Clement's, Hastings; there were new bells at Thames Ditton and other minor rings.

The Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth will be remembered not merely for the Vicar becoming the national President but for the last address to the Council by Mr. E. H. Lewis. In it he recalled a speech he made 50 years ago. His knowledge has added new principles in bell hanging. For 27 years he was national President, and ringers from all over the country attended the memorial service at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on November 2nd. Of Mr. Lewis it can be said he portrayed to Church leaders a new conception of English ringers that has brought about a different relationship between the incumbent and the belfry.

There were other deaths of note: Thomas H. Taffender, for 50 years Master of the London County Association; A. Charles Hazelden, convener of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council; H. W. Lidbetter, Frank Oakshott, Wilfred J. Newman and Lewis W. Wiffin. One most keenly felt was that of Derek Ogden, aged 30, president of Manchester University Society. Ireland had its loss by the passing in the belfry of St. Patrick's Cathedral of T. McMorran.

Social activities were very numerous. There were three tours in Ireland, Pipe's Pilgrims in Southern England, Wilfrid Williams' in Devon, Cambridge University Guild in Cornwall, the Clerical Guild in West Midlands, Tom Lock's in the North East, and many others. What was, however, very impressive was the Coventry Cathedral rally on April 20th, attended by 1,600 ringers. Much has been omitted of 1963 happenings; but memories will be refreshed by the publication later of 'The Ringing World' Index, and readers will then be able to place in their own relative importance the different happenings of the year.

LET'S DROP IN ON SOMERSET

The city of Salisbury is notable in that its Cathedral has the highest steeple in the British Isles and the emptiest tower. Salisbury, nevertheless, was chosen as headquarters for a ringing tour in Wiltshire and Somerset during the second weekend in November, by two minibus loads of hopeful ringers from Kent and Surrey. They left on Friday evening and after an evening meal at a Chinese restaurant in Guildford reached their final destination at about 11 p.m. All slept soundly that night, except Hilary Martin who woke up around 3 a.m. to find her room full of green dragons; but these quickly disappeared when Bob Hinde arrived on the scene.

The weekend's ringing commenced on Saturday morning at Warminster where, under the leadership of Stewart Kimber, we rang Plain Bob, Bristol, Stedman and Yorkshire. Despite good reports of the bells at Frome, our second tower, they were not really above average, the rattling of the tenor being particularly disconcerting. But with Colin Tester encouraging us, we rang London, Grandsire, Rutland and three leads of Bristol.

The bells of Evercreech must be almost equally well-known to ringers and non-ringers alike, and we thought they sounded just as nice 'in the tin' as it were, as 'from the can.' It could be said that our party was divided into two camps—the self-confessed exponents of Royal and Maximus and the protagonists of Minor and Major, with a small overspill from each to the other—and following a well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters, the Royalists, led by Frank Darby, took hold for London. After some initial crashing around, in which Nick Martin figured prominently, all seemed to be going well but, about half-way through the course, a fire-up occurred and Mr. Darby reluctantly advised his men to surrender. Then, with the assistance of some recreant Roundheads, half a course of Cambridge was completed, and we attempted to lower in peal, but again Nicholas failed to make the grade, this time on the treble, and he retired in some confusion from the tower before the tenor was half-way down.

We acquitted ourselves well on the cool eight at Dicheat, and rang Plain Bob, Six Spliced, Surprise and a touch of Stedman and then, with Nick standing beside him, notling sagely from time to time, Stewart Kimber demonstrated the manner in which bells should be trebled down in peal. Bob Hinde had arranged a sandwich lunch in the nearby

Manor House Inn, and we all enjoyed beer, cider, sandwiches, pickled onions and Cornish pasties, at half the usual prices.

The most notable tower, as far as the Minor ringers were concerned, was the 36 cwt. six at Queen Camel, which had been anticipated with the greatest pleasure, and courses of Cambridge, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Caave were rung. Dave Manger and Andy Macve rang this heavy tenor with their usual consummate skill, but we could not fail to observe the evident distress experienced by the unhappy Mr. Martin when he tried. The fine old Abbey at Sherborne was next on our programme and on the loud and heavy eight we rang successful courses of Plain Bob, London and Grandsire, and ended with three leads of Bristol.

The church of Wimborne St. Giles will of course be familiar to those ringers related to Lord Shaftesbury, for it stands on his land. Although we were not actually welcomed by his Lordship, nor were we invited back to the ancestral home for evening cocktails afterwards, our visit was nevertheless worth while, if only for the pleasure of ringing the bells. We didn't have much time here, but managed a good touch of six Spliced Surprises, and then some Plain Bob.

After Wimborne, our party split up, one vanload going to the practice at St. Thomas', Salisbury, and the other to seek much needed nourishment. Strangely enough, however, we met again later, quite accidentally, in the local Chinese nosh bar: all except Dave Manger (and friend) who disappeared into the wilderness in search of less exotic food.

Sunday was Remembrance Day, and we rang at St. Paul's, Salisbury, before attending the Remembrance Service at the Cathedral. After lunch, we left Salisbury and made a quick dash to Winchester Cathedral where we were due to ring at 2.30 p.m. Stedman Cinques was not very successful, nor was Cambridge Maximus (despite the strong contingent of College Youths), but we managed Grandsire Cinques and rounds. Our last tower was an unscheduled grab at Farnham, where we were allowed to join the local band for Evensong ringing.

This was an excellent weekend, enjoyed by all. Bob Hinde's organisation (and driving) was faultless and we are indebted to him for the trouble he took to ensure that all went smoothly. We should also thank Colin Tester, Stewart Kimber and Dave Manger, who shared the driving. J. D. F.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Although the first snow of the winter had fallen only a few days previously, a small but representative gathering of ringers was present when the annual meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Old Whittington on December 14th. Ringing to suit all tastes took place on the light (5 cwt.) six before the company of over 25 adjourned to the Church Hall for an excellent tea prepared by the wives and friends of the local company.

The secretary's report, at the business meeting, showed a welcome revival of interest during 1963, with over 35 new members. The chairman, Mr. F. Adams, indicated his wish to retire, as he had been in office for almost 20 years. Accepting his resignation with reluctance, the meeting unanimously decided to mark his long period of service by electing him an honorary life member.

The District Committee for 1964 was elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. D. Cooper (Bolsover); committee: Mr. G. N. Goodall (Dronfield) and Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington); Ringing Master, Mr. A. Keller (Bolsover); secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield). Following the election of Stephen and Paul Stanton (Clowne) as ringing members and Mr. A. Smith (Staveley) as an honorary member, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Davies, the local company and ladies for providing tea. Most of the company attended Compline before further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Staveley, January 11th (provisional). M. P. P.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

As Loddon bells were only available during the afternoon, the evening ringing took place at Raveningham, a nearby five bell tower, at the Eastern Branch's meeting on December 7th.

The service, which was held at Loddon, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the lesson read by the Association president (Mr. N. Golden) and the organist was Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

The short business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Miss D. Lidbetter), who proposed the vote of thanks, which included Mrs. H. W. Barrett and her helpers for an excellent tea.

Mr. G. Walpole, the Ringing Master at Norton Subcourse, said he hoped that work on rehanging the six bells would be carried out in the near future. The chairman congratulated Canon Thurlow on being appointed to the Residentiary Canonry of Norwich Cathedral, and reminded members that the Branch annual meeting was being held at Great Yarmouth, February 8th. N. P. J. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Three new members—the Misses Bevan, Pidgeon and McGinty—were elected when the Western District of the Guild met at Radstock on December 14th. Miss S. Lewis was transferred to the Midland District.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. De Jong to the Rev. N. E. Mitchell for conducting the service, to Mr. Carter and the ladies for an excellent tea. H. K.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT CALLED ROUND

The attempt to call the longest peal of Royal 'in hand' at Marple, Cheshire, on December 14th, was called round at 13.320 changes, which took 7 hours and 2 minutes to ring.

Ringing settled down and the first 10,000 changes were perfectly satisfactory, but afterwards we began to miss the odd dodge. Rather than pass the existing record with a peal that would give us the slightest doubt about its superiority we shortened the peal after the 7th part. The peal was conducted by Neil Bennett. BOB SMITH.

TOWER GRABBERS' CHANCE

An esteemed reader suggests that if we publish a list of leading peal ringers for the year we should also consider printing a subsidiary list of people who have rung in 100 towers during the year.

I feel that the "tower grabber" should have his efforts publicly acknowledged in "The Ringing World" just as the peal grabber, he writes.

After taking part in several very enjoyable expeditions to lesser known towers, I am more than ever convinced that such outings do an immense amount of good. They help to keep certain towers in ringing order, when they might otherwise become "unringable" through lack of use. From remarks passed at the time, local people are delighted to hear their bells being rung—perhaps for the first time for several months. Such outings also give youngsters an experience on a wide variety of bells and an added interest to their ringing.

[To give tower grabbers a chance we will publish in February a list of those who have rung in 100 towers or more during 1963. Write name, tower, number in 1963, total in brackets. We do not want lists of towers.]

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Chew Branch was held at Wrington (10) on December 7th, when ringing preceded the Association service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. Lee.

Tea was served to some 40 members and friends in the Village Hall, after which the business meeting was chaired by Mr. H. W. Knight. The secretary, Mr. D. Yeo, reported a slight rise in membership, which now stood at 208, including three associate members. All affiliation fees had been paid.

