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## BELL RINGING AS A SPORT

By WILFRID G. WILSON

ON the very day that Mr. Meadows' letter appeared ('R.W.' Sept. 4th) commenting on Bishop Frodsham's remark that 'bell ringing was a sport,' I had been scanning pages of the 'R.W.' for 1942 and realising once again how interesting those war-time issues were, in spite of the ban, and mainly because of the amazing knowledge, industry and capabilities of the late J. A. Trollope.

By one of those coincidences that seem to happen much more frequently than by coincidence, I had been particularly interested in reading correspondence on this very subject of sport. It started (Sept. 18th, 1942) with a seemingly innocuous little letter from Mr. E. W. Marsh, of Plymouth, who asked 'Does the ringing Exercise look upon their calling as a sport or work for the Church?' This of course gave a perfect lead for our late Editor, who had to produce a weekly journal with practically no ringing news. His leader on September 25th was based on this question. Mr. Trollope, as many well know, had the habit of making extremely provocative statements (some would call them outrageous, but they were the result of long experience and deep thought) in a way that would make other people think and would inspire them to write letters to the Editor, often disagreeing with him violently. One recalls the statement which was slipped, almost parenthetically, into a front page article early in the war, that 'the tenor was the only bell worth ringing to Stedman.'

Mr. Trollope wrote: 'When we study the history of the art of change ringing there cannot be the slightest doubt that it began as a purely secular sport and remained for centuries as a secular sport. Nor is there any question that it can be, and is, a first class and most fascinating sport . . . this will hardly be denied by anyone though some may shy at the use of the actual word "sport." When we turn to those men who form the body of the Exercise . . . we shall find that they look upon change ringing just in the same way that a golfer looks upon golf or a cricketer looks upon cricket . . . A peal rung at Quex Park . . . is in no wise different from a peal rung in a parish church, nor is a handbell peal rung in a tavern different in character from a peal rung on bells that have been dedicated to the service of religion. Thus the answer to half of Mr. Marsh's question is that the Exercise does and always has looked on ringing as a sport.'

'By his use of the word "or" Mr. Marsh seems to suggest that if ringing is a sport it cannot be work for the Church. It must be one or the other . . . Perhaps we can . . . put his question in another way. Which should be the dominating motive in a ringer—love of ringing as a sport, or the desire to serve the Church? Which should come first, sport or Church work?

'When we put the question like this it raises issues which most profoundly affect a man's life and character . . . there are, we feel certain, many ringers who find in the wish to serve the Church a sufficient incentive to practise the art, but of the great majority we say definitely, and with a full sense of responsibility for what we are saying, that it is natural and right that ringing as a sport should come before ringing as Church work.'

'This may seem to some a hard saying . . . However . . . that which comes first and is most in evidence is not necessarily that which in the long run is the most important. Between change ringing as a sport and change ringing as Church work there is no antagonism and the man who follows it mainly for the sake of the one can quite easily better serve the other.'

As it was meant to do, this leader brought forth mixed opinions from readers and Mr. Trollope returned to the subject in his leader for October 16th, which I consider is equally well worth quoting at length.

'The first great truth is this. The bells in our steeples are there to minister to the glory of God and the service of His Church. No use of them can be justified which does not ultimately serve these ends.'

'The second great truth is that change ringing is a sport; a first class and most fascinating sport . . . was invented as a sport, has lived through the centuries as a sport and, except as a sport, has no chance of survival. Any reader who prefers it can substitute the word "recreation" . . . but it is better to use the term which expresses the reality in the directest and starkest manner.'

'The third truth is that the furtherance of the glory of God and the service of the Church will best be served by ringers continuing to do what as a body they always have done—treating and enjoying change ringing as a sport.'

'This is not a contradiction, nor a paradox, nor the sacrificing of higher ideals to lower. It is an expression of a profound and important truth. It is one of the conditions under which God gives gifts to men, that the gift must be loved and followed for its own sake, before it can be made worthy to be used in His service. The musician . . . who would add to the beauty of divine worship, must first love music for the sake of the music and enjoy its practice for itself. Nor must he ever lose the love of music for the sake of music. What would a choir-master think of the man who came to him and said "I have no interest in music as music, but I do wish to serve the Church and am quite willing to come and sing in your choir." Yet this we are told . . . is the way the great majority of ringers look on their ringing. We do not believe it. If it ever became the general opinion, the result would be a plentiful supply of prigs and a great dearth of good ringers.'

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## LINCOLN GUILD'S GIFT TO CATHEDRAL APPEAL

THE dinners of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are quinquennial functions, and the 65th anniversary dinner, held at Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, on September 19th, was a happy function with the Master, Mr. Jack Bray, adroitly holding the reins. The happy relationship between the Guild and the Diocese was exemplified by the presentation to the Dean (the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop), who retires next November after 17 years in office and is president of the Guild, with a cheque for £100 from the ringers of the Diocese to the Lincoln Cathedral Appeal.

Making the presentation, the Master said they wanted to thank the Dean for all he had done for the Guild. In reply, the Dean said the gift came to him as a great surprise. The fund for the Cathedral now stood at over £216,000. Thanking the ringers, the Dean said: 'Since I have been in contact with the Cathedral bellringers there has never been anything remotely resembling a difficulty; all that has been done has been done in mutual respect and love.'

After the loyal toast, Mr. E. T. Chapman, of Spalding proposed 'The Diocese of Lincoln.' A Suffolk man, Mr. Chapman, with only five years' residence in Lincolnshire, submitted that he was not qualified to propose the toast. What impressed him was the loyalty to the Diocese and how in South Lincolnshire little country churches were raising magnificent sums towards the Cathedral Appeal.

The Bishop of Lincoln (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches) in his reply spoke of the ancient custom of the ringers greeting the Bishop when he came home from afar by ringing the bells of the Minster. One could not fail to feel humiliated when they rang out their welcome; but he felt deeply grateful to the ringers.

Dr. Riches came to Lincoln from Suffolk and he maintained, with the country in danger of becoming overcrowded, that these two counties were the last two where men could live in freedom. The beauty of the countryside of Lincolnshire was the beauty of a good economy. There was a beauty of its own as they drove over the Wolds; he also loved the beauty of the Fens, where man had worked with nature to level out its resources.

### ELECTRONICS

The Bishop implored the company never to have any part in that thing called broadcast bells. He went to a church in Oxford to preach and when he arrived the bells beating down made a ghastly noise. He was met by two churchwardens who told him that they had just introduced electronic bells. 'Will none of you ever give a penny for electronic bells,' he said. 'I would rather hear a church with one bell than this hated noise.'

Speaking of the Cathedral Appeal, Dr. Riches said in the first year of the appeal ending on May 7th they had raised £200,000. It was a tremendous testimony to the affection with which Lincoln Cathedral was held. On one occasion he went to a little pub in the Wolds because they wanted him to receive personally £20 for the appeal. There was a confidence throughout the diocese and the county that this greatest monument of Gothic architecture in Europe should remain.

It was important for the soul of the country that the bells should ring out. Sometimes people might not hear them but nevertheless they were there. There were times in human life when the ringing of a bell was the one thing that reminded them that life had not ended but was only just beginning.

### SURVIVOR

The Master said they had only one surviving member of the foundation year, Mr. J. B. Hallifax, of Fleet, near Spalding, who was 90. At the last Guild dinner there were two members present who joined in the foundation year. Mr. Hallifax then said that that would be his last dinner. They were delighted to have him with them and they hoped to see him in five years' time if they were spared. (Applause.)

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, proposed the toast of 'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell



MR. JACK BRAY,  
former Secretary of the Guild, who succeeded the late Mr. J. A. Freeman as Master.

Ringers.' He recalled that his first ringing week was spent at Surfleet with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, and what an enthusiast the Rev. Law James was. As a fledgling he was instructed to keep people out while the peal progressed and along came two charming gentlemen whom he kept out who happened to be churchwardens!

