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PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF RINGING

By GILES B. THOMPSON

THERE are many misconceptions over the practical skills in ringing. A bell is hung in such a way that its potential energy when raised and just displaced from the balance is sufficient to get it up to the balance on the other side; this ignores the bearing friction and that due to ropes, pulleys, etc., which may be relatively great in certain cases. Thus all the 'effort' needed in ringing is that to overcome the frictional forces alluded to above, to keep the rope in a state of tension so as to have a better control of the succeeding stroke, and to manipulate the bell beyond the point of balance. The best part of the stroke to supply any extra force is at the end of the downward pull. To facilitate this, should it be necessary, it is best to keep the hands and arms as close to the body as possible, thus moving the rope parallel to the body.

Bells that go badly for such reasons as loose headstocks, wheels, bad bearings, etc., obviously require a certain amount of 'lugging around' and the greater amount of effort needed to ring them should be supplied by using the back and shoulders; beyond this the body-weight may be used in whole or part by dropping at the knees rather than bending the waist. The best way to learn is by watching good, graceful ringers in action.

The varying weights of bells demand differences in style for success. Many people fondly imagine that a man six feet tall, three feet broad and 15 stone in weight is *ipso facto* a good man for the back end. This fallacy is quickly exploded if one considers the correlation between physical size and useful effect among generally acclaimed heavy-bell ringers; indeed great size is often a disadvantage in today's vogue for quicker ringing.

The heavier a bell the less is its rope friction in comparison with its weight, and thus the more they are able to 'ring themselves.' Skill is more important than strength in this branch of ringing, as in so many things, since the heavier bells should set the speed and provide the beat.

Light bells, particularly in higher numbers, are another special skill field, as the shorter period of rotation necessitates them being held up on the balance for comparatively long periods. It is essential to ring them to the balance quite accurately as over-pulling may result in them bouncing off the slider and under-pulling will prevent them reaching the balance. This is a more delicate skill than in ringing heavy bells and requires a sounder judgment of accuracy in striking by ear; the slower the ringing the more this is so. (In fact, one wonders whether some bands persist in slow ringing because they wish to show how well their front-enders can strike!) Complaints about ringing too quickly are at times heard from members of the 'slow' school. Surely, if the front-enders are not really capable of striking properly at a slower speed then it is better to accelerate to a speed in which they can stroke comfortably. After all, ringing can be speeded up quite considerably without discomfort to the back-end and

with little loss of accuracy in the striking as the back-end is only limited by the period of the tenor's rotation.

Two words in the previous paragraph are among the most important in the whole of ringing: **by ear**. Ringing is an activity producing an aural result and its effect can only be judged by the ear. Thus 90 per cent of our sensory checking of ringing accuracy should be by the ear, the eye serving only as the crudest judge and for checking others and in conducting. People with exceptional talent are able to check everything in ringing by ear alone.

A good style in ringing is not only desirable to prevent the distraction of others by antics, but to ring the bell in the most efficient way. This will avoid wasting useful energy or getting unduly tired or cramped when ringing for longish periods. Make full use of the arms, and the shoulders and back when needed, but save the use of the body-weight as a final resort in cases of tiredness.

The variations from normal which take place during method ringing are required in order to move the bell up or down one place rather than leaving it in the same position as is the case in round ringing. How often does the rhythm break when a band goes off into changes? Usually the slowing down that occurs is due to the second ringer not* pushing the handstroke out into first place:

12345678
21436587
24163857
42618375

etc.

and the even bells drifting to the lead causing the odd bells to hold up too much. Of course if this is pointed out the opposite state of affairs will often obtain and is possibly worse:

12345678
2 1436587
2 4163857

etc.

When going up it is necessary* to ring **slightly** over the balance; and when coming down, **slightly** under.

Beware of getting a bell too far below the balance when coming down to the lead, and being unable to turn it away from the lead and getting into the back of the previous change. Similarly do not over-emphasise the cutting and holding when dodging. If a backstroke is cut too low when dodging up in even-bell methods (handstroke in odd-) it is often the case that a strong pull is given which over-compensates for the drop resulting in the following stroke being too high. The opposite case of this is doing nothing at all about a dodge and staying four blows in 3's place—halfway between the limits of a 3-4 dodge!

* Advisable rather than necessary, since the effect can be achieved by holding the bell on the balance.

Diocesan Cross passes through Suffolk

To mark the jubilee of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich a special cross and arrows is passing from parish to parish and will arrive at Bury St. Edmunds in June.

The cross, the gift of the Readers of the Diocese, was designed by Mr. Jack Penton, a Suffolk artist, and was made entirely by Suffolk craftsmen. The silver cross rises through a gilt crown, bearing four gilt balls pierced with arrows—commemorating the martyrdom of King Edmund. The ebony staff is inlaid with silver fillets bearing the names of every parish in the diocese. The whole is surmounted by the Star of Bethlehem. Altogether a very beautiful and impressive piece of work.

During the progress around the diocese the cross and arrows spent some three months in the area covered by the South-Eastern District of the Suffolk Guild. A special effort was made by the ringers in the district to make sure that all the bells in the district were rung on the actual day that the progress visited the parishes. Of the 26 usable rings in the District, 16 were rung to quarter peals. Special ringing was arranged at Bredfield, Woodbridge, Otley and Hasketon as well. Special ringing at Copdock was cancelled at the last minute because of heavy fog.

The 16 quarter peals were rung by a grand total of 51 ringers. Of the quarter peals worth special mention those at Grundisburgh, Tuddenham, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, St. Matthew's, Ipswich, and Rushmere St. Andrew and Offton were rung by the local bands. Two youngsters rang their first quarters. Neville Whittell took part in nine of the quarter peals.

H. W. E.

THE QUARTER PEALS

HIINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1963, 1.440 London Surprise Minor: R. W. Stewart 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, N. F. Whittell 3, R. Kersey 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 29th, 1963, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, P. May 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, N. F. Whittell 4, A. R. Bridges 5, R. W. Stewart (cond.) 6.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1964, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, K. W. Whittell 3, P. Harris 4, A. T. Beckwith 5, L. H. Pizze 6, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 7, N. F. Whittell 8.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 17th, 1964, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Mrs. B. Downing 3, G. W. Pipe 4, Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, F. J. Crapnell 8.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1964, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Dilly (first quarter) 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, J. W. Crapnell 3, R. G. Crooks 4, C. W. J. Woodard 5, J. L. Girt (first quarter as cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary-Le-Tower, on Jan. 23rd, 1964, 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: M. C. Garrod 1, G. R. Goodship 2, G. E. Symonds 3, P. May 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, A. R. Bridges 6, N. F. Whittell 7, J. B. Morley (cond.) 8, A. T. Beckwith 9, L. N. Melton 10.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's on Jan. 29th, 1964, 1.260 Minor (720 London, 540 Plain Bob): P. J. Harris 1, Mrs. P. J. Harris 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell 4, J. B. Morley 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb. 2nd, 1964, 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. G. Bloomfield 2, A. R. Bridges 3, J. B. Morley (cond.) 4, J. R. Munnings 5, K. W. Whittell 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, C. Woodard 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's, on Feb. 7th, 1964, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Taylor 1, R. C. Kersey 2, Mrs. P. J. Harris 3, P. J. Harris 4, G. Leach 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1964, 1.296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. J. Nunn 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, D. H. P. Buxton 3, C. J. Woodard 4, J. L. Girt 5, J. W. Crapnell (first in method as cond.) 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1964, 1.296 Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge and Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 1, R. E. Lester 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, N. F. Whittell 4, A. T. Beckwith 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1964, 1.440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Minns 1, Miss S. L. Goodship 2, E. Lockwood 3, Mrs. W. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On March 1st, 1964, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Groom (first quarter) 1, H. W. Egglestone 2, Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 3, N. F. Whittell 4, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 5, S. Bloomfield 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On March 1st, 1964, 1.280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 1, R. C. Kersey 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, R. E. Lester 4, A. T. Beckwith 5, N. F. Whittell 6, S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.—On March 21st, 1964, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: A. Munnings 1, R. C. Kersey 2, J. R. Munnings 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, Miss A. E. J. Lester 5, K. W. Whittell 6, N. F. Whittell 7, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 8.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 26th, 1964, 1.296 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 576 Cambridge): A. T. Beckwith 1, F. Shaw 2, N. F. Whittell 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, E. Steward 6.

PAMBER PRIORY DEFIES ALLCOMERS

Since writing the first account of the ringing of the four bells hung in the Priory Church at Pamber, near Basingstoke, a number of visiting bands have tried their hands at ringing on these bells, the claim made by the writer as having the longest free draught in the country having been confirmed by two of the visitors with over 2,000 towers to their credit.

The bells were rung for service shortly after they were reopened by a mixed band from Thatcham and Highclere. Ringing consisted of chiming and ringing them halfway up in peal. The Rector, in his sermon, made a special point of thanking the team for their interest in the bells.

A week or so later a band from Thatcham and Newbury spent a full evening changing two of the old ropes for specially spliced ones, which made the bells easier to handle, but even so a dozen whole pulls were all that was managed before the bells either went over or came down.

The next band, mainly from London, including the tenor king, Mr. Pat Cannon, who had come specially to turn the tenor into Minimus, were no more successful, rounds on four being all that was achieved before a couple of bells going over completed the effort.

Another party, also from the London area, fared no better, whilst local ringers from Longparish had difficulty in raising the bells and had to be satisfied with ringing them halfway up.

A local party from Kingsclere finally rang the longest length of rounds at the third attempt on March 21st. The first resulted in a broken rope, the second in a bell going over, and at the third 21 full pulls in rounds with all the bells striking correctly and a further 30 of uneven rounds was the longest the bells have been rung by any visiting band.

