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## RADLETT'S EXAMPLE COULD WELL BE FOLLOWED

By R. W. M. Clouston

THERE must be countless Victorian church towers up and down the country which have been condemned for years as being quite unsuitable for a ring of bells that could follow the example of Radlett, Herts, and so replace the often highly unsatisfactory contents of poor-toned single bells, gramophones and tubular bells.

When Christ Church, Radlett, was first built in 1864 a 5 cwt. bell by Warner's was presented. This bell seems to have been used till about 1907, when an octave of tubular bells by Harrington, Latham and Co., of Coventry, was installed and the Warner bell removed. About 1938 a gramophone and loudspeaker system was put in to supplement the tubular bells. By 1960 the equipment to make noises resembling proper bells was in a very poor state and had not been used for some time. A question at the annual vestry meeting asked for the situation to be examined and the present ring was the ultimate result.

The tower with spire is some 90ft. in total height, and yet the bell chamber is only some 6ft. 6in. square across the walls. These are of brick with wide mortar joints, and are considerably weakened by a profusion of doorways, windows, other openings and alcoves, such that at least the lower part of the tower is much weaker than a casual inspection would suggest. The stone spire above does add some stability to the remainder, but with the lower walls a maximum of 2ft. 6in. thick, only a very light ring of bells could be contemplated.

A pre-war architect is reported to have stated that the tower was unfit for a ring of bells, and clearly this was so when one thinks in terms of a minimum tenor weight of 5-6 cwt. However, post-war progress in casting and hanging much lighter bells than hitherto has changed the situation appreciably.

Schemes were considered for a chime of eight bells and for a light ring of six (tenor  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwt.), and the latter was selected as one of the objectives for the celebration of the centenary of the church and parish. Even with a six of this size two bells had to be in an upper tier.

With such a weak tower either the bells could be separately supported inside on a subsidiary structure, as at Acle and Dover, or by the tower walls themselves after some strengthening and the filling in of one large unnecessary opening 5ft. by 10ft. high. So to see if the latter, and cheaper, solution would be satisfactory a 3 cwt. bell was hung in a temporary frame and swung N-S and E-W.

The tower rock horizontally measured level with the upper tier of the proposed frame was found to be a mere 1/100in. with frequencies of 160 and 200 cycles per minute respectively. So it was deemed that strengthening the lower part of the tower and mounting the frame on a reinforced concrete girdle set in all four walls would be satisfactory.

The belfry windows have been bricked up to the tracery on the inside, and the majority of the sound from the bells now emerges via four openings in the base of the spire and a series of smaller holes above, thus enabling the bells to be heard at a greater distance and yet be well-balanced and not too loud in the churchyard.

With a tenor of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwt. the treble to six weighs only some  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.,  $16\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter; yet all the bells are easy to handle once one remembers that bells of these weights in ball-bearings require only the minimum of effort to ring. Of course, stays will get broken, especially when training a new band from scratch, and the design is such that  $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. square section ash is used on all the bells. The lengths vary somewhat but none is curved or tapered. Making a new stay only requires cutting the correct length and drilling a  $\frac{3}{8}$ in. diameter hole near one end.

Due to space considerations the frame is a metal one and the sliders are in the form of a metal L with the top end pivoted to the side frame under the main bearing. The lower end moves between two stops on the runner board and the stay engages with the horizontal part of the L which is encased in timber.

Training a local band is now under way on Wednesday evenings and, thanks to numerous helpers from surrounding towers, quite considerable progress has already been made. It is hoped to have a band ready to ring for Sunday services by the autumn on this the lightest ring in Hertfordshire.

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## DERBY ASSOCIATION AT BUXTON

The Association's quarterly meeting, at Buxton on July 4th, was attended by over 60 ringers representing some 20 towers. Prior to the service in St. Peter's Church, Fairfield, ringing was enjoyed at Fairfield and Burbage; in addition Swanwick, Ashover, Eyam and Tideswell were visited by coach parties from the Chesterfield and Derby Districts.

During the service the Rector, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese, thanked the ringers for their services. Tea followed in the Church Hall. At the start of the business meeting, the chairman, Mr. F. Adams (vice-president), invited the company to stand in memory of Mr. B. Greatorex, of Wirksworth, a ringer for over 60 years, who died recently.

A report from the general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley (on holiday) showed that the finances were reasonable for the time of the year. He urged members to help both him and the District secretaries by paying their subscriptions as soon as possible as only just over a third had been received so far.

The report of the Bell Repair Fund consultant, Mr. G. Halls, included details of recent advice to St. Alkmund's, Derby, Brailsford, Hathersage, Bakewell and Trusley. The meeting was pleased to hear that he had been officially appointed as consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Church Bells.

A detailed report of the proceedings at Truro was then given by Mr. M. Phipps, one of the Central Council representatives, and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £2 10s. Three honorary life members were elected: Mr. Isaac Smith (Fairfield), Mr. F. Stone (Duffield) and Miss Elizabeth Foulk (Duffield).

The meeting was concluded by a comprehensive vote of thanks, which included the ladies who provided such an excellent 'knife and fork' tea. Further ringing was enjoyed at Fairfield, Burbage and Darley Dale.

Next quarterly meeting: Dronfield, October 3rd. M. P. P.

## UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 17



**CHARLES BARRIE DOVE,**  
The Yorkshire Association.

Once again the Yorkshire Association is represented in this series by one of its young members. Charles Barrie Dove was born on March 18th, 1944, at Headingley. He was educated at Chapeltown Primary School and Harehills County Secondary School, Leeds, where he obtained his G.C.E. (O levels). At present he is employed in Local Government (Education Department).

Barrie, as he is known, commenced ringing when he was eleven, at the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton, Leeds. He was the youngest ringer taking part at the dedication

by the Bishop of Knaresborough of the new ring of six on St. Matthew's Day, 1955. He was taught to ring by his father, Ronald H. Dove, who is well known throughout the Exercise for his encyclopædic book on ringing towers, 'A Guide to the Church Bells of Britain'.

Barrie started Sunday service ringing at Chapel Allerton, but later moved to Leeds Parish Church, where he is now conductor. He also frequently attends St. Mary's, Hunslet, before morning ringing at Leeds, and at St. Francis', Holbeck, afterwards.

On May 16th, 1959, when he was 15, he scored his first peal by ringing the treble to Plain Bob Minor at Chapel Allerton, the conductor being Irvin Slack. A year later came his first as conductor. This was Plain Bob Doubles at Tong, Bradford.

These two first peals were the beginning of a rapidly growing collection as Barrie's total to date is 60. Of this total he has conducted 43, including Plain Bob on all numbers, both odd and even, from Doubles to Royal, and it is interesting to note that the first peal of Plain Bob Royal which he conducted included eight ringers scoring their first peal of Royal.

Ringings Leeds tenor (42½ cwt.) to a peal of Bob Royal, which he composed and conducted, is Barrie's greatest achievement to date, and he claimed to be the youngest ringer to have done so. It is not surprising to learn that one of Barrie's ambitions is to turn this heavy tenor in to a peal of Surprise Major.

An enthusiastic tower grabber, Barrie believes he is also the youngest ringer to reach a total of towers now nearing 1,400. He is frequently handicapped by his exceptional height (6ft. 5in.) when on tower grabbing expeditions. He overcomes the difficulty of low ropes by either sitting or kneeling to ring. Good hunting, Barrie, and your Dove's will guide you to all the towers you have not yet visited.

NORVING.

## SUFFOLK GUILD CHANGE CHIEF OFFICERS

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on June 13th, attended by over 70 members and visitors, including Mr. David Vincent, from Cheshire. The ten bells of the Norman tower of the Cathedral were available during the afternoon and evening and the sixes of Rouham and Great Barton in the evening. Divine service took place in the Cathedral where we joined the lay readers' festival.

The tea and business meeting took place at the Masonic Hall. The Provost (Rev. J. Waddington) joined the company and extended a welcome to the Guild. He was suitably thanked by Mr. L. E. Last (the chairman). The reports of the officers revealed that 55 peals had been rung during 1963 including an 'Alan' peal at Lavenham. The number of districts had been reduced from six to five by having only one central district in addition to the north east, south east, south west and north west districts which, it was hoped, would improve the organisation of the Guild and improve attendance at meetings.

The accounts were most encouraging and an excess of income over expenditure of about £6 was a happy contrast to the large deficit of 1962. Steps had been taken to improve this situation and legislation was passed during the year to increase the annual subscription from 2s. 6d. to 5s. as from January 1st last. It is to be hoped that this will enable the Guild to keep pace with ever rising costs. The first-ever striking competition was held during 1963 for which Mr. Hubert Milson had very kindly presented a shield. This is to be an annual event: this year's contest will be at Buxhall, on September 26th.

At the end of January, 1964, a weekend course was held at Belstead House, Ipswich,

sponsored by the East Suffolk Education Committee, which had proved most successful and it was hoped to repeat this in the future. The technical adviser had been busy again with his inspection of bells. Restoration work was carried out at Hartest during the year. Further restoration work was envisaged at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, and Stowmarket.

Mr. G. W. Pipe was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. L. G. Brett, who had held the office for seven years, and Mr. A. T. Beckwith was elected general secretary and treasurer in succession to Mr. J. W. Blythe, who had carried out those duties for nine years. The chairman expressed the thanks of the members to both of the retiring officers for their efforts over a long period. Messrs. Brett and Blythe both thanked the members for the support they had received and expressed the hope that the new officers would be fully supported. The vice-presidents, the technical adviser and the hon. auditor were all re-elected.

A proposal to increase the size of the committee by making the district chairmen ex-officio members and having two elected members from each district was approved, subject to ratification at the general meeting, to be held at Ipswich in September.

It was agreed to make an effort to arrange as much ringing as possible to mark the return to the Cathedral of the Cross and Arrows, which is at present touring the Diocese.

The chairman thanked the members for their attendance, Mr. L. Wright for making the arrangements for the meeting and the incumbents for the use of their bells. Mr. Blythe thanked Mr. Last for acting as chairman. J. W. B.

## TO CHURCH BE BOATTE

Lass weenter a visherman vrend said ee wood tack us t'other zide the reever to reng on they pertee littul bulles awver ther een the tower amongst the trays but t'wood ave to be wain ee zed cos the tides got u be jis right an ee wood let us naw.

T'was Vridee, twainy saxth June, that us Deb'n bulle ringers set out fram th' arbur wee the cap'n an two or dree vrends to crass the reverr Exe at its whysed pint.

Us barded the boatte an cast off wi the reverr jis like a meel ponn an the sin pourind down from abuv—twas reel buteyful. Th' engin purred like a kitten an twas hap pas seh'n wain us pulled agin a slipway t'other zide.