From their last annual report he learned that of 180 rings of bells in Lincolnshire only 13 were unringable. It would be most wonderful if the 13 silent parishes managed to desilence their bells. He congratulated Jack Millhouse on ringing 1,000 peals, also Messrs. Scott and Budd on ringing their first peal at 85 and Mr. Hallifax on still ringing.

As with the Christian Church so with ringing—one of the most important things was growth, and how delightful it was to read of the Rev. P. M. Freeman's work at the Bishop's hostel in interesting ordinands in the Exercise. They would not have the fate of the Vicar of Fitzpaine, who was cut in two, or repeat what a Vicar did on going into the belfry after a peal attempt had gone on three hours and five minutes to congratulate the band on the standard of ringing and make them lose the peal.

### GLAMOUR

They were living in an age of statistics, and he did not see anything in their report about young ringers and the number of new members. It might be a good thing in the annual report to welcome new members. He preached recently at St. Mary's, Southampton, and it was heartening to see the number of glamorous teenagers who had taken up ringing and getting on splendidly. It was a thrill to find out how much young life there was in ringing. They heard so much on television about theological professors trying to make out that Christianity was dead; the thing lost sight of was what the Church was doing—it was terrific.

There was a terrific spirit of unity at the conference at Nottingham and on the Vatican Council and many things of a like nature in the local situation for which they should thank God.

In their worship they had got away from the idea that the congregation was an audience; they had now the idea that the congregation was a family united in service, and that was precisely what a Diocesan Ringing Guild should be.

'God bless the Exercise. God bless this splendid Guild with its splendid centre; God bless these people living here and inspire them,' he concluded.

The hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. John Freeman, who is vice-president of the Central Council, responded. He said this was only the third occasion the Guild had held a dinner and on each occasion it had been graced by the president of the Central Council. The first was Mr. E. H. Lewis, with his knowledge of towers and bell restoration, coupled with a quiet ability to control meetings; secondly Mr. Frederick Sharpe, with his sense of dignity and profound knowledge of bells and bell ringing; and now a worthy successor in Canon Gilbert Thurlow, with a sense of humour that would prevent them from taking themselves too seriously.

In reply to Canon Thurlow's observations about youth, Mr. Freeman said they were fully aware of the value of youth to the diocese. They in the diocese owed a debt to youth and, generally speaking, the standard had been raised, whereas in the past it was concentrated in various centres.

Mr. J. L. Millhouse, in proposing 'The Visitors,' said they were proud to have with them the president of the Central Council, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Frank and Gwen Bloomfield, Miss Lemare (who travelled 70 or 80 miles for an evening practice), their friends from the Southwell Guild and ringing's best ambassadors—Mr. and Mrs. George Pipe.

Replying, Mr. Pipe said he had the great privilege of taking part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on the beautiful bells at the Cathedral. He was in Australia for seven years representing his firm, Ransomes. While there he was approached by the representative of Ruston and Hornsby to see if they could do something together for Lincoln Cathedral Appeal. Together they raised £150. Of the Washington trip, he said they sent there the best they could; they were all first-class.

During an interval a recording of Washington Cathedral bells was played, and after the speeches coloured slides of the Washington trip were shown by Mr. John Freeman, who was one of the visitors.

### THE COMPANY

With the Master and Mrs. Bray sitting on the top table were the Bishop of Lincoln, the Dean, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, Mr. J. L. and Miss Millhouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Feirn, Mr. E. T. Chapman, Mrs. E. M. Freeman and Mrs. Richardson.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. M. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Heppenstall, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blaikie, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Hardinge, Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reed, the Rev. P. M. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Finn.

Mesdames J. Wayman, L. Metham, E. Gray, the Misses J. Gurnhill, P. Turner, G. Burchnall, K. Burchnall, I. Lemare, A. Bateson, P. Bull, Messrs. P. Sharpe, S. A. Chambers, E. Cole, H. Gibson, Raithby, F. G. Vickers, F. W. Pinchbeck, W. R. Parker, H. Waltham, H. Judd, J. B. Hallifax, R. F. Smith, B. B. Tyrrell, L. Willdets, A. Gilbert, N. and R. Lord, G. I. A. Lunn and party, M. Crowder and party and T. W. White.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On August 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Vince 1, Miss M. Varley (first 'inside') 2, W. Wainwright 3, Miss M. M. Moore 4, D. Whitaker 5, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 6. Rung for practice.



## 16 PEALS RUNG DURING TOM LOCK'S TOUR IN SOUTH-WEST

**TOM LOCK'S** peal tour, the 14th, returned South this year and commenced on August 29th, Somerset and Dorset being the counties chosen. Two peals were rung in the afternoon: Cambridge Major at Wincanton and Yorkshire Major at St. James', Taunton, where John Hunt registered his 300th. At the former, newcomer Margaret Bould, from Tavistock, rang her first peal of Surprise. At the latter, heavy traffic between Bristol and Taunton delayed Arthur Pearson, who arrived ten minutes after the start (Arthur H. Reed having stood in) and had to be content with listening to the peal from his car. Unfortunately, he had to return home immediately as he was off to Czechoslovakia on business three days later. The headquarters were at the George Hotel.

Sunday morning ringing took place at Staplegrave (a very pleasant six), on the outskirts of Taunton, and at St. James' and St. George's. A handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in the belfry of St. James' in the afternoon. The rest enjoyed the sun in the delightful Vivary Park close to the hotel, where four, representing North and South, had a round of putting, the latter takes the 'ashes.' Members rang at St. James', St. George's and St. Mary's for Evensong.

For the next five days we had a coach at our disposal with a different driver and vehicle on all but one day. Monday dawned another beautiful sunny day and everyone seemed raring to go. Two cars were pressed into additional service and conveyed a band to Mark, where a good peal of Yorkshire Major was rung. The coach called first at Milverton for an hour's ringing and then on to Wellington, where a band was left to ring Kent Major. Brian Bladon motored down from Swindon (90-odd miles) for this peal and returned home immediately after lunch. The rest then went on to Minehead. Eventually everyone arrived in Minehead and several sampled the large sea-water swimming pool before tea. A peal of Cambridge Royal (the only ten-bell attempt of the week) was rung here in the afternoon and the rest of the party went on for an evening ring at the lovely picture postcard village of Dunster.

Tuesday began another good day for weather. A band, which included Norman Mallett (Heavitree), was left at Thorncombe to ring London Major. It was the first peal of Surprise on the bells and also the first in the method as conductor for Ian Holland, another newcomer to this tour. The rest of the party then rang at Axminster. The ringing was enjoyed on these good bells but here we suffered our only casualty of the week. At the final chime of the run down there was an almighty crash. That stalwart, Bill Rogers, from Hildenborough, was assisted, dazed and grazed, from a heap on the floor. The rope had jibbed at his weight! Some say this was justice for his remarks about a certain tenor on last year's tour! Possibly the jungle telegraph had been at work! Fortunately he suffered no serious damage. After lunch in Lyme Regis, a peal of London was rung on the musical eight. An attempt for a peal in seven Minor methods at Uplyme came to grief after an hour's good ringing. Possibly the two-mile uphill climb in the heat for four of the ringers had something to do with this. It was the first loss of the week. Brian Bladon joined us again for this attempt and stayed for the rest of the week. A third peal attempt this afternoon, at Whitchurch Canonicom, was successful. It was Superlative Major, being the first in the method for two of the ladies, Ruth Foreman and Margaret Bould.

Wednesday saw the first clouds in the sky but they were few and far between and the

temperature if anything was getting hotter. At Curry Rivel, Rutland Major was lost after about two hours with a missed bob, but Pudsey Major at Drayton was successful, this being Martin Lock's first in the method. The depleted ranks then went on to Barrington for a ring on the good but rather loud six and were met by the Rev. Chris Marshall, from Long Sutton. After lunch in Langport, a band was deposited at Huish Episcopi—where do these names come from?—and successfully rang Lincolnshire Major. This was another first in the method for Margaret. The rest of the party then rang at Langport and joined the Rev. Marshall at his own church, Long Sutton, for a ring with him on his lovely six, in what could be described as a miniature cathedral. After tea in Somerton, we rang on the heavy but melodious six. On the trip back to headquarters, the driver stopped for a couple of bottles of the local brew, to keep Eddie Jeffries and Richard Price happy. The Huish band was then picked up for the return to H.Q. A handbell peal of Kent Major at the home of Mr. R. Beale, the St. James' captain, was lost in the evening after two hours' ringing.