The writer challenges any band to ring proper changes on these bells, in fact the first band successfully to ring a plain course of Minimus, he will buy them beer all round.

G. I.

LONG LENGTH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—I give notice that on Saturday, April 11th, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, the University of Bristol will attempt to ring a peal of 24,119 Grandsire Caters, starting at 8 a.m. The conductor will be Tudor P. Edwards, and the composition by Albert M. Tyler is appended.—Yours sincerely, PATRICK J. BIRD.

Kingswood, Bristol.

24,119 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By ALBERT M. TYLER

23456789	1	3	4	34295678		
32456987				24536978	1	4
25436	2	3	4	45236	'A'	
42536	1	2	3	54236879	1	3
64235	1	2	3S	42536	'A'	
23495678			3S	52643	IS	4
				26543	'A'	
52394	1	2	3S	62543978	1	3
45293	1	2	3S	25643	'A'	
34592	1	2	3S	65324	IS	4
53492	1	2	3	53624	'A'	
25394	1	2	3S	35624879	1	3
				56324	'A'	
42593	1	2	3S	36452	IS	4
54293	1	2	3	64352	'A'	
25493	1	2	3	46352978	1	3
32594	1	2	3S	63452	'A'	
				43265	IS	4
43295	1	2	3S	32465	'A'	
24395	1	2	3	23465879	1	3
32495	1	2	3	34265	'A'	
53294	1	2	3S			
45392	1	2	3S			
24593	1	2	3S			
52493	1	2	3			
35294	1	2	3S			
43592	1	2	3S			
54392	1	2	3			
35492	1	2	3			
23594	1	2	3S			
42395	1	2	3S			
34295	1	2	3			

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Conductors' Practice

On February 29th the St. Albans District held the first of its special conductors' practices at St. Stephen's, St. Albans. About 15 young people, mostly in their teens, attended and everybody called at least one touch, several for the very first time, of either Plain Bob or Grandsire. The more advanced had the bells 'mixed up' for them and they then had to call them round. It was thought unfair to burden the District Ringing Master with any out of course meetings so Mr. R. D. R. Brown was Ringing Master for the evening.

VISIT TO COVENTRY

The St. Albans District went by coach to Coventry to see the new Cathedral for their third annual Lent outing. Those who felt that they should be able to read an easy message in everything were not very pleased but those with more open minds were thrilled, chiefly by the boldness of the church and its adornments. We stayed to Evensong but the service was rather a disappointment as participation by the congregation was kept to an absolute minimum.

Before returning home we rang on Stoke St. Michael's pleasant fast-going eight. At Harpenden, where Mrs. Coburn, the secretary and organiser, left the coach, Chris Rimmer made a valiant and fairly successful effort to gain everybody's attention for a vote of thanks.

J. D. C.

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The Ten to represent English Ringing at Washington



The band selected to ring on Ascension Day at Washington when the Gloria in Excelsior tower is dedicated, photographed outside Westminster Abbey. From left to right Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton (Wakefield Cathedral), Frank Price (Crowthorne, Berks, previously in America with Groton School), Harold Pitstow (Westminster Abbey), Harry Parkes (Sittingbourne, gave Washington ringers first lessons), John Chilcott (St. Paul's Cathedral, London), John Freeman (Lincoln Cathedral, vice-president Central Council), Norman Chaddock, Rotherham, convenor Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee, Central Council), George E. Fearn (Birmingham Cathedral), Peter Staniforth (Leicester Cathedral), George Pipe (convenor of Overseas Committee, Central Council, formerly Melbourne Cathedral).

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Appropriately, the East Grinstead and District Guild held its annual meeting on March 14th at Coleman's Hatch, where the Guild president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, is Vicar. He conducted the service which followed the afternoon's ringing, and the recently-elected vice-president (Canon T. F. C. Bewes, of SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge) read the lesson.

Tea was taken in Church House with over 70 sitting down to an excellent meal prepared by Mr. J. Ryman and his helpers. An interlude was provided by a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, before the business meeting was held.

During the year the Guild visited Leigh and Tonbridge (23 attending), Coleman's Hatch (50), Oxted and Limpsfield (13), Cowfold and Lower Beeding (14), Fletching (15), Brasted and Sundridge (33), Nutfield and Godstone (29), Horsham (38), Horsted Parva and Maresfield (31). The route for the annual outing was chosen and will be held in October.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. J. R. Missen; chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey; vice-chairman, Mr. J. E. Warner; secretary, Miss Margaret A. Ladd; treasurer, Mr. C. W. Hancock; Central Council representative, Mr. E. J. Ladd; committee, Mr. G. Fry, Mrs. Ann Jenner and Mr. S. Jenner.

The chairman congratulated members on their attendance at meetings during the past year and especially at this annual meeting, with the highest attendance since the founding of the Guild in 1927. He commented on the number of younger people who were supporting the Guild each month. Over all, it had been a very encouraging year. Ringing continued at Coleman's Hatch and Witherham until 9 p.m.

M. A. L.

NEARLY £450 RAISED FOR WASHINGTON VISIT

Mr. Douglas Hughes writes on behalf of Dean Sayre to express grateful thanks to all those ringers who, individually and in groups, have contributed so generously to the fund and thus helped to secure the success of the visit of 10 English ringers to Washington to ring for the opening of the Gloria in Excelsior tower in the American Cathedral.

Nearly £450 has been raised here, enough to cover three return air fares, and this, Mr. Hughes feels, is a worthwhile contribution. The remainder has been found among friends and well wishers in the United States.

The heartening theme throughout has been the universal expression of goodwill in the letters from donors both to the band and to the work they will do during their short stay.

They leave on Saturday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m., and their itinerary commences immediately upon their arrival at Washington.

An intensive training programme for the resident ringers is being prepared and this will occupy much of the time. The band leaves Washington on Saturday, May 9th, in the evening, and returns via Boston, Mass., where they hope to stop and ring at Groton School on the Sunday.

They will arrive back in London early in the morning on Monday, May 11th.

50 YEARS AGO

'THE RINGING WORLD,' APRIL 10th, 1914
Bomb at St. Martin's. — The famous Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, well known to ringers on account of its ring of 12 bells, was seriously damaged on Sunday night by the explosion of a bomb, attributed to the militant suffragettes.

LONG LENGTH LOST AT BIRMINGHAM

The attempt to ring 16,368 changes of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Easter Monday, March 30th, 1964, regrettably failed after approximately 10,700 changes in 7 hours 39 minutes. The band assembled at the Cathedral at 8.40 a.m. and were welcomed by the Provost and Mr. George Fearn.

Several Birmingham ringers and many from other parts of the county were also there to wish the band success. After three 'false starts,' due to the rope of the second slipping wheel, a fresh rope fitted and part of the stay of the second removed, the bells went into changes at 9.28 a.m.

The ringing was excellent for most of the attempt, a rather slow rate of striking (by Birmingham standards) of 22½ minutes per course, or 3 hrs. 45 minutes for a normal peal, was maintained throughout. Several visitors, including Mr. Walter Judge, from Oxford, and Mr. Roger Fry, came to listen to the ringing during the day.

Each course was carefully checked and timed by the umpire, and all went well until 5.07 p.m. Suddenly the tenor rope slipped wheel, which made it impossible to control the bell and brought an abrupt end to a very creditable performance. The bells were stood up at 5.07 p.m.

I am sure the band are not disheartened by this unfortunate end to a very gallant attempt, and that another attempt may be arranged later in the year.

JOHN A. ACRES.
(Umpire.)

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Letters to the Editor

First to Ring for Royal Birth

Dear Sir.—The ringers of the village Church of St. Peter, Welford-on-Avon, have again claimed to be the first to ring the bells on the birth of a royal baby.

Ten minutes after the B.B.C. announcement of the birth of the new prince, the bells rang out heralding the news; this is the fourth time, previous occasions being for the Prince of Wales, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew.

Is there any other tower claiming this record?—Yours faithfully,

D. HUGHES.

Welford-on-Avon.

Methods Identified

Dear Sir.—Regarding the peal of Doubles at Loughborough on January 31st, the methods as rung by the Peterborough Guild are as follows:

A is Rushall, B is All Saints, C is Marchington, D is Litchurch, E is Thurlby, G is St. Blaise.

St. David is Reverse Canterbury with an Antelope single as a bob, St. George is Winchendon Place with a half lead of Original as a bob and Old bob as a single.—Yours faithfully,

PETERBOROUGH GUILD MEMBER.

Plain Bob Doubles Family

Dear Sir.—Plain Bob Doubles rung with an Antelope single was rung to a handbell peal in 1961, as Litchurch Doubles. St. David's Doubles is Reverse Canterbury with Antelope singles. This also has been rung to a complete peal. There are also the following variations using Antelope singles.

Plain course method Variation

St. Simon	Doveridge
St. Martin	Elton
St. Nicholas	Winster
Winchendon	Chelmorton
St. Remigius	Heath
St. Osmund	Shirland
Shipway's Pl.	Plesley

The following are also variations not yet published.

Plain Course Method

Call	St. Remigius	St. Osmund	Shipway's Pl
Plain Bob			
Bob	Ch. Greasley	St. Osmund	Shipway's Pl
Old Bob			
Single	Ault Hucknall	Pentrich	Brailsford
Rev. Cant.			
Bob	St. Remigius	Foremark	Longford
Grandsire			
Single	Horsley	Muggington	St. Alkmund
Grandsire			
Extreme	Osmaston	S. Werburgh	Lathkill

—Yours sincerely,

DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Derby.

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Another 'Bellringer' for America

Dear Sir.—As one who has had the good fortune to be invited to go to Washington I am loth to enter into correspondence on the question of the choice of the band.

However, I think it is regrettable that it should have been left to a Lincolnshire local newspaper to disclose to the Exercise the identity of an 11th 'bellringer,' details of whom are given in the enclosed cutting.