Ther us waz awver the watter, now under the railrawd an ap the rawd wher the ringers renged wain or two titches then six aw's renged 1,260 Gransir an Plain Bab Dubbows: F. Williams 1, Miss C. Edbrooke 2, Miss V. Mellish 3, C. J. Turner 4, C. C. Deem (cond.) 5, P. Jupp 6. Virst een two methods vor all an virst quarter on the bulles since re'angin.

Arter this omeward, wi gratfull thanks to th' incumbent at Powder'am, Starcross Zailing Glub an last, but nat least, the cap'n o' tha boatte.

## 'RINGING THEM UP'

Current issue of 'Overtones' (American handbell ringers' magazine) states: It is reported that in a Lincolnshire village a 'ringing them up' peal once sounded from the church belfry at seven on the morning after a wedding. This was intended to wake up the bride and bridegroom following their first night together.

Query to bell ringers in Lincolnshire: Is this extraordinary campanological custom still practised? And if it is, is it appreciated by the bride and bridegroom.



## DEDICATIONS

### RADLETT, HERTFORDSHIRE

A new six (tenor 3 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb. in G). cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was dedicated at Evensong on June 28th by the Vicar, the Rural Dean of St. Albans (the Rev. Christopher Newton). This achieved one of the parish's aims in this its centenary year.

During the service the 'Bell' anthem, by Purcell, was sung, and after the sermon a procession, including the Vicar and assistant clergy, the churchwardens, Mr. Ernest Rowe (representing the bell founders), Mr. Paul Mauger (the architect), Mr. Cecil Evans (captain of the Aldenham ringers) and Mr. R. Clouston (Radlett), moved to the tower for the dedication. After it the tenor was swung chimed.

The opening touch was conducted by Mr. Walter Ayre, the adviser on bell matters to the St. Albans Diocesan Advisory Committee. Some 50 ringers had the opportunity to try out the bells during the evening, and the comments heard by the writer were highly complimentary to the bell founders, who have produced an easy to handle light six, with excellent musical qualities.

One unfortunate absentee due to illness was the Rev. John Blick, curate at Radlett, who has done quite a bit of change ringing over the years, and who has been invaluable in the preliminary steps in getting a local band of ringers established.

### HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN

The rededication of the eight bells of the Church of SS. Philip and James, Holywood, Co. Down, took place on June 27th in the presence of the Dean of Belfast (the Very Rev. C. I. Peacock), who preached the sermon. The act of dedication was performed by the Rector, Canon F. S. Barber.

Representing the Irish Association at the service were Mr. A. F. Bogan, St. Fin Barre's, Cork, president; Mr. John T. Dunwoody, Ringing Master; Mr. F. E. Dukes, Drogheda, general secretary and treasurer; Mr. G. H. Ellis, Limerick (St. Mary's Cathedral); Ringing Master, Southern District; Mr. A. S. Doak, Eastern District secretary; St. George's, Dublin; and Mrs. J. Jeffrey, St. Donard's, Belfast, assistant secretary, Northern District. Mr. Paul L. Taylor represented the bell founders, and Mr. Lewington, from Berkshire, was also present.

The ringing for the rededication was undertaken by the following: H. Brown (Holywood) 1. G. D. Brown (Holywood) 2. W. S. Patterson (St. Thomas', Belfast) 3. Mrs. J. Jeffrey 4. P. L. Taylor 5. John T. Dunwoody 6. Fred E. Dukes 7. A. Fred Bogan 8.

All present were entertained to tea by the catering guild of the parish. Canon Barber welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Bogan suitably replied.

### COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Latest successes are from Cornwall, where three young members in one of the College Affiliated School of Ringing—St. Uny's, Lelant—have reached the stage of ringing the simpler methods and of conducting Stedman Doubles. They have qualified by the prescribed tests as 'Tutor I' in ringing. They are: Miss Vicci Elnabeth Presswood, Miss Alberta Ruth Aston and Mr. Francis Malcolm Bowers. The last named has conducted a quarter peal of Stedman Doubles.

Another member of the school is one of the churchwardens, and all the pupils are making good progress under the tutorship of Mr. Harry Miles (College president) and Miss Marion Lidger, in charge of the school.

### MR. THOMAS GEORGE DARCH

Although we had heard hints of heart trouble, ringers in Devon were deeply shocked when we heard that Tommy Darch had died on July 4th, at the age of 61.

Thomas Darch was born in Yarnscombe, the son of a famous ringer and ringing judge, Albert Darch. He became a farmer, and later moved to St. Giles-in-the-Wood, where he made a name for himself in farming circles: he was an expert in sheep-shearing and for years ran that section of the Torrington Show. Not long ago he handed over the farm to his son and moved into Torrington, but he was helping on the farm the day before he died.

With his neat, stocky figure, weather-browned complexion and steady bright blue eyes, Tommy was a typical North Devon farmer, but it was his voice which was most memorable. Deep for a man of his build, rich and resonant in tone, his speech was the purest Devon dialect, but most beautifully enunciated: he was a gift to the BBC West Region, who often featured him in ringing items.

As a ringer he was a dedicated call-change ringer, and his driving force was a constant search for perfection. His ear for striking was extremely fine, and his love for bell music was such that when ringing came up to his very high standard you could see enjoyment in every line of him. But two qualities in particular made him exceptional as a judge. One was the fact that as a seeker after perfection he would always give credit to anyone who was seeking it too, even if their search had a long way to go; he was just as quick to praise a good try as he was to criticise sloppy striking; the thing that really distressed him was to hear a bell striking wide or close for round after round without correction. The other quality was an astounding memory for ringing: he could look through his notebook and convert one of the impeccably neat sets of dots into a detailed account of a peal which he had heard months or even years before, with literally hundreds of competition peals intervening, and if asked he would give out at the end of a competition not merely the marks of the teams but a careful analysis of each one's ringing. It was this ability not merely to mark ringing but to say exactly how the marks were incurred that made him the hardest-worked judge in Devon.

He was at the time of his death chairman of the Devon Association of Church Bell Ringers, an office which he had held for 12 years. When the suggestion first arose to seek affiliation with the Central Council, it was his wise and balanced words, coming from the conservative wing of the Association, which probably brought about the approval of the plan, and he was one of those elected to the Council. Hindered by hay-harvest from coming to Stoke, Cardiff or Yarmouth, he made his first appearance at Truro, and the Council gave him a great welcome. He was never by any means a fanatical opponent of

method ringing, but his desire for perfect striking meant that he very seldom heard any method ringing which pleased him, and like most call change ringers he didn't like even-bell methods at all.

I once heard him in a BBC interview refer to ringing as 'a lovely brotherhood'—I only wish I could convey how he spoke that last word—and he did much in a quiet way to promote this. Quiet and modest, he never asserted himself, but he was a wonderful friend and a delightful companion.

At Torrington, where he was tower captain for many years, he built up a fine tradition of good and regular ringing, and there they will miss him sorely. In the Devon Association and the whole world of call change ringing his successor will be hard to find, for wisdom and experience. To his friends, I'm afraid, he will be quite irreplaceable.

J. G. M. S.

### THE REV. W. B. CHAPMAN

By the death at Almondbury, Yorkshire, on June 29th of the Rev. W. B. Chapman, has passed on one who, during his stay in South Worcestershire, was always a good helpful friend to ringers. He was Vicar for many years of the large combined parishes of Badsey and Wickhamford, but acting on medical advice he moved to the smaller living at Hinton-on-the-Green, where he was Rector until failing health retired him to his native Yorkshire.

He was always deeply appreciative for his bells to be regularly rung, and the writer recalls, with pleasure, his request a few months after his induction to Hinton, for honorary membership of the Association, proffering current and advance subscriptions, 'not for myself, but in thankfulness and gratitude for my ringers'.

On the evening of the funeral—July 1st—the Badsey and Hinton bands combined to ring half-muffled quarter peals at both churches as their last tribute. At Badsey 1.260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. A. J. Brazier 1. A. J. Brazier 2. J. D. Johnson (cond.) 3. Mrs. J. Thomas 4. R. Harris 5. C. B. Longmore 6. W. J. Newman 7. J. E. Newman 8. At Hinton, in 44 minutes, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Brazier 1. J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2. Mrs. J. Thomas 3. C. B. Longmore 4. R. Harris 5. W. J. Newman 6. J. E. Newman 7. H. Plumb 8. J. D. J.

### DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Horsley Cup Striking Contest

The first Derby Diocesan Association competition took place on May 30th and the results were: 1. Dronfield (Kent) 250 marks; 2. Old Whittington (Oxford) 240; 3. Sandiacre (Cambridge), and Derby Cathedral (Oxford) each 231; 5. Duffield (Doubles) 229; 6. Bolsover (Bob Minor) 227; 7. Ripley (Doubles) 217; 8. Etwell (Doubles) 214; 9. St. Peter's, Derby (Oxford), failed to complete.

The cup was presented by Mr. Else, the donor, to Mr. Ian Molland, captain of the Dronfield team.

### CORRECTIONS

The peal at St. Thomas', Stourbridge (page 476), was rung on Saturday, June 27th, in 2 hours 56 minutes by the local band.

The peal rung at Knebworth on May 23rd (page 437) was Cambridge Surprise, and not Yorkshire.

### SUBSCRIPTION FORMS

were distributed to all Postal Subscribers recently in the hope that they would use them to introduce new readers now that another quarter has started. If you cannot find a new subscriber buy one for the tower. Reduced rates for second and subsequent numbers (see page 468). We are still waiting for a number of renewals.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Ashbrittle Bells ring out again

Dear Sir.—Owing to the recent dispute between Rector and parishioners at Ashbrittle, ringing has been suspended for the past twelve months. The ringers have been active by helping out in other parishes.

Following the Rector's departure from the parish, ringing recommenced on Sunday, June 20th, with a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

Sunday ringing will now take place and practices will be held regularly on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. when all visitors will be made welcome.—Yours sincerely,

S. N. BRISTOW.

Ashbrittle, Som.

### Bow Bells, old and new

Dear Sir.—I too saw the programme on I.T.V. on June 14th. about Bow Bells. Like Mr. J. Hedgecock and St. Thomas' ringers. I expected to hear something different from what was presented.

I consider that what I heard was a recording of the back ten of the old Bob 12, tenor 53 or so. After a couple of whole pulls I lost interest, but it could possibly have been the B.B.C. time signal although broadcast on I.T.V. My sense of pitch told me that it wasn't a C peal that I heard and I believe the new Bow 12 are in C natural and the old peal were in B.

As no one is infallible, however, I could possibly be wrong.—Yours truly,

G. J. HEMMING.

Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

### Ringers' Service at Gnosall

Dear Sir.—I should like to pay tribute to those responsible for the excellent ringers' service at Gnosall. Staffs, on July 5th, and to mention the great pleasure everyone must have had at seeing and hearing the junior handbell ringers. After the service there was another fine example of handbell ringing by these youngsters who, I estimate, were not more than an average age of 12 years.