### SCRAPPED

Before setting out on Thursday morning we said goodbye to George and Doris Fearn, who were returning to the Midlands. We soon ran into a shower of thundery rain. This was the only rain of the tour and lasted less than an hour before the return to the usual azure blue skies. A band was left at Shepton Beauchamp (apparently pronounced 'Beecham') to ring London Major. Unfortunately, this was lost through a miscall after an hour and ten minutes. If successful, it would have been the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

In the meantime, the rest of the party rang on the recently installed ring of six at Ilton. Here we were welcomed by the Vicar and some of his new band of struggling learners, who were as pleased to meet us as we were them. When the Vicar arrived at this parish, he found the old ring of four lying in the churchyard and was told they were about to be sold. He suggested to the Church Council that they should be rehung and this was eventually carried out. He was then instrumental in getting two trebles added, but the cost was £150 more than if the ring had been originally augmented. These bells are well worth a visit but about £450 is still needed to defray the cost.

After lunch at Ilminster, we were joined by Frank Price, who conducted London Major in three and a half hours. This was Fred 'Lofty' Ross' 200th peal. In the meantime an attempt for Bristol Major was made at Crewkerne and the remainder enjoyed a ring on another excellent light six at Merriott, where the ringing chamber is most beautifully kept. On returning to Crewkerne for tea there was silence and we learned that the peal was lost after only three-quarters of an hour. Holy Trinity, Taunton, was visited in the evening and this was the second 'non-Dove' tower of the day. Here there is a six with a tenor of 44 cwt. in E flat. Apparently the fittings were made and the bellhanging done by the local Boy Scouts. The writer arrived as the bells were being run down but was told that they are rather difficult to handle. Ron Bullen was the first person to turn the tenor in here and there has been only one previous visiting band. Some of the party were having a meal in a local restaurant during the evening when they had the unexpected pleasure of being invited to join the manageress for speciality coffee in a private room, as the result of Philip Mehew finding a fried filter tip in his meal! How

long has he been working for the Ministry of Food?!

Friday, the last full day of the tour, started with a peal of Lincolnshire on the light eight in the lovely quiet village of East Coker. The rest of the party went on to Beaminster, where a peal of Yorkshire Major was rung, being Ron Sharpe's 500th. After picking up the East Coker contingent—who were lying in the sun after a lunch of French bread, Cheddar cheese and pickled onions suitably washed down and with a game of darts thrown in (the only customers in the inn)—afternoon bands were deposited at West Coker, where Cambridge Major was successful, and Martock, where Seven Spliced Major was also successful. We agree with the Roving Ringers, that the arrangement of ropes of the chiming apparatus is a spider's masterpiece at the latter. At the former, that grand old gentleman, Len Stilwell, from Worthing, was pressed into service for his second peal of the day. Was he practising for Australia? The remainder had to be content with a picnic tea—very good, mind you, and excellent value at 3s. a head—in the coach, though no cafe being available in Martock. The West Coker contingent was then collected and a call made at Yeovil. We did not really do justice to this fine ten but with the hectic week behind us and several of the heavy men still at Martock, it was not really surprising. However, it was nice to enjoy a short ring here. After picking up the Martock contingent we finally arrived at H.Q. about 9.30 p.m.

### MARG'S SPECIAL

The meeting was held in the residents' lounge of the hotel. Other residents, if there were any, had left it completely empty. Alick Cutler thanked Tom for once again organising a wonderful tour and presented him with a travelling bag with everyone's thanks. Tom thanked all for their support and was glad to have some new faces on tour and hoped they would be with us again. 'Marg's' usual poem caused many a good laugh and Dennis Knox read the part she had 'lost.' Tom thanked Arthur Reed for his very great help locally and also for the help of John Hunt, a fellow tourist just off home territory. Next year's tour was suggested as Norfolk and South Lincolnshire, to start on the usual date despite the later August Bank Holiday. As Tom would be very busy with the Australian enterprise, his family would do the organising for him.

Of the 20 tower- and two handbell attempts, one hand- and five tower bell peals were lost. This was a much better record than last year. Grateful thanks are accorded to all incumbents for permission to ring and also to all ringers who met us. We certainly had a most enjoyable tour, and no wonder when we had the pleasure of meeting such stalwarts as George Coles, George and Marjorie Cross, George Gaylard, William A. J. Knight and Herbert Young. One person it was nice to have with us for the second year was young Michael Maughan, from Newcastle. My! how he's grown from last year and his ringing ability has certainly grown with him. In quietness he makes up for his neighbour, who will now have to watch his p's and a's, as there isn't much to choose in size.

On Saturday morning, all had departed by 9.30. Some went to St. Stephen's, Bristol, for a final peal of Stedman Caters, which unfortunately came to grief. Apparently Bill Rogers hadn't had enough ringing, as he stayed on in Bristol for another week and rang in a different tower each day. The writer spent the week-end in Yeovil and grabbed Preston Plucknett for Matins on Sunday.

D. S.

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# Letters to the Editor

## A Challenge

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report on page 614 (R.W. 11.9.64) of Mr. A. P. Cannon having rung his 1,000th peal, I cannot allow the claim to go unchallenged and to pass without some comment.

Quite frankly, Mr. Cannon's effrontery in claiming this milestone amazes me. If Mr. Cannon examines his conscience and is honest with himself, he must admit that many of his so called peals will not bear much investigation. Doubtless many other ringers will have similar thoughts, on reading the report.

The occasions on which peals conducted by Mr. Cannon have been rigged, or allowed to continue to their conclusion, instead of being stopped, and of which the writer has personal knowledge, are too numerous to mention here. The following incidents will however be remembered by those who took part. On a tour of Shropshire in 1954, D.N.C.B. was attempted at Church Stretton. At about half-way the ringer of the treble appeared lost. 'Come along Fred,' said Cannon, 'the treble does not dodge in Double Norwich.' This was the signal for the bells to 'fire,' which they did for several courses. Several of the band called upon Mr. Cannon to call 'Stand,' but his voice was heard to shout above the confusion, 'Keep going—I'm not slogging my guts out here for nothing.' Subsequently, rounds came up at *handstroke*, and the ringing continued. This so called peal was published in R.W.

There was also the well known occasion when attempting Bob Major in Wales, with the late Mr. Clement Glenn in the band, and a learner on the treble, whose bell was bobbing up and down throughout, like a yoyo. When the bells eventually came into rounds and 'Stand' was called, Mr. Glenn said, 'You don't call that a peal, do you, how many blows did the treble strike?' Quick as a flash Mr. Cannon replied, '5.040 as far as I am concerned, Mr. Glenn.' Needless to say, the peal was recorded and published.

Many other instances could be quoted, but suffice to say, Mr. Editor, that I call upon Mr. Cannon to expunge all doubtful peals from his records, amend his standards, and start again. After all, industry and mere numbers never had much in common, certainly not as far as the writer is concerned anyway.

—Yours faithfully,

K. R. HOLTOM.

Westhorpe, Byfield, Northants.

Note.—The correct procedure is for a challenge immediately on publication. Then it can properly be dealt with by the Peal Analysis Committee. Unless the composition is false if the report is accepted by the Council the peal in question stands. Whatever a personal opinion may be, a complaint 10 years after is too late for an inquest.—Ed.

## Chartham

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Frank C. W. Knight and Mr. W. Ring, I apologise for stating that the recent quarter peal at Chartham was the first for 16 years. I was, I thought, reliably informed by the secretary of the ringers that this was so.

Mr. Knight's 1,800 Minor in 1963 was in fact a peal attempt called round and was not of normal QP length. Of Mr. Ring's QP I can find no mention in past issues of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Knight's band consisted of one local ringer who regularly rings peals with him. The five boys who came from the surrounding area were ringing either their first or second quarter peals.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN H. COOK.