All I can say, after reading it, is 'What a full life some bellringers lead!'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN FREEMAN.

Lincoln.

Note.—The newspaper cutting refers to 'Black Bellringer' of Thorn, stock bull in Osmond and Sons Ltd.'s Barnoldby herd, Grimsby, having been sold for export to the United States. This famous Aberdeen Angus bull was sold by his Perthshire breeder, Mr. Alan H. B. Grant, for 17,000 guineas. 'Black Bellringer' leaves early in June.

Tenor Ringers

Dear Sir.—I would like to answer Mr. Robert C. Kippin with a few statistics and so let him judge for himself (letter, page 204). I weigh 13 stone, height 5ft. 9in., chest (normal) 42½in, age 7. I have rung tenor bells of various weights, ranging from the six cwt. tenor at St. Mary's, Carlton, to the 41 cwt. 1 ur. 20 lb. tenor of St. John's, Beverley.

The letter of Mr. David C. Brookes, of Putney, was a real tonic. I have never been bitten yet and, without boasting, but by the grace of God, I have had the great privilege of ringing the tenor in many ringing contests for various bands.

The last contest I rang in was the Barnsley and District Association Open Shield Contest held at Wortley on June 8th, 1963. By the way, I rang the tenor for the winning band, the test being 720 changes: we rang Oxford.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MANN.

Silkstone, near Barnsley.

Brotherhood of Ringers

Dear Sir.—'Ringing is a great joy and a service to the Church of which one can be justly proud' (Donald A. Franks, 'R.W.' page 188, 1963).

'Ringers are now recognised as office bearers in the church, and their work is more clearly seen as an offering of praise to God. Their hobby... is no less dedicated to the worship of the Creator...' (Edgar C. Shepherd, 'R.W.' page 305).

'...give credit to brilliant youngsters' (peal at St. Neots) (E. Jobling, page 437).

'...generosity... was a true act of Christian friendship towards a fellow bellringer' (C. Pluckrose, page 645).

'...may the bells give pleasure to the ringer' (page 691, Rev. F. F. Rigby).

These quotations are not taken from old 'Bell News' copies but from 'Ringing Worlds' of 1963. I could choose many, many quotations from past issues referring to the 'Brotherhood of Ringers.' Much of the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' has been far from brotherly, in fact some of it has been hostile, not to mention sarcastic letters and petty things. May I suggest that some of this is cleared up? If ringers have to be unpleasant, surely they can choose some different way than publishing childish letters in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

Isleworth, Middx.

Legal Query

Dear Sir.—I would like, through your columns, to enquire about the legal position when one tower lends a set of ropes to another and the borrower fails to return them.

No documents were signed regarding this loan, but the situation was known by at least a dozen people when the loan took place.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID KING.

Cheshunt.

Technical Literature

Dear Sir.—I entirely agree with Mr. McClenahan (page 170) that the results of research should be published.

To avoid duplication of effort, especially tedious non-intellectual effort, notification of lines of research should be given at an early stage. This can speed up progress by enabling others to make contributions and can act as a spur to the author himself. In scientific circles, such a facility is available through periodicals in which advances are communicated and discussed. Consolidation of results in a formal textbook is deferred until the work is, for the time being, complete and generally accepted.

In our case, the only practicable forum for technical discussion is 'The Ringing World,' but outbursts of activity have been short-lived. on the excuse, I suspect, that few readers are interested in such articles. The increasing number of readers reaching university standard nowadays suggests that a greater proportion would make use of any space earmarked for theoretical subjects. I suggest that an average of one page per issue should be reserved for this purpose throughout the year and that matter to fill it should be actively sought.

If this were done, the publication of books by the Central Council could justifiably be confined to established and finalised subjects, particularly reference books of fundamental data. Even judged on this restricted basis, the Council's output so far is lamentably low.

Where, for instance, is the collection of all methods ever rung? It has been an obvious necessity ever since Corrigan's booklets appeared, even if it was not obvious before. At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex Association last year you, sir, proposed publishing a list of all named Surprise Major methods as an interim measure prior to publication in book form. Why was this not done? The delay is inexcusable since, according to the Central Council minutes on page 190, the Methods Committee were given authority to proceed.

Why is there no textbook on the fundamentals of ringing theory such as proof, q-sets, and composition? Such a book or series of books is obviously needed.

A less obvious omission is the Collected Papers of J. A. Trollope, which could readily be taken from the files of this paper and would partly offset the lack of a comprehensive textbook.

And now that Hudson and McClenahan have shown the way, the Council have the opportunity to continue their work by commissioning a computer to produce all Surprise Major methods with places wrong.

If lack of money hampers the Council, it is their own fault: they should charge economic prices. Abnormally low prices might attract sales of household necessities under highly competitive conditions, but are ludicrous for specialised books addressed to a small public, and appealing to only a minority of that public. The last balance sheet (June 21st, 1963, page 410) implies that it will take two years' income from sales to recover the 1962 expenditure on book printing, and only one (which cost them next to nothing) was a new title, the others being reprints. If the Council are determined to subsidise the mythical ringer who cannot afford ten or fifteen shillings for a book, the affiliation fee should be increased to compensate for the falling value of the pound. I would have thought, however, that any cases of hardship could best be dealt with at family or association level rather than by selling all books too cheaply. It is significant that charitable contributions to 'The Ringing World' nearly equalled the expenditure on books, so that subsidies seem to be going round in a circle and are presumably unnecessary.

Whatever solution is adopted, there are signs of an increasing determination by ringers interested in technical aspects that their requirements shall be met. If those in control of the Central Council will not satisfy the demand, they ought to announce their refusal at the Whitsun meeting, in order that other sources of supply can be investigated without delay.

MAURICE HODGSON.

Chesham.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday, when about 100 members and visitors were present, including one of the highly respected Past Masters, Mr. A. J. Pitman, and his wife, who had travelled from Leamington for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rev. I. J. Richards, assisted by the Rev. R. Hallett, both practising members of the Association. In his address Mr. Richards drew attention to the prominent part that All Saints' Church and its members had played in the history of the Association, it being the home tower of that great stalwart of the past, Mr. J. W. Jones.

An excellent tea had been prepared by the ladies of the parish and this was followed by the meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. I. J. Richards, supported by the Master, Mr. F. J. Hannington.

The chairman paid tributes to the following members who had died during the year: Seymour Barker (Cardiff), Robert E. Coles (Cowbridge) Leonard H. Jones (Monmouth), W. Lambert (Pontypridd) and Mick Trickey (Llan-gibby). The meeting stood in silence to their memory.

Arising from the minutes, the Master thanked the members for the presentation made to his wife, on his behalf, at the last meeting on completion of his 17 years as hon. secretary.

ARCHBISHOP'S THANKS

In his report, the hon. secretary, Mr. M. J. Pryor, reported that all Branch meetings had been well attended and the accent on youth foretold well for the future of the Association. The Monmouth Branch held a successful meeting at a four-bell tower. The new extensions to St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, were consecrated on October 16th, and members rang the bells for both the afternoon and evening services on that day. A letter had been received from the Archbishop of Wales complimenting the Association on the work it was doing and thanking the members for the ringing for the consecration services.

The secretary congratulated the ringers at Usk and Llandaff Cathedral for the fine work they had carried out to improve their ringing chambers. In accordance with the policy of the Central Council contact had been made with St. Michael's Theological College, Llandaff, and a lecture on 'Bells, Bellringers and Change Ringing' had been given to the students, and it was hoped to repeat this lecture at two-yearly intervals.

During the year Mr. John Phillips, who was Master of the Association in 1931, was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and it is fitting that the Society has accepted an invitation to hold the 1964 Provincial meeting in Cardiff on Saturday, June 6th.

47 PEALS

During the year, 47 peals were rung and the list reveals a steady improvement in the standard, covering a very wide variety of methods. The peals include the first peal of Surprise Royal rung by an all-resident band and peals by the Sunday service bands at Whitchurch and Llandaff Cathedral. Mr. David Llewellyn has

continued his work of compiling a card index of all peals ever rung for the Association and had answered numerous queries concerning past peals. The secretary thanked the Branch secretaries for their great work during the year.

The hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, presented the accounts, and in his report stated that: 'This is the first year's working after our decision to increase the annual subscription to 3s. Though it did not meet with the approval of all members it has proved acceptable to the majority and is partly responsible for the slight increase in our balance. But I must hasten to repeat what I have so often said at our annual meetings, but which seems to be taken for granted, no claim for expenses was made by our representative on the Central Council who was able to attend, nor by the Association's officers other than postage and printing. They deserve our best thanks. They set a splendid example to us by their devotion to the affairs of the Association.'

The reports were adopted and the officers concerned thanked.

Mr. Jack James, of Monmouth, was elected Master for the year and invested with his badge of office by the retiring Master, Mr. Fred Hannington. The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and hon. auditors were re-elected and thanked for their services.

A motion to revise the Association's Form of Service was defeated. Miss Ann Thomas, of Rumney, was congratulated on becoming a Queen's Guide.

The appointment of official instructors was discussed but it was felt that this matter was better left in the hands of towers adjacent to those requiring such service and that learners should be encouraged to attend practices other than at their own towers to further their skill.

The next annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Easter Monday, 1965.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to all who had assisted in ensuring the success of the meeting.

Ringling on tower- and handbells took place both before and after the meeting in a very wide variety of methods. M. J. P.

CUMBERLAND BELLMASTER RETIRES

At the annual church meeting of St. Kentigern's, Crosthwaite, Keswick, the tower secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg, when reporting on the bellringers, said a rather sad milestone had been reached in the history of Crosthwaite belfry by the retirement of the bellmaster, Mr. Tom Hogarth, after 40 years in that office and 60 years as a ringer. The Hogarth family had been connected with the belfry for nearly 100 years and he hoped Mr. Hogarth's health would allow him to continue the associations for many years to come.