The Rev. Tony Villiers was very apt in his address when he said: 'The exercise of bell-ringing requires patience and discipline. One cannot compare an adult ringer when one sees these boys and girls: they are the very essence of enthusiasm, obedience and discipline.'

To Mrs. B. G. Key I would say thank you for your untiring efforts in teaching and training these youngsters and may you be well rewarded for your labours.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. W. E.

### Secretary's apology

Dear Sir.—I wish to apologise to anyone who may have turned up at the Harby/South Scarle meeting of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild, on June 27th. It unfortunately had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour due to lack of support.—Yours faithfully,

B. N. REED (Mrs.).

Hon. Dis. Sec.

Balderton, nr. Newark.

### Whitwell-on-the-Hill

Dear Sir.—Reading Mr. Harold Walker's article on the bells and tower at Whitwell-on-the-Hill, I notice that he wonders why the circular wooden staircase and platform at the top were ever put there. Nearly sixty years ago my business took me into the village weekly, and into the homes of some of the ringers of that time.

This stairway and platform were then known as the 'Parson's Lookout', from which extensive views of the countryside, north, east, south and west, were to be obtained by looking through the windows, which are about half-way up the spire, and which are glazed with clear glass. I have known some of the locals go up to this vantage point to watch fox-hunting when the hounds met in the district.

I agree with Mr. Walker that the structure prevents the bells from being hung on one level. In spite of the difficulties in the ringing chamber these bells were rung regularly for the services in the early part of the present century, during the incumbency of the late Rev. H. A. K. Hawkins. Amongst the ringers at that time were Whites, Woods, Stabler, Foden, Duffits, one of the last named being the leader.

The combined height of the tower and spire is 110 feet. The inscriptions on the bells read: Treble, Father Glory be to Thee; 2nd, Glory to the Blessed Son; 3rd, Glory to the Spirit be; 4th, Glory to the Three in One; 5th, As it was, is now, shall be: Tenor, Filling all eternity. On each bell, 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1859.' Also the Royal Arms.—Yours faithfully

Stillington, Yorks. J. B. HUTCHINSON.

### Muezzin's call canned

Dear Sir.—The other day a mildly amusing piece of gossip came my way from someone who had just returned from a holiday in Tunisia. It would appear that the Christian Church, with its several rings of 'canned bells' is not the only religion to have succumbed to the modern trend of mechanisation.

At the new mosque in Monastir, as in all similar Moslem places of worship, the voice of the old muezzin can be heard monotonously chanting out his weird incantations from the top of the tall minaret. Between the phrases, however, the hiss of a needle on a record can be clearly discerned.—Yours truly,

London, W.C.

PETER DALE.

### St. Martin le Grand

Dear Sir.—Mr. Weatherby (Belfry Gossip, July 10th) seems to have his family records out of order. St. Martin's le Grand is a City street which must be familiar to many thousands of office workers, for nearby stands the General Post Office. It commemorates a college of secular canons with a definite history starting in 1068. Queen Matilda brought certain rights over it to the Crown and in time it became a source of royal sinecures. By the sixteenth century, the standard of conduct in the college appears to have been unusually bad, and it was suppressed in 1542.—Yours sincerely,

Tooting Graveney, S.W. A. CLAYTON.

### Bringing Canada up to date

Dear Sir.—I would like to take issue with the 'Canadian' report published on page 394 in 'The Ringing World' of June 12th, since several inaccuracies seem to be evident.

Vancouver.—The reference to the rehanging of the chiming ring of eight bells in St. James' appears totally unfounded, unless one of the two foundries has been recently approached by one of the two members of the clergy of that church, who are at present in England. No one at the Church of St. James, we are informed, has ever heard of this proposition. Since at least \$50,000 would be required to build a tower for the bells, quite apart from the expenses in connection with their rehanging, and the fact that there is no land available, make this possibility highly improbable. At present the bells are hung dead in a lantern at the apex of the roof over the nave—quite impossible for ringing both for access as well as structural stresses.

Montreal.—We are not clear who the 'representative' was who visited the towers there; however, from personal inspection, the ring of ten at St. Patrick's has an odd middle five bells rung by electric motors—hardly classifiable as ringable—and certainly new ropes and new wheels and stays would mostly be required. At Notre Dame, two hours were spent trying to obtain permission to view the bells after which time urgent business elsewhere prevented examination. However, we were assured that all ten bells were rung by electric motors—which rules this tower out for all time. I would say!

Quebec City.—The reference in 'Dove' to the Holy Trinity ring being unringable is totally inaccurate. Reference was made to this tower in the report, but one wonders why it does not justify a heavy type heading as have the four in Western Canada? This tower, it seems to me, has suffered injustice long enough—for not only is it the oldest ring in Canada, but is also the one closest to the 'old country' and also is only ten minutes from the quay, where every passenger liner sailing between Canada and Britain docks on her way up or down the St. Lawrence River! Ringers attending the 1962 Central Council meeting at Cardiff may recall my showing a short colour film taken in this church and tower, including the bells, which had been shot only the year before.

May I suggest that the convener, Mr. Pipe, contacts Mr. R. H. Dove, for my correspondence with the latter gentleman of some three years back, which I would hope to be still on file. Complete information on Canadian bells was contained therein, there seems to have been no changes, although Mr. Dove inaccurately reported the Quebec City tower unringable, for which I have had no explanation nor seen any correction.

Two further corrections:

Calgary, the weight of tenor is 8½ cwt. (not 14);

Quebec City—St. Matthew's, the weight of tenor is 8 cwt. (not 14).

Both facts were verified with the ringers in these two cities, and again these appear in my letters to Mr. Dove.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

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## SWANSEA ELECT ANOTHER WOMAN MASTER

THE 36th annual festival of the Guild was held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on June 20th. The extremely good weather helped to make the journey to Swansea worth while. Those present represented the Central District and the Southern District, but unfortunately the newly-formed Northern District was not represented.

The Bishop arrived late for the service, being delayed in a traffic jam. The tea was provided by the St. Mary's ringers, and the arrangements were under the supervision of Mrs. Whitworth. Many more attended than was expected, but this was soon overcome, and the thanks of all present were expressed by Mr. Stan Edwards.

The service, conducted by Canon H. C. Williams, was held in Holy Trinity Chapel. The Rev. E. Hunt, who gave the address, was at the business meeting which followed, and was congratulated by the Bishop, who presided.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. D. Stokes, who tendered his resignation as treasurer through ill-health. Mr. Saunders paid tribute to the work he had done during his term of office, and added the good wishes of members for a complete recovery to good health.

### PRESENTATION OF THE SHIELD

The Bishop, in presenting the shield, congratulated the winners, Neath, on their fine achievement; he also presented certificates to the Cadoxton band who came second, and the Glasbury band who came third.

At this stage of the meeting the Bishop had to leave, and the chair was taken by Canon H. C. Williams.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. A. Hoare) said unfortunately the Northern District was in a state of despondency, and this caused uneasiness. There was no record of subscriptions being paid and meetings had not been organised as planned. It was hoped that improvement would be shown very soon. Instructors were still required, especially in the Northern District.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Stan Edwards presented the accounts, which showed a small surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account. They were adopted.

The Ringing Master reported increased interest throughout the diocese, but Sunday service ringing was not as it should be. The ringing competition was a success, and they had to thank Mr. Gwyn Thomas for adjudicating. A report of the Central Council meeting at Truro this year was given by Mr. T. M. Roderick.

In the absence of Mr. G. I. Lewis, a written report from him was read. An increase of eight peals this year over last was due mainly to a number of handbell peals, including one of 10,192 changes, and several new methods rung in the Swansea area. It was hoped that more ringers would attempt peals and quarters peals, as this was a sure way to improve striking. The Peal Book had been rewritten and about 250 new pages added. To date 220 peals had been rung for the Guild.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The new Master of the Guild is Miss Kathleen M. Watkins, of Sketty, Swansea, who was proposed by Mr. J. T. Williams and seconded by Mr. S. Edwards. Miss Watkins thanked them for electing her as Master, and hoped she would be able to carry out her duties as required of her.

Mr. Colin Lewis thought that a longer period in office of being Master would be beneficial to the Guild. Mr. Edwards suggested that the office should be filled from the Central and Southern Districts alternately.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Hoare, was re-elected, and Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Talgarth,



Miss Kathleen M. Watkins is the youngest Master of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, being only 19 years of age. She has been ringing for four years and is a past vice-president of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild and a representative on the Central Committee of that Guild.

Kathleen is a student at Trinity College, Carmarthen; her home tower is St. Paul's, Sketty, where she is vice-captain. She has several peals, including one 'in hand,' to her credit.

was appointed to fill the vacant office of treasurer. A proposal by Mr. E. Morris to re-elect Mr. Stan Edwards as the auditor was carried, and Mr. G. I. Lewis was again elected peal recorder.

A suggestion on holding an annual dinner revealed an absence of real support; the matter was dropped.

A notice of motion by Mr. S. Edwards, that the committee meetings of the Guild be held each year in the home town of the Ringing Master, was supported by Mr. A. V. Protheroe and carried.

The 1965 annual festival of the Guild will be held at Brecon Cathedral at a date to be arranged later. The ringing competition for 1965 will be held at Bronllys and the alternative tower is to be Talgarth.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £3 17s. 6d. Mr. E. Sage was elected a ringing member, and the proceedings concluded with an omnibus vote of thanks.

Ringing throughout the day varied from rounds to Surprise Major, and continued until 8.45 p.m. J. A. H.

## STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

### Sale of Ring of Six Deplored

FOR the second year running, the Society Evensong was held in the choir stalls of Lichfield Cathedral, and was conducted by the president, the Ven. Basil Stratton (Archdeacon of Stafford). The Dean addressed the gathering, and emphasised that although the Society always clashed with the Cathedral Friends' annual meeting, he welcomed this, as the bells added to the atmosphere of the proceedings. The Dean included a brief history of the Cathedral in his address.

After the assembled party of over 120 had partaken of a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the ladies connected with Lichfield Cathedral ringers, the Archdeacon presided at the business meeting.

From the committee's report it appeared that the Society was nearing its greatest membership ever—nearly 300. Peal ringing is in a healthy state, with two Sunday service bands, Bilston and Gnosall, ringing their first local band peals, and Brewood and Penn also, save for the conductor. No useful professional bell restoration could be reported, but Shreshill bells were now being rung again. The deplorable loss of St. Martin's, Tipton, bells (8) was reported as six of the bells had been sold. It was stressed that ringers should keep officials informed of such propositions so that the best solution for the church concerned and the art of change ringing can be sought. This is a point ringers everywhere are advised to watch for, in these times of church demolition, rebuilding, etc. Although late, the committee were glad to report that there is now a ring of five at Sandon, near Stafford, and that the fifth bell at St. Leonard's, Bilston, has been recast, making the complete eight ringable once more.

