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## PEALS AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY

By DEREK P. JONES

HAVING frequently rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile myself, I am constrained to comment upon the recent correspondence regarding the standard of peal attempts there. I have held Mr. Walter Judge in great respect (almost amounting to awe!) for many years, and his opinions are well worthy of attention, but I feel that in this case he is not conversant at first hand with some difficulties often encountered on this delightful ring of bells, which are so readily placed at the disposal of visitors by the kindness of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

There are many rings of bells, old and new, in Britain where any band of reasonable ability could hardly fail to settle to a good rhythm almost from the word 'go'; the bells lend themselves to it. Unfortunately this is not usually the case at the Foundry. A picked band of excellent strikers and safe method ringers, who could probably ring almost a perfect peal on a ring of ten with tenor say 25 cwt., would just as probably fail to perform anything like so satisfactorily at the Foundry. They would be aware that not all was well, but despite much effort to improve and get a beat, it might elude them for a considerable slice of their peal. Something like this must have happened in the record attempt that was under fire; rather than score a peal that did not give them real satisfaction in retrospect, they rightly chose to stop. The extended practice they had had, and probably a discussion in the interim on the technique required, enabled them to settle down to ring two peals of a much better standard afterwards. To my mind this course does not betray inexperience, but a mature outlook on their ringing by those concerned.

I have been in attempts at the Foundry where I have tired my heart out to help to hit a beat, and others have been doing the same, yet it never quite came for ages; then suddenly it would appear from nowhere: the ringing would click into gear, often with a noticeable quickening

of pace, and a most satisfying period of highly rhythmical ringing would ensue; but why it did not come before could be quite baffling.

At risk of criticism, I would venture the following ideas as to why this difficulty occurs. Firstly, it is the great degree of bell control needed to handle the lighter bells well, a kind of wrist-action akin to handbell ringing. Secondly, the very fast rate of striking which these bells seem to demand if the ringing is not to appear 'aggressively slow'; and thirdly, following upon this, some problems of odd-struckness in the case of at least three of the bells. This is not so serious that on a heavier ring it could not be easily corrected by a careful ringer and be of no consequence; but when 5,000 changes are being rung in not much over two hours, any gap, however slight, appears like a gaping hole, and disrupts the rhythm in a shattering way. The ninth has literally to be driven hard at backstroke, and conversely the tenor at hand, or else it is 'left behind'; this can require as much effort, mental and physical, to achieve, as to correct odd-struckness on a much heavier bell. Again, in quite a few peals which never quite 'hit the jackpot,' the fault could be traced, I suspect, to the 4th not being brought along quite quickly enough at handstroke, thus leaving an unsuitable gap at lead, a guaranteed destroyer of rhythm.

It is wrong to sneer at peals at the Foundry, and compare those who go there unfavourably with those who ring theirs on so-called men's bells. Being able to heave a lot of metal around is not the be-all-and-end-all of the ringer's art; qualities of skill, mental concentration and self-discipline equally worthy of commendation are required to ring a good peal at the Foundry. It is also a mistake to speak of the Foundry bells slightly in terms that suggest there has been nothing worth listening to when you have done your peal; they are extremely musical, and when the rhythm is really established, a sheer delight to ring under. Unfortunately this is bottled up in layers of brick, and little can be appreciated in the street outside. The latter circumstance is, of course, the reason why they are ideal for long lengths; it would be most unfair to the listening public, and harmful to the cause of ringing, to attempt such long and frequent peals at most church towers as are the order of the day at the Foundry, thanks again to the kindness of J. Taylor and Co.

I hope this will help to clarify the position a bit for readers who are not privileged to be able to visit Loughborough easily.



## 200 YEARS OF RINGING AT LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

By RONALD H. DOVE

(Continued from page 34)

The marriage of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra in March was marked by intermittent ringing from early morning until 11 p.m., when after a Royal salute the 'bells were ceased firing.'

Another ringing marathon in 1864 followed the accouchement of the Princess of Wales at 9 p.m. The following day merry peals were rung up to midnight by order of the Mayor and Corporation.

Scarcely had this ringing died away before there came the 'gratifying intelligence that the Lords of the Privy Council had decided to recommend Leeds as Assize Town for the West Riding.'

Five months later the Order was signed by H.M. the Queen at Windsor and, so says our historian, immediately not only the Parish Church bells, but those of St. John's, Bramley, Burley, Headingley and Hunslet rang out and the great Victoria bell at the Town Hall for good measure.

This is the only reference to the four bells at St. John's, Briggate, where to-day the president of the Yorkshire Association is Vicar, while the Victoria bell, the 4-ton hour bell at the Town Hall, has not been considered safe to swing for many years.

Why there should have been such ecstasy over the matter is difficult to understand but apparently it was so.

### THE FIRST ASSIZE

The first Assize and the preceding procession to the Parish Church are described in detail, even to the names of the convicted murderers, whose execution at Armley Gaol provided entertainment for, says the report, 100,000 spectators.

The writing at this time indicates a less educated hand and I suspect the writer may have meant 10,000, or perhaps even 1,000, for I cannot imagine that something like three times the number of a Headingley Test match could have assembled round the gaol, although we may take it there was quite a crowd.

And whilst on the subject of entertainment, not that it was at all funny at the time, I quote in full a faded newspaper cutting, yellow with age, pasted in the book and bearing a pencilled date, October 27th, 1868.

### 'SINGULAR ACCIDENT IN THE LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

'On Sunday evening last a large board commemorating a peal of 1818 and weighing about one hundredweight fell on the heads of Mr. Gawkrödger and Mr. Lockwood, who were knocked down and much injured about the head although not seriously.

'The chamber was so filled with dust that the other ringers could not at first perceive what had taken place and made their way out of the room as quick as possible, thinking the whole fabric was coming down, but only to return and find the two individuals laid prostrate underneath the large board.

'As there are five other boards of a similar description in the tower, a strict examination will take place so as to avoid a repetition of a similar accident for the future.'

### 'SECULAR' RINGING

One wonders whether permission was ever sought for the frequent 'secular' ringing which took place on every conceivable pretext. And how did the ringers differentiate between the various candidates who paid different rates for ringing at the declaration of the poll?

Special ringing marked the opening of three railways from Leeds between the years 1846

and 1849 (ought we to pay muffled tribute to them when Mr. Beeching closes them?), while the passing of Sir Robert Peel's Corn Law Bill and the Free Trade Festival likewise were considered worthy of ringing and even the Indian Mutiny did not escape. 'Ringing for the Indian Mutiny' was not so callous as it appears at first sight, as it transpired that the tenor bell was tolled (muffled) for two services on the Public Fast Day, W. Gawkrödger and S. Priestley receiving five shillings each for their trouble.

Six months later Peace with Russia, signed in Paris, honoured in Leeds on April 1st: two months later Grand Illuminations in Leeds in honour of Peace with Russia and finally the Public Entry of the 4th Dragoon Guards on return from the Crimea netted altogether £16 19s.

### RANG AT MIDNIGHT

Visions of a clandestine burial in the dead of night are conjured up by the entry: '1830, July 5th. This day being the funeral of His Majesty George IV (which took place at midnight),' but reading on it appears that after evening service 5,000 New Treble Bob was completed 43 minutes after midnight. As 'muffled peals was rung during the day' into the bargain the report concludes '... it was scarcely possible to pay a higher degree of respect for the deceased King than was exhibited at Leeds.'

Like the wedding of the widow Bold in Anthony Trollope's 'Barchester Towers,' the opening of the new ring of eight at Holbeck in 1871 'went off with great éclat,' which is more than can be said of the occasion 60 years later when the Warner eight of 1871, recast by Gillett's into a lighter eight, were opened, an event which may have influenced to some extent the ultimate decision upon Leeds bells the following year, but that is another story.

After 90 years without attention by the bell-hangers, Leeds bells had become very hard-going and the recasting and rehanging of these bells was the 'plum' bell restoration of 1932, the year in which Ripon Cathedral and Boston 'Stump' bells also went into the pot.

### THE GREAT MISTAKE

The authorities were given conflicting advice. Taylor rightly advised a lighter tenor of 30 cwt., whereas Gillett's, backed up by an 'independent advisor,' specified a 43 cwt. tenor with at least two bells hoisted. The churchwardens were solid on the idea of a tenor comparable to Beverley Minster, why one can only speculate, and in placing the order with Taylor they insisted upon a heavier tenor. This was the worst possible advice from every angle—structural, musical and practical.

It is a recognised fact that a ring of bells which has been crammed into a tower with the proverbial shoehorn never sounds as well as one which has 'breathing space'—I am told on good authority that the bells from Bishop Ryder's do not sound quite as good in the smaller tower at Harborne—and this is why, in my opinion, our 'light eight' (tenor 17 cwt. in F) heard outside is musically superior to the twelve, magnificent though the twelve undoubtedly are, especially now that we have had the louvres blocked up completely.

Even in those days the Leeds ringers were for the most part ageing with no young blood whatsoever, so it required no stretch of imagination to foresee that before long ringing at Leeds Parish Church would become a serious problem.

### NO TOWER FOR LEARNERS

Heavy bells, a rocking tower—the tower sways when only one of the light bells is

turned over—and a long draught of rope are encouraging neither for pupil nor instructor.

How gladly would I exchange all 13 bells for a lighter ring such as the Bradford 10 were it within my power to do so but I fear such a flight of fancy must ever remain a dream and one must be reconciled to slopping away indefinitely on heavy bells, a lasting memorial to incompetence.