The Vicar, Canon F. H. Marshall, then presented Mr. Hogarth with a stainless steel bowl, engraved with a bell and suitably inscribed, made at the Keswick Industrial Arts. He said it was a token of their appreciation of his long and valuable service.

On the proposition of Mr. Hogarth, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg was unanimously appointed the bellmaster.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Pewsey on March 21st and attracted an attendance of over 30. The easy-going six of pleasant tone at the Church of St. John the Baptist were put to good use throughout the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master). Ringing was also provided for two weddings. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Ven. C. A. Plaxton), who is a change ringer and gave an appropriate address. The Rev. A. R. Woodford (curate) was organist.

Tea was taken at a nearby hotel and the business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) the Rev. R. Keeley presided. An apology for absence was read from the hon. secretary (Mr. T. A. Palmer), who was in bed with a severe attack of lumbago. A letter of sympathy and best wishes for his speedy recovery is to be sent him. The statement of accounts for 1963 showed a slightly increased balance in hand.

Subject to permission, towers mentioned for future meetings were Aldbourne, Ramsbury and St. Katherine's (Savernake Forest). As a measure of the enthusiasm now prevailing in the Branch, a proposal that in view of the Diocesan Festival being held in Marlborough in May, the meeting for that month should be dispensed with failed to find a seconder! This is all to the good, and the number of young people present augurs well for the future. W. A. E.

OBITUARY

THE REV. G. C. P. HILTON BRIGGS

The village of Cookham, Berks, suffered a tragic blow in the sudden death of its greatly beloved Vicar, Rev. Peter Briggs, on March 26th. Fr. Briggs was a great friend of the ringers, as were also his wife and family, and he never failed to visit the belfry every Sunday to greet his ringers, a duty many other clergy might emulate. A half-muffled peal to his memory was rung on April 4th, and his family were waiting in the belfry to express their thanks, and visited the band afterwards to ascertain whether the attempt was successful.

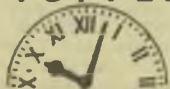
The late Vicar's son and daughter can both handle a bell. Ringers who have been to Cookham can testify to the warmth of the hospitality extended to them by Mr. and Mrs. Briggs at the Vicarage. He will be sadly missed by villagers and ringers alike. W. B.

AN APPRECIATION

The prime mover in having the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, Herts, recast as a war memorial was the then Rector, the Rev. G. C. P. Hilton Briggs. It was fitting that these bells should be rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the day of his death.

Although not a ringer, Mr. Briggs was particularly keen on keeping the bells ringing and he never failed to visit the belfry at least once a week. He showed the same interest in the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham-on-Thames, where he had been for the past three years.

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THE BELLS OF BALE, NORFOLK

THE village of Bale, standing one mile from the Holt-Fakenham road, is rarely visited, except perhaps by those interested in the 15th century glass in the church. Ringers certainly have not made a point of including it on outings in recent years. The Church of All Saints stands at a cross roads, its 60 ft. tower dwarfed by the massive bulk of Bale oaks. During the last six years the church has been restored by the village, and on Palm Sunday a service of thanksgiving was held. At this service the ring of five bells was rededicated.

Few rings can have had a more chequered history than these. Legend supposes them to have been stolen from the neighbouring village of Gunthorpe. In the 16th century inventories of church goods we find at Bale: 'iij bells, the largest by estimation x cwt.' Of the three, the treble was recast in 1647 and the tenor in 1658. In 1839, Thomas Hurry, of Norwich, was commissioned to augment the bells to five. This he did by the addition of two trebles to the existing three. These were not stolen from Gunthorpe, but had been brought from the Church of St. Michael-at-Thorn, Norwich. By 1902 repairs had become necessary. It would seem that the work was entrusted to the Cooper Steam Digger Co., of King's Lynn, for the third of the five was recast to their order in that year by the Loughborough Foundry.

Later, in the same year, the second was recast, again by the Loughborough Foundry, to the order of the Farmers' Foundry, of Ryburgh, who, it seems, carried out the re-hanging. Thus the bells have hung since 1902, but by the 1930's the bells were considered difficult. Tales are told of bands unable to contend with the rough 'go' of the bells and the phrase 'grindstone bearings' has been applied. In recent years they have been regarded as unringable and are so listed in the report of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and in 'Dove'.

In the 1950's an attempt was made to resurrect the bells, but after cleaning up, patching wheels and general renovations, efforts were thwarted when the bearings of the tenor broke and the bells wedged obliquely across her pit. The bells were again silent and unringable until this year.

In January of this year an inspection of the tower revealed the tenor with broken bearings and the first four with very stiff bearings. It was then decided that, if possible, an attempt would be made to rehang the tenor and renovate the other four bells. The work was undertaken by boys from Gresham's School, Holt, who, under the supervision of a master, carried out the necessary work, cycling in all weathers to Bale in their spare time. Much practical help and encouragement was given by the Rector, the Rev. R. G. R. Stone, and the churchwarden, Mr. D. Hammond, an old Greshamian.

On the first visit, a snowy January day, large M. & G.N. railway sleepers were sawn into convenient lengths, hauled by hand to the bell chamber and placed under the unsafe tenor. On a further visit the bell was eased by ropes and crowbars back to her rightful place. Wedges were inserted between the sleepers and the bell and the canon straps slackened off, the bell resting on the sleepers. After removing the headstock and lowering it to the ground, the gudgeons and broken bearings were removed and the stock sent to Whitechapel. Mears and Stainbank fitted new gudgeons and ball bearings and returned the stock to Holt. After conveyance to Bale the stock was carefully hoisted to the bell chamber.

The bearings, mounted on oak blocks made at the school workshop, were screwed down using immense coach screws which took 2½ hours to insert. The canon straps were replaced and the bell remounted on her headstock. The wedges and sleepers were removed and the bell was now swinging from her own bearings. The fittings were finally replaced on March 20th, 1964, and with much trepidation the bell was raised for the first time and found to run amazingly well. Thus for the first time the bells could safely be rung. The first four bells, had, by now, been attended to, the stiff bearings eased with liberal

doses of oil and the garter holes redrilled to ensure easier handling.

During the 125 years since the purchasing of the secondhand bells, the ring has been repaired by the Cooper Steam Digger Co., rehanged by the Farmers' Foundry and now, in 1964, restored by a team of schoolboy enthusiasts.

REDEDICATION, PALM SUNDAY

The bells were rededicated on March 22nd, 1964, in the presence of a fairly large congregation. As the rehanging had been done by boys, it was fitting that the congregation should include several masters from Gresham's, one of whom played the organ. Lessons were read by two boys, Nigel F. Briggs and Peter N. Mackley, both of whom had taken part in the work of rehanging. The Rector, after giving an account of the work done, proceeded to the tower, where five ringers waited, and performed the dedication. After prayers the tenor was rung alone and then the dedicatory rounds were rung by Gresham's ringers. Those taking part were Paul Cattermole 1, Richard A. J. Bower 2, W. M. Benedick Young 3, Andrew Sawyer 4, Paul S. Royds-Jones 5. In his address the Rector thanked the boys for their untiring efforts and rejoiced in the fact that it was once more possible for Bale bells to ring out to the glory of God. In the congregation were Mr. F. C. Goodman, Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association and Mr. T. Owen, Master of the Western Branch of the Association. After the service the bells were rung in rounds and their help was very welcome. It is very pleasing to feel that Bale is once more on the ringing map.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble.—Date 1710. Weight C 4½ cwt. Note D. 'Charles Newman made mee 1710.'

This bell, a rough casting, originally hung in the tower of St. Michael-at-Thorn, Norwich, and was brought to Bale in 1839. St. Michael's, badly damaged during World War II, has been demolished and it is pleasing that the voice of one of its bells should still be heard.

Second.—Date 1902. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs. Note C. 'Nobis: Succurre: Michael: Gabriel: Raphael.' (On waist) 'John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, Recast 1902.'

The original bell, whose inscription has been copied in the recasting, was made by an unknown founder in c. 1440 and first hung at St. Michael's.

Third.—Date 1902. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs. Note B. 'John Brend made me 1647' (on waist as second bell).

This bell had been cast in Norwich by Brend and was recast in 1902.

Fourth.—Date c. 1480. Weight c. 7½ cwt. Note A. 'Hac in conclave Gabriel nuc pange suave' (in Gothic black letter).

By Brasyer of Norwich, this bell is a beautiful casting and of fine tone.

Tenor.—Date 1658. Weight C. 9¼ cwt. Note G. 'Elias Brend made me 1658.'

The bells hang in an oak frame of 1902, the first four on plain bearings installed in 1902, the tenor on 1964 ball-bearings. The bells are rung from the ground floor and run quite well.

GAINSBOROUGH WEDDINGS

This Easter has been a busy time for Gainsborough, Lincs, ringers with two special weddings at All Saints' Church. On Easter Monday Miss Rosemary Ann Roberts, daughter of Canon J. E. Roberts, president of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Guild, was married to Mr. Adrian John Crispin Gray. Canon Roberts deputised for the Bishop of Grimsby, who was indisposed. Among the bridesmaids was the small daughter of the Rev. P. M. Freeman, one-time curate of All Saints' and now Vicar of Messingham.

Both the bride and bridegroom at the next day's ceremony are accomplished local ringers. They were Miss Delia Ellen Smith and Mr. Alastair Robin Heppenstall, M.A. Another Gainsborough ringer, Miss Pauline Bull, was a bridesmaid.