Officers elected for 1964 were as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master: Mr. H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen: Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary: Mr. D. G. Yeo; reporter, Mr. J. Brain. The Rev. J. Ramsey (Easton-in-Gordano) and J. Webb (Ubley) were elected members. Subject to permission, the April quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton, with practice meetings at Portbury (January), Barrow Gurney (February) and Weston-in-Gordano (March). The proposal to hold the 1964 striking competition at Nempnett Thrubwell on May 23rd was approved. The Branch supported the nomination of Mr. G. W. Massey, of Frome, as peal secretary, with effect from the next Association A.G.M. at Minehead.

In giving details of Branch peals and quarters, Mr. Brain mentioned the creditable performance of the Portbury band in ringing the first peal on the bells since 1907.

J. B.

5,024 Eastcote Surprise Major

By DEREK OGDEN
M B W H 23456

—	3	43652
—	2	32654
x	3	25346
x	3	54263
x	—	3 34562
—	3	63542
—	—	54632
—	—	42635
x	3	23456

First rung at Salford on June 25th, 1963.

College of Campanology Registrar Killed

Mr. David Peter Jones (23), motoring home on December 17th to his widowed mother, Mrs. E. H. Jones, for the Christmas vacation from Shrewsbury School, where he was serving on the teaching staff, was tragically killed within a few miles of his Portsmouth destination, in circumstances in which it appears he was entirely blameless.

He had been for some time the registrar of the College of Campanology, having taken up ringing while at Oxford, where he gained an honours degree in physics.

He was a devoted teacher, and had been torn between continuing in his post and going to Sussex University next summer to take his Doctorate of Philosophy.

A former pupil of Portsmouth Southern Grammar School, he, like his elder brother John, won an open scholarship to Balliol. He was a gifted musician, playing piano and organ. He made rapid progress in ringing, and was a member of the Portsmouth Cathedral Guild; to which he had introduced his mother, who learned to ring there, and has become the Guild secretary.

The College extends its sympathies to the family. Mr. Jones' death means a loss not only to ringing but also to his profession.

A. Y. B.

MR. NORMAN A. TOMLINSON APPRECIATIONS

The death of Norman A. Tomlinson removes from our midst one more member of a Ringing Society, at Christ Church, Southgate, which in its hey-day reached a level of performance at the least comparable with any other then local band. Apart from continuously regular Sunday service ringing the Society rang, on April 17th, 1926, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, in those days no mean achievement: Norman ringing the sixth. He rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major at Southgate on September 28th, 1905, in which year he commenced his lifelong membership of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Of this body he was Ringing Master, North and East District, from 1924 to 1929. In this latter year he married Miss P. A. Upsher, a ringer from nearby Edmonton, who took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Ladies' Guild.

Norman died on December 16th, 1963, aged 77 years, and was buried in Southgate Cemetery, within sound of the bells he loved for so long. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by A. W. Coles 1-2, M. F. Lock 3-4, T. J. Lock 5-6, H. G. Hart 7-8, whilst S. G. Peck (Southgate) and R. Newman (Holloway) were also present. A memorial touch on the tower bells will be rung at a later date.

To his widow and daughter, members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild extend their sincere sympathy in the loss of such a faithful and long standing fellow member.

T. J. L.

Norman was born 77 years ago, and entered the ringing room in his early teens. With such men as Sid Wade, W. Pickworth, the brothers Millar, J. H. Armstrong, G. Bester and A. Glasscock in attendance, he soon made progress in the art of change ringing. After the First World War Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fletcher, W. Bowden and John Nash were very regular ringers at Christ Church with him. From the outset he was in with a good band. He always tried to pass on to others who were not so well versed in the art, the knowledge he had and consequently was often found on practice nights at St. John-the-

Baptist, Barnet, All Hallows', Tottenham, St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, or for any special ringing.

From his very early years, he was a member of the local lodge of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows, but his health was so poor during the last few years of his life that he was obliged to give up all his activities and was seldom seen in the ringing or lodge rooms. He leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn his passing, not to mention those who knew him so well. The ringing fraternity can ill afford to lose such people as Norman, but time passes on and waits for no man.

R. N.

MR. JAMES FREDERICK GEORGE

By the sudden death of Fred George, at the age of 76, Ilkeston has lost the valued services of an old and esteemed ringer. Fred was admitted to the Nottingham General Hospital three weeks ago for an operation, and after making a good recovery was on the point of being discharged when he suffered a fatal heart attack early on Sunday, December 8th.

He was a ringer at St. Mary's for nearly 60 years and, although not a prolific peal ringer, he had about 60 peals to his credit for the old Midland Counties Association. His main concern was for Sunday service ringing, and he could always be relied upon to attend twice every Sunday unless prevented by illness.

On the formation of the Ilkeston District of the Derbyshire Association in 1946, Fred was elected chairman, and held this office with credit for six years.

The Ilkeston ringers and his many friends in the District, mourn the loss of a very sincere friend and servant of the church.

The funeral was at St. Mary's on December 13th, followed by cremation at Derby, and to mark the sad occasion the bells of St. Mary's were rung half-muffled by members of the Ilkeston District.

MR. P. L. PARSLow

Percy Parslow died at his home in Watford on December 16th: he would have been 77 next month.

Learning to ring at Mitcham, he came to Watford a few years before the First World War and joined the band at St. James', Bushey, in the days of Bertram Prewett. He had thus been a ringer at Bushey for some fifty years.

In his day, Percy was an excellent ringer, particularly in Stedman Triples. Except for the annual outing he rarely went out ringing, and had rung few peals: the most notable probably being the only peal of Original Triples, which was rung at Bushey in 1926, conducted by Maurice Hibbert. He was a most regular attendant for service ringing on Sundays, travelling over three miles each way, generally by bus, in all weathers. Last year he suffered a severe accident, in which his arm was broken, but as soon as he could get about he returned to the heltry, some weeks before he was able to ring. He rang for the last time the day before he died.

Percy was a quiet, modest man, and a very likeable character. By his passing the band loses not only a link with the past, but also a very faithful supporter. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

C. W. W.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 2.160 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): G. Beach 1, W. Fay 2, E. P. King 3, M. King 4, S. Wright 5, B. Sutton 6, F. D. Murray 7. Half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Vicar, Canon D. Oxy Parker (d. 12-12-63).

QUEX PARK SOCIETY

A cold, crisp day saw the annual meeting of the Quex Park Society recently. Arriving early afternoon in the square we were met by the mini and taken over to the tower, which was just as well, as the footpath, so long known to generations of ringers, has now fallen to the endless need for more building land. One was hoping that the fire was going, and we were not disappointed, half way up the chimney as usual. As someone remarked, it was all right after we had burnt the birds' nests out.

Two attempts for a quarter of Stedman failed during the afternoon, it was then decided that it was tea that was required. Enough to feed twice as many as there were there. It must have been the tea, the quarter was rung immediately after. Tony Bridges calling his first quarter in good style. It was soon decided that more refreshment was wanted and so we got down to the serious business of the day, the meeting.

Birchington Bert Luck was the bartender, and Canterbury Bert Luck the chairman of the meeting. The business was transacted in the usual serious manner, there being one or two discussions which were more than interesting. Jack Russell was reappointed secretary and captain. Tony Bridges vice-captain, Ted Milstead steeplekeeper (after all he works on the estate and can keep a handy eye on things).

Regret was expressed that Frank Carter was moving to Warwickshire before the end of the year. Frank said that he would be sorry to leave as he would miss all the ringers, and above all being present at the annual meeting, which, he said, must be unique in the country.

By this time we were getting suitably warmed by the fire and the refreshments, so the rest of the evening was given over to singing, this year with an increased orchestra, three recorders instead of two. All the old favourite songs and carols were done—with great gusto! Two members got in some furious practice on the handbells for the staff party at the Mansion nearer Christmas, the rest of the party telling them how to ring them or what to ring. We had to leave at ten o'clock, but were warmed on our journey by the lusty singing still coming from the tower.

B. J. L.

OUTING

ST. WENDREDA'S, MARCH

Four towers in South-West Lincolnshire were visited by March ringers during their traditional Christmas outing on December 21st. The first was Witham-on-the-Hill, home of Lincolnshire's mightiest oak, with a circumference of 45 feet. An enjoyable hour was spent on the bells, which have been recently rung, before moving on to All Saints', Stamford. This church has been largely enriched by Americans whose ancestors emigrated from Stamford. Tea followed in an old-world restaurant.

Uffington Church has recently spent several hundreds of pounds on its bells, and these proved to be a popular ring. In the churchyard lies a 10-year-old boy who fell from an ass in 1815. The inscription on his tomb reads:

Farewell relations, tutor all:

And take warning by my sudden fall:

Let your whole life sincerely pious be,

For who can tell how soon you'll follow me.

Ringing concluded on the melodious six at Deeping St. James, where the party was met by the Rector and local ringers. Included in the ringing during the outing were Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Happy New Year to incumbents and those who met the party.

T. A. B.

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Letters to the Editor

Long Length of Yorkshire Royal

Dear Sir,—As I have never met Mr. Ainsworth, I am therefore in no position to judge his integrity, even if I wished to do so. It may interest him to know, however, that I follow the activities of a few of this generation's young ringers with keen interest, he being one of them, and in most cases I have gained a good impression. In his own case my impression of him has been gained by his activities with the Birmingham ringers. I have known these ringers, past and present, since the late 1920's and have rung several peals with them, plus other occasions. Their standard of ringing I know to be very high and this was especially so in the 1930's and immediately after the war. They would not tolerate bad striking, especially in peal attempts. So my impression of Mr. Ainsworth has been a good one, though in fairness to myself I must state I have not visited Birmingham since 1952, but see no reason to believe their standard has deteriorated in any way.