The problem of Leeds was not unknown for when I came to Leeds 30 years ago the late president of the Yorkshire Association told me that the Association expected me to teach a service band at Leeds 'one day.' It is one thing to make specious promises but quite another when it comes to fulfilling them.

When the bells were recast and rehung in 1932 they were cluttered up by no less than 45 hammers, which by degrees have now been reduced to eight (six for the clock and two for chiming).

The Ellacombe chimes fell into disuse and after an accident with the tenor bell which, perhaps a little unjustly, we were able to attribute to the Ellacombe hammer, we were allowed to dispose of it to defray the cost of a new set of ropes.

Then the carillon, a huge double-barrelled affair, likewise got into disfavour by playing three verses of a hymn at 11 o'clock one night, then its huge weight became jammed at the base of the shaft in which it is now walled up, and as the machine stood over the hatchway and had to be dismantled to allow a passage-way for the clock when it was converted to electric winding, it was decided not to replace it, which relieved us of a further 26 hammers.

I mentioned an accident with the tenor which was a parallel of the story of the battle lost for want of a nail but in this case it was the tenor bell lost for want of a split pin.

### THE TENOR CRASHES

One practice night in 1949, the bells in rounds before the last touch, which was to be Grandsire Caters, there came a thud of a heavy clapper falling and before someone had the presence of mind to call 'Stand' there followed a deafening roar (it was the 42 cwt. tenor landing on her side of the floor)—the tenor man bounded for the door still holding the tail end—I can recall the scene vividly.

By one chance in a hundred the clapper had become lodged cornerwise across the Ellacombe hammer and the base girder of the frame, in which position it stopped the bell in full flight and something had to give way. The 'something' was the headstock, which snapped across, while the offending clapper was merely slightly bent and the bell unscathed.

I am quite certain that had we had Gillett's bells tuned right up in the crown, as we could so easily have had—then the bell would have broken away at the shoulder, as happened in several cases—one I can call to mind, where a broken stay was believed to have become jammed endways against the frame.

As with most towers, our fortunes have ebbed and flowed—at the moment they are somewhat on the ebb—but we are fortunate in having a promising and most probably the youngest conductor in the history of the tower, not that 'Norving' appears to have noticed him.

Whether Leeds will ever regain its past tradition is purely a matter of conjecture—and hope. I am reminded of the proverb—I can't remember where I heard it— which runs something like this, 'Aim at the sky and you may hit the top of the trees.'

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): M. J. Fellows 1, R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, M. J. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6.

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## B.B.C. APOLOGISE TO LINCOLN

At the annual meeting of the company of ringers of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at Lincoln, held on January 7th, the Dean (the Rt. Rev. D. C. Dunlop) read a letter from the producer of the Christmas Day bells broadcast apologising for the exclusion of the Cathedral bells.

The letter explained that originally on Christmas morning the news had been allotted five minutes. A decision was taken to extend the news in order to cover more fully the Lakonia disaster and it was not possible to put back the Queen's speech, which followed, therefore the beginning of the programme was cut to the exclusion of the Cathedral bells. The letter intimated that if at all possible Lincoln would be included next year.

The Cathedral company were well satisfied with this letter and its somewhat obvious explanation, writes Mr. G. Paul, the honorary secretary.

## KIDDERMINSTER REVIVAL

Readers will be pleased to hear that the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, has been re-formed. The 12 bells, after several years' silence, are being rung regularly on Thursday evenings. It is now hoped that ringing, morning and evening, will commence on Easter Sunday, provided the newcomers to the Art will be experienced enough to undertake the duty. Many thanks are due to the ringers from neighbouring towers, too numerous to mention, who appear on Thursdays to help achieve this aim.

Though the ropes are at present unfit for peal ringing, it is expected that in the very near future this will be put right, and applications for the bells for this purpose will be met as far as possible, but peal attempts are being restricted to one every two months.

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## BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

The entry of several young men dressed in extreme 'Beatle' style, with appropriate hair cuts, surprised those waiting at 'The Rose and Crown' for Baldock ringers' annual dinner to start on December 21st. They were not, however, ringers, but a group known as the Rolling Stones, who had had a mishap on the way to an engagement in London.

The traditional dinner was excellent. Canon Brechley welcomed the visitors from other towers, then Miss J. Sanderson proposed the health of the Baldock Guild. 'Baldock is one tower where you can always be sure of a welcome,' she said, 'and an opportunity to meet and make friends. You may also find yourself ringing methods you did not expect to, but there cannot be much wrong with a Guild which can supply two presidents for the County Association.' She commended the work of the Guild in teaching learners and said most towers in the area owed a debt to Baldock for help so generously given.

Mr. E. G. Buck, in his reply, thanked the visitors to Wednesday practices, who not only received help but helped the Guild. They had seen their oldest member elected president, and by all reports he was making himself known throughout the county as no other president had done for a long time. Congratulations were given to Mr. and Mrs. C. Worboys, newly married.

An announcement: Annual outing, Nottingham area, June 27th. J. S.

## 50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 23rd, 1914.—

In these days when so much attention is being paid to the restoration of bells, it is not often that one hears of two men being required to get one bell through a peal: still more rare is it, happily, that two bells each required two men. Such, however, was the case at Wigan, in a peal which we record this week. There were two men for the 7th and two for the tenor, which is 28 cwt. We hope if, as one may suppose, it was the 'go' of the bells which caused so much effort to be required, that the church authorities will speedily have this condition of affairs remedied.

# UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 13



NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON,  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Wales has many beautiful churches and cathedrals, most of which have a ring of bells with a band of keen and warmhearted ringers always ready to welcome a visitor. Encouraging for the future is the presence of youth in most of the belfries. Llandaff Cathedral is one, and here in charge is a ringer who, in a very short space of time, has achieved a very creditable record. He is Nicholas Simon, son of the Bishop of Llandaff.

Nicholas was born at Llandaff on February 19th, 1946. He is now at Llandaff High School reading 'A' level economics, history

and English, with a view to going to a university. He learned to ring at Llandaff Cathedral, starting at the age of 14, and was taught by two well known ringers—Mr. Nevil James, captain of the Cathedral band, and Mr. M. I. Yeoman, of St. John's, Cardiff. Ringing three times each Sunday for services gave him an excellent opportunity to become proficient.

He succeeded in ringing his first peal at the first attempt, when he rang the treble to Plain Bob Major at the Cathedral, the peal being conducted by Bryn Taylor. His first peal as conductor was Plain Bob Major on handbells at his home, 'Llys Esgot,' Llandaff, on November 8th, 1961, and his first as conductor on tower bells was in the same method on December 26th, 1961, at Whitchurch, Glam.

It is now less than three years since Nicholas started to learn to ring and his determination to reach the heights has already gained for him a total of 47 peals—33 on tower bells and 14 on handbells. Of this grand total he has conducted no fewer than 21.

His ambition, which, if achieved, will require a great deal of hard work and devotion, is to maintain regular Sunday service ringing at Llandaff Cathedral equal to the best in Wales in both striking and methods. This brilliant youngster, who has recently been elected captain at the Cathedral, states that he prefers the music of Grandsire and Stedman Caters to that of any Surprise method.

Wales can be justly proud of Nicholas Simon, who has gained for himself a record worthy of congratulations from the whole Exercise. NORVING.

## A YORKSHIRE BAND THAT WON THROUGH

The peal of Bob Doubles at Walkington, East Yorkshire, is a remarkable achievement for members of the local band. It was the first peal at the first attempt for all the band, and the first on the bells. The standard of the ringing can be judged from the fact that there were no mistakes made which required correction by another member of the band.

The bells were installed in March, 1959, and are a light but very tuneful ring of six. At first progress with ringing was slow, there being no experienced ringers in the small parish, but within two years the first 120 of Doubles had been rung. Only two of the original ringers remain, most of the present team having been taught in the last three years. Their success is largely due to the efforts of the tower captain, Miss Joan Gray, who leads an enthusiastic and loyal band of 13 ringers. The majority of them are teenagers, and all take an active part in the life of the church, holding offices ranging from chorister to churchwarden.

The achievements of the Walkington ringers are outstanding. The bells have been rung every Sunday since their installation, and all the ringers except the latest recruit have rung quarter peals. Six of them have called quarter peals. Most of them are members of the Beverley and District Ringing Society and participate enthusiastically in social events. The band now have quite a repertoire of Doubles and Minor methods, and can ring Kent Minor for Sunday service. Some of the ringers can now ring Treble Bob Major, and one can competently ring a 2 ton tenor.

The Walkington ringers deserve the congratulations of the whole Exercise.

## IN A GUERNSEY MUSEUM

The Lukis and Island Museum at Guernsey contains the notebook of W. C. Lukis, which gives details of the bells in about 400 towers, particularly Wiltshire. The information given is number of bells, inscriptions, diameter of tenor and the weight of the tenor deducted from a table in the back. The notebook can be inspected, writes John David, of Clifton, Guernsey, but cannot be taken from the building. There is a reference to two other volumes, but no trace of them in the museum.

## A SUSSEX-KENT WEEK-END

The combination of 21 towers in two days and a 6 a.m. start in the middle of winter would be enough to deter most people but 11 ringers possessing more enthusiasm than sense left Putney on December 7th for a Sussex-Kent tour.

Ian Smith, who helped with the arrangements, met the party at Battle and there was an inauspicious start at Dallington followed by a rough half-course of Cambridge at Burwash (eight bells). Ringing deteriorated at Heathfield but on the pleasant sounding eight at Uckfield we scored our first touch of Double Norwich. Diana Gough and Tony Bishop joined the party at Ringmer.