The bells were rung before and after each ceremony by the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

In Honour of H.M. the Queen's Third Son

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. J. Laker 1, A. A. Hilton (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Roberts 3, S. H. Wood 4, E. S. Laker 5, A. E. Laker 6, E. H. Knapp (first in method as cond.) 7, R. E. Stoner 8. Also for D. J. Laker, on the birth of a second son.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On March 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, Gillian Hussey 2, M. J. Horseman 3, P. Bridle 4, E. T. Lee 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

HALE, SOMERSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Langley 1, A. H. Reed 2, D. Lee (first quarter) 3, W. H. Tarr 4, N. J. Maggs 5, F. Morris 6.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Yardley 1, Miss J. D. Woolgar (first in method) 2, M. Matthews (first 'inside') 3, B. D. Sims (cond.) 4, B. C. Wallis 5, R. Foster 6.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On March 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mann 1, G. Barnard 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. R. Lett 1, P. J. Lawton 2, A. G. Harris 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, W. J. Lett 6.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Hughes (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, Susan Wenden (first quarter) 3, Janet Semken 4, M. W. Bantick 5, F. H. Erith 6, C. Hughes 7, A. G. Semken (cond.) 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): Miss H. Coppertwaite 1, Miss L. Doone 2, W. R. Chandler 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Matins on Easter Day.

BRAY, BERKS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda R. Harris 1, D. Fowles 2, Ann Gardner 3, D. T. Young 4, G. R. Sheddin 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, E. E. Gosling 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ada Woods and Richard K. Winter.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory Church, on March 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: R. Crampton 1, Christine Mould 2, Judith Robertson 3, R. Broadest 4, M. Stone 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Ingham 8, E. Mould 9, B. Wright 10, A. Price 11, R. Edwards 12. For Easter Festival. First quarter of Cinques for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9.

EDMONTON, MIDDXX.—On March 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, D. Langdon 2, Teresa Langdon (first in method) 3, Sheila Moore (first in method) 4, J. Towers 5, E. Beauchamp 6, M. W. Coleman 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss M. Lawrence 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, Mrs. E. J. Coode 3, E. J. Coode 4, K. Small 5, G. Clarke 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Watchnight service. First quarter in the method by an all local band. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. J. Coode 1, E. J. Coode 2, K. Small 3, Miss C. Lawrence (first in method) 4, J. Sims 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, P. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Culver 8. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Binfield 1, Jane Hough 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Vivienne Dye 4, Richard Hough (cond.) 5, A. Berry (cover), J. Wellard tenor.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, B. Muncey 2, H. Muncey 3, H. Foster 4, M. Carter (cond.) 5, R. English 6. Rung for the egg and flower service, and by Sunday Service band.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Newbury (first of Major) 1, R. Coley (first of Major) 2, Brenda Dixon (first of Major) 3, Ann Chettle 4, S. Hodgkins 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, B. Whithworth 7, A. Gibbs 8.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Whiting 1, G. Seth 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, S. J. Wooler 4, R. H. French 5, J. W. Thorp (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Passion service.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wright (first quarter) 1, J. Sheldon (first quarter) 2, R. Worrall (cond.) 3, V. Stonier 4, B. Corbishley 5, F. Worrall (first quarter) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.—On March 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Sandra Chesterton 1, R. Elkington 2, Mary Kinchen 3, Marie Davenport 4, D. Farrar 5, T. Roper 6, W. J. Kinchen 7, D. Staples (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: I. Margetts (first quarter) 1, Patricia Rogers 2, C. Bailey 3, Mrs. O. Rogers 4, Jane Cooper 5, E. R. Goate (cond.) 6, C. H. Rogers 7, H. W. Rogers 8, R. W. Bickers 9, T. N. J. Bailey 10. For Evensong.

ROCKING, ESSEX.—On March 29th, at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Quilter (first quarter) 1, P. Le Count 2, Miss J. Spurgeon 3, Mrs. H. Moore 4, H. Moore 5, P. Lawrence 6, R. Suckling 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Easter Festival.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Large (first quarter) 1, Patricia Peatfield 2, G. Retter (cond.) 3, A. Williams 4, D. Wills 5, P. Pavey 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob): J. Cousins 1, A. Leeves 2, M. Grantham 3, J. Barnes 4, M. Legg (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Harris 1, A. Clutton 2, J. Simmons 3, L. A. Timms 4, D. Francis 5, D. M. Knox 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, W. Plumridge 8. For combined churches' family service on Mothering Sunday.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on March 22nd, 1,200 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob: A. Munnings 1, A. T. Beckwith 2, N. F. Whittell 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, A. R. Bridges (first of Surprise Minor as cond.) 5, R. W. Steward 6. For morning service.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On March 22nd, 1,440 Double Bob Minor: S. J. Larcombe (first quarter) 1, Miss M. C. Smith 2, Miss D. K. Moore 3, E. W. Colley 4, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 5, P. G. Golder 6. For Evensong.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. T. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, M. G. Dodson 3, D. J. Westlake 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor by all the band. Rung half-muffled by Banwell Sunday Service band in memoriam the late wife of the Vicar of Loxton.

LUTON, BEDS.—On April 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Lewin 1, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 2, B. L. S. Hulatt 3, A. J. Smith 4, J. Herbert 5, A. E. Butcher 6, J. G. Newman 7, H. Wood 8, G. Hawkins 9, J. Cheney 10. Rung for civic service on the day of Luton becoming a county borough.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 Plain Bob): P. H. Langton 1, R. Lee 2, A. W. Palmer 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Levis (cond.) 5, D. Feck 6. For Easter Festival.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On March 28th, at St. Mary the Virgin's, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. L. E. Brown 1, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 2, R. H. Green 3, A. G. Keen 4, R. A. G. Inglis 5, L. W. Brown 6. First in two methods 1 and 6. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Carolyn J. Brown (first attempt at a quarter) 1, G. L. E. Brown (first in two methods 'inside') 2, Rev. R. Keeley 3, J. A. W. Fuller (first in two methods) 4, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 5, L. W. Brown 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers for Festal Evensong.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Mills (first quarter) 1, G. C. Becch 2, C. S. Ryles 3, R. Ballard 4, P. Gay 5, D. Midgeley 6, D. Pittsow 7, A. Moore (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, on March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Streeter 1, D. Atfield (first 'inside') 2, G. Charlton (first in the method) 3, M. Atfield 4, C. Cook 5, D. J. West 6, G. A. West (first as cond.) 7, K. Game 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On March 23rd, at the Vicarage Flats, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hatchett 1—2, B. B. Hullah 3—4, A. T. Hawkins (first as cond. 'in hand') 5—6. A 21st birthday compliment to G. T. Ridgway, St. Albans.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On March 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Westminster and 720 Allendale Spliced): Rita M. Stratford 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, J. Watkins 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday Evensong.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Fortune Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Thirtieth quarter peal together for treble and 3rd. Rung by Kirkby-in-Ashfield ringers prior to afternoon service on Easter Day. Believed to be the first quarter peal in the method.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, F. R. Scott 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, G. R. Shedden 4, D. P. Hilling 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge): Miss T. P. Johnson 1, Miss P. A. Lansley 2, Mrs. R. J. Drewitt 3, R. J. Drewitt 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. For Holy Communion.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Fellows 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, G. Westwood 3, R. Smith 4, J. C. Eisel 5, P. L. Bill 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. J. Fellows 8. Rung fully-muffled with the tenor 'open' at backstroke for Stourbridge Council of Churches' United Service.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Lomas (first quarter) 1, Irene Gocher 2, Diane Mullins 3, D. Smith 4, J. Nelson (cond.) 5, G. Francis 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Adams (first on 10) 1, Ann M. Cox 2, F. C. W. Knight 3, C. W. Daws (first on 10) 4, June Whitcher 5, W. J. Young 6, A. R. Carter 7, D. B. Brown (cond.) 8, P. N. Tubbs 9, T. C. Holland 10.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Davis 1, W. Culpin 2, B. Branston 3, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 4, R. J. Warwick 5. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer on his 64th birthday.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Gloria Lias 1, Miss Gwendolen Marshall 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, M. Church 4, E. Hunt (cover) 5, R. Clist 6, W. Bride-well tenor.

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Representatives from nine towers in the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association met Canon Thurlow at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, on March 21st to attempt a farewell peal to him on leaving the parish and Branch. Four changes after the start a loud crash sounded overhead and the fifth change had a gap where the tenor should have struck!! An immediate stand and investigation revealed a broken clapper, but fortunately no other damage as it flew out. An attempt for Major was then made on the Gabriel eight, which came to grief after two hours. In spite of these setbacks the best wishes of all the band go with the Canon to his new duties.

The names in the photograph of the Sapcote band (page 206) should read **left to right** and **not right to left**.

We are asked by the hon. secretary of the Beverley and District Society to state that the practice night at Hesse is Thursday night and not Wednesday, as erroneously stated in the Society's annual report.

A complete set of cuttings of the 'In Memoriam' ringing for President Kennedy was sent to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy shortly after publication by Mr. R. D. Short. He also received an acknowledgment.

A smile from 'Belfry News.' Conversation heard between learner and her parent. Parent: 'I heard you ringing for service. You were the last to finish?' Learner: 'No, I wasn't. I finished before everyone else.'

To mark the 120th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples in Yorkshire, at Rotherham Parish Church on February 27th, 1844, a peal in the same method was rung by the Sunday service band in this church on March 22nd.

The three officers of the Winchester District—Mr. P. Tubbs (Ringing Master), Mr. F. C. W. Knight (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mr. D. B. Brown (hon. secretary)—were amazed at the number of keen youngsters that were forthcoming at their beginners' meeting at New Alresford. They are looking forward to their next practice at Micheldever on April 14th at 7.30 p.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Julian David Duggan, captain at St. Andrew's, Enfield, rung for a few minutes prior to his wedding on March 21st, to Miss Lesley Marion Fletcher, a fellow ringer at St. Andrew's. A full choir was in attendance and during the signing of the register, two anthems were sung, one having been specially written for the couple by the organist, Mr. Eric Pask. The Vicar, the Rev. Graham Bixton, officiated, with the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux. Miss Rosalind Fletcher was bridesmaid to her sister, and Mr. Keith Murray best man. The honeymoon was spent touring the West Country and South Wales.