Having said this, let us now come to the reason for this correspondence, that of the attempt for the long length of Yorkshire Royal and the ringing of two ordinary length peals when this attempt had failed.

Seven courses rung before deciding the standard of ringing was not good enough, followed immediately by proudly proclaiming the ringing of two ordinary length peals. I ask you! Surely Mr. Ainsworth did not expect such a statement to get by without being questioned? If two peals could be rung at a satisfactory (to them) level of ringing, what presented them from making another attempt that day for the 21,000 changes, as there was plenty of time? I cannot really accept this statement and instead of Mr. Ainsworth stating—I quote—'If W. J. is a ringer of experience he will know, etc.' I am going to suggest the fault lies in that it was the result of his own inexperience (a phase we all go through when young) in not selecting a band who could at once settle down to a rhythm on any ring of bells, light or heavy, ringers who knew the method from A-Z, and who could at once put themselves right if by chance they made a trip. There are plenty of ringers today with all these capabilities!

Now I will make a suggestion. If Mr. Ainsworth is contemplating making another attempt for this long length, he should make it on a ring of men's bells. This will—if successful—take a couple of hours or so longer, but he will be well compensated by having something well worth listening to as well as having done something well worth doing.

Think it over, Mr. Ainsworth.

I can visualise the ghost of bygone stalwarts of Loughborough Parish Church walking the heltry floor when these attempts are on, and the bells above quietly humming their version of a current song:

'Where have all the ringers gone,
Gone to the Foundry every one.
When will they ever learn?' etc.

I do not intend to pursue this subject any further, but hope to ring a good twelve bell peal with Mr. Ainsworth and enjoy a pint of beer in the 'local' afterwards, where I am sure we shall both gain a little more experience or, at least, think we have.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER JUDGE (W. J.).

Oxon.

Youngest Peal Conductor

Dear Sir.—In reply to the inquiry of Mr. Geo. Fry concerning the youngest peal conductor, I believe the honour belongs to either Roderick W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, or Donald L. Mills, of Bures.

D. L. Mills commenced bob calling aged 12 and conducted his first peal just after his 13th birthday. Being an important time of his education his composing and peal conducting was curtailed, but in spite of this he managed to conduct Major, including several Surprise methods from all eight positions. He had the pleasure of being proposed to the College Youths by a well-known back-ender when he was 16 but also had the disappointment of attending a well-known tower on practice night and was not allowed a rope.

Whilst writing might I suggest that the Central Council compiles an 'In Memoriam' of all peals and quarters to present to the family of the late President Kennedy. Done by hand, it would be even more impressive; the cost to be met by subscription. The Americans have been more than generous to our restorations: let us prove our gratitude.—Yours faithfully,

L. D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Nomenclature

Dear Sir.—I hope that nobody would be able to ring Belgrave Maximus as a 12th place lead end method as suggested by Mr. John E. Cook (page 812). He means, of course, that not many people could ring it by knowing that the half-lead is firsts place and not elevenths as in Yorkshire.

I entirely agree that a name used in a peal of spliced should stand when the method is rung to a whole peal, and changing names makes the keeping of records somewhat difficult as has been amply proved in the past. The point in his third paragraph has been adequately dealt with to most people's satisfaction by the rules on extension, as the recent controversy over the name Durham has shown.—Yours sincerely,

D. G. SIBSON.

The Old Clock Tower, Hackney

Dear Sir,—Perhaps other readers will be interested to learn of the clock bell in the Clock Tower, Hackney.

It is approximately 2 feet 3 inches diameter, supported by a wooden headstock on a wood frame. Around the bell is the inscription J. WARNER & SON, CRESCENT FOUNDRY LONDON. 1857. whilst on one side of the bell is a Royal Coat of Arms with the word PATENT underneath.

Has anyone information about the Crescent Foundry, etc. Sad to say, the bell is not working as the public in the vicinity disagreed in having to hear the hours struck.—Yours sincerely,

L. B. J. HUNTLEY,

Secretary.

St. John-at-Hackney Ringers.

St. Clement's, Hastings

Dear Sir.—Well done, Hastings, with a new ring of eight instead of the old steel bells. For the sake of the record may I point out that the steel bells were installed in 1863, and all of them bore the same inscription: 'Cast steel Naylor Vickers and Co. 1863. E. Reipe's patent.'—Yours sincerely,

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Burslem Delight

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Attenborough on November 23rd is not an extension of Burslem D.M., for the following two reasons.

When the treble dodges in 7-8, a completely new sub-section, 14-14, is introduced, which is not present in Burslem Delight Minor.

In all extensions of Minor methods with 5ths place at the half-lead, the pivot place of the Major must be 7ths under the treble.

Perhaps this obvious complete disregard for Central Council Decisions on Method Extension can be rectified immediately by a change of name.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Unknown Articles

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hudson's essay, 'Campanology—Art or Science?' raises an important question. Since the war there have been many individual attempts at programming various computers for different tasks—it seems there could well be more rapport between the people having valuable access to these instruments, since there is so much that can be done and is being done in certain quarters.

Further than this, I think young or would-be composers and dabbles in figures would benefit from a more complete knowledge of what has already been achieved (and even attempted) in the way of ringing theory, whether general or specific. What would aid this would be a series of reprints of age-old essays, letters and articles which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' over years and years and which, without a lot of searching and copying, remain unavailable.

These reprints could well be accompanied by comments from an eminent present-day composer who specialises in the field in question. All too rarely do such articles appear—the last I recall was Halls and Carlisle's on 'Composing Cambridge'—which could well be followed by many others. How many people, I wonder, are aware how to call a peal of Spliced 'Cambridge-up' ringing Middleton's and 'making it up as they go along'—getting a true peal?—Yours, etc.,

Chalfont St. Giles. G. B. THOMPSON.

Lapsed Members

Dear Sir,—For as long as I have been a ringer and long before that, the 'lapsed member', to use an Irishism, has been with us. I should imagine all ringing Guilds and Associations when they hold their annual meetings make some reference to the number of lapsed members yet I cannot recall any motion being put forward to consider how this wastage can be reduced.

I do not suppose, for a moment, there is a simple answer as the reasons for 'dropping out' are many and varied. In these enlightened days it should not be impossible to do something about it. In the main I think the chief cause of loss is due to the inability of 'instructors' to 'put it over.' It is surprising the number of recruits who are unaware of the advantages of being a ringer and the pleasures they can experience through the art—too many of us who have experienced these pleasures are apt to take them for granted and do not tell others.

The season for A.G.M.'s is approaching so might I suggest that Branches start some movement at their level which will reduce the number of lapsed members. Could we not have a Branch liaison officer who could contact our erring members, find out the reason for the lapse, then, if possible, remove that reason?

When we know the cause, perhaps we can find a cure but until we do find one the number of lost members will not be reduced.—Yours,

Loughborough

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Christmas Day Broadcast

Dear Sir.—The Christmas broadcast was in my opinion the best so far produced. My hearty congratulations to all concerned.

As regards criticism, the ringing performance of Market Drayton was outstanding. It would be difficult indeed to emulate their performance.

Apsley End was to a degree disappointing and probably this was perhaps due to the 'slowing down' of the recording. The ten of Christ Church, Swindon, were rung too quickly, but despite this the standard was very good.

The remaining three (St. Patrick's, Coleraine, St. Teilo's, Llandeilo, and Dunblane Cathedral) were well received, with the Stedman sounding particularly good from Dunblane Cathedral.

In conclusion it was most disappointing not to have heard Lincoln Cathedral, and to emphasise this no reason was given for their exclusion by the B.B.C.—Yours, etc.,

K. R. DUNSTAN.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Mere on December 14th, and attended by 34 ringers, including visitors from Berkshire, Wiltshire and Somerset.

The fine-sounding eight were raised at 3 p.m. and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung until the Guild Office at 4.30 p.m., which was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore. The lesson was read by the vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells, and the address given by the Vicar, the Rev. N. E. E. Johnson.

Tea was followed by the annual meeting, at which the following elections were made: Chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; honorary secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters, Mrs. M. Godfrey, Mr. W. C. Shute and Mr. Ben Ridout; committee, Mr. J. Ralph and Mr. E. Chant.

Grants for belfry repairs were approved for Gillingham and Margaret's Marsh. Meetings in 1964 were provisionally arranged for Sturminster Newton, Bourton, Thornford and the annual at Gillingham. An outing was suggested to take place in early September. An invitation from the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association to have a joint meeting in the summer was accepted. The honorary secretary, in his report, said that membership had dropped from 145 to 140, but 17 new members had come in during the year; eight towers had defaulted in their subscriptions. Mr. Shute, in the Ringing Master's report, spoke of the regular Saturday practices, at which any ringer was welcome, and of methods concentrated on during the year, especially Double Court. The usual thanks were expressed and ringing continued at Mere, and also at Bourton.

R. N. L.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—(On Dec. 7th, 1.264 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss E. Mason (first in the method) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills (first of Kent Minor) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, H. Turner 4, V. J. C. Dale (first in the method) 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob on the bells. A wedding compliment to Joyce Sargeant and Brian Crowthe.

A RINGER'S A.B.C.