After lunch ringing improved at John Goldsmith's church at Southover, with Grandsire and Royal and two courses of Duffield Royal. At Pevensey, we heard about the black magic orgy at Westham. We were expected at Westham, although we did not ring there, and it was when the Ringing Master went supposedly to meet us that he discovered the desecration. We thus had a flattering allusion on the front page of 'The People.'

Following tea at Hastings we were privileged to ring on the new Taylor eight at St. Clement's and, at the Ringing Master's request, we were recorded ringing a touch of Stedman Triples for broadcasting on New Zealand radio. The recording commenced with chiming the fourth bell, which was given by the citizens of Hastings, New Zealand. A superb course of Bristol at Battle closed the day's ringing.

On the icy roads next morning Margaret Frost had a magnificent skid and we reached Hawkhurst five minutes before the service. A course of Bristol came to grief through a broken rope at Goudhurst, and methods up to Yorkshire were rung at Cranbrook. After a fine lunch at the George, Cranbrook, came Kent's heaviest eight, at Tenterden, where ringing included Putney and Bristol Surprise. Our first of Superlative was rung at Rolvenden but the finest ringing of the outing was London Surprise Major at Lydd. The outing finished at Iden. Because of running into fog at East Grinstead our arrival at Putney was delayed until 1.30 a.m. Included in our grateful thanks are Margaret Fort and Ann Horsford, our tireless and often maligned drivers. (Curtailed.) D. C. B.



# Letters to the Editor

## Society of Wessex Scholars

Dear Sir.—As Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, I feel I must also comment on the new Society of Wessex Scholars. I did not know anything about it until I was approached by Mr. Knight asking me to support his request to the Dean of Winchester that the latter be president of the Society (the Dean having said he would consult me on the matter before deciding), and enclosing a copy of the rules. The Dean himself suspected that there might be a clash between the two and I was bound to say that I feared it would be so, and that I hoped he would not accept, since he is patron of our Guild. This advice the Dean has accepted. However, I am not one who wants to dampen enthusiasm, and so here is a copy of the relevant part of my letter to Mr. Knight.

'First of all, may I commend your enthusiasm and zeal. The objects of the proposed Society are excellent and quite laudable. However, my sincere hope is that you will feel able to do all these things within the sphere of the Diocesan Guild, for I see no reason why they should not be, and actually, the Objects are nearly all mentioned in the Rules of the Guild, even though some may have been rather neglected.

'You will, no doubt, have gathered this from the Dean of Winchester, who consulted me on the matter, for when it came to the Rules of the Society, it is quite obvious they would cut right across the Guild's organisation and that would be a great pity. To try to run meetings at the same time and in the same place as the Guild (for that is what it would mean at times) would be most unfortunate. Surely it would be better to ensure the success of the District meetings by bringing all your enthusiasts to them (the Winchester District meetings I have been able to attend have not been too successful—the annual meeting, at which I had to take the chair was, quite frankly, the poorest attended of all the Districts).

'There is certainly plenty of scope within the Guild and I should only be too happy to back you up in anything you do to promote the interests of Sunday service ringing within its organisation. But at a time when we are trying to promote unity within the Churches and are realising that we are weak through disunity in the Guild, for I am certain that is what it would mean even though I am just as sure that is not your intention, any more than it was the intention of John Wesley to break away from the Church of England, but it happened just the same. So I do hope you will reconsider this and see what you can do to make the Winchester District more flourishing. I am sure it can be done with your help.'

Alas, as Mr. Knight's letter in 'The Ringing World' shows, my plea has been completely ignored. I think I know why, but it wouldn't help to say so.—Yours faithfully,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

## Kettlethorpe Surprise Major

Dear Sir.—Would you please correct the place notation of Kettlethorpe S.M. in a recent edition, and note the peal was composed by John R. Ketteringham (not conducted). Correct notation is:

x38x16x56x16x14x38x56x18. L.E. 1648.

2nds Place L.E. 4ths Place Bob.

—Yours, etc.,

Lincoln. JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

P.S.—We thank correspondents who have pointed out the error in the submitted copy.—Ed

## Copying Error?

Dear Sir.—The notation of the method Kettlethorpe given in 'The Ringing World' of January 10th, 1964, page 27, is actually that of Umberslade. In the Hudson and McClenahan Collection these are consecutive methods and so this looks as if it is a copying error. The lead-end 16482735 corresponds correctly to Kettlethorpe (No. 0462).

Umberslade is:

—38—6—56—16—14—3—16—1

L.E. 1573. 2nds.

I assume Kettlethorpe is intended as:

—38—6—56—16—14—3—56—1.

L.E. 1648. 2nds.

They differ in one place only.

Now that this new collection is available, I would advise that in copying notations from this book your readers take the trouble to place a straight edge below the notation to be copied. Otherwise this kind of error will be common, and will be especially dangerous for the following reason.

It is most likely that errors will occur towards the end of the line, since here the eye has more difficulty in relating the rows to the numbers at the beginning. Obviously errors in this part of the line are almost certain to result in writing down either the method immediately above or the one below, because in many cases the only difference of notation occurs in the last few places.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

## DON'T BE AMONG THE 200

Considerably more than 200 postcard reminders are sent at the January quarter to those who have not paid their subscription to 'The Ringing World.' Please try and save Mr. Jeater or the Editor this extra work. Remit to either—without delay.

## Tail-piece to Tail Ends

Dear Sir.—The Yorkshire tail-end is an outmoded if traditional device, of little practical use in modern change ringing.

There is no doubt that this tail-end is clumsy in use and detracts from an easy, neat and economical style of handling both on light and heavy bells. The majority of ringers will agree with this view, but the small minority who wish to perpetuate this anachronism will no doubt wax vociferous, substituting empty words, evasions and half-truths for lack of real argument.—Yours, etc.,

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Thrybergh, Yorks.

## Adelaide Town Hall Bells

Dear Sir.—May I say thank you to Mr. Brian B. Hullah for his kind remarks ('R.W.' page 860) regarding my article on these bells and for pointing out that the horizontal stay and vertical slider device Warners used on the sixth is not unique.

Readers will, I am sure, be pleased to hear that we have brought the authorities round to our way of thinking. They have agreed that the bells should be rung on certain civic occasions, the first of which is expected to be the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother to open the Festival of Arts here in March. Furthermore, they are allowing us a monthly practice, which completely casts away any shadow of doubt about future ringing.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Adelaide, South Australia.

## America's Gratitude

Dear Sir.—Many members of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers have noted through the pages of 'The Ringing World' the great number of peals rung in Britain in memory of our late President, John F. Kennedy. I have been asked to express our deepest gratitude to all those change ringers who participated in these peals. Through your bells you spoke our mutual sorrow and, in so doing, you strengthened the bond of friendship and love between Britain and America.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES R. LAWSON,  
Editor, 'Overtones.'

## Grounded?—No, Never

Dear Sir.—May I crave a small space to protest at the criticism of my helmsmanship implied in Manchester University ringers' account of their Broads tour?

The melee of (as we now learn) University boats was such that I was forced to abandon my tacking course and pass through the chaos on motor, pausing while doing so to accept a courteous invitation from a yacht struggling in the reeds to ring that evening at Ludham. I firmly deny going aground in those reeds.—Yours faithfully,

A. JOHN BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

## Sunday Service Records

Dear Sir.—Having read with great interest 'Tower Grabbers' Chance,' on page 2 in the January 3rd issue, I am all for having the leading tower grabbers list published, but what about the non-peal or tower grabbing ringers—namely the Sunday service ringers? Could they not have a chance to let the Exercise know of their achievements?

I am sure there are many ringers who do not care for peal ringing or go on ringing tours, but they are always at their post every Sunday ringing for Matins and Evensong, and other special occasions.

Our church—St. Faith's, Gaywood—has such a band, and we are proud to say that we only missed one service in 1963, which means that some of us rang for at least 100 services.

I may add that we have missed only seven services in the last three years.—Yours sincerely,

C. TOVELL.

Gaywood, King's Lynn.

## Mr. Cook's Nomenclature

Dear Sir.—Whilst supporting much of what my old friend John Cook says in his letter in 'The Ringing World' of December 6th, I fail to understand why he thinks 12ths place Belgrave Maximus would present much difficulty.

Had Mr. Cook stayed in his native county he would have found the bells run round in one lead. Perhaps he will explain his Leicestershire variation of this!—Yours, etc.,

Lincoln

J. L. MILLHOUSE.

## Warner's Foundry

Dear Sir.—I was interested in the letter about the clock bell at Hackney, as I have in my possession a smaller bell, presumably from the same foundry. This bell, which was hung for chiming only in a local mission church, is about 11 inches in diameter and is inscribed: J. WARNER & SONS, LONDON, 1883. Stamped on the crown are the figures 20.—Yours faithfully,

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## Universities Association Dines in London

THE New Year opened briskly for the U.A. with another successful visit to London on January 4th. A closely-knit schedule of towers kept those who arrived during the day constantly on the move. The complexities of parking and one-way systems were an ordeal, but Phyllis Holborn's itinerary was invaluable, since it contained such directions as 'Take a No. 6 bus.' The driver of this vehicle must have been amazed to see in his mirror a crocodile of ringers' cars following him from Bethnal Green to St. John of Jerusalem, stopping in line behind him at every bus stop. St. Andrew's, Holborn, bells were enjoyed when rung at a reasonable pace; St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, have marked clapper-knock to help establish a beat; Spliced Surprise on the meaty bells at Lauriston Road came to grief when some of the band mistook the conductor's cry of 'London' for 'Cambridge,' strange to relate.