The treasurer reported the Society's accounts to be in a healthy state, but said there was room for more co-operation from some towers in the prompt payment of subscriptions and peal fees.

It was agreed that the Saturday evening practice meetings would continue on the last Saturday of a month, in which there was not a meeting, and that at least one striking competition be held during the next twelve months. Full meetings (subject to permission) would be: September 5th, Lichfield Diocesan Festival at Stafford; October 17th, Yoxall; January 19th, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; March 20th, Sedgley; May 8th, Great Barr; and the A.G.M. at Lichfield on June 19th, 1965.

An alteration to Rule 7 was adopted, making it necessary for peal fees to be payable to the treasurer by the following meeting.

The following officers for 1964/65 were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. Michael W. Fairey; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Philip G. K. Davies; hon. secretary, Mr. Clive M. Smith; 'Roiselle,' Walsall Road, Lichfield (tel. Lich 2124); honorary treasurer, Mr. John H. Allen, 8, Oriol Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton; honorary auditor, Mr. H. Green; annual dinner secretary (for 1965), Mr. Charles Eyre.

The following new resident members were elected: Mrs. L. M. Griffiths, Miss E. Mould, W. Brotherton, C. Taberner, C. Taberner, sen., all St. Peter's Wolverhampton; Miss L. J. Monk, Longdon; T. Greaves, Bilston; J. D. P. Smith, Shreshill; S. White, Great Barr; S. Clamp, All Saints', West Bromwich; R. Fairbrother, E. Fairbrother, F. Beech and Mrs. J. Beech, all Stafford.

The president closed the meeting by thanking all who had made it so successful. C. M. S.

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## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR

WE finally collected together our wits and bicycles, and found ourselves on the train to Newport. Muscles already strained and hands blistered from furniture removing the previous evening, we sank back exhausted to enjoy our last taste of mechanised transport for another ten days. The summer tour, 1964, of the U.B.S.C.R. was to be in the Wye Valley and had been extended to last ten days instead of a week.

Our first visit was to All Saints', Newport, a very pleasant eight, and from there to Caerleon. Unfortunately, having taken a wrong turn out of Newport we arrived late but were unable to overstay our time because a wedding was to be held there at two o'clock. We were told that these bells are the lightest ring of eight in that part of the country, and it became painfully obvious that the Society is not used to handling light bells when the stay on the second was broken in the rise. It was here that we made first acquaintance with the tandem, whose riders though hailing from a rival society we permitted to join our ranks for the duration.

A horrible truth was then revealed to the secretary. Her lack of knowledge of Welsh place names had led her to confuse Llantrisant, Glam. with Llantrisant, Mon. The former, where we were scheduled to ring, was 40 miles away. The latter, which was just up the valley, possessed two bells. Even the most ardent tower-grabber was deterred by this: a hasty phone call sorted the matter out and we were able, thankfully, to struggle on to Chepstow Youth Hostel. We discovered that the nearest pub was a mile away, but inspired by rigorous renderings of 'Tavern in the Town' on the hostel piano we were not daunted.

The next morning we cycled to Chepstow to join the local band of St. Mary's for service ringing on their lovely ten. After the service we went and looked over Chepstow Castle, and then continued on to Mathern where we ate our packed lunches on a tombstone until thirst drove us afield. Alas, we arrived ten minutes after closing time.

After ringing on the six at Mathern, where we reached our highest venture by ringing a touch of Perivale which failed to come round until called into Plain Bob, we proceeded to Caldicot. By this time we were drooping with thirst and we had to beg a glass of water before we could even bear to listen to 'Pick of the Pops.' Having met and rung with the Rev. Roy Hallett and his band of young learners, we returned to Chepstow Youth Hostel.

### HEAVEN'S GATE

On Monday we managed to force our expanding luggage into our shrinking saddlebags before setting out to ring at Tidenham, a lovely six. From there we had a seven mile drag to Lydney, where we were met by an officer of the law who unbuttoned his tunic to help us out in a good course of Cambridge Major. Then a long, long climb faced us to St. Briavels. At the top of the hill we saw a sign declaring 'Heaven's Gate.' Could it be that we had come so far? We were not surprised. Giving St. Peter an airy wave we started on the downward path. The view from St. Briavels is magnificent, but we had no time to appreciate it. The bells were in bad repair and we found them tough going. A postman came to meet us as we left. Policemen, postmen... what servant of his country would greet us next? We wondered. We soon found out. When we arrived at Clearwell we learned that a funeral was about to take place. Of course, we were unable to ring, but the weather was beautiful and we sat by the village stream trying to make our icc-olly sticks shoot the rapids.

All too soon it was time to move on to Staunton. After enjoying the six bells there we had a ten mile run back through the Forest of Dean to Mitcheldean Youth Hostel, where the food we discovered was magnificent, and we were to be there for three nights. On discovering our prodigious capacity for drinking tea the warden had to dig out her largest teapot. With what joy did we then perceive that the nearest hostelry was a mere ten yards away. It possessed a piano which

led us through an exhausting repertoire of song, ending with 'The Bristol Man' to the chagrin of our friends from another place.

The bells at Mitcheldean have just been rehung and are one of the finest eights we have ever visited. After ringing there on Tuesday morning we freewheeled all the way down to Blaisdon and Westbury-on-Severn, the latter having well sounding bells although their going was hard. We then swept round the curve of the Severn to have our lunch and ring at Awre. We had another very steep hill to climb to Littledean, after which we managed to stagger our exhausted way back to the hostel.

The next morning we arrived early at Newent, giving ourselves opportunity to buy postcards, icecream and the like. To our horror we discovered that the tandem had acquired itself a loud echoing horn which blazed a trail for us miles ahead. But as the tandem was inclined to overtake every vehicle in sight at rather more than average speed we realised that a horn was more of an asset than a liability. From the lovely six at Newent we continued on to Staunton, near Tewkesbury, a lone church set outside the village almost in the yard of a large farm. Bromesborough was our next stop where we were met by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild, who, after ringing with us and conducting us round his neat little church, kindly provided us with tea in the Church Hall.

### ACCIDENTS

On the way to the last tower of the day, Aston Ingham, our first accident occurred. A bumpy verge and faulty brakes caused two people to entangle themselves and their bikes, but there was no damage apart from a few bruises and a buckled wheel. Aston Ingham bells were very light and our Master disgraced himself by breaking the first stay of his ringing career. And so back to our last night at Mitcheldean. A delicious meal was ready for us, but we were too full to make the most of it, although not many plates were left unlicked.

On Thursday morning we said good-bye to the warden and her lovely children, voting this the best hostel we had ever stayed at. The memory was to linger with us nostalgically for the rest of the tour. We had another good-bye to make: to Maria, who had to leave us much to our regret. Our first tower that morning was Longhope—it was an experience to go downstairs to ring instead of up. The Master arrived late again, but for once he had a valid excuse: he had, so it seemed, somersaulted his handlebars in a desperate attempt to avoid hitting a stationary car. We continued to Weston-under-Penyard, where the more 'musically' inclined tried to find the easiest way to ruin yet another harmonium. We then moved on to Ross and enjoyed the beautiful eight, though our standard of methods and striking was by now abysmal. The sky was an ominous yellow but so far we had been fortunate with the weather and our luck held. In our exhausted state all we could do was to stagger to a cafe, where the wax on the candles had accumulated to form malignant looking growths, before going on to ring at Goodrich. Castle spotters were able to add yet another name to their list, and we saw the River Wye for the first time (... this tour was supposed to be in the Wye Valley, wasn't it?...). After ringing on this pleasant six we found we had a hilly track to climb to Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel, where we were intrigued to find besides the Warden and his family an assorted collection of animals, including a tame crow. To reach the nearest pub we had first to brave a field of steers and trespass over a disused railway bridge before walking a mile along the opposite side of the river, but the men at least seemed to think it was worth it for the sake of the beautiful barmaid.

### DEEP IN ROOKS' NESTS

The next day Timothy discovered that he was not feeling well, so we left him behind at the hostel for the day. Our first tower was Llangarron, where we were met by the Vicar,

and after this St. Weonards. Here yet another horrible truth was revealed: the secretary had again sullied her reputation by allowing only one hour in which to cycle five miles and have lunch. However, we were only too glad literally to shake the dust of St. Weonards from our feet: the stairs to the belfry were in places ankle deep in rooks' nests and we dreaded what we might arouse by walking over them. The bells too were hard going; so we pressed on hurriedly to have lunch before ringing at Skenfrith. But the Furies were hounding us today: the rope on the third slumped and Roger still had a coil in his hand. The Vicar very kindly drove him to the hospital and he appeared later, his little finger broken. For the rest of the tour he rang one-handedly. The rest of us had a lovely downhill run into Monmouth, where the rain began to pelt down just as we reached the shelter of St. Mary's Church. The bells were some of the best we had encountered though I doubt if they felt the same about us. After this most of the party were keen to get back to the hostel: some of us could not face another eight mile drag without a break so we had some coffee before returning to Welsh Bicknor.

Saturday morning dawned bright and beautiful, unlike us. The strain was telling. We struggled up the long hill to Ruardean, arriving 55 minutes late so that we had time merely to ring up, have a quick course of Grandsire Triples and down before travelling on to Linton, a lovely six. We had lunch conveniently during a rainstorm after which we enjoyed the best rise of the tour at Upton Bishop.

### MUSSELS AND FRIENDSHIPS

In a depressed mood we moved on to Dymock, a heavy and not a very easy-going six. We were delighted to meet here the Tyndale-Biscoes, no longer travelling tandem-wise. They came with us as far as Much Marcle but we were unable to ring here as no-one came to let us in. We then made our way to Rushall Youth Hostel. No advantages here, we thought. Meals served on cold plates and the pub a good half-hour's walk away (or ten minute run, depending on the strength of your thirst and your legs). But the cider was draught and bread, cheese and onions were served on the house. A jar of mussels was nearly the break-up of several beautiful friendships, but peace if not order was resumed as we weaved our happy way home.

The next day, Sunday, we had an uphill journey to ring at Woolhope. We stayed to Matins, the Vicar having kindly asked us if one of us would like to read the lesson. In the afternoon we rang at Fownhope where we were welcomed and entertained by the Rev. H. G. Sell who brought his family up to the belfry with him to watch us ring. He then directed us to Kings Cople up a very steep hill which made the muscles in our calves and shoulders sing. This next tower we viewed with some apprehension as the letter of acceptance had relieved the Vicar of all responsibility for any damage caused during our visit. Wishing that we had taken out insurance policies before embarking on this horrible venture we bravely seized hold of the ropes. We soon discovered that these were so long that it was easier to ring sitting down. The ringer of the second had to stand beneath an open trapdoor through which, if you didn't mind getting your eyes full of dust, you could see the bells swinging high above. It was now turning cold and it was a long way to Rushall but in spite of our exhaustion we found no difficulty after supper in returning to our lovely pub.