- A. The Artful ringer. Only rings what he thinks he will.
- B. The Boring ringer. He eats, drinks and sleeps ringing. Will turn all conversation back to ringing.
- C. The Crafty ringer. The one who went wrong, but will gradually work it round so that everyone else thinks it was he who went wrong and not him.
- D. The Dopey ringer. There are some around.
- F. The Faithful ringer. One who stays to service.
- G. The Genial ringer. Always smiling and is good company.
- H. The Helpful ringer. Always ready to give a hand.
- I. The 'I' ringer. I've done this, I've done that. A friend of the boring type.
- J. The Journeyman ringer. Tower grabber.
- K. The Kinky ringer. Has mannerisms whilst ringing.
- L. The Lady ringers. The ones you can't do anything with, but can do precious little without.
- M. The Moody ringer. The one who everyone else is afraid of upsetting, because he's too blooming useful.
- N. The Nuisance ringer. Upsets everyone bar himself.
- O. The Opulent ringer. One who owns a car, and is the one you never shout at, because he comes in handy for a lift to and from meetings.
- P. The Persevering ringer. One who really tries.
- Q. The Queer ringer. Nothing's ever right, the bells are bad, the ringing's bad, the sermon's poor, not enough tea. Quite unpopular.
- R. The Reliable ringer. Always there when you want him.
- S. The Tower Secretary. If anything goes wrong, he gets the blame. If everything goes right, the Captain gets all the credit.
- U. The Uncutuous ringer. Will help with the learners if pressed, but will slide out of it if possible.
- V. The Vociferous ringer. One who always knows what he was doing the lead before, knew what he had got to do the lead after, but never knows what he was supposed to be doing when the touch broke down.
- W. The Willing ringer. Doesn't care if it snows.
- X. The ringer with the unknown qualities.
- Y. The Young ringers. They want the encouragement to keep them going.
- Z. The Zealous ringer. Has all the good points.

B. J. L.

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FROM DERBYSHIRE INTO MID-WALES

Central Wales was chosen for the Gresley annual outing on November 16th. Very bad fog in the early stages caused considerable delay, made worse by dangerous icy roads, but brilliant sunshine broke through on entering Shropshire, enhancing the fine setting of Clive Church, set under its wooden sandstone 'Clyffe,' which gives its name to the village. Mr. Lloyd had patiently waited, and the noble six bells, a vintage Taylor ring with 25 cwt. tenor, one of the heaviest sixes in the country, were soon taxing the ringers' strength.

Considerable time was regained on the long run of 45 miles to the next tower, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire, the way lying through magnificent Welsh Border scenery, round the Breidden Hills dropping steeply to the Severn, the autumn colours lit by the bright sun. The little six (6 cwt.) at St. Llono's Church were much enjoyed; the Rev. W. Parry and head ringer Mr. Weaver welcomed the party and inquired how change ringing was learned.

The valley was followed a few miles further to Llanidloes, where the pleasant and tuneful six (9 cwt.) of St. Idloes Church, a ground-floor ring, in another wooden-topped tower, were soon in action. Another warm welcome and best wishes for the tour came from the Rev. J. J. Williams before partaking of long-awaited lunch near the old Market Hall, which straddles the centre of this delightful Montgomeryshire town.

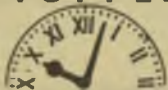
The storm clouds which gathered over Plynlimmon Mountain did not spoil the superb vistas from the mountain road as it wound its way up the Wye Valley to near the river's source, before dropping to the seaside capital of Central Wales. Heavy rain descended on arrival at St. Padarn's Church, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth. The excellent Rudhall octave (tenor 13 cwt.) is housed in a massive square tower and the ringing room was one of the widest the visitors had seen.

Tea was taken on the promenade, but a rain-swept shingle beach and a line of foam were all that was seen of the sea. The rain gradually eased on the journey back to Newtown, Montgomeryshire, where once more the Rector and ringing secretary, Mr. H. Corfield, added to the series of welcomes which seem so characteristic of Welsh towers. Unfortunately, repairs had just commenced to the brick tower of St. David's Church, which was encased in scaffolding. On attempting to raise the 7 cwt. tenor it displayed curious behaviour. The bell was found to be jammed halfway up with its stay trapped by some injudiciously placed scaffolding. Some brute force soon freed the bell, but of course it could not be rung. Notwithstanding, the best striking of the day was accomplished on the front five of this easy-going ring; so all were satisfied.

It was not far over the hills to Church Stoke, where members of Mr. Shuker's team received the visitors warmly, and a last good ring was had on the very nice five (tenor 8 cwt.) rung from a whitewashed ground-floor room that seems more in keeping with a Georgian house than the usual type of ringing chamber, the ropes falling around a rather lugubrious piece of furniture—an ancient bier! The 90 miles home went smoothly, and arrival was well before midnight, after a long but memorable day.

D. P. J.

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THE MUG IN NORFOLK

LONG ago (three years to be precise) the Manchester University Guild took to the lakes and plains of Norfolk on a ringing tour. Last winter it was suggested that we should invade Norfolk again in August. Indeed, why not? The tour, as of old, was divided in two. The first week was spent cycling to towers and the second at more leisurely (?) paces sailing to towers on the Broads.

Our rendezvous was St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, on a fine Saturday evening. Ringing began after a prayer. In spite of a limited number of arrivals we were able to start with Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Signing in at Norwich Youth Hostel marked the beginning of our 'acquaintance' with 'Mister Warden'. A pack of Wolf Cubs, like ourselves temporary residents, provided entertainment for all.

The following morning we joined local ringers for service ringing at St. Peter Mancroft. The touches were mostly of Stedman Caters, finishing with 'quick' rounds on 12. Some had gone earlier to assist ringing at St. Giles'. After ringing we were more than glad to have coffee in the City Fire Station at the invitation of Mr. Bird. This refreshment did much to boost our morale for the 13-mile 'trek' to Reedham. Our journey was interrupted for a snack lunch at the Leg of Mutton inn. At Reedham we racked our brains for five-bell methods and three miles further on we did a little better on the six at Halvergate. More than once the thought was reiterated 'Who said Norfolk was flat?'. The Acle new road proved an exception and with the help of a following wind we made record speed into Yarmouth.

It was a joy to ring on the 12 bells at St. Nicholas' for Evensong. After the service it was worth staying a little longer to look at the church's beautifully restored interior. As we were too late to receive a meal at the hostel we descended, rather unintentionally, upon a restaurant-cum fish shop in the town. Full of high spirits we visited the Pleasure Gardens for an hour.

Those who saw the early light of Monday morning also witnessed a little band of brave (?) souls led by John Baldwin plunge into the North Sea. A few strokes, a few splashes and a quick rub down with a sandy towel in a gusty wind made at least one individual mutter to himself, 'Is this the life?'. The ritual was observed on all three mornings during our stay in Yarmouth.

FOR THE B.B.C.

The first tower was Gorleston, followed by St. Andrew's, Lowestoft. At Pakefield a man from the B.B.C. arrived and said that he wanted to make a film recording of us ringing at Kessingland for the evening newsreel. When we arrived at St. Edmund's there, sure enough, were two men with a camera and tape recorder. Upon instructions from these gentlemen we were filmed while pedalling at high speed through the lych-gate. Other 'shots' included our entry to the tower and our efforts in the ringing chamber. The standard of striking had not been too good that morning but everything else went well just then and a couple of spanking touches of Bob Minor seemed to put things right. The president of the Nottingham University Society made us welcome at this, his home tower.

John B. and Jean were to be captured later and return with the cameramen to the studios in Norwich for an appearance in the newsreel programme. Our last official visit for the day was to St. Mary's on the private estate of Somerleyton Hall. There was a rush back to Yarmouth for the newsreel programme.

Tuesday morning saw us grinding our way from Yarmouth (in fine weather, for a change) along the A143 over the Haddiscoe marshes to Beccles. The tower of St. Michael and All Angels seemed rather 'open,' with sight-seers wandering to and fro while we were ringing but it was nevertheless enjoyable to ring Caters on these bells. At Bungay John Soanes put us through our striking paces by calling some changes in true Devonshire style.

After ringing Raveningham at Raveningham we pedalled back to the hostel at Yarmouth.



In the morning we said our turahs (a Mancunian's adieu) to the hostel wardens and pushed onward along the now familiar route to Haddiscoe, where at St. Mary's both a touch and a plain course of Haddiscoe were rung. At Lodden, too, we were able to enjoy the sunshine after the ringing. We polished our London Minor at Bergh Apton, and the spiral staircase hidden from view behind the tower at Shotesham confused some. Our return to Norwich Youth Hostel was accomplished in a steady downpour of rain. 'Mister Warden' seemed pleased at the prospect of a re-acquaintance with 'them ringers'!

On Thursday we turned our attention westwards of Norwich by ringing St. Remigius Bob Doubles at Hetherset, and Ellingham at Great Ellingham. A few who arrived early at Walton began to get the bells up after being told by a local inhabitant which bells were the treble and tenor. 456123 was heard a few moments later: apparently the local was mistaken. Success was achieved after the third attempt.

On Friday we cycled northward to Stratton Strawless, Marsham (where one lady cyclist gave herself and everyone else a scare) and Aylsham, where Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung after a poor start. We arrived at Salle, our last tower for the day, in pouring rain and found the bells rather heavy going. The journey back to Norwich (and civilisation) was also rather heavy going.

THE FLEET SETS SAIL

After mending a puncture for Jean in a horse trough by St. John-de-Sepulchre, Saturday marked the big occasion when we were to show our skill (or lack of skill in most cases) in handling yachts. In a fleet of five 30ft. gaff-rigged vessels we eventually set off from Wroxham to make our way, using motors, to Wroxham Broad.

We moored our boats close together for the night in what seemed a sheltered corner of the Broad. John B. was up first (as usual) and we could hear his voice wafting cheerily across the water while he sailed his dinghy in a strong, blustering wind. It was not long before we heard demands for help from John clinging to his now upturned dinghy. There was a general rush to get cameras.