Ringling at St. Giles', Cripplegate, was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. L. B. C. Rogers, and then members made their way to 'The Victoria,' Buckingham Palace Road, where the 1964 A.G.M. was held in what must have been a record time of 15 minutes. Thirty new members were elected. The 1964 summer tour in the Lake District and the 1965 tour in County Durham were discussed, and it was decided that the 1965 dinner will be at Bristol.

Seventy members and guests sat down to dine, and later, after the loyal toast, Mr. P. M. J. Gray proposed the toast of 'The Church,' after drawing a mind-picture to illustrate how in the present day it is frequently the case that the bells, the ringers and the active part of the Church are in three separate places.

In his reply, the Rev. E. L. B. C. Rogers, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, explained how his church will eventually come into its own when the area becomes a residential part of London, but relies at the moment on the tourist trade to swell the funds, since many famous people have been connected with St. Giles'. He reminded us that the Church consists of the clergy and people, and listed in order of importance: the clergy, the change ringers, the call change ringers and the rest. After suggesting that, in the interests of church unity, Methodists should be encouraged to have church bells, he stated that his own observation of the company at dinner assured him of success for the ringing of the immediate future.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, proposed the toast of 'The U.A.' He asked whether the U.A., which he thought must be nearing its majority despite hostile criticism in its infancy, contributed all it ought to the Exercise as a whole, or whether its members should perhaps apply themselves more to the mundane tasks in ringing as well as to the learned tasks.

The president, Mr. Paul Taylor, in welcoming the assembly, pointed out that members from nearly every university society were present, and underlined the necessity for getting together, rather than forming watertight compartments. He thanked Mr. Barnett for gently putting the U.A. in its place, and went on to mention that one could enumerate only about thirty really active members. He recalled with deep regret the deaths during the past year of the first president of the U.A., Mr. E. H. Lewis, and of Mr. Derek Ogden. Mr. Taylor concluded by thanking Mr. Rogers for officiating at the service, and Miss Phyllis Holborn, who had organised the ringing with success.

The remainder of the evening passed all too quickly, but will be remembered by many for the faultless performances of Cambridge and London Surprise Major 'in hand.' Finally we went our ways looking forward to U.A. dinners, peals and tours of the future.

J. R. T.



Mr. Norman Chaddock with Kimberworth Secondary School handbell team that collected £17 for church funds at Rotherham by three hours' ringing in the churchyard.

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### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade, on January 11th, and the bells were kept ringing to a variety of methods during the afternoon. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, conducted Evensong, and Mr. J. Long played the organ.

Forty-two members and friends were present for tea provided by local ladies. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. L. Bywaters; secretary, Mr. M. Major; Bell Repair Fund treasurer, Mr. G. Mayes; committee, Messrs. T. Harris, M. Locket, P. Mehew, R. Sharp; Press secretary, Miss A. Alexander; organist, Mr. P. Rogers.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. M. Major) said that 20 peals (including three on handbells) had been rung in the District during 1963, only one less than in 1962.

After the meeting the ringers adjourned to the tower, where ringing up to spliced was continued.

A. R. A.

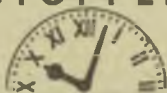
### WARMINSTER'S ANNUAL DINNER

The fifth annual dinner was held on January 11th at the Bath Arms Hotel, Warminster, and 31 ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent meal. The gathering was presided over by the tower captain, Mr. Norman Knee, and the company included the Vicar, the two churchwardens and visitors from North Bradley and the nearby parish of St. John's, Boreham. Mr. and Mrs. Perrett and daughter were absent through illness, and indisposition also prevented the attendance of Warminster's very good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, of Haslemere.

During the evening the company were entertained by tune and change ringing on handbells, some dancing by the younger members of the band, and a display of magic by Mr. K. Lawrence.

This modest function seems to improve each year, and congratulations must be extended to Mr. P. Roynon, who has been responsible for the arrangements.

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## OBITUARY

### MRS. E. KNIGHT

The death of Mrs. E. Knight, the wife of Mr. H. W. Knight, on January 4th, at the age of 75, was a great shock to her many friends. A member and secretary of the All Saints', Wrington, band for many years, Mrs. Knight had not recently been a regular ringer, due to indifferent health. Even so, she was very keenly interested in ringing activities and was always willing to help in any way she could.

For many years Mrs. Knight made herself responsible for the lunch and tea provided at the Bath and Wells Association annual general meeting. This was an enormous task, particularly just after the last war, when rationing made food very difficult to provide. She also busied herself in Deanery and, of course, her own tower affairs.

Mrs. Knight was a vice-president of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild from 1945 to 1956, and became an honorary life member. She will not only be missed by her family but by her many friends in the ringing world.

The funeral service was held at Redhill Church, which is in the parish of Wrington, on January 9th. Four members of the Wrington band, M. Board, H. H. Yeates, W. H. Kingcott and M. M. Collins, acted as bearers. The church was crowded, many hands being represented, and there were numerous floral tributes. Handbells were rung by Mrs. W. H. Kingcott 1-2, Rev. R. O. Fry 3-4, W. H. Kingcott 5-6, M. M. Collins 7-8.

The following memorial quarter peals were rung:

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Yeo 1, G. H. Pullin 2, P. J. Gardner 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, L. Derrick 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Lott 8.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: U. James 1, R. Fry (cond.) 2, B. Goodliffe 3, G. Skelly 4, M. Horseman 5, R. Goodliffe 6. First of Stedman for 1, 3 and 4.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: Judith Kelly 1, H. H. Yeates 2, Mrs. R. Ball 3, A. E. Ferris 4, H. G. Bird 5, Mrs. H. Kingcott 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, E. T. Lee 8, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, H. M. Ball 10.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. England (first in method) 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, L. W. Pullin 4, S. G. Smith 5, E. A. Price 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8.

## RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

The Society of Raving Ringers held their annual reunion week-end, centred on Deddington, Oxon, on January 3rd. At the supper on Saturday a recorded message was received from Ron Russ, a Past Master, now living in Adelaide, together with recordings of the bells of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, Adelaide Town Hall and the world's second heaviest eight—the majestic bells of St. Peter's Cathedral. A keen member made recordings of these three Australian rings.

The ringing started at Great Tew on Saturday morning, followed by Swerford, where the tenor required much effort to ring. Hook Norton and South Newington, The Bristol and Yorkshire at Hook Norton were exceptionally fine. After lunch at Banbury came Cambridge Royal and the Parish Church, Cropredy, the recently augmented ring at Farnborough and Radway (5). While ringing at Bloxham in the evening Tony Mann broke the tenor clapper, a suggested result of eating too many Banbury cakes!

On the Sunday morning Matins was attended at Deddington after ringing, and at Home Farm, Balscote, in the afternoon the Society rang the first-ever course of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Evening service ringing was at Adderbury.

On behalf of the 20 'Ravers' present Chris Clarke and his helpers were warmly thanked for making the reunion possible and so enjoyable.

M. W. C.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

The year 1963 was not a good one, though better than 1962, stated the annual report of the Northern District, presented at the A.G.M. at Baldock on June 4th. Fewer meetings were held, but attendance did not improve. A District practice at Stevenage was successful, and it was hoped that other towers would try this.

The District lost through death: Canon L. P. Smith (associate member), Mr. C. C. Stubbington (frequent visitor to meetings) and Mr. I. Werrett (Norton). The District will miss Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Marks, of Knebworth, who are moving to Kent. Two of the new members elected were the first Ashwell ringers to achieve membership.

Eighteen peals were rung, in which 52 ringers took part. First peals and first of Major 'inside' were rung by Andrew Mayes (Norton) and Michael Trigg (Hitchin). There were 80 first in the method, which gave an idea of the variety rung. A big increase in quarter peals—28 compared with 15—was reported, with 67 ringers taking part. Congratulations to Mr. H. S. Bonnett on election as Association president and Miss Ann Sanderson and Mr. C. Worboys on their engagement were expressed.

District officers elected were: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Buck; Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. S. Harwood; press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; General Committee, Mrs. Agg and Mr. G. W. Critchley; District Committee, Messrs. A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, L. B. Scoot, D. Taplin and Mr. and Mrs. Worboys.

Canon Brencley conducted the service, and an excellent tea was prepared by the wives of ringers.

Next quarterly, Stevenage, March 7th.

J. S.

### St. Albans District

The December meeting of the St. Albans District was held on the Saturday before Christmas, right in a town centre, Barnet. As the Vicar said in his short welcome, the Christmas shopping crowds probably thought it appropriate that the bells should be ringing. They certainly reminded those of us who slipped out to shop that fighting with jostling crowds, not forgetting plenty of good will, of course, is not the chief reason for Christmas.

At a short business meeting, with Mr. S. Huckle in the chair, it was decided not to accept an invitation from the Hatfield ringers for February, as the Vicar had expressed some doubt because the meeting fell in Lent. Sandridge bells are to be applied from. Ringing ranged up to a shaky course of Bristol, the special method, but was, on the whole, a little too fast for the bells.

J. D. C.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

### Frome Branch

A cold day, with forecasts of snow showers, did not deter 70 people from attending the annual meeting of the Frome Branch at Chewton Mendip on January 11th. Ringing commenced on the now famous eight at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30, when the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Kingdon. During an excellent tea, arranged by local ladies, Mr. Harry Sanger played a tape recording of Chewton bells used by the B.B.C. in their programme 'Ring out, wild bells.' This was much appreciated.

The secretary, in his report for 1963, commented on the progress in the Frome area by young and old alike, and stated Sunday service ringing was well maintained. While his report revealed a drop in membership, 10 new members were later elected.

The officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. A. G. Durston; vice-chairman, Rev. R. Fookes; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Chivers; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Beck; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Savage; Press correspondent, Mr. T. D. H. Robertson. The meeting closed with Mr. R. G. Beck proposing the vote of thanks, which included a special mention of Mr. H. Baber, the local captain, for making arrangements.

Ringling from rounds to various Surprise Major methods continued until 8.30 p.m.

D. T. H. R.

## MUGS IN WHARFEDALE

ON Friday, November 1st, 13 members of the Guild left Manchester for our autumn tour in a 40 seater coach. John Pilkington joined us at Burnley, and we soon came to Skipton. The ringing on the lovely eight was among the best of the tour, being up to six Spliced Surprise Major. Sunday stragglers made up the party to its full numbers here and we caught a bus to Burley-in-Wharfedale. Ian's cheerful assurance that it was only 1½ miles to the Y.H. was taken at its face value, but it wasn't until three-quarters of an hour later, after a strenuous uphill climb, that we eventually reached Burley Woodhead Youth Hostel.

The first tower next day was Guiseley, and Ian's bland assurances that it was only 2½ miles away were treated rather sceptically. 'Plus 1.5 fudge factor,' someone muttered. After hard walking for 1½ hours, we arrived at Guiseley and rang for an hour and a half. Here we were joined by Edna Poulter and some of Ian's Yorkshire friends.

After a pleasant walk to Otley, we caught a bus to Ilkley. Although the standard of ringing was not quite so good here, we did not disgrace ourselves. At Addingham, the only six bell tower of the tour, an attempt at ringing a closed handstroke course of Oxford T.B. Minor was made, just to show Gordon Benfield we could do it. And he was forced to admit that we could—he only counted 117 faults in 120 changes! Back at the Y.H. that night, a Hallowe'en dance was greatly enjoyed, at which various members demonstrated how not to dance the shake. A course of Bob Minor on handbells went down well with the other hostellers.

Sunday morning saw us back in Ilkley, ringing for morning service. We then went by bus to Bolton Abbey and walked through the

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beautiful countryside along the River Wharfe until we came to Barden towers, where we had lunch. Attempts to push the Ringing Master into the Strid were happily unsuccessful! We made our way by various routes to Grassington, and yet another bus took us to Skipton.

After ringing for and attending Evensong at Skipton, a quick visit to a pub occasioned the classic remark of the tour. Whilst the relative merits of various kinds of music were being discussed, the name of Palestrina came up. 'Oh, is he like Liberace?' asked Christine, one of our newer members. Luckily the other members of the Guild were narrowly able to avert the immediate strangulation of the girl by forcibly restoring the Ringing Master in his chair.

The journey back followed the same pattern as the outward journey and we arrived back in Manchester worn out but content.

For the way in which the tour was arranged, we extend our thanks to Ian Goldthorpe; it must surely have been among the best autumn tours the Guild has even had.

E. F. P. B. & D. J. B.

## IPSWICH AWAKE!

Ipswich shoppers were treated to a change in the medium through which they heard traditional Christmas carols played on the Saturday before Christmas last. In place of the normal Salvation Army band playing on the Town Hall forecourt during the afternoon, three bands of handbell ringers from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, St. Mary's, Offton, and St. Peter's, Henley, played carols over a loudspeaker system for four hours, whilst other local ringers collected for the St. Mary-le-Tower Bell Restoration Fund. Including the ladies who supplied tea throughout and after the ringing, some forty ringers, mainly from the South Eastern District of the Suffolk Guild, took part. A total of £67 6s. 6d. was raised. Special thanks go to Howard Egglestone for organising the afternoon's proceedings.

L. R. P.



## HALF-PEAL

**LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: G. P. Cowling 1, M. J. Erith 2, J. B. Crowe 3, P. G. Brown 4, M. J. Cowling (longest length as cond.) 5. Longest length 1, 2 and 3. Average age of band 15 years.

## QUARTER PEAL

**ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. Bantick 1, A. W. Cole 2, Janet Semken 3, F. H. Erith 4, C. Hughes 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Albert Semken, father of the 3rd and 6th ringers, member of the Church Council, who was buried the previous day.

**BASSALEG, MON.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): Gillian Addis 1, R. T. Smith 2, B. S. Neale 3, R. J. Waters 4, C. I. R. Bainham (cond.) 5, A. M. J. Edwards 6. First in four methods by all.

**BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.**—Dec. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. D. Walker 1, Mrs. L. G. Goodman 2, P. J. Chappell 3, H. J. Trigg 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. For carol service. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. H. Read 1, Mrs. L. G. Goodman 2, P. J. Chappell 3, H. J. Trigg 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. For evening service.

**BUCKHORN-WESTON, DORSET.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. G. W. Robertson 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Christine Hiscock 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, J. W. Blackwood 6. First in five methods by all.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Diana M. Preston (first quarter) 1, A. E. Barker 2, Susan J. Devey 3, R. D. Baker 4, Lynda Roberts 5, Janenne Ansell 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Goodbye to the year 1963.

**CARDIGAN, WALES.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): S. R. Thomas 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, R. Pateman 4, J. D. Thomas 5, B. Griffiths (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods for all. For Epiphany.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Jones (first quarter) 1, R. Fisher (first 'inside') 2, Pamela Osborne 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Whale 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' on Jan. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. B. Percy 1, Janet Percy 2, G. Pullinger 3, F. Dallaway 4, Christine Fuller 5, T. M. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond., 75th quarter) 8. First in method for 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For the Epiphany.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Barber 1, Jane Hough 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Vivienne Dye 4, Eleanor Hough 5, J. R. Hough 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. C. Eastmead (first on eight) 8.

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wills 1, Mrs. P. M. Ball 2, R. Allinson (first 'inside') 3, L. D. Smith 4, M. Peters (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Evensong.

**GROBY, LEICS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): T. Isom 1, E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, S. R. Gardner 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, D. Dodson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Wilfred Geary, vergers and ringer at this church.

**HOPTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Foreman 1, A. G. Harrison 2, E. G. H. Maynard 3, N. Watson 4, H. Ivings 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary J. Dorey (first in three methods) 1, Iris E. Down (first 'inside' to three methods) 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, H. P. Sparks 4, D. M. C. Hill (first as cond. in three methods) 5, A. J. Sherrin (first in three methods) 6. A compliment to Iris E. Down and David M. C. Hill on their engagement.

**KINGSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, C. Gratton 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, A. Hill (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. B. Pryng, wife of Mr. H. Pryng, who for many years was captain of the local band, and mother of Mr. S. Pryng, the present captain.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Caddick (first of Minor) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, R. A. Peakman 3, F. E. Jukes 4, Dr. D. N. Layton (cond.) 5, C. F. Jukes 6. For Evensong.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Walker 1, Margaret Smith 2, Anne Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, F. Reed 6.

**LYDNEY, GLOUCS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Bowering 1, J. A. Long 2, J. Hoult 3, N. K. Winspear 4, F. Reed 5, G. T. Cousins 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, M. Hoult 8. Arranged for the visit of Ch./Tech. (R.A.F.) F. Reed, from Cyprus.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Brown 1, A. Johnson (first 'inside') 2, J. Fuller 3, A. Keen 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Blatch 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, H. Smith 4, H. G. Goddard 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Wood 1, G. Stoter (first 'inside') 2, I. Stoter 3, K. Leach 4, J. White (cond.) 5, H. White 6. For Evensong.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gladys Bishop 1, C. York 2, H. Ball 3, Ruth R. Ball 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. Dando 6. Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Mrs. H. W. Knight.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Hester 1, L. Oliffe 2, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 3, P. Pearce 4, P. Beedie 5, W. Clarke 6, D. Smith 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clarke 1, F. Soden (cond.) 2, T. Timms 3, P. Pearce 4, P. Beedie 5, B. J. Coggins 6, W. Dixon 7, T. Hester 8. For the Christmas Festival and to welcome David Andrew Beedie, Dec. 5th. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Coggins and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Oliffe, both Christmas Day.

**WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (Blunderbuss, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Littlejohn 1, C. Butler 2, J. Pares 3, E. Cox 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5.

**WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. West (first quarter) 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, Jill Riley 3, D. Baker 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1963.

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With the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Jan. 6th, the 'Monday' band has come to an end. It began on Monday, June 2nd, 1958, and practically every Monday since an attempt for a peal has been made at the Foundry. The band was first formed out of a 'Wednesday' band which had been meeting each week since May 4th, 1955. Naturally various changes in personnel have taken place, but the most significant feature has been the large number of new Surprise methods rung. The band will always be grateful to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for the use of their bells (and garage!) over such a long period, and it is almost quite true to say that the Leicester Diocesan Guild would not have rung the most peals per year if it were not for the facilities offered at the Bell Foundry. It is, however, hoped to form a 'Tuesday' band, with a nucleus of ringers at present in the 'Monday' band.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Wakefield, reported on page 25, was rung on Friday, December 27th, and the ringer of the tenor was R. Gordon Corby.

Practices have been resumed at Marple on Mondays and the first peal on the augmented bells was rung by past and present members of the band on January 11th.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has been appointed to the Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee on Faculties and the Care of Churches to assist in giving advice on bell matters.

The band which rang the peal at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on December 28th, wish to express their gratitude to the Vicar and Mrs. Griffiths, for their hospitality after the peal. Also to the two amateur bell hangers, for their morning's work in getting the bells fit for the attempt.