Miss J. S. Armstrong informs us that she rang the 'Ellacombe' at Morpeth Watch Tower for the birth of the royal prince.

The peal at Kirkburton, the first of Minor since 1938, was the first peal for Hedley Burton, a native of the village, now living at Crawley, Sussex.

An 85-year-old bronze bell in a disused church at Millport, Island of Cumbrae, Scotland, is to be shipped for use in a new church at Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. R. D. Short, of Bridgwater, informs us that it was his arm that was in plaster and not his leg when he rang the quarter peal mentioned on page 208. He sends the correction in case his ringing friends might be thinking he has had another accident.

The peal rung at Kildown on March 21st was only the third peal ever rung for a wedding in the history of the church. After the peal the band joined in the reception at the Village Hall and the evening was very much enjoyed. Much fun and laughter came when Mr. Reginald Lambert demonstrated the twist.

These campanile fanatics
In octal mathematics
Are at it again;
The bell-bashing men,
Ding dong dong
Ding dong
Ding.

'Leicester Mercury.'

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EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 6
JENNIFER M. TAYLOR 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 8
JAMES R. TAYLOR 4	GERALD C. HEMMING 9
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 5	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, (7) Morning Star.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	ALAN SHARPLES 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	*JOHN ROBINSON 5
*ERNEST PIMLOTT 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 25 methods.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. Treble	*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 6
*ERNEST BENNETT 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
*RICHARD J. PARKER 4	J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in more than eight methods.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

ISABEL M. PEARCE Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	DAVID S. OSENTON 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
ANDREW J. CORBY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ANDREW J. CORBY.
First peal in the method as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEOFFREY DAVIES Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND 6
*PETER S. BENNETT 2	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK 8
KENNETH J. HESKETH 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN 9
*DAVID J. ALLEN 5	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Ringer of second completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEORGE E. THODAY Treble	*HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH .. 6
DAVID W. FRIEND 2	ANTONY R. KENCH 7
*DAVID J. ALLEN 3	IAN C. MAYCOCK 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES 9
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 5	PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First 10-bell peal.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

NORAH M. RANGLES Treble	JOHN WALDEN 6
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
ANNE E. BATESON 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 8
JANE K. A. COOK 4	GEOFFREY PAUL 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5	PETER A. SHARP Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

PAMELA M. TURNER Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	DAVID J. ALLEN 7
ANN E. FELLOWS 3	*PETER S. BENNETT 8
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 9
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW 5	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Arranged by NEIL BENNETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL W. WEBB Treble	ERNEST W. PENN 5
JOHN LLOYD 2	*PETER L. BILL 6
HARRY SHILVOCK 3	†PETER J. BROWN 7
IRENE ELSMORE 4	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

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

Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.
Rung in memoriam Ezra Homer, for over 50 years a ringer at St. Giles', Rowley Regis.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Garston.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 5
JEFFREY J. FOX 2	V. DAVID JENNER 6
HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH .. 3	RICHARD S. STARKIE 7
MALCOLM A. PHILLIPS .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RICHARD S. STARKIE.
First peal as conductor.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

H. DAVID HOLLAND Treble	CHARLES S. WEBB 5
BARRY SULLIVAN 2	PETER KIRKBY 6
ROGER J. LUMLEY 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

ARTHUR B. COOPER Treble	†IAN G. CAMPBELL 5
*F. CHARLES HOBSON 2	†MICHAEL WHITING 6
*JANET I. PORTER 3	*DAVID S. JOHNSON 7
†HAROLD GIBSON 4	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First of Surprise Major.
‡ First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY 5
JENNIFER M. TAYLOR 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 6
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR 7
†ALAN TUBB 4	*D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* 75th peal together. † First of Pudsey.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

NEIL V. AVIS Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER 5
*PETER G. BROWN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
†MICHAEL J. HALLETT 3	PHILIP J. ROTHERA 7
MICHAEL J. COWLING 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal. ‡ 75th peal for the Association.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY Treble	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE 2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 6
DAVID W. PARKIN 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
ALAN KELLER 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JAMES H. EDWARDS Treble	ALAN S. SMITH 5
*MARY EDWARDS 2	ARTHUR GIBBS 6
FRANK W. RIVETT 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON 7
ROBERT L. PIRON 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS 5
PATRICIA E. BUSS 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
*T. FELICITY WEBBER 3	JOHN MANLEY 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Bristol.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

IAN LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN 5
ARTHUR C. BERRY 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 7
*M. ROGER ASHMORE 4	GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

J. L. MILLHOUSE Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5
*ANNE BATESON 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	PETER A. SHARP 7
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 4	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEOFFREY PAUL.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung in memory of Frank Mettham.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
SUSAN FUNNELL 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY ECCLESTON Treble	PETER DALE 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	†ALAN SHARPLES 6
†RICHARD STARKIE 3	NEIL D. LOMAS 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5021 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,952 Bristol, 1,536 Bolton and 1,533 Peterborough: with 27 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.
*ANN JENNER Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE 2	JOHN S. BARNES 6
JOHN FAIRCLOTH 3	STANLEY JENNER 7
JOHN R. COOPER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 25th peal together.

THORVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD 5
JEAN F. BARNETT 2	*E. WILLIAM FORD 6
ANN E. FELLOWS 3	FRANK D. MACK 7
MARTIN F. LOCK 4	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.
* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.
A compliment to Mr. R. B. Ford, father of the ringer of the sixth and a past ringer at this church.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey: with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
LEONARD STILWELL Treble	*GEORGE FRANCIS 5
E. JANE SIBSON 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
JOAN BERESFORD 3	*W. LESLIE WELLS 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	DENNIS BERESFORD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of 5-Spiced.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F flat.

IAN C. MAYCOCK Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 2	DAVID J. ALLEN 6
AVRIL IVIN 3	STEPHEN IVIN 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sun., March 22, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 34½ cwt.

Brooks' variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.	
ELSIE CHADDOCK Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 5
*STUART ARMESON 2	*NEIL DONOVAN 6
*JOHN BRUCE 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
*DAVID NICHOLS 4	PHILIP WALKER Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. By pupils of the conductor.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 13 cwt, 2 qr, 12 lb.	
*ALAN B. ROTHWELL ..	Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	2	ALAN MCFALL ..	6
*DEREK YATES ..	3	BASIL JONES ..	7
WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	4	PETER T. DALE ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal. † First of Triples, and of Grandsire. First of Grandsire as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold Clarke, verger at All Saints', whose funeral took place this day.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 24 lb, in G sharp.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL ..	Treble	† ANNE E. BATESON ..	5
GRACE BURCHNALL ..	2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT ..	6
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	3	BERYL N. REED ..	7
*MARGARET E. CHILTON ..	4	COLIN W. REED ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by COLIN W. REED.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung following the wedding of Miss Margaret Wilcox and Mr. Ralph Brader.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
FRANK RUFFLES ..	Treble	LEONARD E. LAST ..	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ..	6
JACK PILGRIM ..	3	LESLIE G. BRETT ..	7
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL ..	4	HAROLD W. H. LEATHER ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	Treble	* DAVID G. WILFORD ..	5
*MALCOLM E. WADE ..	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY ..	6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	3	*ROLAND H. COOK ..	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	4	† R. KINGSLEY MASON ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal on the bells. First on eight bells as conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of London, Bristol, Rutland and Watford, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley, Ealing and Lindum; with 140 changes of method.

		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
MARTIN MAJOR	Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ..	5
JENNIFER M. TAYLOR	2	PETER BORDER	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
FRANK W. RIVETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

First peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major by all except the ringers of 5, 6 and tenor.

OAKFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRANK D. MACK ..	Treble	DAVID WILLS ..	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN ..	2	GEORGE SKINNER ..	6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	3	FREDERICK WREFORD ..	7
NORMAN MALLETT ..	4	WILLIAM H. WARE ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2.160's and one 720.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
MRS. HJ B. SCHOFIELD ..	Treble	ROGER J. LUMLEY ..	4
BARRY SULLIVAN ..	2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ..	5
WILLIAM A. KIRKBY ..	3	LEONARD GOODALL ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of the following methods/variations: Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Kennington.

		Tenor 13 cwt.	
*RONALD J. STEPHENS	.. Treble	ARTHUR C. BERRY	.. 4
IAN LLOYD	.. 2	JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN.	.. 5
†DAVID F. TRENTFIELD	.. 3	EDWIN W. BICK Tenor
Conducted by ARTHUR C. BERRY			

Conducted by ARTHUR C. BERRY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, first attempt.

Rung as wedding compliment to John H. Firkins and Miss Brenda Moore, whose marriage took place at the above church earlier in the day.

CITY OF LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's.		Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr, 1 lb, in G.	
*GILLIAN SEWELL ..	Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	4
ROSEMARY RICH ..	2	ALAN J. FROST ..	5
MARY S. TAYLOR ..	3	JOHN C. EISEL ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN C. EISEL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

LEWANNICK, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., March 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, comprising 240 of Stedman and 960 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*WILFRED C. BOUCHER	.. Treble	*D. ROY BOULD 4
*MARGARET A. BOULD	.. 2	*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	.. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	.. 3	*T. LESLIE CUNDY Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal in six methods. † First in six Doubles methods.

SPEEN, BERKSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr, 12 lb, in F sharp.	
WILLIAM KEWELL ..	Treble	FRANK S. TONGE ..	4
CHRISTOPHER SMITH ..	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	5
PENELOPE E. GODDARD ..	3	*FRANCIS KEWELL ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
BASIL JONES ..	Treble	PETER T. DALE ..	4
DEREK YATES ..	2	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD ..	3	ALAN MCFALL ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.