Merstham.

## 'Bellringing in Schools To-day'

Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth, Yorkshire, is kindly presenting (through the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee) the original copy of his study under the above title, to the Central Council Library. He wrote this whilst a student at St. John's College, York, and deserves to be congratulated on a first-class and informative piece of work which is beautifully arranged and illustrated and will be of great interest to anyone associated with bellringing or handbell ringing in schools.

This study has called for much research correspondence and many personal visits, and those who know Mr. King are aware that he is well qualified to make such a study, being himself well experienced in the activities of school and college ringing societies. Moreover, he himself is a keen and capable change-ringer and tune ringer.

The 15,000 word study is well illustrated by diagrams and photographs of handbells, church bells, ringers and towers, and it contains information about ringing in various primary, secondary and public schools, including change ringing on tower bells and change-ringing and tune-ringing on handbells.

For the benefit of the non-ringing college authorities, a glossary of terms is included, also a short history of bells, handbells and ringers.

As far as possible details of all British school ringing societies, their personalities, activities and methods have been included, though further information continues to arrive.

In his conclusion Mr. King estimates that, although the number of school ringing societies is not high (around 50), 1,000 towers would fall silent to-morrow if all ringers still at school or who have left school within the last two years were to cease to ring. In addition some 50 per cent. of the remaining towers at present fully manned would be in difficulties.

Mr. King intends to circulate his original study to the correspondents who, in giving him much valuable information, also requested to read his study. After circulation it will be presented to the Central Council library later this year.

Further information can be obtained from Mr. King at Wentworth Rectory, near Rotherham, Yorks.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

## Christ Church, Epsom

Dear Sir,—Owing to pressure of work and other commitments, Mr. W. Parrott has had to resign as captain of the tower at Epsom Common, Surrey. This has come as a great shock, as Mr. Parrott has done so much for the ringing at this tower, but we are pleased to say that he has not left us altogether. At a meeting of the Guild the ringers elected Mr. Richard Fentiman to take his place as captain.

Will visitors note that ringing times have been altered. Practices on Wednesdays will now be from 7.45 to 9.15 p.m. and Sunday service ringing 8.50—9.25 a.m. and 5.50—6.30 p.m.

—Yours sincerely,

ADRIENNE GIBSON

Epsom.

## Worcester Cathedral Bells

Dear Sir,—'Clocks Watches and Bells' by Sir Edmund Beckett, Bart. (Sixth Edition, 1874), gives the date 1869 for the Worcester bells.

Lord Grimthorpe was formerly Edmund Beckett Denison and became Sir Edmund Beckett when he succeeded his father as the fifth baronet in 1874. He was raised to the peerage in 1886.

Your readers will find 'Lord Grimthorpe, 1816—1905' by Peter Ferriday, very interesting

—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

## Tower Captain's Criticism

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many ordinary service ringers read Mr. W. G. Wilson's leading article with as much astonishment as I did.

There is indeed a secular side to the Exercise, and it is nowhere more apparent than in the pages of 'The Ringing World.' In this rarified atmosphere one cannot avoid the impression that the Church is an excuse for bellringing. The immense amount of space it devotes to pseudo-scientific trivia, to the lives and careers of thousand-pealers and tower-grabbers is intensely boring to the vast majority of service ringers whose main concern is to see that the bells of their parish churches ring tunelessly and regularly to the glory of God and to summon their congregations to worship.

Of far greater interest to us than Mr. A. P. Cannon's thousandth peal (presumably he rings for service somewhere, though there is no indication of it) are the tucked-away stories of great old ringers who have served their churches through their lifetimes in many parts, the peals and quarter peals in relatively simple methods by service bands to celebrate great occasions in their parish life and the historical features which show how over the centuries been an integral part of the life of the Church the arts of bellringing and bellfounding have from which they spring.

To the vast majority of ordinary service ringers—busy people old and young who can just about spare enough time for their weekly practice in addition to ringing on Sunday—there is no problem of integration. The Church is part of their lives and their bells are part of their Church. In my own parish of Stoke D'Abernon (two of the band are parochial church councilors, two are sidesmen, three are Sunday school teachers and nearly all are linked to the Church in some other service than that of the tower. Ringers do not attend every service for which they ring and there are from time to time those among the younger ringers who, passing through the days of adolescent confusion which affect us all, do not attend service for long periods; of these a reasonably enlightened Rector considers that their service to the tower preserves with them some connection with the Church at a difficult and queuing time. The activities of the bellringers are integrated with the needs of the Church in the same way as the activities of the choir, the servers, the Sunday school, the Guild and the other bodies which function around and serve the wider purposes of the Church.

In my experience we are typical of the great body of ordinary ringers, who enjoy the service they have been called upon to perform, seek to increase their skill at it as far as time and opportunity permit but could not possibly regard ringing as an end in itself.

My advice to Mr. Wilson and other eminent ringers like him is to come out of their ivory towers and get a little closer to their parish lives and the lives of run-of-the-mill ringers. They will find that most of their problems in church relationships are either imaginary or created by their own peculiar view of the Exercise.

And for heaven's sake, let us have a little less space devoted to Mr. A. Pat Cannon and people like him and more to news and features really interesting to ringers.—Yours sincerely,

BERNARD ASH,

Tower Captain.

St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon.

## MR. WILSON REPLIES

I am not sure why Mr. Ash read my article with astonishment. The fact that everything in the Stoke D'Abernon garden is lovely is a matter for congratulation, but it does not follow that there are no neglected gardens. He should share my experiences of London towers and ringers some time. He would soon find that they were not 'ivory towers,' either.

Of course there is a secular side to ringing and of course 'The Ringing World' reflects this. It is a secular paper—the official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which is a secular body. But that is not to say that both 'The Ringing World' and the Central Council should not be very closely associated with the Church and its work.

Perhaps people who live and work and play in small towns and villages are to be envied, but the other places still exist.



## WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir.—In view of the number of inaccuracies that have occurred in recent letters upon the above subject I hope that the following may help to clear up some of the confusion and be of interest.

Originally the Cathedral tower contained a ring of eight by a variety of founders, the tenor being about 21 cwt. During the restoration of the building it was discovered (on May 24th, 1863) that the second had been stolen—it was never recovered. The Minor Canon, the Rev. R. Cattley, who took a great interest in clocks and bells, wrote to the local newspapers in August that year proposing that a ring of ten bells (tenor 36 cwt. in D), a clock bell of four tons in A and a large and powerful clock be provided to replace the original eight. He had contacted several influential people to form a provisional committee and he estimated the cost of the whole job at £2,000.

In October, Cattley announced that he had been in contact with the Astronomer Royal 'and Mr. E. B. Denison, Q.C., who is one of the greatest authorities in these matters and he will afford us every help.' Cattley launched his appeal for subscriptions on March 5th, 1864, and Denison came to Worcester on March 26th and gave a lecture 'On Clocks and Bells' to a capacity audience at the Guildhall. It would appear that Denison was not only responsible for the design of the bells and clock but the frame as well.

The remaining seven bells of the old eight were removed from the tower and sold to anyone interested—four of them went to Didlington, Norfolk. Nothing else of any interest occurred between this time and 1868 except that it was decided that the bells should be a ring of twelve (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat) with a flat 4th for the top note of the Westminster quarters. The Bourdon bell was to be 4½ tons in B flat.

The Bourdon bell was cast on August 28th, 1868 (it was 6ft. 4½in. in diameter, 6in. thick at soundbow), and on Christmas Eve it arrived in Worcester and was later hung in a frame in the North Transept of the Cathedral where it was tolled for service for the first time by Denison on January 17th, 1869. The tenor was cast in May, 1869, and the 13 bells were sent to Worcester on December 13th and 14th, 1869; they were taken into the tower in the first week of January, 1870, and the Bourdon followed them in February. The bells were first rung on May 25th, 1870, to test the sound insulation of the floors. The ringing chamber was still full of scaffolding which made ringing very difficult but 'the neighbourhood was crowded with people anxious to hear the peals.' The official opening took place on December 13th, 1870.