On Monday we had another late start so that we unfortunately only had time for a short ring on the lovely eight at Ledbury before moving on to the lighter eight at Colwall. We then made the mistake of waiting till we got to Coddington before having lunch. We arrived to find that this village consisted of a church, two houses and a post office which sold nothing but stamps. Most of us were not prepared to cycle two miles in the

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## BRISTOL UNIV. TOUR—Cont.

blazing sun to find a public house and so we lay limply in the churchyard until, after receiving several visits which became more and more pointed, the little woman in the post office suddenly produced a bottle of lemon squash and jug of water. This could not have been more welcome, and was yet another example of the kind hospitality we received throughout the tour.

Having enjoyed the bells we rode on to Bosbury, but though we waited a good time the tower was locked and no-one came to unlock it, so we pressed on to Stretton Grandison, a pleasant light six with an unusually close rope circle. We had a smooth run back along the Roman road to the hostel. This was our last evening and we celebrated it in the traditional style.

And so the final day had arrived when we never thought it would. Our penultimate tower was over the hill at Hampton Bishop (a pleasant ring), and then the beautiful six at Hereford St. Nicholas'. We were able to hold our heads up in the end by ringing an excellent touch of London Minor followed by a good lower, and we wished we could always ring like that.

The secretary wishes to thank all incumbents and tower captains for allowing us the use of their bells and for meeting us and enduring our indifferent ringing. The kindness and warmth we received, not only in the tower but from everyone we met, cannot be forgotten. She also wishes to acknowledge the encouragement and advice she received from various members of the Society when things looked their worst. The hills were high and the cycling hard, and next year's organiser was sometimes to be heard muttering wildly to himself about minibuses and sailing boats. We certainly endured more knocks and bruises this year than ever before, and it is surprising that all the bikes survived even as well as they did. It seemed that everything worked together to make this one of our most memorable tours.

J. D. P.

## OUTINGS

## NORWICH, ST. GEORGE'S, COLEGATE

The St. George's ringers made an early start for their main outing of the year into Lincolnshire on June 27th. Despite the holiday traffic and 'short cuts,' we managed to ring the first touch at Wrangle more or less on schedule. Early rising seemed to affect the ringing here, but the bells were neatly lowered in peal, as indeed they were at most of the towers visited.

On to Bennington, where there was some furtive traffic in Eccles cakes and 'pop' before ringing London, Plain Bob, Kent and a good touch of Stedman. We rang next on the six at Butterwick, a beautifully kept church, where Plain Bob, Oxford and Norwich were successfully brought round. Thoughts began to turn to the high point (in every sense) of the day, because we were due to ring at Boston before lunch.

It is impossible to do justice to St. Botolph's within the close timetable of a ringing outing, but we hoped to be able to visit the church again some day. After getting our breath, we made a careful start with rounds and call changes on the fine ring of ten, Grandsire Caters, a plain course of Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples followed, and we felt that we had not disgraced ourselves.

After a gargantuan chop suey lunch, the ringing on the 14 cwt. six at Freiston seemed to match the meal, but at Fishtoft we had some of the best ringing of the day. Teatime took us through Boston again and on to Frampton where we rang some competent Stedman Doubles and a course of London, followed by another good lower in peal. At this stage the Alvis in the party almost disappeared under the weight of a group photograph before we moved on to the only octave of the day at Kirton.

The last two towers were Wigtoft and Alkirk, the day finishing in good style with Plain Bob, Cambridge and London. Our thanks must include Peter Adcock, who organised an excellent day.

D. P. M.

## MAULDEN, BEDS.

Eagerly looked forward to by the regulars, the annual outing of the Maulden ringers is always a popular event, and this year a visit was made to the Sussex area.

On this lovely day, June 20th, the natural beauty of this enchanting countryside showed up at its best. Dorking was the first stop, and here some of the party refreshed themselves with coffee whilst others were even more refreshed by another meeting with that dynamic local character, Pat Cannon!

The bells of the Parish Church were put to good use before we moved on to Henfield, whose excellent ring of eight gave everyone much pleasure.

Lunch at Worthing was followed by a visit to historic Arundel, where a solid brick wall divides the chancel from the nave, a lasting tribute to the broadmindedness of a former Duke of Norfolk, who didn't mind what religious views people held, so long as they held them on the other side of the wall! (The bells are, fortunately, in the C. of E. part of the church, and we enjoyed a ring on them.)

Further ringing took place at Pulborough, where an excellent tea was enjoyed.

Next came Petworth's quite outstanding octave, though perhaps a little odd-struck—but there should be more bells like these!

The last tower was Chiddingfold, and a very pleasant ring. As we were about to leave Chiddingfold we realised we had provided a little interest for other people too (always very pleasant!). The coach in which we travelled was the centre of attraction, and though, to us, it seemed a perfectly ordinary coach, it came in for a great deal of notice, even from people who normally travel in Rolls Royces, probably due to the fact that it was parked outside one of England's most exclusive hotels!

Altogether a most delightful day's outing, and the sincere thanks of all are accorded to incumbents, local ringers, our organiser Ron Sharp, and all who helped to make it such a success.

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A peal attempt for Bob Major which, had it been successful, would have been the first on the 'Gabriel' eight, was made at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. Donald Holt), lately of St. Peter's, Croydon. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow joined the otherwise local band in this effort to give his successor a happy in-coming to the parish but a shift course after two and a half hours put paid to hopes of success.

We hear that Mr. Tom Myers has been recuperating at Bude, and conducted a short touch of Stedman Triples at Stratton. This was his first attempt at ringing since last October.

Sturry, Kent, ringers are proud of the quarter peal we publish this week. A year less three days ago, Mr. F. File took on the task of training a band from scratch and now they have scored their first quarter of Grandsire. A previous attempt was baulked by the clapper leaving the fourth.

With the peal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 27th, the conductor, Mr. John W. Euston, has fulfilled a wish of 30 years' standing to score a peal in this church. The peal was a silver wedding compliment to Mr. H. C. Weaver, who rang the fifth, and his wife.

From 'Belfry News,' the Derbyshire Bell-ringers' monthly: 'When one considers the generosity of the American people in entertaining those representatives of English bell-ringers one shudders at the narrowness and paucity of imagination of the critics who argued against making donations towards the project.'

The bells of St. Mary's, Banbury, rang out merrily on June 24th, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mr. Fredk. Selwyn, father to the Banbury tower. His ringing career started at Bromesberrow, Glos. in the 1880's and continued until he was 87 when the stairs defeated him. Mr. Selwyn came to Banbury during world war one and for about 20 years he was sexton. He still takes a keen interest in ringing matters.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Brenda Cooke, who, along with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, rings at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, has obtained a B.Sc. degree at Newcastle University, and Gillian, daughter of Mr. E. Pannell, who also rings at St. Cuthbert's, has obtained a B.A. at Durham. Gillian does not at present ring, but having been introduced to the mysteries of bell control may take up ringing at some future date.

Mr. David Walklate, of Derby, is going to Hong Kong for three years.

With the peal at Cosgrove, Mr. W. J. Chester achieved an ambition to ring 200 peals. It was a good steady peal, just how Bill likes his ringing.

Kirby-le-Soken are holding their fourth Ringers' Sunday on July 26th. The support of visitors would be most welcome at this special Sunday for worship and general interest in our art.

Leatherhead, Surrey, bells which have been silent since last October, when the sixth bell fell into the pit, are likely to be heard again on August Bank Holiday, when the joint meeting between the Surrey Association and Guildford Guild takes place. Most of the bells are having new headstocks.

Four Yorkshire ringers aiming for their first and only peal of Minimus (in 10 methods) were rudely interrupted just 20 minutes from the end at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stockton-on-the-Forest, nr. York, by an extremely annoyed individual who even put his fists up! Fortunately, he was removed from the church with considerable restraint by the ringers who will now have to make a further attempt on this delightful light ground-floor ring.

Congratulations to the Yorkshire Association band, conducted by Mr. W. F. Moreton, who with a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in 32 methods have rung most methods to a peal of Royal.

In the peal at Askerswell on June 20th (see page 472) the ringer of the second was Joseph T. Barrett, and not Barnett.

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## TWELVE AND TEN BELL PEALS

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5075 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

KENNETH J. DARVILL .. Treble	*HAROLD V. FROST .. 6
*JULIA A. FELLOWS .. 2	*ROBERT E. HARDY .. 7
*HADLEY HUNTER .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 8
*†CHRISTOPHER FORSTER .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 9
*STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. 5	†REGINALD W. DARVILL .. Tenor

Composed by HADLEY HUNTER. Conducted by KENNETH J. DARVILL.  
\* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. First of Erin Caters in the county.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 6
BRIAN R. WHITE .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 3	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMINGS .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON .. 5	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.  
Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Selwyn.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 25, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	*JOHN C. EISEL .. 7
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 8
MURIEL REAY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 10
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 11
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 6	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 2, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL .. 6
SUSAN FUNNELL .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 8
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 9
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. BEW .. 6
*PEGGY E. TAYLOR .. 2	*BERNARD G. NORTH .. 7
ROBERT J. WAKE .. 3	†BERNARD J. STONE .. 8
CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON .. 9
HENRY C. WEAVER .. 5	ALBERT W. BOND .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

\* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., July 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 32 methods, being 240 each of Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Oakham, Prittlewell, Rutland, Selby, York and Yorkshire, and 120 each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Banbury, Bromsgrove, Coalbrookdale, Haslemere, Inveraray, Leek, Limerick, Lindsey, Marsden, Mirfield, Ossett, Pudsey, Ranmoor, Shrewsbury, Staffordshire, Sunderland, Wembley, Whitby, Wrexham and Yeovil; with 122 changes of method.

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

NEIL DONOVAN .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 5	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by DONALD H. NIBLETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
Most methods rung in a peal of Royal.

Abergavenny: —70—18—50—16—14—30—14—30—18—10	1.h. 1426
Limerick: —50—16—12—30—14—14.30—14—14.30—14—16.90	1.h. 1573
Shrewsbury: —50—16—70—38—14—58—16—70—78—90	1.h. 1907
Wrexham: —50—16—1270—38.14—14.50—12—50—56—10	1.h. 1089

These four methods are rung in a peal for the first time.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES G. JONES .. Treble	THOMAS W. HARRIS .. 5
DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2	DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. 6
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 7
†ROBERT J. PURNELL .. 4	ALAN F. LEE .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

\* 75th peal. † First of Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Martin Jones and Pat Burt.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (6th obs.).	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.
IAN R. PANTON .. Treble	*JOHN CLARK .. 5
PETER J. CAME .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. 7
PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. 4	IAN FOSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal of Triples.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 17 cwt.
REGINALD HAYDEN .. Treble	GEORGE GOODMAN .. 5
*LILIAN GOODMAN .. 2	EDWARD ROCHESTER .. 6
*VALERIE PERKIN .. 3	†DAVID KINGSTON .. 7
†PETER WARBOYS .. 4	*PETER WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID KINGSTON.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.