The ringer of the second has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ALFRED W. JOHNSON .. Treble	REV. ROGER KEELEY 4
E. WILLIAM FORD 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
†RICHARD A. G. INGLIS .. 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from treble. First of Surprise on the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*MARY POOLE Treble	PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLIERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

* First peal and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*RICHARD S. MOORE (14) .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 4
STUART H. J. EDWARDS .. 2	†REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 5
N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. 3	DAN S. PONT (14) Tenor

Conducted by DAN S. PONT.

* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal. First on tower bells as conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different standard callings of 720.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble	MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 4
*DAVID D. PARSONS 2	HAROLD STEVENSON 5
C. ANTHONY PARSONS .. 3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' four times (twice as conductor).

A birthday compliment to the fourth ringer.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three 720's of London and four 720's of Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	K. PAUL GILLIVER 4
JOHN WALKINS 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
MRS. JILL BELCHER 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD WORRALL Treble	VICTOR NEAL 4
JOHN RYDER 2	BRIAN SCHOFIELD 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	ROGER W. SMITH 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	GRAHAM C. PAUL 4

ALAN A. PAUL Tenor

Conducted by ALAN A. PAUL.

First peal in seven methods as conductor, and 50th peal, all of which have been rung with the ringer of the fourth.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and 18 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3
*RUTH BLACKSHAW 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
†JOHN R. PRATCHETT Tenor	

Conducted by MAURICE W. HARRISON.

* First peal in five methods. † 25th peal. First peal attempt as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Margaret E. Chilton.

FINDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

R. IAN VAUGHAN Treble	JOHN R. NORRIS 4
PEGGY TAYLOR 2	*MICHAEL J. BEW 5
ANGELA M. WRIGHT 3	BERNARD G. NORTH Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD G. NORTH.

* First peal of Minor. First in two methods by all the band.

An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD Treble	JOHN RYDER 4
VICTOR NEAL 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, of Northwich.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, containing the following eight methods, viz.: London, Wells, Cunecastre, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Canterbury, York and Rossendale. Tenor 7½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER Treble	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
*VICTOR GRIFFIN 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
†GORDON W. LAND 3	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 125th peal. † 25th peal together.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RALPH DENGATE Treble	†PETER WILKINSON 4
†JANE FOSTER 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal in five methods. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Cooper and Mr. Gerald Taylor.

TAYNTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DIXON Treble	BRIAN W. HALL 4
PETER BEEDIE 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

Rung to welcome the Rev. G. R. Tamplin, who was inducted as Vicar of the united benefices of Great and Little Barrington and Taynton on the previous day.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Good Friday, March 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of St. Simon's, eight of St. Martin's, 14 of Grandsire, six of April Day and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BRIAN CHAPMAN Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK 4
*R. JOY WATKINS 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 5
RICHARD A. COBLEY 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung fully-muffled, except for the tenor which was half-muffled, prior to Good Friday Evensong.

HORNINGSEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Simon's, and seven each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

A. KEITH PHILLIPS Treble	ALAN M. BARBER 3
*PHILIP J. ROTHERA 2	COLIN JOHNSON 4

†GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

* First peal of Doubles. † 125th peal for the Association.

Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*ROBERT J. COOLES Treble	*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH 4
*ROSAMUND M. RAWLINGS 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH 5
†ALAN R. MILLIDGE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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

HALF PEAL

LLANBLETHIAN, GLAMORGAN.—On March 13th, 2,520 Doubles (3 six-scores April Day, 12 Plain Bob, 6 Grandsire): I. D. Davies 1, C. Ricketts 2, G. H. Jones 3, P. M. Evans 4, E. N. Thomas 5, E. W. L. Groom 6. Conducted jointly by 2, 3, 4, 5. First half peal on the bells.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, D. Targett 2, A. P. Beck 3, R. E. Beck 4, J. Targett 5, E. Chivers 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on March 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor (two methods): P. Colton 1, Diane Lissenden 2, A. White 3, Jennifer Smith 4, M. F. Lock (cond.) 5, C. Yates 6. For Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Reeve 1, N. Watson 2, H. Fuller 3, R. Rose 4, D. Reeve 5, L. Wright 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, M. Rose 8. A compliment to Mr. Tom Reeve, of Elveden, who celebrated his 100th birthday on March 16th, and as a compliment to the father of the ringers of 1 and 5, who was 83 on March 18th.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Butcher 1, E. J. Phillips (cond.) 2, A. Stracey 3, A. R. Fowles 4, J. H. Phillips 5, S. D. Butcher 6. Rung for evening service half-muffled, to the memory of the Rev. G. C. P. Hilton Briggs, former Rector.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, W. R. Chandler 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Martins and to welcome Helen Mary, a daughter for Dorothy and Victor Dale.

CRANFORD, MIDDY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Parker 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Mary Sadler (first quarter) 6.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. F. Dixon (first quarter) 1, R. Poston 2, Julie A. V. Caligari (first 'inside') 3, P. D. S. Caligari 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, P. W. Walsom 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walleit (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. To mark the lighting of candle at Bradwell to be taken to Chelmsford Cathedral, for the Diocese's golden year.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Lander 1, R. B. Heaver (first quarter) 2, R. L. Arnold 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, D. C. Price 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Crouch (first on eight) 1, Ruth Carr 2, Elizabeth Wilkins (first of Triples) 3, Beth Goddard 4, Margaret Lewis 5, B. Bull 6, W. Jackson (cond.) 7, D. Wilkins 8. To celebrate the engagement of Beth Goddard to David Leach, of Thames Ditton.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On March 11th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss P. J. Welch 1, P. J. Shipton 2, Miss C. G. Glastonbury 3, Miss M. E. Pryor 4, N. Crowther 5, M. Pilgrim 6, S. Fenwick (first quarter) 7, A. W. Smith 8, D. J. Llewellyn 9, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 10. Rung before the dedication of the new choir stalls which marked the completion of the Cathedral restoration.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Collins (first of Minor) 1, Ann Newbury (first 'inside') 2, Ann Chettle 3, B. Whitworth 4, B. Viccars (first of Minor) 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of St. Patrick.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,200 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, D. Targett 2, A. P. Beck 3, R. E. Beck 4, E. Chivers 5, J. Targett 6.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Phillips 1, Annette Gratton 2, Barbara Johnson 3, W. Pickett 4, C. S. Ryles 5, O. Williams 6, J. A. Jack 7, J. L. Shenton (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John W. Walker, ringer at this church for 50 years, interred the previous day.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On March 14th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. Chivers 2, J. Targett 3, D. Targett 4, A. P. Beck 5, R. E. Beck 6.

HANDBELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of 14 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Beverley and Surfleet; (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet; (3) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham; (4) Netherseale and Bourne; (5) Annable's London and Hull; (6) Westminster and Allendale; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull and Bourne; with 86 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND 1—2	BRIAN BLADON 3—4
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ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First handbell peal of Spliced Surprise and the first of Surprise in 14 methods on handbells by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., March 17, 1964, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
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PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
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Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method on handbells.

Rung to the memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole (March 20th, 1958).

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 18, 1964, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

AT 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Childwall, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (6) College Bob, (7) St. Clement's.

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY 1—2	JOYCE DODDS 5—6
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JOYCE DODDS 5—6

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First handbell peal in 12 methods by all the band.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. Bull 1, Brenda Wood 2, A. Millidge 3, B. Coatsworth 4, D. Brookes (cond.) 5, Christine Cobb 6. For Evensong on Easter Day.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. King 1, Mrs. D. Belcham 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, R. Tappender 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on March 22nd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. Ward 1, Mrs. D. Belcham 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—On March 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. G. Jones 1, Diana French (first in method) 2, C. H. Kinch 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. C. Clarke 5, R. A. Reeves (first in method as cond.) 6.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 21st, 1,320 Durham Surprise Minor: J. H. Payton 1, Pamela Gough 2, D. A. Kirk 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, D. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Walsom (first on treble) 1, R. D. Brown (first 'inside') 2, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 3, R. Poston 4, P. D. Sell 5, J. F. I. Turney 6. For Evensong.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Buttler 1, G. Cooper 2, B. Hancox 3, A. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. Hancock 5, G. Clark 6. A wedding compliment to Rosemary Wilkes (ringer) and David Westby, married this day.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On March 22nd, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Cherry 1, D. E. Archer 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss D. Webb 1, G. Kingston 2, J. Linford 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Christine Turner 1, Mary Mack 2, F. D. Mack (cond.) 3, Jane Hurrell 4, F. Williams 5, N. Shepherd 6, H. Crisp 7, A. Knight 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On March 21st, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Pratt 1, J. H. Glanville 2, A. Gooding 3, G. West 4, C. C. Deem 5, W. Harvey 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8.