In such strong winds not even our most experienced hands dared to hoist the mainsail, so we all moved on to Malthouse Broad, using our jibs. After an essential stop at the Swan, by Horning Ferry, we arrived without mishap in Ranworth Broad in time to ring for Evensong. It is a small world, for we were joined by a party of Kent ringers, who were also 'yachting' about the Broads.

Next morning we set off towards Ludham Bridge. It was fine early on, and so we all dared to hoist our mainsails, after seeing Jim and his crew do this without mishap. While making our way to the appointed destination

we often lost sight of each other and this helped us all feel slightly less embarrassed when certain incidents occurred. One such incident involved several cruisers, two yachts and a pleasure steamer, when two gentlemen from Essex managed to coil a considerable length of mainsheet round their propeller after running aground in some reeds. A few minutes later another Essex gentleman, identified as John Boyack, was seen steering his crew into the same reeds. It is a small world indeed.

The heavy five at Ludham taxed our remaining strength. At Ludham Bridge there were some first sailing lessons in the dinghies, notably those of Edward and Jean. Cries of 'Blow harder' were heard. Still heading northward we reached Barton Broad where, after a cloudburst, all brave souls led by Jim and David toddled through quagmire and muddy lanes to All Saints', Catfield. We were joined by locals, who helped us ring a variety of five-bell methods, including Norwich Surprise Minor and All Saints.

Through fine drizzle peculiar to Manchester we 'meandered' for several miles to the Acle Bridge. From there it was but a short train ride to Yarmouth, and so the practice night at St. Nicholas' was a must. A highlight of the practice for some was the Cambridge Maximus. Acle was our last tower of the tour on the Thursday morning. The return voyage was interrupted by another visit to Malthouse Broad for the night. Our last day on the Broads was perfect, weatherwise, with a fresh wind blowing. Lunch was marred because we moored by a wasp nest, although Edward did his best (or worst) as chief swatter.

The Guild would like to thank local ringers for the use of their bells, the wardens of the hostels (not forgetting 'Mister Warden') and John B. for his unflagging effort in organising the tour.

K. H. S.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 (Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Carol Cousins (first of T.B.) 1, R. Rayfield 2, E. Godfrey 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jennifer Smith 1, Ann Fellows 2, Jean Barnett 3, J. Woolford 4, M. Lock 5, C. Reeves 6, F. Wreford 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise for all except 2 and 4. Rung by Heavitree Sunday service band as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SUMMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, V. G. Roberts 2, G. Salmon 3, Miss Brenda Boyce 4, E. Skipsey 5, Miss Sheila Hallett 6. First of Siedman 4 and 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. C. Marshall 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, M. W. Marshall 3, J. V. Richards 4, W. W. Ring 5, G. Stewart (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. B. Fovargue 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, Miss S. Fovargue 3, R. Howard 4, J. H. Taylor 5, N. B. Fovargue 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, B. Pell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. F. Dawson.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: D. G. Clift 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, D. J. King 3, J. Manley 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, D. J. Jewell 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, R. Harvard 8. A welcome to Christopher Mark, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. John Woodward, of Bulwark, Cheshire.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Siedman Triples (Thurstans): Mrs. E. J. Coope 1, E. B. Crowder 2, P. Clarke 3, E. J. Coope 4, K. Small 5, R. Clarke 6, G. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. First in method 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for Evensong. Also a 21st birthday compliment to P. Clarke.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Anne M. Smith 1, P. Stevens 2, M. J. Wake 3, M. J. Kirk 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ECWYNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. D. S. Caligari 1, P. D. Sell 2, D. M. Morton 3, M. C. W. Sherwood 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, K. S. W. Morton 6. Rung for the Hereford Cathedral School Society. First in five methods by all the band.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' on Dec. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Reed 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, J. A. Hales 4, M. J. Uphill 5, A. J. Hampton 6, J. L. Bell 7, J. Hales 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. H. Gaze 10. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Challinor 1, D. Wilson 2, G. A. Dawson 3, D. Surman 4, C. R. Larkin (cond.) 5, J. Dawson 6. Congratulations to Alan W. Hodson and Miss E. Butler, of Dudley, upon their engagement.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Glenis Garlick (first quarter) 1, D. Jordon 2, Mary Thomas 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, C. J. Garlick 5, C. Corderoy 6, W. Corderoy 7, E. J. Sawyer 8. For St. Andrew's Day.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jennifer Smith 1, Ann Fellows 2, Jean F. Barnett 3, J. Woolford 4, M. Lock 5, C. Reeves 6, F. Wreford 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 7. Rung for Evensong and a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. E. Royle, M.A., on his appointment as a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral. Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Farmer (first quarter, age 12) 1, D. Putnam 2, D. Groves (first 'inside') 3, J. Crayford 4, M. Howe (cond.) 5, E. Jenner 6.

MARSTON-ON-DOVE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. Freeman 1, J. Shaw 2, E. Deakin 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4. First of Minimus by all.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Pardoe 1, Miss S. Scott 2, A. G. Craddock 3, M. Lincoln 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, A. R. Patterson 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Henderson 1, J. G. White 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, A. R. Patterson 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. R. Bawron (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Douglas 2, Miss S. Scott 3, M. Lincoln 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, A. R. Patterson 6. For Evensong.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. Jones 2, D. Oliver 3, N. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong on the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Timms.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Reverse Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Belcham 1, P. Rothera 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Cynthia Webb 2, Mrs. N. Carlisle 3, J. Harvey 4, W. Simpson 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6, D. Carlisle 7, R. Newsum 8. First of Siedman for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: June E. Wood 1, A. B. Stevens (first 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5. For Martins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June E. Wood 1, A. R. Mildred 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6, K. H. Mildred 7, N. R. May 8. For evening service. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): D. W. Stenson 1, K. H. Mildred 2, A. R. Mildred (first of Surprise) 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, P. Woodward 2, Miss L. Gott 3, D. Banks 4, R. Duesbury 5, J. N. Parkin 6, D. Cubitt 7, J. Cox 8, P. Adcock 9, J. L. White 10, J. E. Kirby 11, R. G. Corby 12. First of Cinques for 3, 4 and 10.

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Mr. Neil Bennett informs us that regarding the attempt for the long handbell peal (21,600 Plain Bob Royal) he called it round at 13,320 changes because 'we considered the standard of ringing did not come up to the very high standard required in any peal. Everyone was in very good spirit throughout, and we hope to make a further attempt some time in the next two years.'

Overheard at a Tyneside dance: 'I dance by place notation!'

The bells of Holywood, Belfast, will not be available for about four months, as they are being rehung.

Because of the tenor ringer being taken ill the peal attempt at St. Mary Bourne, on December 11th, was called round at half way. We hope Frank is now better.

The year 1963 is certainly a memorable one in the life of Mr. R. B. Smith. Not only is it the year of his marriage and the year of his conducting the extent of Major but now he has rung his 100th peal on ten bells. This was during the attempt for a long peal of 21,600 Plain Bob Royal, called round at 13,320 changes.

A prominent member of the Humphrey Perkins Campanological Society, Rupert A. Clarke, of Birstall, Leicestershire, is to be congratulated on ringing his 100th peal. Rupert, who will be 17 shortly, will be given a place at Birmingham University if successful in his three 'A' levels. Fifty-seven of his peals are on handbells (conducted seven), and in his ringing he has received the greatest encouragement from Mr. B. Stedman Payne.

In the semi-final of the Christmas shove-ha'penny championship at 'The Loggerheads,' Shrewsbury, Fred Owen, captain of St. Mary's met Fred Beddow, captain of St. Chad's. 'Somebody'd got to drop a "clanger" and it was bound to be Fred,' comments 'The Shrewsbury Advertiser.' And it was Fred (St. Mary's) who dropped the 'clanger.' Sadly he reflects that you just can't give Fred (St. Chad's) two in the top bed at a critical point in a match and get away with it.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Twelve-year-old Christopher Ricketts, in spite of jamming his finger in the door of the car taking the band to St. Bride's on December 17th, gallantly carried on to score his first peal in good style. The band, consisting of five boarders and one resident master of Cowbridge Grammar School, wonder if there are, or have ever been, any other bands from any school in Wales who have rung a peal or peals.

Miss W. Mortimer, of 11, Norman Avenue, Elland, is the new honorary secretary of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Stroud on April 25th and will be attended by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester.

The attempt for 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Clent on Boxing Day failed after 2½ hours due to a shift course, writes Martin D. Fellows.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd's editorial 'Second Best,' in our issue of September 27th, has been sent to all secretaries of Ringing Societies in the area of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by ringers of Clowne, Derbyshire, and their families at a Christmas dinner in the Rectory Barn on December 21st. This was followed by games and dancing. The company sincerely thank Mrs. Stanton, for her effort.