The clock, however, was not started until late 1871 and in December, 1872, a carillon machine, the gift of a local industrialist, J. W. Lea, was started. Two more bells, flat 6th and flat 8th, were added in 1875 by his son, C. W. Lea.

The cost of the bells alone was £3,041 18s. 5d., and the whole work cost nearly £6,000.

Whether Denison became a friend of Cattley before or through the Worcester clock and bells project, I do not know, but they certainly got on very well together.

Denison was born on May 12th, 1816, at Newark, and was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was made Q.C. in 1854, succeeded his father as 5th baronet on May 24th, 1874, and was created Baron Grimthorpe February 17th, 1886. His legal career occupied him for only about 5 months a year, which allowed him to pursue a variety of subjects—clocks, bells, locks, watches, architecture, medicine, theology and church restoration, to mention only a few. His specialised knowledge in the law relating to civil engineering projects, i.e. railways, roads, waterworks etc., earned him a great fortune. His will was proved in 1907, at £2,111,715 gross; £2,076,567 net. His advice in connection with his hobbies was always given free and he refused to patent any of his inventions. For details of his autocratic nature see 'Lord Grimthorpe—1816—1905' by Peter Ferriday (published by John Murray).

Unfortunately, I have very little information on Rev. Cattley except that he was born on February 3rd, 1820, of a Yorkshire family. He entered Worcester College, Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. in 1848 and was ordained in 1849. He held curacies in the Diocese of York and at King's Lynn, he was made Minor Canon of Worcester in 1855, Honorary Canon in 1880. He was frequently consulted in connection with clocks and bells and also took a great interest in charitable and philanthropic works. He died at 3 p.m. on Thursday May 4th, 1903, at his home in Worcester.

I would be very much obliged if anyone who can enlarge on any of the above, or who has any recollections of ringing on the bells before being recast in 1928, would communicate with me privately.—Yours faithfully,

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## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The attendance was a record with visitors coming from all parts of Devon as well as Cornwall and Somerset when the Mid-Devon branch held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey. The bells were kept going with standard methods throughout the afternoon.

All the seating accommodation was occupied for the service conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, captain of the Abbey ringers, with Father Gregory Burke as organist. An inspiring address was given by the Lord Abbot (Dom Placid Hooper).

After tea in the car park cafe, the usual business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, with Mrs. D. E. Hood in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, of Teignmouth, a former general secretary, whose funeral had taken place that morning.

A welcome was extended to Mr. B. Shingler, the new Branch secretary, and to Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, who had recovered from a long illness, whilst hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Abbey ringers for all their efforts towards the meeting.

A certificate was presented to Mr. A. T. Caffey, of Babbacombe, and one new member, Mr. D. G. Redwood, of Paignton, was elected.

The Branch annual meeting will be held at Totnes with Dartington on January 9th, and a joint meeting with the South Devon Association at Babbacombe on October 17th.

Ringling took place at Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior Parish Churches in the evening.

### OUTING

#### KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS

On September 12th a band of 12 Kirkby ringers set off early to begin their annual tour. We first headed towards Golden Valley in Derbyshire, where, despite the navigational errors experienced by one of our parties, we kept to a tight schedule, as we did throughout the day.

After a ring on the light bells at Denby we saw the Vicar at Horsley during a long varied ring. At Breadsall we were met by one of the ringers, who joined in with us, and we also found some excellent handbells, some of which were used for a quick course of Plain Bob. A wedding had just finished when we arrived at Ockbrook, but the only hitch was to start ringing, thinking the tenor was the treble. After having a picnic lunch by the road we had the best ring of the day at Sandiacre, followed by a ring at Stanton-by-Dale.

We then returned to Kirkby to ring for a wedding and set off immediately afterwards towards Leicestershire, ringing first at Woodborough, East Bridgford and, after a picnic tea, at Cropwell Bishop. Langar followed, where the very long draught produced bad striking. We had a good ring at Orston and went on to a heavy four-bell ring at Barkeston, where we were met once again by a local ringer.

The tour finished with a very short ring at Granby after an enjoyable day which had included rings of Little Bob, Kent, Spliced Doubles and Spliced Minimus methods.

E. A. H.

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## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: THE MAKING OF TOUCHES

(Continued from page 650)

We must now look at what can be done by varying the coursing order of 567, keeping these bells well together so that we have a ready means of returning to rounds. The plain course coursing order is 6-7-5, and the natural course end is . . . 567, and it is fairly easy to vary this coursing order (and the course end) and to return to it when we want. Let us examine some specimen plans.

G	H	J
234567	234567	234567
S 572634	S 572634	— 752634
— 465372	S 567423	765423
436257	S 435267	— 347265
423765	423756	324576

An examination of G and J will show that the calling has merely turned over two of the three back bells, so that in one case . . . 567 has become . . . 765, and in the other case . . . 567 has become . . . 576. It should be clear, therefore, that if these callings are repeated we shall return to a course end . . . 567. To repeat J would result in an immediate return to rounds. To repeat G would lead to something more extensive, for we should have a touch of six courses with the following course ends: 423765, 342567, 234765, 423567, 342765, 234567, and this makes quite a respectable touch of 336 changes. But mark this. If in the third course we called a bob instead of the single at 1, we should change back 5 and 7, and instead of 234765 we should get 234567.

An example of the extended use of J is shown here, only one, of course, of the many

234567	possibilities. By simple means we have moved from 234576 to 432576, and then, by using calling J once again we have reversed 5 and 7 and produced a course end with the back bells in the order 567. At this point we have printed 'etc.' for the student should now be able to produce rounds in one course or in two courses just as he pleases by means we have indicated earlier in this essay.
— 752634	
— 765423	
— 347625	
324576	
— 653724	
— 476253	
427365	
432576	
— 654732	
— 675243	
— 326475	
342567	
etc.	

of a bob at this point. Immediately we should produce . . . 675 instead of . . . 576 and we could make our touch run in this form for a while if we wished. At any time we desired we could turn . . . 675 back to . . . 576 by calling a single with 56 on the front together, and from . . . 576 we know how to get . . . 567 without any difficulty.

To digress again for a moment. This manipulation of 567 and the turning of it into various forms is a much used device for the construction of touches, not only on paper, but extemporarily in the tower. The experienced caller of Grandsire Triples often uses the turning courses given above, and other devices for altering the coursing order of 567, sometimes composing the touch as he goes along, sometimes varying a standard touch by the introduction of a single to change over two bells, knowing quite well how to get back to . . . 567 when he wishes. Only long experience can bring facility in this art, and the only sound approach to the matter is continued experiment in making touches on paper and trying to call them in the tower.

Now that of calling H. It is a very interesting and useful one, for not only does it give the pleasant tittum position with the bells coursing in the order 5-6-7, but it

423756	423756	possibilities in its development. The calling given above produces 423756, but note that if a bob is called instead of the second single
— 674523	472635	
— 356274	467523	
325467	456372	
342756	— 234756	

we shall get a course end 324756, and we have thus two jumping-off points for making touches. Two methods of procedure will carry the touch further and still keep 756 in this position. The two means are shown here working from 423756, and from this it will be seen that the same callings applied to 324756 would produce either 243756 or 432756.

Now how are we to get . . . 756 converted back to . . . 567? Looking back at H and J we can see that calling H would turn our . . . 756 to . . . 675, and that a further use of the same calling would bring our . . . 675 to . . . 567. Similarly, the use of calling J would bring . . . 756 to . . . 765, and we already know how to convert 765 to 567.

There is, however, the more direct and more interesting process of reaching 234567 from . . . 756 by bringing the bells round at handstroke. To understand this thoroughly it is necessary to examine a course in which 567 are in the order . . . 657 and have a coursing order of 5-7-6.

If the course shown here is examined it will be found to exhibit a curious property. The lead running from 357264 contains the same rows as the last lead of the plain course.