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DEATH

TURNER, Ernest Charles.—A dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away suddenly March 25th, 1964. A former president of the National Police Guild of Ringers. 4455

PERSONAL

'Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.' (Hebrews xii, 14.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DITCHER.—The address of Mr. F. B. Ditcher is now 'Fargo,' Church Road, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. Phone Hayle 3104. 4445

HENDRY.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Hendry is now Duncote Hall, Duncote, Towcester, Northampton. 4438

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held after the practice at St. Andrew-the-Great on Wednesday, April 29th. 4457

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Proposed tour, Ireland, October 1st-4th, 1964. All welcome. Those interested write to Miss K. Maylott, 57, Gurney Court Road, St. Albans, Herts. 4443

VETERANS' REUNION.—London, June 20th at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. All 'Olde Tyme' ringers welcome and, please, will all car owners help to bring them along.—John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 4463

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Morton-St. Philip on Sat., April 11th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Phelps, 1, Chailey Furlong, Norton-St. Philip, nr. Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4422

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Blunham, Saturday, April 11th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. S.M.: Thelwall and College Exercise. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 4422

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.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Sat., April 11th, at Buckland (6) 2.30-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reigate (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4394

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8), on Sat., April 11th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4377

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Sat., April 11th, Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approx. for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking. 4417

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hants-ham on Saturday, April 11th, Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Uplowman bells (6) available in evening. Names to G. W. Hollis, Rosneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 4431

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne on Sat., April 11th, Own tea arrangements.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 4378

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Sat., April 11th, at Whaplode, Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Lincs, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4380

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Sat., April 11th, Ringing at Hampton 2.30. Sunbury 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall to follow.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 4382

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bucklebury on Sat., April 11th, Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. W. Davis, The Village, Bucklebury, Reading. 4396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting on April 11th, Ringing Cranborne 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Wimborne St. Giles', followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 4401

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett on April 11th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 4400

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A striking competition will be held at Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 11th. Draw at 3 p.m. Those requiring light refreshments afterwards, kindly being laid on by Bushbury ringers, should please send their names to Mr. M. R. Buckham, 17, Lauderdale Gardens, Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, by Wednesday, April 8th, latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4346

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Rougham (6), Sat., April 11th, Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please do help tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. L. Wright, Horrington Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4410

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Thakeham (6), Sat., April 11th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex, Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 4413

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Bishonestoke on April 11th, Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 4448

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—A thanksgiving service for the restoration of the tower and bells will be held on Sunday, April 12th, Ringing 5.30-6.30 p.m. and after service. Everyone welcome. 4436

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Glastonbury, Saturday, April 18th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea, please.—P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 4425

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Ashton (8), Saturday, April 18th, Bells 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, April 16th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estunc,' Brockway, Nailsea. 3910

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, April 18th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 4446

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, April 18th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 15th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4460

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Saturday, April 18th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtou Birkenhead. 4462

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northallerton on Saturday, April 18th, Bells (8) 2.30 to 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 4447

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Sat., April 18th, at St. Nicholas Church, Warwick, Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall followed by business meeting and social evening. Names for tea by April 15th to J. L. Garnett-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4402

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Newburn, on Saturday, April 18th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Alan Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle 5. 4421

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, April 18th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4437

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Dagenham on April 18th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 16th to Dr. J. Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood. 4392

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel on April 18th, Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greendale, Capel, Dorking, Surrey. 4379

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Ringing, Silkstone, April 18th, 2.30-4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Cawthorne, 5 o'clock. Names for tea to H. Rusby, Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—T. Tarbatt. 4449

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Brent Pelham on Saturday, April 18th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No formal business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Trigg, Lower Cottages, Brent Pelham, Buntingford.—D. Kingston. 4453

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield, April 18th, Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield, S.M.: Little Boh.—M. A. Coburn. 4435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 18th, Bells (8, tenor 19 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, 'Kenora,' London Road, Hythe, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 4424

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Lyvinge, near Folkestone, on Saturday, April 18th, Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those who require tea (cost 2s.) please notify, by April 15th, Miss C. Selley, 'Brambletye,' Lyvinge, near Folkestone. 4423

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Clyst Honiton on Sat., April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Clyst St. George bells (6) available 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Q. Retter, Waldrans, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Gentlemen welcomed.

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, April 18th at Caldicot. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4458

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Brooke on Sat., April 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., April 15th, to Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR 01X.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on April 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Killamarsh T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 4439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Second A.G.M., Aston Clinton, Saturday, April 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 15th. No name no tea guaranteed.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 4465

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton on Sat., April 18th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tues. to Mrs. Wilkins, 20, Queen Street, Earls Barton. 4418

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, April 18th. Important, names for tea to me not later than Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 4456

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cranford, April 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Cranford. All welcome.—M. A. C. 4427

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Castor, April 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. J. Sismey, 'Prince of Wales,' Castor.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 4459

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Symonds-bury, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, The Mount, Melpash, Bridport. 4433

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), April 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to E. Brooks, 16, Morstone Road, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 4434

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 18th. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 3.15-4.30 p.m. Tea 5, in the Church Hall. Meeting to follow. St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. J. Matthews, 6 Foxwood Road, Bean, near Dartford, Kent. 4419

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at All Saints', Loughborough (10), at 3 p.m. on Sat., April 18th. Names for tea by Sat., April 11th to A. Myatt, 64, Toothill Road, Loughborough. 4493

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Brading, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. East, 79, Avenue Road, Sandown, by April 14th. 4410

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Sat., April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4444

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley, Sat., April 18th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Wednesday, April 15th. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 4450

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at St. Michael's Church, Workington, on Sat., April 25th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Evensong 7. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. L. Boumphrey, 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, by April 18th.—J. W. Brownriff, Secretary. 4405

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 25th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral. Service 4.15 p.m. at the Cathedral, followed by tea and meeting in the Tithe Barn, Ringing Blankney (6) 11 a.m.—12; Metheringham (8) 12—1 p.m.; Nocton 1—2 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6), 2—4 p.m. and after tea. Tea for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 4461

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Pitsford, Sat., April 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 4376

THE RAILWAYMAN'S GUILD

Annual general meeting at Crewe, Sat., April 25th.

Programme

- 10.30 a.m. Business meeting, Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe.
- 11.30 a.m. Coach to Macclesfield.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch at the Beehive Restaurant.
- 1.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Michael's (12), or St. Peter's (8).
- 2.30 p.m. Ringing at Christ Church (10), or St. Michael's.
- 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Beehive.
- 5.30 p.m. Return to Crewe by coach.
- 6.30/9 p.m. Ringing at Christ Church, Crewe, also on Friday evening.

J. Arthur Hoare, Hon. Sec. 4454

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—April 25th, quarterly meeting, Martin. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, 21st, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 4440

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition at Banstead on April 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entry forms from N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. All Sunday service bands in the county eligible. Tea after last band has competed. Names (other than competing bands) to Mr. H. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, Surrey, by April 22nd. General ringing after tea and meeting. 4395

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Sat., May 2nd. Ringing at Carshalton 3—4 p.m., Beddington 3—4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea, and meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. S. Kimber, 31, East Drive, Carshalton Beeches.—R. I. Parsons. 4426

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival will be held on Sat., May 9th, at Hartford, Northwich. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. H. Huggill. Rural Dean of Middlewich. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 4s. 6d. each, obtainable from Mr. R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich, before May 4th. Towers available: Hartford (6) 2—4 p.m. and after the meeting; Middlewich (8) Over (8); Weaverham (6); Gt. Budworth (8); Davenham (6); Witton (8) all from 2—3.30 p.m. and after the meeting by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 4375

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Bramford-Speke on Sat., May 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. names early. Meeting following—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 4381

MASONIC RINGERS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—This Festival is being held at Oxford, on Sat., May 30th. Arrangements are as follows: Ringing at Kidlington (8) 12—1 p.m. All Saints' (8) 2—3; Cathedral (12) 3—4; Appleton (10) 4.30—5.30. Dinner at Masonic Hall, Oxford (333, Banbury Road), at 6.30 p.m., at approximate cost of 15s. 6d. per head. Cups of tea can be provided, also bed and breakfast for those wishing to stay the night. Replies to: H. Badger, 53, Ridgeway Road, Headington, Oxford (stating Lodge number), Tel. Oxford 61419. 4441

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Borough Jubilee Ringing Day, Sat., July 18th. Ringing arrangements: Great Wakering (6) 2—3.30; Prittlewell (10) 3—4.30; Leigh (6) 6—7.30; Thorpe Bay (8) 7—8.30; Prittlewell 8—9.15. Rayleigh (8) and South Benfleet (6) will be made available on application to P. Sloman, 26, Ennismore Gardens, Southend-on-Sea. 4452

ROVING RINGERS' REUNION

THE Roving Ringers' annual reunion was held this year in Bath, during the first weekend in February. Members converged from different parts of England, in brilliant spring sunshine, which was so different from the previous snow-bound reunion in Worcester. The first tower of the weekend was St. Michael's, Bath, with a pleasant eight situated in the middle of a busy road junction. The bells were soon going well to a course of Cambridge but ringing deteriorated, however, with Stedman. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. A spot of trouble occurred as our Ringing Master left the tower. A policeman was waiting by his car, which had been parked over some white lettering on the road! However, he managed to talk himself out of that one!

After lunch, we managed with some difficulty to find our way out of Bath, to Twerton (a light, ground floor eight). Here we rang a good course of London. We found ringing conditions very cramped at Corston but they enabled members to take full advantage of the sunshine. The lightness of the bells and lack of space probably accounted for the ringing not being of a very high standard. The day's ringing concluded on the enjoyable eight at St. Mary's, Bathwick.

The Society then returned to Pratt's Hotel, the headquarters for the weekend, and there was the usual scramble for bathrooms. Fifty-five members, including one of our honorary members, Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, sat down to an excellent dinner. A short business meeting was afterwards conducted in the lounge by the chairman, George Evenden.

Fred Ellis, from Wheathampstead, was elected Ringing Master for the following year; Don Cobb became the new secretary and treasurer; Adrienne Gibson was elected hon. recorder. It was decided to hold next year's tour in Dorset, Wilts and Somerset, the beginning and ending points to be decided by the secretary.

The usual showing of slides and photographs of the previous year's tour followed. The evening continued with a general get together which went on well into the night.

Ringing on Sunday morning commenced on the anti-clockwise ten at Bath Abbey. Full justice was not done to these bells by the Society.

After a leisurely lunch, the Society went to Wells, where the heavy ten at the Cathedral were enjoyed by all. The final tower of the reunion was St. Cuthbert's, Wells (another fine eight). A course of London here lent a fitting end to a most enjoyable reunion.

Our thanks to incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Roger Fry for his help in the arrangements. J. H. A. G.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Sodbury (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Mills, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 4464

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