An interval of 32 years before a pupil rings a peal with his instructor must be very unusual. When Philip Corby was taught to handle a bell by George Richardson at Langdon Hills, call change ringing was the order of the day. Efforts were made to introduce change ringing in the early 'thirties, but did not meet with much success. These two ringers moved away and learned change ringing, and after this long time have achieved their ambition to ring a peal together. The occasion was very appropriate, being the 90th birthday of George's mother, Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, who for many years kept the post office at Langdon Hills.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	DEREK BUTTERWORTH 7
JOHN F. NELSON 2	JOHN ROBINSON 8
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS 9
DAVID DERBY 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 10
ANDREW STUBBS 5	JOHN H. FIELDEN 11
GEOFFREY DAVIES 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MARTIN D. FELLOWS Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 9
SUSAN FUNNELL 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 10
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 11
RODERICK W. PIPE 6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

TEN BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1963, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*DAVID CHADDERTON Treble	PETER J. MALLOCH 6
†EILEEN CROSS 2	JOHN F. BARLOW 7
*CHRISTINE ANDREW 3	EDWARD JENKINS 8
MARGARET WRIGHT 4	RONALD M. EDWARDS 9
DEREK J. MARSHALL 5	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First on ten bells 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band of this church in memoriam John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	FREDERICK ROSS 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER Treble	CLIFFORD T. WIGHTMAN 6
HERBERT ALEXANDER 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 8
FREDERICK VICKERS 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 9
JAMES LINNELL 5	J. GEORGE SHELLARD Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

BELFAST, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY THOMPSON Treble	†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON 6
†JOHN T. DUNWOODY 2	HARRY BROWN 7
†JONATHAN S. N. PORTER 3	†GERALD D. BROWN 8
†JEAN JEFFERY 4	†FRED E. DUKES 9
PHILIP H. WHITAKER 5	*W. LESLIE DOUGLAS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. First in the method as conductor.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

BRIAN R. WHITE Treble	JOHN H. NAPPER 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	EDWARD R. VENN 7
PATRICIA E. HIBBERT 3	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 8
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4	FREDERICK C. WHITE 9
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

A PEAL OF 5040 LUDGATE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 6
JOAN BERESFORD 2	PETER BERESFORD 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	JOHN R. MAYNE 9
JOHN HILL 5	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild. Rung in memory of David Peter Jones.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Parker's Twelve-Part Treble	*ROGER G. HAVARD 5
ARTHUR W. THOMAS 2	THOMAS YEOMANS 6
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 3	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON 7
ELLIS N. THOMAS 4	W. J. LEWIS GROOM Tenor

*PAUL M. EVANS 4

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Mogford, M.A.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MAURICE C. HUGHES Treble	IAN C. MAYCOCK 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
EDWARD W. COLLEY 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
ANTONY R. KENCH 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Dec. 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ELIZABETH TIMMINS Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	MAURICE HUGHES 6
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Major.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

LOUISE TAYLOR Treble	†MICHAEL PILGRIM 5
RUTH HAVARD 2	THOMAS YEOMANS 6
MARY E. PRYOR 3	DAVID S. BISHOP 7
*CHRISTINE GLASTONBURY 4	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by N. W. H. SIMON.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire: with 120 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.	
DEREK BUTTERWORTH Treble	†PHILIP H. D. JONES 5
*JOHN F. BARLOW 2	†JOHN C. BALDWIN 6
*DEREK A. ASHTON 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
NEIL BENNETT 4	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise in eight methods.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,600 London, 640 each of Rutland and Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Wembley, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Watford, Superlative and Lincolnshire; with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	*DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	JOHN C. EISEL .. 6
*E. JANE SIBSON .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. 7
MARY S. TAYLOR .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal of 10-Spliced. First of Ten-Spliced for the Society.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' var. Parker's 12-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	RICHARD CLIFTON .. 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*TOM HARRIS .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
*MRS. CELIA HARRIS .. 3	*HERBERT SHAW .. Tenor
*VALERY LACEY .. 4	

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Triples.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

FRANCES M. RICKARD .. Treble	ALAN CARVETH .. 5
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. 7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 4	DAVID N. PENROSE .. Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN.

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*JOHN BRUCE .. Treble	*NEIL DONOVAN .. 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. 2	*STUART ARMESON .. 6
MRS. P. BURNS .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
*DAVID NICHOLLS .. 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 HARDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Adapted from C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 151).

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

ALAN G. PAYNE .. Treble	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
JAMES THORLEY .. 2	DEREK J. JONES .. 6
MELVYN A. ROSE .. 3	KEITH R. DAVEY .. 7
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by KEITH R. DAVEY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

HACKNEY, LONDON, E.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	*ALAN R. MILLEDGE .. 5
*PETER N. FELTON .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
*DAVID A. BURT .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
*LORNA E. SIMPSON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First of Double Norwich on the bells.

HARDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

38—38.6—12—38.14—14.5—16—3.

2nds place L.E. 17856342. 4ths place bobs.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

ANN M. COX .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK I. HARRIS .. 7
*JOHN HARTLESS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Rutland.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES T. STEVENS ..	Treble	RONALD C. CONSTANT ..	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	2	HERBERT E. AUDSEY ..	6
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
*DOUGLAS S. SHAW ..	4	THOMAS W. BLEWITT ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 RAUNDSURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. Treble	PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. 7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
FRANK I. HAIRS .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
JOHN HOWARD .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung after the induction of the Rev. A. D. Plumley to the living of Wadhurst and Tidebrook.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

*EDWIN G. JENNER .. Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 5
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
DAVID S. OSENTON .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 4	†TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Major. † 400th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
RODNEY A. YEATES .. 2	DAVID P. HILLING .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2	IAN C. MAXCOCK .. 6
ANTONY R. KENCH .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
PETER S. BENNETT .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of tenor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5088 WITTERING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
DENIS WOODS	2	RAYMOND H. DAW	6
DEREK J. JONES	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
ROGER D. BAILEY	4	RONALD C. NOON	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method.

A compliment to Judith Bagley and A. Roy Withyman upon their engagement.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*H. GEORGE HART	Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	†ROGER BALDWIN	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

*First peal of 9-Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 9-Spliced Surprise Major on tower bells.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Beedie.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ROBERT J. WARRILOW	Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	J. DAVID ATKINSON	6
*KATHLEEN PILSBURY	3	BASIL JONES	7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	NEIL BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

*First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	ROBIN H. ROGERS	6
*IRIS M. E. LEMARE	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*PETER A. SHARP	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*First peal of Bristol Surprise. †150th peal.

In memoriam John Cragg, of Caythorpe, foundation member of the Guild.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOYCE M. GURNHILL	Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5
IRIS LEMARE	2	PETER A. SHARP	6
*DELIA E. SMITH	3	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

*First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 44 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	Treble	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents Single Oxford and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

MARGARET E. CHILTON	Tenor	MAURICE W. HARRISON	4
RUTH BLACKSHAW	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SWEPTSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM CURSON	Treble	JOHN K. SMITH	4
RICHARD CLIFTON	2	ROLAND BENISTON	5
GORDON LANE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

The tenor ringer has *circled the tower.*

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY POYNER	Treble	*C. ANTHONY PARSONS	4
*ROBERT A. BERESFORD	2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	5
MARY C. POYNER	3	HAROLD DENMAN	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

*First peal.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Halifax and District Association.)

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of Emmanuel.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, Merchants Return, Kent, Woodhine.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

FREDERICK R. BROOK	Treble	CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON	4
ELIZABETH PEACE	2	NOEL F. MOXON	5
SUSAN PEACE	3	TREVOR TARBATT	Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Hoyle, ringer at this church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*STEPHEN KERSHAW	Treble	JOHN F. BARLOW	4
*CHRISTINE ANDREW	2	RONALD M. EDWARDS	5
JOHN A. BOOTH	3	DEREK A. ASHTON	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK A. ASHTON.

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

Rung to welcome a son and heir to Derek F. Yates, former ringer at this church.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cuccastre; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham; (5) Cambridge, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DYE	Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

*Most methods to a peal.

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BIDSTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*ALAN L. COVENTRY Treble	JOHN McCULLOCH 4
†F. LESLIE COVENTRY 2	G. MARTIN ROSCAMP 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 3	A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Williams, vice-president of the Wirral Branch, ringer at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, 1914-1955.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods: (1) Carlisle and Cunecastre, (2) Newcastle and Alnwick, (3) Cunecastre, London and Wells, (4) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (5) Durham, Beverley and York, (6) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich: with 92 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

RALPH BIRD Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 4
IAN H. ORAM 2	ANDREW M. MACVE 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS Treble	JOHN C. SLATER 4
*M. ROGER ASHMORE 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
ROBERT W. COLE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal in three methods of Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

LEONARD M. RAPHAEL .. Tenor	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY 4
STEPHEN F. HIGH 2	PETER KINDRED 5
THOMAS J. BROCK 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor by all, except for the ringer of 5. Rung in grateful thanks for the opening and dedication of St. Edmund's Church Centre.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

F. GEORGE RICHARDSON .. Treble	ANDREW J. CORBY 4
ANN JENNER 2	*STANLEY JENNER 5
FRANK V. GANT 3	†PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 150th peal. † 700th peal.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, mother of the treble ringer; also on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Seaman.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	*MARGARET E. FORT 4
CHARLES W. OTTLEY 2	†BRIAN J. BULL 5
*ALISON M. MANN 3	‡DAVID C. BROOKES Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of Surprise.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Northumberland, London, Carlisle, Annable's London, Durham, Bourne and Beverley. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
IAN H. ORAM 2	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 3	ANDREW M. MACVE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER J. JONES .. Treble	RICHARD E. MORRIS 4
PETER MORRIS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

R. E. Morris has now 'completed the circle.'

In memoriam John G. Dakin, ringer and chorister, interred the previous Wednesday, aged 53; also rung on the 50th anniversary of E. V. Rodenhurst's first peal (December 14th, 1913).

SANDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL J. COWLING .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 4
*PETER G. BROWN 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 3	JAMES L. TOWLER Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.

* First peal of Minor.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 19 methods in seven extents: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Sandal, Kingston, Chapel and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BASIL JONES Treble	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 4
*DEREK YATES 2	NEIL BENNETT 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal in 19 methods. First in 19 methods as conductor.