Reporting on the ringing meeting-cum-party of the Durham and Newcastle Association at Chester-le-Street, on January 4th, the honorary secretary writes: 'Most things went off quite well and this included the electric light.' No wonder that Evensong at Chester-le-Street the following day included the hymn 'The people that in darkness sat.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

After the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 11th, the comparative youngsters (average age around 60) who made up the rest of the band warmly congratulated Mr. Reuben Sanders, who rang the sixth and whose 90th birthday occurred the following day. They were particularly glad that, having missed last year's peal through illness, he was able to take part on this occasion and ring both his bell and the method with the care and accuracy for which he has long been so well known.

The quarter peal at Rotherthorpe, Northants (see page 40), contained six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 41 of Plain Bob.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Locking (page 28) Messrs. Eric T. Lee and Hector G. Bird completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. It was the first peal of Doubles for Mr. Bird, and not Mr. Lee.

Mr. Derek P. Jones writes that the Christman broadcast was a good advertisement for our art. The Market Drayton ringing was so 'superlative' that he was enthralled and late for his own tower that morning!

The peal of 21 Spliced Surprise Royal methods rung at Rotherham, Yorks, on January 11th, was the most methods rung to a peal of Royal. Two new methods—Haslemere and Inveraray—were rung for the first time.

Through indisposition, the peal to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was postponed from December 14th until January 4th. This was not altogether inopportune as it enabled Jane and Maurice Thurmott to ring a peal with friends from Wicken, Northants, and Bicester immediately prior to moving to Yorkshire.

Spalding belfry began 1964 in a somewhat depleted state. As his many ringing friends in Lincolnshire and elsewhere already know, 1963 saw the temporary 'retirement' from active ringing of that able and popular stalwart, Stan Bennett. Now Ron Noon has a leg in plaster since an accident at work and is just hobbling about. A glance at the births column last week indicates the domestic commitments which prevent the Chapmans from doing much ringing at present.

## THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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**A PEAL WEEK IN SOUTH-EAST BEDFORDSHIRE**(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.)**ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ALAN M. BARBER .. .. Treble	BRIAN B. HULLAH .. .. 4
MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 5
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

**MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

MARTIN MAJOR .. .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 5
DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 6
ANTHONY H. SMITH .. .. 3	ALAN M. BARBER .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Bart.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter Oakley.

**NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.***A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Treble	BRIAN B. HULLAH .. .. 5
*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 6
ANTHONY H. SMITH .. .. 3	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 7
ANDREW C. D. MAYES .. 4	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GILES B. THOMPSON.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung for Hogmanay.

**STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob; with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. Treble	A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. .. 4
ANTHONY H. SMITH .. .. 2	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 5
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert W. J. Devereux; also for the passing of the old year.

**SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

VERNA RIX .. .. Treble	AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 4
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 5
ANTHONY H. SMITH .. .. 3	BRIAN B. HULLAH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

**POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Fri., Jan. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt.

AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. Treble	SHEILA I. SMITH .. .. 4
VERNA RIX .. .. 2	ANTHONY H. SMITH .. .. 5
BRIAN B. HULLAH .. .. 3	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

**CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.***On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

PHILIP G. ROGERS .. .. Treble	DAVID R. SAUNDERSON .. 5
CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
AUDREY R. ALEXANDER .. 3	MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 7
*VERNA RIX .. .. 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal of Major.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL****LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.***A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 8
†DAVID WILFORD .. .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 10
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 11
†DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 6	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 16).

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* 50th peal. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ 100th peal. The ringer of the fifth has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

**TEN BELL PEALS****SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Sat., Dec. 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,**AT CHRIS CHURCH,***A PEAL OF 5000 BEDMINSTER SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

DOREEN A. DEVERELL .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 6
E. JANE SIBSON .. .. 2	JOHN S. BARNES .. .. 7
SUSAN NEWMAN .. .. 3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. .. 8
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal in the method.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD,***A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

No. 3 version.

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

*PETER J. CAME .. .. Treble	*IAN R. PANTON .. .. 6
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. .. 8
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 9
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First of London Surprise Royal in the county, and for the Association.

**SOUTHAMPTON.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.***A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 7
DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 8
DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 9
MARGARET E. CHAPMAN .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

**LONDON, S.W.****MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 3	HAROLD W. CLARK .. .. 8
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 9
JOSEPH MARKS .. .. 5	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

A compliment to Reuben Sanders on the eve of his 90th birthday. He rang the same bell 56 years previously to his first peal of Stedman Caters.

**BEDMINSTER SURPRISE ROYAL**

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10ths place L.E. 1426385079. 4ths place bob.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Aidan.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*RODNEY A. YEATES .. Treble	*MICHAEL MAUGHAN .. .. 5
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 7
*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 4	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble	*BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 6
*PETER A. KIRKBY .. .. 3	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .. 4	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 6
*SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.  
\* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOAN BERESFORD .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
MARTIN F. LOCK .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 2	JOHN N. CHADDOCK .. 6
BRIAN HEPPENSTALL .. .. 3	NEIL DONOVAN .. .. 7
*SANDRA CROSSLEY .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.  
\* First peal on 'inside' bell.

A 21st birthday compliment to Michael and Andrew King, of Wentworth.

BICESTER, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edburgh.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. EVANS .. Treble	ERNEST G. JONES .. .. 5
JANE THURMOTT .. .. 2	JAMES LINNELL .. .. 6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 7
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.  
\* First peal.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Bicester Branch, O.D.G.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	*DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 4	MARTIN L. HOWE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Rung in memory of Tom Saunders.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 2	*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 6
GWILYM G. SALMON .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 7
*CECIL T. CLARKE .. .. 4	FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' † First of Stedman Triples.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 5
*HILARY F. MARTIN .. .. 2	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 6
ANDREW J. CORBY .. .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
ANN JENNER .. .. 4	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.  
\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY PAUL .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 4	PETER A. SHARP .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

ESHER, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

BRIAN J. BULL .. Treble	†ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. .. 5
*L. CAROLE ANDREWS .. 2	PAUL A. BRAND .. .. 6
*GERDA BARESEL .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 7
†PATRICIA ROGERS .. .. 4	DAVID C. BROOKES .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by DAVID C. BROOKES.  
\* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ 25th peal.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT .. .. 5
*STEPHEN F. HIGH .. .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 6
*NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Tenor

Composed by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

*JOAN SPREADBURY .. Treble	*RICHARD E. WATERS .. .. 5
PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
*LORNA E. SIMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4	*BRIAN A. ROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland. 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ALAN A. POTTS .. Treble	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
*HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	*J. DAVID ATKINSON .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (REV.). Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
\* First peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn.



OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM DIXON .. .. 5
JEFFREY P. COOPER .. .. 2	ALLAN WEAR .. .. 6
*JOHN A. SYKES .. .. 3	*C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. 7
*PETER FENNEY .. .. 4	*JOHN WEAVER .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.  
\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

*HERBERT LAWN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. .. 2	BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. .. 7
*HUGH DIMPSTER .. .. 4	JOHN AMBLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by ALEXANDER E. MARSH.  
\* First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since recasting in 1957.

PUTNEY, LONDON.  
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

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

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

MRS. O. L. ROGERS .. .. Treble	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 5
MOLLY E. POWELL .. .. 2	C. MONTAGUE MEYER .. .. 6
*ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
†VERONICA E. DUPRE .. .. 4	JOHN H. LOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.  
All the band are officers of the Association.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*†THOMAS E. SONE .. .. Treble	†DAVID S. OSENTON .. .. 5
*†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. .. 6
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. .. 7
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.  
\* 200th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ First in the method.  
First in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to Miss Carole Sone.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

ARTHUR C. BERRY .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 5
*IRENE ELLESMORE .. .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 6
IAN LLOYD .. .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 7
REV. ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 4	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal 'inside' on eight. † First on eight bells.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

KATHARINE M. GUY .. .. Treble	*RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 2	*ANDREW M. MAC'VE .. .. 6
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 3	*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. .. 7
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD G. CROSLAND. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge and Plain Bob and one each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent.

JOHN HAILLET .. .. Treble	SIMON HUMPHREY .. .. 4
JOHN C. SHONFELD .. .. 2	PETER WOOLLVEN .. .. 5
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. .. 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one extent each of Sandiacre, Carlisle, Cuncastre, London, Nether-seale, Lightfoot and York.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*IAN D. EDMUNDS .. .. Treble	E. MILLICENT P. LAWTON .. 4
HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 2	ANTHONY W. LAWTON .. .. 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON .. .. 3	PETER W. HORN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcoming compliment to the Rev. Alan Stent, M.A., the new incumbent.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*N. KENNETH WINSPEAR .. Treble	*JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE .. .. 2	*CLIVE G. BRYANT .. .. 5
*BERNARD D. SIMS .. .. 3	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR**

In three methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

*MICHAEL GARROD .. .. Treble	†RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

\* First peal. † 100th peal during 1963.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR**

In 12 methods, being (1) Single Court and Double Court, (2) D. Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Norwich Surprise, (6) Cambridge Surprise and (7) Combined Oxford and Kent.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 2	LESLIE BAILEY .. .. 5
HARRY TOOKE .. .. 3	PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

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## OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*JEFFREY S. SINGLETON .. Treble	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 4
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*BARRY THORP .. Treble	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 4
MARGARET WRIGHT .. 2	DARRYL GILLESPIE .. 5
*MICHAEL RIGBY .. 3	JEFFREY BRANNAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JEFFREY BRANNAN.

\* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison, ringers of St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, on December 22nd.

## FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent Treble Bob Minor and five Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER LOMAX .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 4
BERNARD MOSS .. 2	JEFFREY SAWYER .. 5
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

## EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2160's and one 720. Tenor 6 cwt.

JEFFREY S. SINGLETON .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAVID T. WILLIAMSON .. Treble	KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4
*SUSAN J. MOXON .. 2	MARY C. POYNTER .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HARRY POYNTER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNTER.