A farewell to Valerie Perkin and Jo Munday on leaving Hockerill Teachers' Training College.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., June 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

SHEILA COPPING .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE .. 6
R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 3	ERNEST L. LADD .. 7
*MARIA E. KIRBY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. 2).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

In honour of the Patronal Festival.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., June 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 5
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5152 MANCETTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MALCOLM WADE .. Treble	IAN J. FRASER .. 5
GARRY W. MASON .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

#### MANCETTER SURPRISE MAJOR

—36—14—58—38—14—38—12—58 1.h. 12 1573

f.c.h. 24365. 32465. 43265.

(H. and M. No. 0253.)

### LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 17 methods, viz.: 640 of London, 320 each of Wembley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Cray, Cambridge, Eastcote, Yorkshire, Wordsworth, Pudsey, Bristol, Rutland and New Gloucester, 160 each of Uxbridge, Superlative, Hitchin and Watford; 140 changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	ROLAND H. COOK .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in 17 Surprise Major methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.



## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of All Hallows.  
On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

IAN W. HALL .. .. Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 5
MALCOLM E. WADE .. .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 6
*MICHAEL J. STALEY .. .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 7
†BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 4	‡JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † 200th peal. ‡ 50th peal of Yorkshire Major on tower bells.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 5
*†ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. 2	RAYMOND H. DAW .. .. 6
*DEREK J. JONES .. .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 7
KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 4	‡BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON (C.C.C. 223). Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.  
Rung as a compliment to Margaret Pell and Lance Rawding, whose wedding took place at this church prior to the peal.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., June 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDEGEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

GEORGE A. DAWSON .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 5
*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. .. 3	*DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal in the method.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

A. WILLIAM KIRKBY .. Treble	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 6
ROGER J. LUMLEY .. .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 7
PETER A. KIRKBY .. .. 4	ALFRED SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND.

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

J. R. PRITCHARD's Four-Part.	EDWARD HOWES .. .. 5
JANET HOHL .. .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. .. 6
ROY E. CULLINGTON .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 7
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. .. 3	KEVIN S. HOHL .. .. Tenor
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 4	

Conducted by KEVIN S. HOHL.

First peal of Major as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Edward Howes.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	*PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 6
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 3	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

BLETCHLEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

TERRY PAGE .. .. Treble	JOSEPH MARKS .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 2	ROGER CADAMBY .. .. 6
ARTHUR KERSHAW .. .. 3	DONALD J. MEABER .. .. 7
RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

Rung in honour of the 86th birthday of Harry Sear; also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the forming of the Guild's North Bucks Branch, of which he is a founder member.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.
*ALFRED WALLER .. Treble	ROY W. SPENCER .. .. 5
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	*GILBERT COWLING .. .. 6
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 3	ALLAN V. JACQUES .. .. 7
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
*ALAN A. PAUL .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
*GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

D. MARY BERESFORD .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
E. JANE SIBSON .. .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
PETER J. EVES .. .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Fri., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	*LEONARD E. LAST .. .. 6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 3	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 7
*HAROLD LEATHER .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 4).

Conducted by H. W. EGGLESTONE.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

BETTY PERCY .. .. Treble	*IAN V. J. SMITH .. .. 5
*JANET M. PERCY .. .. 2	*THOS. M. BARLOW .. .. 6
†VALERIE MEFHAM .. .. 3	*ALAN R. BALDOCK .. .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside'. † Barrie on eight bells. ‡ First of Cambridge Major.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANFEIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meagan.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. A. ELLIS .. .. Treble	MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. .. 5
RUTH E. HAVARD .. .. 2	JACK ALSOP .. .. 6
*M. R. THOMAS .. .. 3	D. J. LLEWELYN .. .. 7
PENELOPE J. WELCH .. .. 4	M. M. PETERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by M. M. PETERSON.

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

SKETTY, Swansea, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5156 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 708 Gainsborough Little Bob and 4,448 Plain Bob; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*ELIZABETH J. WATKINS .. Treble	KATHLEEN M. WATKINS .. 5
EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 2	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 6
HAZEL WAY .. .. 3	JOHN OWEN .. .. 7
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal on eight bells. First of Spliced Gainsborough Little Bob and Plain Bob on tower bells for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

MRS. P. A. CORBY .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 5
ANN JENNER .. .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 6
*JUDITH M. CORBY .. .. 3	ANDREW J. CORBY .. .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 4	STANLEY JENNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. BALDWIN.

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. In honour of the Patronal Festival.



THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., June 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

*IAN LLOYD .. Treble	GEORGE J. HEMMING .. 5
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 6
*ARTHUR C. BERRY .. 3	JOHN C. EISEL .. 7
*RAYMOND SMITH .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Rutland. First in the method as conductor.

CRADLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 5
*M. IRENE ELLSMORE .. 2	*A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 6
ALBERT G. HALL .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. 4	HAROLD WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 14 methods, being 640 each London and Bristol and 320 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Lindum, Wembley and Watford: with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

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

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of St. Clement's College Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*SIDNEY J. J. LARCOMBE .. Treble	MICHAEL MULVEY .. 4
MARILYN C. SMITH .. 2	P. GEORGE GOLDER .. 5
EDWARD HOUGH .. 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

\* First peal. First of Minor in two methods by all the band, and on the bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LECHLADE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

GILLIAN S. M. WALSH .. Treble	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 2	EDWARD R. VENN .. 5
*ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. 3	PETER A. SHARP .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.

\* 25th peal.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	BRIAN M. BARKER .. 4
*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 2	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. 3	*ANTHONY R. KENCH .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of London. First of London on the bells.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., May 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 16 extents Plain Bob (four callings). 26 Grand sire (ten callings).

*MRS. MARJORY CROALL .. Treble	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 4
MRS. EMILY B. P. CHEAL .. 2	TIMOTHY D. WICKINS .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	*ROBERT G. PEARCE (13) .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. CHEAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\* First peal.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Belsey, of Ditton, near Maidstone.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., May 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently (110 singles. 50 bobs).

ANNE E. BATESON .. Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4
J. EDWARD BROWN .. 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 5
RICHARD A. HUNT .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Tues., June 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G

CHARLES E. BROWN .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 4
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

OAKS-IN-CHARNOOD, Leics.—Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

On Wed., May 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

WILLIAM H. CURSON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH .. 5
GEORGE A. ROOBOTTOM .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES

850th peal as conductor.

A compliment to Mrs. I. M. Jones, mother of the conductor, on her 62nd birthday.

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—Church of SS. George and Mary.

On Fri., June 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-sores in eight methods: nine extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four each of Kennington, South-repps, Old, St. Columb, April Day and Clifford's Pleasure

DAVID PERRY .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON .. 3
*J. ALAN BALL .. 2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4

†DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 975th peal. ‡ 625th peal on tower bells.

Rung in honour of the late Harold Benjamin Robinson, benefactor of this tower; also a birthday compliment to Mr. David Eames.

SWEPSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., July 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

EDWIN DEAKIN .. Treble	IAN J. FRASER .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., June 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	MARTIN CUBITT .. 4
HENRY TOOKE .. 2	THOMAS SPIGHT .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. 3	PETER ADCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Everitt, for two years a ringer at this church, having learnt to ring at the age of 76.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

COSGROVE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick and Primrose, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Beverley and Surfleet; with 66 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	ALAN A. PAUL .. 4
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
ROGER W. SMITH .. 3	GRAHAM C. PAUL .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TRUMAN.

\* 200th peal, and first of Spliced Surprise Minor.

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## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., June 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*DIANE BARKER .. .. Treble	G. RAYMOND LARKIN .. 4
*JANE DOWSE .. .. 2	GEORGE A. DAWSON .. 5
RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. 3	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE W. HARRISON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Martin's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham and three extents each of Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, All Saints and Grand-sire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. Treble	*MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4
†MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 2	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 3	†CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* 25th peal this year. † First in 16 methods.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

MARGARET E. EGGLESTONE Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 4
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 2	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWTOWN, Montgomeryshire.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

KATHLEEN M. WATKINS Treble	RICHARD T. SMITH .. .. 4
*ELIZABETH J. WATKINS .. 2	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5
HAZEL WAY .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., June 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

*RICHARD T. SMITH .. .. Treble	*EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 4
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 2	*LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
*KATHLEEN M. WATKINS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the reopening of the church after renovation and restoration.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents St. Martin's Bob, ten each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grand-sire, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*NIGEL J. LAMBERT .. .. Treble	RAMON A. STONE .. .. 4
BETTY J. DAYSH .. .. 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT .. 5
DEREK J. WHITE .. .. 3	*PETER GODMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal. First of Doubles on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Frederick W. Rogers.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL ALLERTON (Leeds), Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Thurs., June 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

LEONARD GOODALL .. .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 4
ROGER J. LUMLEY .. .. 2	BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 5
*A. WILLIAM KIRKBY .. .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

## NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL

MADELEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents.

Tenor 12 lb. in F.

MICHAEL H. HODGKINSON Treble	CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. 4
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 2	RAYMOND J. BALLARD .. 5
ANDREW J. JOBSON .. .. 3	PHILIP GAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

A 21st birthday compliment to Philip Gay.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Tues., June 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged from PRITCHARD'S.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.

A 21st birthday compliment to William H. Dowse, of Marple.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 28, Jennings Road.

On Thurs., June 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5248 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Rung with 6ths place bobs.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1—2	HADLEY HUNTER .. .. 5—6
JULIA A. FELLOWS .. .. 3—4	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by HADLEY HUNTER.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

SHEILA BROWN .. .. 1—2	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 5—6
JULIA A. FELLOWS .. .. 3—4	ROGER D. R. BROWN .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by ROGER D. R. BROWN.

First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., July 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative; with 116 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3—4	*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.

On Tues., June 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 864 Cambridge and 576 Superlative.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal of Spliced Standard 4 Surprise on handbells by all the band, and on handbells for the Guild.

With congratulations to the band who rang 18 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells, and to Chris. W. Woolley, being the first to ring 100 peals of Surprise on handbells.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

All peals rung at

SWANSEA—Mor Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

HAZEL WAY .. .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Cond.) 3—4
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5—6	

First peal in seven Minor methods on handbells by all. First of seven Minor for the Guild.