342657	of Grandsire Triples, and rounds occurs at handstroke as the row before 325476. It follows, therefore, that if the lead 357264 is followed by a plain lead, rounds will inevitably occur at handstroke. This placing of 567 is sometimes called the Inverted Home or Handstroke Home position because the rows . . . 567 occur at handstroke. It is common in Caters and Cinques, where very striking musical effects can be obtained by using it. In Triples it has not the same musical value, but it has a certain attraction, and without doubt provides a useful and interesting means of bringing the bells round.
364725	
376542	
357264	
325476	
342657	

A look back at our turning courses will show that the position . . . 657 can be obtained quite easily from . . . 756, from . . . 576 or from . . . 675. Here are two specimen touches, constructed expressly to demonstrate how easily the bells may be turned from one position to another. The first touch is given complete, and the student should note that the figuring has been given right up to the course end 342657. This is to help to make clear the complete plan, but the bells come round, of course, at A, a lead before the course end.

The second touch illustrates the use of the very simple device in which a single just turns over 6 and 7 and very easily converts 756 to 657. From 234657 this second touch proceeds just as the first touch does from the same row.

234567	234567
— 752634	— 752634
— 765423	— 467352
— 347265	436275
324576	423567
S 563724	S 574623
S 76432	S 567342
— 245376	S 325467
234657	342756
— 762534	S 763542
— 457362	— 257463
435276	245376
423657	234657
— 764523	etc.
— 357264	
325476 A	
342657	

The second touch illustrates the use of the very simple device in which a single just turns over 6 and 7 and very easily converts 756 to 657. From 234657 this second touch proceeds just as the first touch does from the same row.

It might perhaps be said that the key row to bringing the bells into rounds at handstroke is 357264, because if we can bring our touch to this row, either by plain, bob or single, rounds will follow at handstroke the next lead. This row is therefore worth recording in our notebook and learning by heart so that we know the sound of it and readily recognise it when we hear it. It is, of course, the Queen's Change with 4 and 6 reversed, and the fact that 357246 is so nearly 357264 should make us realise the possibilities of using the one to lead to the other.

234567	234567	234567
253746	253746	253746
S 762453	S 762453	S 762543
746325	746325	746325
S 357246	S 357246	— 537246
— 325674	— 623457	— 625437
S 643725	642735	642753
— 576243	— 576342	— 376542
— 325476	S 325476	357264
	342657	325476
	364725	
	376542	
	357264	
	325476	
	FALSE	

For study purposes three specimens of turning from 357246 to 357264 are given here. In each case the principle is simply to turn over 4 and 6, in two cases by the use of a single on 46, and in the third by the use of calling J.

The first two examples are interesting and important illustrations of the fact that things are not always what they seem. The first one clearly produces rounds from 357246 in a very short time and, at a pinch, can be used for this purpose. But it will not provide a true touch, for the row before rounds, that is, the row before the treble leads, is 2135476, and this we had at the very start of the touch. This reminds us of a vital rule. If Grandsire starts in the normal way, then the bells cannot come home at handstroke at a call. The only way in which 234567 can be secured at handstroke at a call and still preserve truth is for the bells to go off from rounds into changes at backstroke. There is no reason why this should not be done, and, indeed, peals have been rung with this start. But it is not at all usual, and the consideration of its possibilities cannot be discussed here.

The second touch manages to arrive at 325476 with a call, but this time there is no falseness, for the handstroke of 325476 in this case is 324567. This little touch of 181 is a very useful and amusing one. The third one runs to only 121 changes, but is well worth keeping in mind. Note the lead 537246 and remember that by calling S.B.B.S. at this point you could add three leads, one of which is 357246.

To conclude, let us sum up a little. First, these notes have been put together, not so much to provide touches for the young conductor as to indicate how touches can be adapted or composed. Volumes could be written on this subject, but it must suffice to say that here we have given only some of the principles governing the composition of short pieces. The general idea has been to show how some interesting use may be made of the bells and how they may be returned to rounds. Three basic methods have been touched on:

1. The use of some standard callings having the 7th as observation bell.
2. The use of certain devices to turn 567 into various positions and to return them to the rounds position.
3. The use of singles to turn over a couple of bells.

There is much more for the earnest bob caller to study. There is the theory of Odd and Even rows, the principles of transposition, and many other associated matters. How far he advances in these studies will depend on his enthusiasm, but we would repeat here that the making of simple touches is not difficult and we would very sincerely urge its practice. Whether or not the results are original does not seem to us to matter very much: the joy of taking something 'home-made' into the belfry and calling it there is very great, and the study attaching to the work of producing it is productive of a larger education and a deeper insight.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1.260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. Fray 1, A. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, M. Heymann 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD****North Dorset Branch**

This year the Branch visited Askerwell, Lyme Regis, Musbury, Kilmington and Thorncombe. Sufficient time was allowed for the 31 ringers to have their pull and for touches of standard methods to be rung at each tower. Methods up to London Surprise Minor were attempted and for the most part came round, the usual menu consisting of Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles at the six-bell towers, with Grandsire Triples and a course of two of Plain Bob Major at Lyme Regis. At Thorncombe the loss of the tenor clapper in the middle of the first touch of Grandsire Triples rather curtailed matters and some Minor on the front six, covered by the seventh, was no real substitute for the octave. Apart, however, from this misfortune (and better to have happened then than during Sunday ringing or a peal), the day went well, the weather was kind, a good tea was made at Axminster and so far no complaints have been received from any parishioners.

R. N. L.

**West Dorset Branch**

The Branch held its quarterly meeting at Thorncombe on September 12th. Eight towers were represented with visitors from Yeovil, Cattistock, Staple Fitzpaine and St. George's, Wilton. The Guild service was conducted by the vice-chairman, the Rev. Mr. Syer, Vicar of Whitchurch Canonorum, who also presided at the meeting in the unavoidable absence of the chairman. We were pleased to see Canon Cox and to know he is still able to take a rope for a short touch. He was unable to stay for the tea and meeting.

Tea was provided and served by the local ringers and their wives in the new hall.

Meetings were arranged as follows: A.G.M. at Bridport, November 28th; practice meetings, Broadwindsor, November 11th, and Beaminster, December 9th.

J. D.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****Chesterfield Visit Oxfordshire**

This year's District outing was to Oxfordshire on September 12th at the request of one of our older members.

Although slightly late, due to heavy traffic, at our first tower, Banbury, the 17 cwt. ten were much to our liking and when one or two had got used to the long draught we managed some Bob Major and Little Bob Royal. After an excellent lunch in Deddington we unfortunately arrived at Chipping Norton at the same time as a wedding party, but Mr. J. Newman came to the rescue by taking us on a brief tour of various places of interest in the county.

Another of our ringers, Mr. P. Attwood (Percy), had lived at Great Tew for almost 50 years and after numerous envious glances at his former olde-world cottage we spent an enjoyable hour on the splendid 22 cwt. octave. Reluctantly leaving Great Tew, we returned to Banbury for tea at the Winter Gardens before the company of some 38 members and friends started the journey home. Our grateful thanks are extended to the clergy and local captains and to our driver, Bob.

Next meeting: October 10th, Clowne (quarterly).

M. P. P.

**THE BELLS**

Belfry's captain, full of bliss,  
Said 'You don't know what you've missed,'  
Cobwebs, woodlice, bellropes, too.  
With ancient bells that you can view.  
Ring in the New Year, ring out the Old.  
What historical New Year have you told?  
Made in the foundry, rung and set,  
How many bellropes have you met?  
Deep and mellow, an octave, eight,  
What peal or quarter have you rung of late?  
Then to the foundry once again  
To smelt down to a smaller ten.

PATRICIA K. MOSS (15).

Note.—Written five years ago and dedicated to Chalfont St. Peter's ringers and especially Mr. E. G. Swift, the captain.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Beverley on September 19th, when the attendance was not as large as usual although 15 towers were represented.