\* First peal.

## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE E. BONHAM .. Treble	PETER WOOLLVEN .. 4
JANE K. A. COOK .. 2	ALBERT J. DAVY .. 5
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung with best wishes for the future to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley (after nearly 18 years as Rector of this parish) and Mrs. Bagley and family, upon their removal to Ely.

## MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Canterbury, Reverse and Plain Bob, eight of St. Simon's and six of St. Martin's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	LESLIE BAILEY .. 3
HENRY TOOKE .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
*PETER ADCOCK .. 3	

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

\* 100th peal.

## SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of 25 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Carlisle, Munden, Chester; (2) London and Wells, (3) Westminster and Allendale, (4) Netherseale and Bourne, (5) Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull; with 86 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. Treble	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	*PETER WAKEFIELD .. 5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 3	GORDON W. LAND .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal in 25 methods.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Scholars' T.B. (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
*LAWRENCE R. PIZZE .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* Most methods to a peal.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JEFFREY S. SINGLETON .. Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

## DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	†ROGER W. SMITH .. 4
*RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	*ALAN A. PAUL .. 5
*†GEORGE F. ROOME .. 3	GRAHAM C. PAUL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

## FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. Treble	†KEITH D. WAPLES .. 4
PETER W. HARPER .. 2	WALTER AYRE .. 5
*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods. Rung half-muffled immediately following the funeral service for Mrs. C. Russell, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Russell, some time Vicar of this parish.

## FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 3 Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN .. 4
*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY, JUN. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
JAMES E. DICKINSON .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. METCALFE.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Garnett, inducted the previous day.



## KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

ANN P. ROBINSON .. .. .	Treble	JOHN G. CULL .. .. .	4
*SHEILA BROWN .. .. .	2	MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. .. .	5
†ROGER D. R. BROWN .. .. .	3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal. † First tower bell peal.

In memoriam J. Greenwood Comben, grandfather of J. G. Cull; died December 24th, 1963, aged 96 years.

## LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-cores.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
PETER O. JONES .. .. .	Treble
NICHOLAS J. LUPINI .. .. .	2
NORMA C. COOM .. .. .	3
F. JOHN KEDDIE .. .. .	4
JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. .. .	5
R. JOHN BECKETT .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. WILLIAMS.

First peal for all except conductor.

## WALKINGTON, EAST YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being 42 extents (four different callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

JOHN A. WATERWORTH .. .. .	Treble	JOAN GRAY .. .. .	4
EILEEN M. HAYNES .. .. .	2	SHIRLEY J. WIGHT .. .. .	5
PATRICIA A. TEAL .. .. .	3	NORMAN W. CASTLE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by EILEEN M. HAYNES.

First attempted peal by all. First on the bells.

All from the tower's own band.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1963, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 50 methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Nelson Treble Bob, Knutsford, Rotherne, Bokedone, Wilmslow, Skip-ton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral and Ely Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (2) Burton, Rochester, Morning Star and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Merton and Disley Delight, Sandal, London Scholars', Kings-ton, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donotter Delight; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Westminster and Allendale Surpise; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne and Hull Surprise; with 152 changes of method, and a plain lead of each included.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The greatest number of Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

## STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

At 33, BRIDGE END ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

\*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5-6

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 50th peal together.

This is a one-part composition with the tenors the right way throughout.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester 1, M. C. Garrod (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. For the carol service.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Staley 1, Ruth Watson (first 'inside') 2, A. Sellers 3, Enid Watson 4, Sheila Staley 5, G. Watson (cond.) 6.

**CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Crossley (first quarter) 1, J. W. Williams 2, Gill D'Aeth 3, J. D. Mack (cond.) 4, A. R. Williams 5, D. A. Wills 6.

**COPE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Kentish Delight Minor: Miss V. Rix 1, B. B. Hullah 2, A. M. Barber 3, M. Major 4, G. B. Thompson 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

**ELLAND, YORKS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, P. Birkett 2, Miss C. Linfoot 3, A. Rogers 4, E. Lord (first quarter) 5, V. Nutton (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to David Smith and Arlene Flather.

**GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Sturgess 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. First in four methods for all the band.

**GT. GRANSDEN, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Verna Rix 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, G. E. Bonham 4, P. Woolven 5, P. Meheg (cond.) 6.

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 North-umberland Surprise Minor: Celia Harris 1, Valerie Lacey 2, Judy Exon 3, D. Swift 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,320 Primrose Surprise Minor: T. Harris (cond.) 1, Valerie Lacey 2, Celia Harris 3, C. Woods 4, R. Carter 5, D. Swift 6.

**HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ernest Penney (first quarter, age 13): J. Durston 2, M. Hawkins (cond.) 3, H. Hawkins 4, R. Hawkins 5, E. Green (first quarter) 6.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Plain Bob): R. J. Fuller 1, B. B. Hullah 2, A. M. Barber (cond.) 3, G. B. Thompson 4, M. Major 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. For parish Com-munion.

**HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Andrews 1, Ruth Gay (first 'inside') 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Heymann 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Challoner 1, R. Larkin 2, R. Blackshaw and J. Dowse 3, G. Dawson 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and M. W. Harrison. For carol service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,440 Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, J. Douse 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5, D. Barker 6. Conducted by J. Douse and R. Marsh. A welcome to 1964.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, N. D. Kirk (first of Grandsire 'inside') 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss T. E. Staples—local tower captain. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): G. Alcock (first on a moving bell) 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, A. Georgetta Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Christmas.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jill Cook 1, J. Young 2, P. R. Dean 3, E. G. Silvey 4, Evelyn Mead 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Aldate, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss G. Gray 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. J. Banks who is shortly to take up the incumbency of Orlerton, Notts.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Sagers 1, D. Athfield (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Bull 3, G. Charlton 4, G. West 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Sagers 1, C. H. Cook 2, W. Dunn 3, A. J. Bull 4, K. Game 5, D. West 6, A. P. Cannon 7, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1, 2 and 6.

**RIDLINGTON, RUTLAND.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Ann Sadler (first quarter) 1, D. McDonald 2, F. Mitchell 3, C. Hudson (cond.) 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. For carol service.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Christmas Day, 720 Ipswich and 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. E. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, E. Nice 4, L. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

**SARRATT, HERTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, D. Wilson 2, J. Chilton 3, K. Cowan 4, C. Alban (first as cond.) 5.

**SHEDFIELD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. C. Holland 1, D. J. Forder (cond.) 2, P. Page 3, Betty J. Daysh 4, D. B. Brown 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, A. R. Carter 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. War-wick (cond.) 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, M. G. Wood 7, N. R. May 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June E. Wood 1, Carol I. V. Corton (first as cond.) 2, B. G. Warwick 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**TWEEKESBURY, GLOUCS.**—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Broxton 1, Nadine Price 2, J. Attwood (jun.) 3, I. Goulter 4, A. Halling 5, J. Attwood (sen.) 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, A. Halling 8. First of Triples 'inside' 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled before Evensong in memory of Canon Brian Purefoy, vicar of Tewkesbury for 21 years, who died on Dec. 13th.

**WANDSWORTH, S.W.**—At the Parish Church of All Saints, on Jan. 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pratt (first of Minor and of Plain Bob) 1, R. J. Cooles 2, D. Tipler (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Rev. A. E. Clayton 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. J. Uphill 6. Rung for Epiphany. Fastest quarter on the bells (39 minutes) and believed to be the first of Minor on them.

**WARWICK.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Smallwood 1, E. Gower 2, Miss S. Smith 3, Miss C. Smith 4, Miss J. Browne 5, E. Holdsworth 6, R. Randle 7, J. I. Garner-Hayward (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong.

**WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Smith 1, J. Plummer 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, F. Gilbert 4, A. Millam 5, R. Gilbert 6. For Confirmation.

**WOLLATON, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,296 Cam-bridge Surprise Minor: S. Poppleston 1, J. Shon-feld 2, R. A. G. Benfield (first of Surprise Minor as cond.) 3, M. Poppleston 4, S. Humphrey 5, P. Humphrey 6. First of Surprise for all except the conductor. In memory of President Kennedy.



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FRANKS—GRANT.—The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Franks, of Radlett, Herts. and Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Grant, of St. Albans, Herts. 4018

### MARRIAGE

SMITH—FLATHER.—On Saturday, January 4th, 1964, by the Rev. J. F. Walker, David, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. J. Smith, of Elland, to Ailene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Flather, of Halifax.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JOHNSON.—The address of Christopher M. P. Johnson is now 54, Gough Way, Cambridge.

### PERSONAL

'Be of the same mind one toward another... Be not wise in your own conceits.' (Romans xii, 16.)

Miss E. Steel wishes to thank all her many ringing friends who visited her in hospital, wrote letters and sent cards, fruit, chocolates, eggs (not Lion!) and flowers to cheer her up. She cannot thank everyone separately and hopes that all read the 'R.W.' and will realise how much she appreciates their kindness. She is now at home and gets about on two sticks, and hopes to be ringing again soon. 4007

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### MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Official Notice.—A General Committee meeting will be held in Holy Trinity, Guildford, vestry on Saturday, February 8th, at 3 p.m.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 4005

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1964.—Thanks to the assistance of all purchasers of the Diary we are now permitted to insert the usual notice saying SOLD OUT.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson. 3995

TAMWORTH.—The 10 bells at St. Edith's Church, Tamworth, are again available for limited ringing.—H. J. Dakin, Tower Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—The Rag Week tour will be held in North Wales on February 14th and 15th. Details available from C. Bainham, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cards. 3968

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—Revised practice arrangements from February 1st: Wednesdays (7.30-9 p.m.), special practice on third Saturday of each month (6-8 p.m.). Visitors most welcome.—D. E. Cobb. 3987

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS TO ALL SECRETARIES OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

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E. A. BARNETT,  
Hon. Secretary.

### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3934

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, January 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 4020

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at the Queen of Hearts. Notifications for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham Surrey.—D. P. Elmore, Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, 23, Highridge Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name no tea. 3966

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham. 3965

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 25th. Bells: 3 to 4 p.m., St. John's, Waterloo; 3 to 4.30 St. Clement Danes', Strand. Service 4.45 p.m., St. Clement Danes'. Tea 5.30 p.m.—'The George'. Strand, followed by business meeting, handbell contest and social evening. Names for tea essential to Miss Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Kelvin 2390. Tickets for the dinner, on Saturday, February 29th, at 'The Alexandra Hotel', Clapham Common, will be available, price 16s.—Sec. 3970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting at Bray, Saturday, Jan. 25th. 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m. Names please to Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3893

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Roome, 36, Fairway, Kingsley Road, Northampton. 3931

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Dundee on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing from 2.15 p.m., both towers will be available in turn during the afternoon. Bring your own torches. 4014

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Upton Church Hall, Torquay, Saturday, January 25th. Tea and bells available afterwards. Numbers for tea to B. E. Bartlett, 17, Ash Hill Road, Torquay. 3924

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell (10), Saturday, January 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Sloman, 26, Ennismore Gardens, Southend-on-Sea. 3924

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting changed to Hoec and Westham on January 25th. Hoec (5) 3 till 4.30 p.m. Westham (6) 6 till 8 p.m. Tea (Westham) 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. R. Fuller, 'Droslyn', High Street, Westham, Pevensey.—I. Smith, Sec. 3971

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dinner Day, January 25th  
Stoke Bishop will not be available for ringing as announced. 4000

### BACK NUMBERS

'The Ringing World' has received a very generous gift of back numbers dating from 1919 to 1959. While some are brown with the passing of years, the majority are clean and serviceable. We propose to offer these to readers who want to complete their files. The charge will be 8d. per copy post free.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' bells available. Names for tea to J. Cheringman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 3962

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The ringing practice for Tuesday, January 28th, will now be at Southwark Cathedral commencing 6.30 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3964

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Aldershot, January 28th at 7.45-9 p.m. 4017

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meetings will now take place on a week-day evening, during the last week of the month. The first will be on Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Ambrose's. Bells (8) available from 7.30-9 p.m. Please make these practice meetings a success.—J. Jefferies, Branch Sec. 4004

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Special methods: College Exercise and Plain Bob.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 3976

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham on Saturday, February 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley', Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich.—R. W. Worrall, Hon. Sec. 3990

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Snitterfield, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 30th to I. C. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. 3997

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 1st. St. George's, Jesmond. 2.30 p.m. start. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Bolton, 19, Osborne Road, Newcastle on Tyne. 2. 4016

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, February 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—R. J. Palmer. 4001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting, ASHTEAD (not Leatherhead), on Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashstead, Surrey. 3961

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3-4.15 p.m. Service, St. Leonard's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Leonard's, after business meeting. 4009

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford on Saturday, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Smith, 131, Hampermill Lane, Oxhey, Watford.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 4006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, February 1st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. James, Greycroft, Melling Road, Hornby, Lancaster.—P. Handley. 4013

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, February 1st, at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock.—D. R. Jones, Sec. 3977



**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Surprise Major practice, Caerleon, February 1st, 2 p.m. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire.—W. Thompsett, 'Honeymeade,' Malpas, Newport. 3988

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting will be held at Newhall, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m.—J. Cotton. 4010

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bucknall (6), on Saturday, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Grocott, School House, Arbourfield Drive, Berry Hill, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, by Tuesday, January 28th. No name no tea. A good attendance, please.—G. C. Beech, Hon. Sec. 3992

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Diss. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special welcome to members of Suffolk Guild. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 29th, to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3937

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Stony Stratford, Saturday, February 1st. Bells (8) from 6 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 4008

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 8 p.m., in Jesus College. Tickets, price £1, and ringing details from J. W. Thorp, St. John's College, Oxford. 3935

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, February 1st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4012

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 1st. St. Mary's, Peterborough. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St. John's (8) and St. Mary's. Names for tea by Wednesday, 29th, to R. H. Daw, 37, Elmfield Road, Peterborough. 3998

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Holt (6), Saturday, February 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3981

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, February 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3998

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Wentworth, Saturday, February 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Mr. Andrew King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by January 29th.—J. Seager. 3993

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner, February 1st, at Church House, Westminster. Tickets, one guinea, available. Ringing arrangements: St. James', Clerkenwell, 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 1-2: St. Giles', Cripple-gate, 2.15-3.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 4-5.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 5-6 p.m.—F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 4011

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 1st. Bulwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by the previous Wednesday. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3972

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 1st, at Horsham (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 29th, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. 3983

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 1st, St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester. 2.30 p.m. Tea 4. Service in Cathedral 5.15 Bells (12) 6 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 27th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 3994

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 1st, at Christchurch. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Sopley bells (6) may be available in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 3995

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), Saturday, February 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening, 6-8.30. Names for tea by February 5th to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 3991

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colleigh on February 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names for tea by 5th to Mr. W. Sparkes, Burnside, Colleigh, Honiton. Phile Wilmington 200.—W. Webb, Sec. 3975

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting in Loughborough District, February 8th. Bells available: Castle Donington (6), 2-2.45 p.m.; Diseworth (6), 2.30-3.15; Kegworth (8), 3-3.45 (subject to floor being safe); Shepshed (8), 3-4; Hathern (6), 3.30-4.15; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3-4.25; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30-8.30. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m. Adults 3s., juniors 2s. Names for tea to Miss G. Doggett, 8, Albert Place, Loughborough, Leics, by February 5th. All nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be made by this meeting.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4015

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Yarmouth, February 8th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by February 5th certain to Mr. P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 3979

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 8th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Babworth (6) available afternoon and evening. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in Ebsworth Hall. Names for tea by 4th to Mr. W. Coates, 'Glenville,' Strawberry Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 3995

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Sprotborough, February 15th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4003

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Committee meeting, Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, February 22nd, at 3 p.m., in St. Anne's Parish Church School Room. Tea 4.45 p.m. at 4s. 6d. per head. Names to Mr. H. R. Preston, 75, Curzon Road, Lytham St. Anne's, together with money, by Friday February 14th. Bells available: St. Anne's (8) from 2 to 3 and at 6 p.m. and Lytham Parish Church (St. Cuthbert's) (8) from 12.30 to 2 p.m. 3978

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Penarth on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by February 3rd to W. J. Goodfellow, 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 3989

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Bragg 1, D. Elsmore 2, A. Elsmore 3, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell (first quarter of Stedman) 4, W. H. Viggers 5, T. Page 6, G. K. Williamson (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Bragg 8. For Evensong.

**EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Peaston (first quarter) 1, C. Bennett 2, G. Skelly 3, V. James 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, C. Coombs 6.

**GRANBY, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan N. Challinor 1, R. Marsh 2, S. Jane Dowse 3, C. R. Larkin 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, A. Morris 6.

**LEIGH, LANCs.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandire): P. Gregory (first quarter) 1, Margaret E. Fort 2, D. Bennett (first of Doubles) 3, D. Burgess 4, J. Ashcroft 5, W. Davies 6. For Evensong.

**NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: Rev. A. E. Clayton 1, Yvonne Edwards 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows 6, G. Westwood 7, Molly Tromans 8.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): N. Watson 1, E. G. H. Maynard 2, Miss B. Syrett 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Hines 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. G. Driver 8. Rung for the Institution and Induction of the new Rector, Rev. J. T. W. Pyches.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.**—At All Saints', on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: K. P. Sissons 1, P. Copley (first in method) 2, Miss D. M. Blow 3, C. B. Dove (cond.) 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts 6, J. Weaver 7, P. Fenney 8.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Goodliffe 1, G. Skelly 2, V. James 3, B. Goodliffe 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, A. Saye 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Brake.

**ROCHESTER, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. W. Gander 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, Miss G. F. Parkes 3, M. F. Layton 4, B. F. Baker 5, D. S. Osenton 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, L. Crouch 8, R. E. Norris 9, C. T. Osenton 10. Rung in honour of the christening of Jacqueline Elizabeth Layton, daughter of Michael F. Layton and Mrs. Layton at the Cathedral.

**ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Margaret Weston (first quarter) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss K. A. Rivett 1, S. J. Wooler (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, J. W. Thorp 3, R. F. Law 4, M. J. Marriott 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6. Rung after a peal attempt was lost.

**SHELEY, YORKS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Tarbatt 1, H. Burton (first of Treble Bob Minor) 2, Miss S. Peace 3, Miss E. Peace (cond.) 4, A. Dunnbirch 5, B. Hepponstall 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—In the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): P. L. Bill 1-2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4, M. D. Fellows 5-6.

**STOCKBURY, KENT.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Croal 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal 3, S. Rayfield 4, A. J. Dunk (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to the conductor, Miss C. Major, Miss D. Southam and Mr. T. Wickins (21st).

**WICKEN, NORTHAMTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, B. Eglesfield 3, E. Evans 4, J. Chance 5, M. Hooton 6, T. Roberts 7, G. Foddy 8. First of Stedman 3 and 4.

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