Rung for the birth of a son (Christopher Frank) to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Yates.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

DIANA M. GOUGH Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING 4
*PAMELA R. GOUGH 2	†PETER J. JOYCE 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of seven Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 208, TYTHERTINGTON COURT.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5-6
NEIL BENNETT 3-4	*DEREK A. ASHTON 7-8

Composed by JOHN NICHOLS. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First handbell peal of Treble Bob. First 'in hand' as conductor.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 7 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT WHINGARTH, 17, RIDGE ROAD.

A PEAL OF 13320 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2	NEIL BENNETT 5-6
*ROBERT B. SMITH 3-4	†FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7-8

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 9-10

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

* 100th peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal 'in hand.' First on ten handbells as conductor. This is the longest peal of Royal on handbells for all the band, and by the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred Ballard and Peter J. Staniforth. Tenor size 15 in C.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT GLEBELAND.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	*JOHN HALL 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

HALF PEAL

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cox 1, D. Murduck 2, J. Pares 3, G. Dadds 4, P. Murduck (cond.) 5, F. Rich (first long length) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Kyrstie Grant 1, J. R. Rowson 2, Heather A. Alford 3, M. C. E. Hodge 4, C. I. Rowson 5, R. T. G. Bennett 6, J. W. Berry 7, W. A. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Confirmation service.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Margaret Fisher 1, Diana Gough 2, A. Bishop 3, Pamela Gough 4, D. Hughes 5, Valerie Mephram (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's Minor for all except 3rd. Ring to congratulate Susan Waterhouse (secretary and joint vice-captain) and Edward Burton, on their recent engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Humphreys (first quarter) 1, Jean Warner 2, G. Harrop 3, S. Kershaw (first on eight bells) 4, Christine B. Clayton 5, P. J. Bentham 6, D. A. Ashton (cond.) 7, N. Bennett 8. For Evensong.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Ascension Day, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Poyner 1, S. Marie Davenport 2, Mary D. Kinchin 3, Christine Sanders (first as cond.) 4, D. G. Farrar 5, Sandra E. Chesterton 6, D. Staples 7, T. I. Roper 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, Mary D. Kinchin 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, R. Elkington 4, D. G. Farrar 5, T. I. Roper 6, W. J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 8. First 'inside' 2 and 5. A farewell to Rev. J. R. McManus, Curate, who has entered training for missionary work in Africa. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary D. Kinchin 1, Sandra E. Chesterton 2, W. J. Kinchin 3, S. Marie Davenport 4, R. Elkington 5, A. J. Poyner 6, D. G. Farrar (first quarter as cond.) 7, T. I. Roper 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mary D. Kinchin 1, D. Staples 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, D. G. Farrar 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. Elkington 7, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Timothy Ralph, son of the ringer of 7. Also on Remembrance Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary D. Kinchin 1, D. Staples 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Sandra E. Chesterton 4, W. J. Kinchin 5, D. G. Farrar 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, T. I. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Smérdon 1, Pauline Dyme (first of Triples) 2, Andrea Tilley (first quarter) 3, Elizabeth Farrow (first of Grandsire) 4, N. Hobden 5, A. F. Spooner 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, A. E. Cheesman 8.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Ashby (first of Minor) 1, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 2, T. R. Harris 3, H. Mann 4, P. J. Ashby (first of Minor 'inside') 5, T. P. Harris 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also in honour of the birth of a son (Philip) to the ringer of the treble on November 25th. First quarter of Minor on the bells by a Sunday service band.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite (first 'inside') 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, For Matins.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Payne 1, H. Deacon 2, F. Gooderall 3, Miss C. Wood 4, R. Benstead (first 'inside') 5, L. Payne (cond.) 6, P. Dence (cover) 7, D. Powell 8. Tribute to retiring Rector, Rev. J. B. Allen, and Mrs. Allen.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the Waterloo Tower, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Bridges (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, J. A. Russell 3, E. A. Miltstead 4, F. W. E. Carter (first of Stedman) 5, A. Hinkley 6, B. J. Luck 7, P. Stockwell 8. For the Quex Park Society's annual meeting.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, F. Sutton (first quarter peal) 2, H. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. At the N.W. Suffolk monthly evening meeting.

BUCKDEN, HUNTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Prescott 1, A. J. Davey 2, G. E. Bonham 3, R. F. Baker 4, P. Woolven (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Colin Tanswell and Susanna Bull, with best wishes from the band.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Linnell 1, R. A. Vickers 2, G. W. Holland (cond.) 3, B. Eglesfield 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. H. Yates 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lindsay Cox (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hammington 2, T. Yeomans 3, D. Clift 4, Mrs. L. Taylor 5, J. Pryor 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, Glenys Evans 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: V. Hurt 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, W. Young 3, W. Seekings 4, D. A. Davis (cond.) 5, D. Nicholls 6. For Evensong.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 12th, 1,259 Stedman Caters: Ann Edwards 1, Jane Foster 2, M. Cowling (first of Stedman) 3, P. M. Wilkinson 4, P. J. Eves 5, R. Harrison 6, L. J. Clark (cond.) 7, P. A. Saltmarsh 8, J. Thoday 9, I. Pantion 10. For Confirmation Service.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. O. Davies 1, J. Money 2, A. Strong (first quarter) 3, J. Cook (first of Stedman) 4, E. Garrard 5, T. Palmer (first of Stedman) 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Donald Bruce Campbell, only son of the local schoolmaster, aged 23, who died as the result of an accident, whose funeral was this day.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Rew 1, G. W. Shanks 2, M. D. Marfeneau (cond.) 3, J. Pratt (first 'inside') 4, B. Imber 5, P. Hatmill (first quarter) 6. Rung for Benediction and the Glory of God.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. Lockwood 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. D. Lister 3, A. Cook 4, L. Foster 5, R. Taylor 6, T. Lockwood 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For morning service.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, R. S. Morris 2, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 3, D. Staples 4, B. S. Chapman 5, J. J. Morris 6. For Evensong on the Eve of the Feast of the Patron Saint, St. Andrew.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Edwards (first on eight) 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, Miss J. Pike 3, S. Upton 4, J. Jeffrey 5, R. Johnson 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. Ford (first of Oxford) 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, R. Johnson 3, M. Jennings 4, J. Jeffrey 5, H. Burton (first quarter as cond.) 6, F. F. Godsmark 7, E. Brett 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. E. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, L. F. Cox 3, A. V. Davis 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper (cond.) 6, J. W. T. Hibbert 7, H. R. Wells 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDx.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Teresa Langdon 1, Beryl Platt 2, Sheila Moore 3, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, J. Towers 6, M. W. Coleman 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harris (first quarter) 1, T. H. Bird (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Howard 3, Miss M. Groves 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, F. Dumbrell 6, A. Wood 7, A. Starnier (first quarter) 8. Rung by an all-local band to celebrate the christening of Carolyn E. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Johnson (local ringers), and granddaughter of ringer of tenor.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Taysom (cond.) 1, Miss M. Christopher 2, V. G. Wood 3, W. R. Curtis 4, R. Wooldridge (first quarter) 5, J. G. Werrell 6. A compliment to Mr. W. Wood, on his 88th birthday.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Remembrance Sunday, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Beaumont (first in method) 1, Patricia Knight 2, Ann Parkin 3, J. F. Bryant 4, G. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden 6, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, J. N. Parkin 8. Rung half-muffled.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Diane Carter 1, Gillian Brown (cond.) 2, G. Waterman 3, Frances Smith 4, A. Semken 5, A. E. Honeywood 6, J. Felgate 7, U. W. Wildney 8. First of Kent Major 1 and 4. For Patronal Festival.

HESTON, MIDDx.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Ruch 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, Miss C. Andrews 3, A. Butcher 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, S. Porter 6. For the induction service of the Rev. J. R. G. Eastaugh.

HOGHTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Hitley 1, J. Chamock 2, Mrs. D. Owens 3, L. Walmsley 4, J. Sumner 5, J. Gariside 6, F. Blackledge 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. May Windle, a ringer at this church for 46 years.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, Mrs. D. Bowen 2, R. Turner 3, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, R. March 6, D. Bowen 7, J. Mitchell 8. Rung prior to the ordination to the diaconate of the Rev. L. D. Brockbank (to SS. Peter and Andrew's, Corby), and the Rev. T. F. Salmon (to this parish).

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, 1,080 Single Oxford: P. J. Atkins 1, Miss C. Birks 2, H. Dowler 3, N. Sherratt (cond.) 4, R. A. Challinor 5, W. Sherratt 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (720 and 540): E. J. Conquest 1, J. D. Clapp 2, J. Vickers 3, W. Inley 4, H. B. Whitney (cond.) 5, P. Williams 6, A. Jeffs (covering). Half-muffled in memoriam President Kennedy.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—At the Church of St. James, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Walmsley (cond.) 1, J. Nelson 2, J. Nixon 3, J. Humble 4, D. Marsden 5, J. Sumner 6. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 5th.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Poulson (first in method) 4, F. Boreham 5, R. Chambers 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Offord 8. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Patricia Smith 1, D. M. Hughes 2, Lesley Read 3, B. R. Walton (cond.) 4, A. W. Beisworth 5, Susan El'enor 6. First in three methods 1, 3 and 5.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, C. Hinton 3, M. Saunders 4, J. G. Shellard 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. E. Lewis.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Murduck 1, P. J. Spice 2, Ann Jenner 3, J. W. Smith 4, E. J. Ladd 5, G. P. Murduck 6, Margaret A. Ladd 7, G. K. Dodd 8, S. Jenner (cond.) 9, J. E. Cannell 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1 and 6. For Evensong.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Edbrooke (first quarter) 1, W. Harvey 2, D. Wills (first of Minor) 3, P. Jupp 4, C. Deem (first of Minor as cond.) 5, J. Quick 6.

GITERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. Arbury 1, Ann Fellows 2, C. Reeves 3, S. Skinner 4, C. C. Turner 5, J. Quick 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. J. Summers 8. First in the method by all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (six methods): P. Sloman 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Sinden 3, D. Belcham 4, F. May 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, T. Hawkins 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Nation (Vicar's warden) and Mrs. Nation (December 11th).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stanley (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, D. Bentley (first 'inside') 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, Rev. D. Sansum 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,440 Worcester Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Hawkes 2, F. Lawrence 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in the method by all.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLN.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): D. J. Langton 1, J. Rich 2, G. L. Thompson 3, D. Sutton 4, G. H. Hallam 5, R. F. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Peter Gunning (local band) and Miss J. Wheatcroft.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Margie Ness (first 'inside') 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, A. Bagworth 4, Caroline Carpenter 5, Judith Geiringer (first as cond.) 6, G. Reynolds 7, R. Harris 8. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Eames (first quarter) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, A. Bagworth 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, G. Reynolds 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cousins 1, R. Cousins 2, T. Sharp 3, P. Gould 4, J. Laken (first as cond.) 5, A. Crowson 6, J. Waugh 7, T. Ingles 8. For evening service.

LATE NOTICE

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kintbury, Saturday, January 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury, by Wednesday, January 8th. 3868

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A.G.M. Sat., January 4th, Kempston bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5. Further ringing after tea. Special methods Painswick Surprise Major and Double Norwich.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3804

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Sawley (8), Saturday, January 4th. Bells available 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Long Eaton (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. A special welcome to members of Society of Sherwood Youths. Names for tea to Mr. D. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 3794

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet. 3813

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 4th, at Colchester. Service St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Leonard's (6) and All Saints', Shrub End (6), before and after the meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30-4 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street. 3779

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Baldock, January 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcomed.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3790

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3790

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Wigan All Saints' on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (10) available 2.45 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 3821

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on January 4th. Hanley. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements, ample cafes in vicinity.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3815

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A.G.M. at Naseby, Saturday January 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3814

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 4th. St. Martin's bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 3799

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Three-tower meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 4th. All Saints', Pitsmoor (8). 2.30 till 4 p.m.: St. Marie's R.C. (8). 3.30 till 5.30. Own tea arrangements. Cathedral bells (12) 6.30 till 9 p.m., except for business meeting in belfry starting 7.30. New entrance to Cathedral belfry on Campo Lane side.—J. Scager, Sec. 3818

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Annual general meeting at Brecon on January 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. each) and meeting to follow.—M. R. T. 3864

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Practice meeting, St. John-on-the-Wall, Monday, January 6th. Bells (6) 7.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Spliced Cambridge, York, Wells, London Durham, Beverley and Surfleet.—D. J. Hunt, Sec. 3843

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, January 6th, at 7 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, January 7th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in January, all 6.30-8 p.m.: 7th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 14th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 21st, St. Giles', Cripplegate; 28th, St. Lawrence Jewry.—John Chilcott. 3809

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting at Barnsley, Saturday, January 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Rectory Rooms, 5 p.m. Tea please notify Mr. Arthur Dunn Birch 1, Spring Lane, Carlton, Barnsley, not later than January 7th.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 3831

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baber, Barrow Farm, Chewton Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3825

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting at Biggleswade (8), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 3827

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea in British Legion Memorial Hall. 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. Sharpe, 4, Kirkham Close, Hessle. 3839

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. 3796

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Staveley on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, by January 9th.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3844

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual dinner, January 11th. St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, bells (8) will be available for those attending the dinner from 3.30-6 p.m. 3819

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, January 11th. Bells: St. Bene's (6). 3-4 p.m.: St. Andrew's (8). 4.30 and after tea. Service at St. Andrew's at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3851

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 8th, to Mr. C. Turner, Starling Lee Cottage, Feeringbury, Kelvedon. 3788

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Harlow (8) on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. Roydon 2247. 3852

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Barking, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thurs., January 9th to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 3803

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, January 11th. Redbourne Cheney (6). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 3829

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge (6), January 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, 23, Church Street, Wotton-under-Edge. 3830

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Chertsey on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Z. Jesnev, 93, Abbey Road, Chertsey. 3792

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Tiverton, Sat., January 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton by the previous Thursday please.—G. W. Hollis, Hon. Sec. 3805

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Biddenden, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8, 23 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Wood, 20, The Meadows, Biddenden, by previous Wednesday. Good attendance, together with subscriptions for year, specially requested.—C. T. H. 3798

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, January 11th, 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby. 3849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Liverpool Parish Church, Saturday, January 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss White, Mildmay Club, Blackburne Place, Liverpool 8. 3840

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, January 11th, Leyland St. Andrew's (Leyland Parish Church).—L. Walmsley. 3853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A.G.M. at Heywood on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 and business at 6 p.m., both in Queen's Park Road School. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. P. Harrington. 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale. 3824

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 11th, at Aylestone (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to undersigned by Thursday, January 9th. Standard methods.—A. James Poynor, Dis. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 3758

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Pearson Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 8th, to Miss G. Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough. 3834

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting at Spalding, Sat., January 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding. St. Paul's, Fulney, bells (8) also available 2.30—4 p.m.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3806

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting. Harmston, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Glasgow. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 3855

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Abergavenny, January 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. O. Roberts, 76, St. Helen's Road, Abergavenny, Mon, by January 6th.—J. S. King. 3795

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nominations meeting, Saturday, January 11th. Southwark Cathedral bells 4.15 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—Foster Hall, Chapter House.—M. Powell, Kelvin 2390.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 11th, at Wood Green. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Burton Latimer, January 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to G. E. Watson, 9, Cranford Road. All welcome.—M. A. C.

OLD ALBANIAN SOCIETY.—A.G.M., January 11th at 18, Midway, St. Albans. Regret, tea, members only. Ringing: St. Stephen's 3-4.30, and Harpenden 7.30-8.30 p.m.—J. D. Chamberlain. 3856

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Martin's, near Oswestry, Saturday, January 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 8th, to Rev. J. Evans, The Vicarage, St. Martin's, Oswestry. 3848

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, January 11th. Names for tea by 7th to Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop. Annual District meeting on February 8th. Details later.—H. Denman. 3841

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, January 11th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 8th, to Mr. J. Paul, 27, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 3820

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch (8), January 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch. Bells available after tea. 3833

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, January 11th. Bells 3 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lloyd Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday, please.—L. Duguid. 3826

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A special meeting to discuss the revision of rules will be held at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, January 18th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3808

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, January 18th (note the date). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, 'Lime Trees', Staplehurst.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 3811

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. R. D. Chapman, 41, Bettesscombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham, by the previous Monday (January 13th).—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3838

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting in Manchester on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available: Town Hall 2.30-4.30, Cathedral from 6 p.m. Dedication of Derek Ogden Memorial Library in Cathedral helfry at 5 p.m. Tea in Cathedral Refectory at 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Barraclough, 11A, Wellington Road, Eccles, by Wednesday, January 15th. Business meeting after tea. 3836

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 18th. Bells afternoon until 5.45, followed by service and tea 6.30 p.m. (for those who notify me by previous Tuesday). The film 'Ringers Required' will be shown after the business meeting.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, January 18th, at St. John-de-Sepulchre. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Chantry Rooms. Ringing at St. Giles' in the evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Golden, 26, Brahazon Road, Norwich, Nor. 57N.—C. Bird, Branch Sec. 3817

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Irthlingborough, Saturday, January 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 3842

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Church House, followed by meeting. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington St. George's (6) also available. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 15th, to R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset. (Tel. 158.) 3850

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Reigate, January 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at St. Mark's Hall, Alma Road. Names for tea to me at 40, Woodside Way, Redhill, before January 16th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 3812

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, January 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Somerscales, Turk Street. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 14th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 3822

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting will be held at Hull on January 18th. Bells available: Kirk Ella (6), 1-2.30 p.m.; Cottingham (8), 2-3; Holy Trinity, Hull (12), 3-9 p.m. General Committee meet in the Choir School Hall (south side of church) 3.15 p.m. Choral Evensong in the Choir at 4 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Hull. Tea at 5 p.m. at Kardomah Restaurant, Friargate, followed by general meeting in the Choir School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. D. V. Stipetic, c/o Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, not late than January 15th.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 3852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall at 2s. 6d. per person. Names, together with cash, by January 22nd to Miss E. Dixon, c/o Christ Church College, Canterbury, Kent. 3789

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual general meeting at Hereford on Saturday, February 8th. Ringing at Hereford Cathedral 2.15 till 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea and meeting at All Saints' Parish Room (The Royal George) afterwards, and All Saints' bells from 6.15 until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, near Hereford. 3857

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice. Social evening, Christ Church Hall, Epsom, Saturday, February 8th. All welcome. Details later.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3837

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Will members please note that this year's Provincial Meeting will be held in Cardiff on Saturday, June 6th, the programme to include business meeting, luncheon and ringing at Newport, Llandaff and Cardiff.

Full details will be published later.
—John Chilcott. 3810

LATE NOTICES

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Lillington, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, All Saints', Leamington, from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 9th to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (26785). 3859

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Reed, 48, Mount Drive, Wisbech.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe, January 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by business, 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Nicholls, 2, Council Houses, Swalcliffe, Banbury, Oxon. 3858

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held at Daventry, Saturday, January 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 3860

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting at Bingham, January 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Dis. Sec. 3866

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Netherton, Saturday, January 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names by Thursday, January 15th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3861

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