On Sun., June 21, 1964, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5160 ST. EDMUND SLOW COURSE DOUBLES

Being 43 extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

HAZEL WAY .. .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Cond.) 3—4
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sun., June 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*HAZEL WAY .. .. 1—2	*J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5—6
†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4	*EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Little Bob on handbells. First of Little Bob Major for the Guild.

On Mon., June 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN SLOW COURSE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

HAZEL WAY .. .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (Cond.) 3—4
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sat., July 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

HAZEL WAY .. .. 1—2	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 5—6
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4	EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* 100th peal on handbells.



# QUARTER PEALS

**HALF PEAL.**  
**STOCKTON-ON-THE-Forest, N. YORKS.**—On June 20th, 4,176 Minimus (nine methods): 1. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, E. P. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4. A peal attempt brought round. Longest length for 1 and 2, and of Minimus for all.

**ABERDARE, GLAM.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Evans (first quarter) 1, Geoffrey Kerley 2, P. Jones 3, J. Clatworthy 4, George Kerley (cond.) 5, Desmond Kerley 6, L. Scott 8. Rung to celebrate the 775th anniversary of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Evans (first on eight bells) 1, George Kerley 2, Desmond Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy 4, P. Jones 5, Geoffrey Kerley 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Pettigrew (first quarter) 1, A. R. Inman (first of Minor) 2, A. S. Burbridge 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. C. Ingram 5, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Dawson 1, C. R. Larkin 2, D. D. Parsons 3, C. A. Parsons 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Miss P. Leigh 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5. For Evensong. The above performance was repeated by the same band on June 19th for Confirmation. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss W. Anderson 1, Miss P. Leigh 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, J. Whitham 4, R. J. Anderson (cond.) 5.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.**—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Davies (first of Minor) 1, M. Ostler (first 'inside') 2, G. G. Firman 3, D. L. Cawley 4, C. W. J. Beeching 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six after a peal failure on the middle six.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 29th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Stella Rice 1, Peggy E. Taylor 2, Frances P. Gilbert (first 'inside') 3, B. J. Stone (first of Caters as cond.) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, N. Wright 6, J. R. Norris 7, H. W. Clark 8, A. W. Bond 9, D. P. Snowsell 10. First of Caters 1 and 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**CASIOR, PETERBOROUGH.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Hill 1, G. Davies 2, A. Foster 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Simey (cond.) 5. For Morning Prayer, and as a compliment to G. Oliver, on his engagement.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On July 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Rhoda Housden 1, Patricia Laycock 2, Pamela Gough 3, Jessie Kippin 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, F. W. Housden 6, C. H. Kippin 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hill-Baldwin (first quarter) 1, Felicity Webber 2, J. Money (first in the method) 3, T. W. Palmer 4, G. K. Cook (first in the method) 5, F. M. Lewis (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of a grandson to ringers of treble.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southtrepps, Old): D. Perry 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Eames 4, E. Deakin 5. For Evensong. First in eight methods by local band. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb): D. Perry 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. Eames 3, E. Deakin 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled prior to the funeral of Harold B. Robinson, through whose generosity this tower was restored.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor cover): L. Balchin 1, Mrs. M. Turner 2, Miss A. Sweeney 3, S. Meadows 4, R. North 5, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 6, P. E. Oliver 8. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**FELKIRK, BARNESLEY.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Minor (TB4, 1, 5, 6; TB14, 13, 15, 3D12): Elizabeth Peace 1, H. Chant 2, R. Pagdin 3, H. Rusby 4, T. Tarbutt 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. Patronal Festival of St. Peter. Methods numbered according to Minor Collection.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Errington 1, Miss M. Prophet 2, Mrs. R. W. Smith 3, G. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 4, G. P. Cairns 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, P. Reavely (covering) 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of 2 and 4. At Evensong.

**GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Pat Cockburn 1, Joan Walker 2, Gillian Douglas 3, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 4, W. G. Hedley 5, J. Bell 6. Most methods by all the band. For Evensong.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On June 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. P. J. Wright 1, Mrs. D. A. Bould 2, Ann Fellows 3, C. Reeves 4, M. Lock 5, R. A. Southwood 6, D. R. Bould 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First in the method 2 and 7.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob Minor: H. Levens 1, G. E. Bonham 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, G. W. Massey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the opening of the Floral Festival. Also on June 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, G. E. Bonham 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before the Final Evensong of the Floral Festival.

**HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ernest Penney 1, Jennifer Durston 2, Mary Gould (cond.) 3, H. Hawkins 4, R. Hawkins 5, E. Green 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Also on March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Weaver 1, Jennifer Durston 2, Mary Gould 3, P. Gould 4, R. Hawkins 5, R. Weaver 6. Rung muffled in memory of Mr. W. Weaver, former ringer, father and grandfather of tenor and treble. Also 'on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ernest Penney 1, Sandra Weaver (first 'inside') 2, R. Hawkins 3, Edw. Penney (first 'inside') 4, J. Durston 5, R. Weaver 6. Conducted jointly 5 and 6 (first attempt).

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.**—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Green 1, M. A. Caldecote 2, Rev. E. L. Fisher 3, I. S. Merry (cond.) 4, K. P. Gilliver 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung on St. Peter's Day, for the Patronal Festival.

**HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Alely (cond.) 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clark 3, R. Walke, (first of Minor) 4, J. Alely 5, E. Rochester 6. For the Flower Festival.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On June 21st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): J. Dawse 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, C. R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5. For Evensong, also to congratulate Elizabeth Ann Tye and Norman Evans, married at St. Giles', West Bridgford, on June 20th.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Crouch 1, Joyce Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, J. Bills 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, P. Privett 6. A farewell quarter for Mr. J. Martin, who is leaving for Temora, N.S.W.

**HURSTPIERPONT, SUSSEX.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. J. Trier 1, N. J. Wright 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, R. H. Tribb 6. First quarter in the method 1 and 2. Rung in honour of Jennifer Rosemary, born on June 11th, 1964, daughter of Rosemary and Stanley Brown, both ringers at this church.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Morgan 1, A. E. Morgan 2, J. Caddick 3, A. Fasey 4, F. Nicholls 5, C. Skidmore 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, S. Mallin 8. For the Patronal Festival, and also for the week of music and drama.

**KIRK ELLA, EAST YORKS.**—On June 21st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, H. C. Palmer 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, I. G. Campbell 5, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**LILLESALL, SALOP.**—On July 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hemming 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, C. Allen 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, R. E. Morris 5, J. Cranmer 6. A farewell compliment to C. Allen.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On June 29th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and London): M. W. Fairley (cond.) 1, R. G. Paxton 2, Miss D. K. Moore 3, D. W. Barr 4, P. G. Godder 5, E. W. Colley 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On June 28th, 1,259 Doubles (nine methods): N. D. Deam 1, R. H. Jones 2, G. L. Belcher 3, P. Caltermole (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a farewell to the conductor.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Turner 1, P. Haggett 2, H. Turner 3, A. Best 4, A. Robinson (first in three methods as cond.) 5, S. Willis 6. A compliment to Mrs. Annie Willis, on her 90 birthday; also for the birthday of the conductor. Also on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Luffman (first quarter) 1, R. Boulbee 2, S. Turner 3, C. Boulbee 4, P. Gay 5, K. Pinney 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. Rung by past and present pupils of Crewkerne School for Founder's Day.

**MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Purchase 1, F. Casby 2, L. Ascott 3, G. Sparkes 4, W. J. Nurcombe 5, H. W. Lloyd 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Past Master of the Bath and Wells Association, also father of the present Master, Rev. H. F. Warren. First quarter for the conductor since his accident, August, 1963.

**MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Rumsey 1, W. Saunders 2, R. Sibley 3, D. Elliott 4, C. Osler (cond.) 5, C. Johnson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Hale.


**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. Sams 1, K. Wood 2, C. Sams 3, W. Alely 4, B. Burton (cond.) 5, J. Sams 6. For Evensong, and an engagement compliment to Miss J. Llewelyn and Mr. J. Sams.

**NEATH, GLAM.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Williams 1, R. Hoskins 2, H. Boyce (cond.) 3, G. I. Lewis 4, J. Hughes 5, R. Powell 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6. For morning service.

**NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.**—On June 20th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob): 1. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, E. P. King 3, Miss V. Johnson 4, M. King (cond.) 5, T. Brighton (first quarter) 6.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. Coombe 1, May G. Mooring 2, C. Webb 3, J. King 4, B. White (cond.) 5.

**ORMESBY, YORKS.**—On June 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Enid Lawson (first quarter) 1, Ann Lawson 2, Mrs. M. Lawson 3, P. Wishart 4, T. Cox 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.



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### IN MEMORIAM

POOLE—Harold J.—Passed away July 14th, 1955. With love and gratitude we remember him.—Jill, Peter and Rosemary. 5019

### PERSONAL

'A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.' (Proverbs xxviii, 20.)

### PUBLICATIONS

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### MISCELLANEOUS

BRABOURNE, KENT—S.O.S.—Bell frame in state of collapse. All ringing prohibited. Funds urgently needed.—Bernard L. Marks, Burch Farm, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 5016

OWING to repairs to Wymondham Abbey tower there will be no ringing until further notice.—H. Tooke. 5015

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL—The Wednesday practice for July 22nd will be held on Thursday, July 23rd, and not as previously announced on Tuesday, July 21st. 5008

WALTHAM ABBEY—The time of the practice on July 18th will now be 7-9 p.m. 5018

### 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.

### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 18th. Pville (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea must be sent to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 4971

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Chesterfield Parish Church: Ringing by invitation, Saturday, July 18th, 6-7.30 p.m. as a welcome to visitors from twin-town Darnstadt. All ringing friends welcome.—Sam Scattergood, Ringing Master. 4987

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4993

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) available after tea. Special methods: London and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4990

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 4968

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea (with remittance 3s.) to W. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4982

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kington, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kington, Hitchin, Herts. S.M.: Carlisle.—M. A. C. 4991

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton, Sat., July 18th (note change from previously agreed venue). Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Newington bells available after tea.—C. T. H. 4934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Birchington, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Luck, 57, Kent Gardens, Birchington (together with cash).—T. C. P.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half annual meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton, on Sat., July 18th. Bells (13) at 2.30. Service 4. Free tea in Church House, 5, for those notifying Derek Marshall, 113, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Phone ASH 1696. Business meeting after tea. Everyone welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 4946

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, July 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halton Halgate, Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Hon. Sec., P. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 4995

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Cranford on July 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business and further ringing.—F. T. B. 5012

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Chisledon, Wilts, Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Court, Plough Hill, Chisledon, Swindon.—G. Brown, Asst. Sec. 4983

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Jubilee Ringing Day, Saturday, July 18th. Service, Prittlewell 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. Bells: Great Wakering 2-3.30 Prittlewell 3-4.30 Leigh 6-7, Thorpe Bay 6.30-8.15. Prittlewell 8-9.15 p.m. South Benfleet and Rayleigh by arrangements for parties. Requirements to Sec., G. Eve, 30 Baxter Avenue, Southend, early, please. 4978

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Keymer (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London Minor. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4984

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 25th, Cucklington (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Stoke Trister (6) after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Sudbury (6), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 23rd, to Dis. Sec., M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 5000

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting, Saturday, July 25th at Northam. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., also Bideford (8) in the evening at 7 o'clock. All visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5014

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. Names essential to J. Edwards-Woodham, No. 1, Market Place, Marshfield, near Chippenhams.—H. Heath, Sec. 5010

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone, Weybridge. 5013

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Sidcup, July 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 22nd. 4692

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 25th. Meeting 3 p.m. in the School for instruction, talk on method ringing. Bring pencils and paper. Tea 5 p.m. Bells before and after tea. Please make this a big success by your attendance.—Thornley. 4969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, Garstang, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 5017

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Quidenham, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 22nd, to Dr. P. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich. NOR 12X—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 4972

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, July 25th, Horton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 21st, please. Slough 7-9 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 5003

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston (6), Saturday, July 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 4975

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippennam, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 5011

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Downton, July 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 21st, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 5002

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening meeting will be held at Lilleshall on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5009

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Helmingham (8) July 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Framsdon Village Hall 5 p.m., limited to those applying to Mr. L. Brett, Framsdon, Stowmarket, Suffolk, by July 22nd. Evening ringing at Framsdon (8). 4985

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Beckley (6) and Iden (6) on July 25th. Beckley 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Iden 6.15 till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 4981

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Curridge, July 25th. Bells 3 till 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Reading Room. Names for tea to Mrs. Pritchard, 'The Burbs,' Lake Road, Curridge, by previous Wednesday, please.—L. Duguid. 5001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Roston (6), August 8th. Barnesley (8) and Felkirk (6) also available. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 5006

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—General meeting at Ipswich, September 12th. Annual striking competition at Buxhall, September 26th (District Masters, please note). Full details later. 5005



# KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX, RINGERS' SUNDAY, July 26th, 1964.

Ringing and Services: 7.30-8 a.m.  
Holy Communion: 10-11 a.m., Matins;  
5-6.30 p.m., Evensong. Gathering in  
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## OBITUARY

### MR. ROBERT A. STRONG

We regret to record the death of Mr. Robert A. Strong, M.B.E., of Saffron Walden, at the age of 79, in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, on June 26th, following an operation.

Mr. Strong was born at Warminster, Wilts., and came to Saffron Walden in 1904, as a pupil and teacher at the Boys' British School. He continued teaching at this school till 1932, when the Borough Council took a lease of Fry's Gardens, and he was appointed gardening instructor to local schools. He was awarded an M.B.E. in 1946 for this work.

When he arrived at Saffron Walden he could just manage Grandsire Triples. The following year he rang his first peal on the local bells, the method being Stedman Triples. Two years later he rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. He became secretary of the local society in 1911, and was responsible for all the clerical work connected with augmenting the ring from eight to 12 bells in 1914 and the catering arrangements for over 200 visitors. He was very fond of 12 bell ringing and his favourite method was Stedman Cinques.

In his younger days he was a fine sportsman and played for the town football and cricket clubs.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church on July 2nd and was attended by a large gathering of mourners. The church had been most beautifully decorated by the 'Flower Club' for the Patronal Festival, which made a fitting tribute to one who had loved flowers and worked with them most of his life. In the evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled as a tribute.

His companionship and sense of humour will be greatly missed. R.I.P. L.E.P.

## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

The very good weather on June 20th made the annual outing of the Cathedral ringers into Worcestershire more enjoyable. Bromsgrove was reached at 12.30 and ringing was prolonged by a quarter of an hour to ring a bride into church.

Excessive traffic meant a late start at Worcester Cathedral, where as most of the party were not accustomed to such heavy bells the ringing was not of the best, but the last half course of Cambridge Maximus went well. More delay arose by parking problems as our coach was hemmed in by cars. In consequence we had to miss ringing at Great Hampton in order to be on time for tea at Evesham.

Before ringing at the Bell Tower we listened to a first class half course of Maximus by some well known ringers who had been unable to start for a peal at Tewkesbury because of a broken clapper. Our ringing was most enjoyable. The highlight of the homeward journey was a spirited altercation between two drivers after a very slight collision in the car park of a hostelry known as 'The Herald of Peace'.

Lincoln was reached at 11.30 p.m.; it was a day of happy memories. G.P.

## LATE NEWS

### DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR NEW RECORD

A new record length for Double Norwich Court Bob Major was established at Llanfeigan, Breconshire, on July 11th, when a peal of 20,160 changes was rung in 11 hours 6 minutes. This was about 3,000 changes short of what was intended, due to a late start. The previous record was 17,104, rung at South Wigston, Leics, in 1904. Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe also informs us that this is the longest peal to be rung in Wales.

## QUARTER PEALS

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Robinson 1, A. J. Burt 2, Susan E. Burt 3, A. D. Smith 4, J. Harland (cond.) 5, G. Clark 6. For Evensong, the last service for the Rev. C. W. J. Harbridge as Rector.

**PENDLEBURY, LANCS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hobson (aged 12) 1, J. Thornley 2, H. Smethills (cond.) 3, N. Tompkins 4, A. Lomas 5, P. Crook, sen., 6, C. Cooper 7, H. Sturtard 8. A 79th birthday compliment to P. Crook, sen.; also for the 60th birthday of Mrs. Ruth Thornley, mother of the 2nd ringer.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On July 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Julie S. Armstrong 1, Ruth Carr 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Brenda Wood 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. J. Bull 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, D. C. rookes 8. For Evensong.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Rowland 1, Mrs. M. Poolman (first 'inside' in method) 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, E. Williams 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry (cover) 7. A wedding anniversary compliment to 2 and 6.

**SEAFORD, SUSSEX.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Mrs. F. Henty 1, W. Henty 2, Miss S. Henty 3, Mrs. E. Osborn 4, Mrs. R. J. Osborn 5, O. Wood (cond.) 6, C. A. Osborn (first quarter) 7, J. Cole 8. To congratulate Mr. Fred Marchant on attaining his 80th birthday and 65 years a ringer.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On July 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leason 1, Christine McLaren (first of Caters) 2, C. Dale 3, Muriel Reay 4, W. Rigg 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, G. E. Fearn 7, R. J. Cann 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to Christine McLaren, for her 21st birthday.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Wakefield 1 and 2, P. Cooke 3, R. Wakefield 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, M. Cooke 6.

**SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On July 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Janet Staveley 1, H. Scott 2, E. Dalingwater 3, E. Short 4, J. McCluskey 5, H. Wagstaff 6, R. V. Clarke 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

**STINCHCOMBE, GLOS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): A. Bennett 1, A. Howard 2, H. Evans (cond.) 3, A. J. Tubb 4, A. Gibbs 5, H. Taysom 6.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sanzwin (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Brown 2, E. Nunn 3, Miss W. M. Elliott 4, M. J. Pryor 5, H. Stacey 6, J. Sanzwin 7, J. Holford 8.

**STURRY, KENT.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nita Bailey 1, P. Harrison 2, R. C. Butten (joint cond.) 3, M. Harrison 4, F. File (joint cond.) 5, A. Pullin 6. First quarter for all except ringer of 5. To congratulate F. File, who trained the band single handed in exactly one year.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Minor ( Ipswich, Cambridge, Plain): E. E. Davey 1, A. E. Pryke 2, A. G. Butten 3, F. A. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. For the civic service.

**WALDRON, ESSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,280 Grandsire Major: J. M. Swift 1, Valerie Mepham 2, Christine Fuller 3, T. M. Barlow 4, K. G. Game 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, A. R. Baldock 7, C. B. Dove 8. First of Grandsire Major for 1, 5 and 8. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. M. Godfrey 1, Miss D. M. Mulling 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, P. R. Miles 4, I. Davey 5, D. D. Smith 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, Miss I. Gocher 8. First in method 1, 5 and 6. First on eight bells 3 and 4.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On June 29th, 1,320 St. Peter's Doubles: Miss G. A. Ashby 1, R. Russell 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, P. Amos 4, G. F. Rome (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival, and a farewell to the Rev. Gilbert Craib, curate.

**WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 15th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Cambridge): W. Davidson 1, Miss G. Douglas 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, F. Ross 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6. Also on June 22nd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Suffert and Cambridge): W. Davidson 1, S. Thompson 2, J. Crowther 3, Miss G. Douglas 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, F. Ross 6.

**WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Knight 1, H. Arscott 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, C. W. Powell (cond.) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, A. Knight 6, F. G. Knight 7, M. Arscott 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 6. A compliment to the Bishop of Salisbury, on his visit to the parish.

## TONBRIDGE RINGERS' SERVICE

Evening Prayer on June 28th at Tonbridge Parish Church was given to the ringers for their annual service.

Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. F. M. Boddington, who will shortly be leaving for St. Leonards-on-Sea.

After the Third Collect a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss M. A. Ladd 1-2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 7-8, and at the end of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung as a Voluntary by Miss M. A. Ladd 1-2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3-4, W. Rogers 5-6, W. H. Dobbie 7-8, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 9-10.

About fifty members of the congregation accepted the invitation of the ringers to visit the tower and watch the ringing in progress. One or two even ventured to try their hand under guidance from Mr. Dobbie and it is hoped that seeds have been sown for recruits.

Supper was then enjoyed by the ringers in the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar, Canon T. F. C. Bewes, and Mrs. Bewes.

## A DEVON COAST OUTING

For the benefit of a small number of visitors on holiday, another successful half-day outing was held on the South Devon coast on July 1st. At Kenton, a fair going six with long draught and upstairs ringing room, two good six scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The next tower was Powderham, a ground-floor six in splendid going order, where Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung followed by a 'superb' lower. Ide proved to have another ground-floor light six. After tea at the Peamore Garage Cafe, Kenn (another good six rung from upstairs) was visited and a local ringer joined in some well-struck call changes. A. L. B.

## HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY

A broken clapper in the ninth bell limited the ringing at the Association meeting at Marsden on July 4th, but a programme which included Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman and Stedman Doubles was enjoyed.

A halt was made at 4.30 p.m. for a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Facey), with Mr. V. Nutton as organist. Mr. R. Shaw and his band of youthful ringers provided a good tea. The Vicar was an entertaining chairman for the business meeting, and we were pleased to have with us visitors from Darlington and the Wakefield area. W. M.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the S.E. District was held at Oton on June 6th. About 50 members were present, including a number of beginners. An excellent tea was provided. Often bells were kept going with methods from Plain Bob to Surprise. Barking bells were available after tea.

Next meeting: Ufford, September 5th.

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