Tea was served in the Cross Keys Hotel, Beverley, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Walker, vice-president, who welcomed the general secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. W. F. Moreton) and his wife. Five new members were elected: Messrs. Andrew Dickinson, Philip Hawkins and David Burnett, of Bridlington, and Mr. H. L. Roper, of Gateforth.

It was decided to hold the December meeting at Snaith and Carlton, subject to permission being obtained. A vote of thanks to the incumbents, local companies and to Mr. N. Castle for the arrangements was carried. Good use was made of St. Mary's ten bells and also the six at Wakington, afternoon and evening.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****Western Branch**

A warm day favoured the Branch quarterly meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Gressenhall (8 bells) on August 29th.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. E. G. Dodson), who read an article, 'U.S.A. Acclaims British Bells,' by Canon Thurlow, from the 'Norwich Churchman' instead of the usual address. Tea followed in the school.

At the subsequent business meeting the chair was taken by the Diocesan Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman.

After deciding upon Gaywood for the next meeting some interesting discussion took place about ways of maintaining interest in practice meetings and of encouraging regular service ringing.

J. S.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

A Surrey Valuation Court at Guildford last week reduced the assessments of 16 houses at Queen's Drive, Stoughton, because of the ringing of a bell for Holy Communion on Sundays, at 8 a.m. The ringing was described by one man as 'deafening and incessant' and another complained of 'its ghastly tone.' The Vicar, the Rev. Basil W. Hazledine, said it was only a very small bell and was rung for three minutes.

The first named peal of the Ladies' Guild is contemplated by Margarets. They hope the attempt will be at Stratton St. Margaret.

Miss Penny Howells, of Claines, rang her first quarter peal of Minor at Church Lench, and in view of their reputation as to their 'go' she is to be congratulated.

We have heard many favourable comments on the broadcast in the Home Service on Sunday of Kaye Webb's talk to the bellringers of Leicester, Cathedral entitled 'Ringing the Changes.'

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Tester took part in peals with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Hull and Walesby. Unfortunately they were described as Lester on pages 638 and 639 when the reports were published.

When the captain of Rewe, Devon, bellringers was married he took his wife to the car, then went back to the belfry and helped to ring his own wedding bells. Nearly 30 years later, his son was married in the same church and when his father should have been in the vestry signing the register, they found him in the belfry ringing for his son's wedding!

Miss Christine L. Mason, vice-captain at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, writes that 'the man in charge' ('R.W.' 18-9-64), who is the new president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, is the tower captain. Mr. A. H. Beamish. She regards him as a superb example of a true and loyal tower captain and adds: 'Although, at times, we young "imps" may mar the changes, our captain's patience and tolerance, his firmness, and method, his unchanging friendliness, bear with us and move us to trying to do better next time.'

The patron of the living of Portishead, to which the Rev. Roger O. Fry was instituted on September 22nd, is Mrs. M. N. Briggs, daughter of Preb. H. W. Jukes, Rector from 1903 to 1938. As Miss M. E. N. Jukes she rang in the first peal for the Ladies' Guild at Cubitt Town in 1912. She paid a special visit to the belfry, apart from her duty of presenting the Rector-designate to the Bishop at the service. The Rev. R. O. Fry took the opportunity of ringing with the local band and visitors before and after the service.

Seventeen items of livestock, the gifts of local farmers, and 100 other miscellaneous items were sold at an auction at Gisburn Auction Market to raise money for the recasting of Gisburn, West Yorkshire, bells.

We are surprised that Mr. Bernard Ash, as tower captain of Stoke D'Abernon, had not heard of Mr. P. A. Cannon's association with St. Martin's Church, Dorking, and his position as Ringing Master of the Surrey Association.

Organised by Pat Bird and Tudor Edwards, Bristol University Society had a successful tour of the Welsh-Borderland from August 27th-30th. The tour finished in Liverpool, where ringing took place at the Cathedral, Woolton, and St. Nicholas' towers.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Henry (Bill) Lewis, Ringing Master of St. John's, Worcester, since 1932, and also a member of the Cathedral Guild for 47 years, which took place on September 6th in his 79th year. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

We hope our friends in the Norwich area eventually received their 'Ringing Worlds' of September 18th. Just as the Editor was leaving for a brief holiday in Holland, a frantic message was received that a consignment of 70 copies for Norwich were lost in transit by rail. Fortunately we were able to dispatch from reserves the copies required by post that night—and the Editor also caught the night boat at Harwich.

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## MR. GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

POTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Mon., Sept. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, and four of Plain Bob.  

Martyn J. Marriott .. .. Treble	Alan R. Bridges .. .. 4
Mary E. Edwards .. .. 2	A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 5
George E. Bonham .. .. 3	Peter Woollven .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Peter Woollven.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.  
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob.  

Peter Woollven .. .. Treble	George E. Bonham .. .. 4
Mary E. Edwards .. .. 2	Terry R. Hatchett .. .. 5
A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 3	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Philip Mehew.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).  

Philip Mehew .. .. Treble	Alan R. Bridges .. .. 5
*A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 2	*Martyn J. Marriott .. .. 6
*Peter Woollven .. .. 3	George W. Massey .. .. 7
*George E. Bonham .. .. 4	*David J. Prescott .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by George W. Massey.  
 \* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt, 21 lb. in F sharp.  

*Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	Terry R. Hatchett .. .. 5
George E. Bonham .. .. 2	Philip Mehew .. .. 6
Mary E. Edwards .. .. 3	George W. Massey .. .. 7
†A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 4	Peter Woollven .. .. Tenor

 Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter Woollven.  
 \* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B., and six of Plain Bob.  

F. Ben Comer .. .. Treble	Jean Sanderson .. .. 4
A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 2	George E. Bonham .. .. 5
Margaret M. Roden .. .. 3	Peter Woollven .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Peter Woollven.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
On Wed., Sept. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

F. Ben Comer .. .. Treble	Peter Woollven .. .. 4
George E. Bonham .. .. 2	Martyn J. Marriott .. .. 5
A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 3	George W. Massey .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by George W. Massey.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, and four of Plain Bob.  

Terry R. Hatchett .. Treble	George W. Massey .. .. 4
A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 2	David R. Sanderson .. .. 5
George E. Bonham .. .. 3	*Peter Woollven .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Peter Woollven.

\* 25th peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. H. W. King to the living of Rushden, Sandon and Wallington.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Sept. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, all different.  

*David J. Prescott .. Treble	A. Trevor Hawkins .. .. 4
†Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	*George E. Bonham .. .. 5
Margaret M. Roden .. 3	Peter Woollven .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Peter Woollven.  
 \* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.'

## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in A.  

Arthur H. Reed .. .. Treble	†Geoffrey R. Marchant .. 4
Ann E. Fellows .. .. 2	Philip W. Gay .. .. 5
*Max Heymann .. .. 3	Cecil T. Clarke .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.  
 \* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.  

Kenneth Gatehouse .. Treble	Keith Prime .. .. 4
Marjorie Legg .. .. 2	Sydney Smith .. .. 5
Cecil Mogford .. .. 3	George Prescott .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by George Prescott.  
 The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'  
 In memoriam E. J. Avery.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELSTOW, Bedfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods with the following extents: Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise T.B., Norwich Surprise, Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  

Miriam Pettitt .. .. Treble	*Martyn Marriott .. .. 4
Susan Law .. .. 2	Rodney French .. .. 5
Kathleen Rivett .. .. 3	Robert Law .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Robert Law.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to commemorate the completion of the ringing chamber and part restoration of tower.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.  

*Frank R. Morton .. Treble	*Raymond J. Ballard .. 5
Barry Corbishley .. .. 2	Roy Worrall .. .. 6
Harold Dowler .. .. 3	Robert B. Smith .. .. 7
*Paul J. Atkins .. .. 4	*Ivor R. Nichols .. .. Tenor

 Composed by W. Barton.  
 \* First peal in the method.

MORETON-CORBET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.  

Robert Barratt .. Treble	*Richard E. Morris .. .. 4
Harold Worrall .. .. 2	Christopher Jones .. .. 5
Brian Schofield .. .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

\* 75th peal.

Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Ernest Pimlott .. Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 4
Christopher Jones .. .. 2	Harold Worrall .. .. 5
Brian Schofield .. .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by Harry W. Howard.  
 Rung to mark the ordination of Peter Hough, of Knutsford, who is to be ordained Deacon in Leicester Cathedral on September 20th.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.  

Frank W. Perrens .. Treble	L. Michael Callow .. .. 5
*Edward Holdsworth .. 2	David J. Allen .. .. 6
Hubert G. Summers .. 3	Ernest J. Gower .. .. 7
Percy Stone .. .. 4	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

 Composed by Stephen Ivin.  
 \* First peal in the method.  
 Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Dawn V. Elson and Peter J. Little, who were married at the Church of St. Barbara, Earlsdon, Coventry, on September 5th. The bride is a member of the Sunday service band at All Saints', Allesley.



**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**WHITLEY BAY, Northumberland.**—At the Church of St. Paul.  
*On Mon., Sept. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt.  
 Gordon Lusk .. .. Treble .. .. Denis A. Bayles .. .. 5  
 John E. Anderson .. .. 2 .. .. George S. Deas .. .. 6  
 Iris Thomson .. .. 3 .. .. Eric N. Harrison .. .. 7  
 M. Elaine Murcott .. .. 4 .. .. Kenneth Arthur .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.  
 Rung to mark the centenary of the dedication of this church.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
**HARLOW COMMON, Essex.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.  
 John West .. .. Treble .. .. Michael J. Cowling .. .. 5  
 Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 2 .. .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. .. 6  
 Peter G. Brown .. .. 3 .. .. Philip J. Rothera .. .. 7  
 Peter J. Came .. .. 4 .. .. Ian R. Pantom .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by D. N. Layton. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.  
*On Mon., Sept. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Tenor 23 cwt.  
 John H. Taylor .. .. Treble .. .. Richard C. L. Brown .. .. 6  
 Jennifer M. Taylor .. .. 2 .. .. James R. Taylor .. .. 7  
 Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 3 .. .. John W. Coleman .. .. 8  
 Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 4 .. .. Gordon W. Land .. .. 9  
 D. John Hunt .. .. 5 .. .. Philip M. J. Gray .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.  
 First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.  
 Rung for and on the first birthday of Christopher Paul Hobbs, son of M. J. Hobbs, ringer of fourth.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.  
 Andrew Howard .. .. Treble .. .. John H. Taylor .. .. 5  
 D. John Hunt .. .. 2 .. .. Alan Tubb .. .. 6  
 Cliff Richards .. .. 3 .. .. Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 7  
 Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 4 .. .. William Rogers .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by C. H. Mattersley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.  
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jacqueline A. Hobbs, wife of the ringer of the 7th (September 10th).

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
*On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5056 HUNSLET BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.  
 \*H. Lyndon Hatfield .. Treble .. Robert A. Hatcher .. .. 5  
 Colin A. Lewis .. .. 2 .. .. \*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 6  
 John W. Hope .. .. 3 .. .. \*Thomas E. Wood .. .. 7  
 Gillian E. Graney .. .. 4 .. .. George T. Cousins .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by George T. Cousins.  
 \* First of Major. First peal in the method by all the band. First in the county and for the Guild.  
 A farewell to Colin A. Lewis who is leaving to take up a post at University College, Dublin.

**ALMELEY, Herefordshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 In 30 methods, being one extent each of: Buttercup, Violet, Dedworth, Primrose, Wallflower, Cowslip, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, St. George, Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, St. Augustine, Fortune, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, and Newbrough, and two extents each of Hudbas, Old, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Campion, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, and Southrepps.  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.  
 Arthur W. Williams .. Treble .. John W. Hope .. .. 4  
 Margaret J. Hope .. .. 2 .. .. Robert A. Hatcher .. .. 5  
 Colin A. Lewis .. .. 3 .. .. Danzey Watkins .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by John W. Hope.  
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dwynwen Morgan.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
**BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
*On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt.  
 Stuart J. Hutton .. .. Treble .. .. G. William Critchley .. .. 5  
 Eric Edmondson .. .. 2 .. .. Colin A. S. Harwood .. .. 6  
 Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3 .. .. Jack S. Dear .. .. 7  
 J. Richard Castledine .. 4 .. .. Brian D. Harris .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.  
 First peal in the method by all the band.

**KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.**—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas a Becket.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.  
 \*Paul J. Crane .. .. Treble .. .. J. Stuart Hutton .. .. 5  
 Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 2 .. .. Colin A. S. Harwood .. .. 6  
 †Terry R. Hatchett .. .. 3 .. .. Jack S. Dear .. .. 7  
 Vernon Green .. .. 4 .. .. J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor  
 Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.  
 \* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.'  
 Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Daphne W. Childs, daughter of A. W. Childs, Knebworth tower keeper, to Roger R. Menear.

**MUCH HADHAM, Hertfordshire.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
*On Sat., July 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.  
 \*Frances I. Studley .. Treble .. Lorna E. Simpson .. .. 5  
 †Elizabeth M. Emmett .. 2 .. Leonard J. North .. .. 6  
 †Patricia J. Laycock .. .. 3 .. Bernard E. Matthews .. 7  
 Clive W. Simpson .. .. 4 .. Bryan C. Burrough .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.  
 \* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

**LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.**—At the Church of St. Paul.  
*On Wed., Sept. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 FULMER DELIGHT MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.  
 \*Lorna E. Simpson .. Treble .. John R. Mayne .. .. 4  
 Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2 .. \*Clive W. Simpson .. .. 5  
 H. George Hart .. .. 3 .. Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor  
 Conducted by John R. Mayne.  
 \* 25th peal. The first peal in the method.  
 A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart.

**FULMER DELIGHT MINOR.**  
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**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
**MAIDSTONE, Kent.**—At the Church of All Saints.  
*On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.  
 Doris E. Colgate .. Treble .. Ian H. Oram .. .. 6  
 \*Ann Jenner .. .. 2 .. Ralph Bird .. .. 7  
 Andrew J. Corby .. .. 3 .. †Dennis A. Chapman .. 8  
 Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 4 .. Stanley Jenner .. .. 9  
 Arthur S. Richards .. 5 .. Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor  
 Arranged by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.  
 \* 100th peal. † 150th peal. First of York Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

**ERITH, Kent.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.  
*On Fri., Sept. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 15 cwt.  
 Martin L. Howe .. Treble .. †Ian H. Oram .. .. 5  
 Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 2 .. Trevor A. Cross .. .. 6  
 \*Leonard Manning .. .. 3 .. Frederick J. Cullum .. 7  
 Herbert E. Audsley .. 4 .. Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor  
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.  
 \* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.  
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Barnett, parents of the ringer of the 2nd, on the eve of their golden wedding anniversary.

**SANDRIDGE, Kent.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 An extent each of Carlisle, Dearne Valley, Rossendale, Lincoln, Berwick, Cuneastre and Durham.  
 Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.  
 Ralph Bird .. Treble .. Ian H. Oram .. .. 4  
 Mary S. Taylor .. .. 2 .. Andrew M. Macve .. .. 5  
 John Faircloth .. .. 3 .. Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor  
 Conducted by R. Bird.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Michael.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.  
 David Vincent .. Treble .. Brian Mills .. .. 5  
 Derek A. Ashton .. .. 2 .. Alan Sharples .. .. 6  
 Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 3 .. Frederick Shallcross .. 7  
 Frederick Jackson .. .. 4 .. Denis Mottershead .. Tenor  
 Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

**HORNBY, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*  
**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.  
 John Robinson .. Treble .. Alan Sharples .. .. 5  
 Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2 .. William A. Lacey .. .. 6  
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3 .. Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 7  
 Derek A. Ashton .. .. 4 .. John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by William A. Lacey.



**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.**—At the Church of All Saints.  
*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr.

Alan E. Hartley .. .. Treble	David J. King .. .. 6
Walter H. Dobby .. .. 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. .. 7
David G. Wilford .. .. 3	A. James Poyner .. .. 8
James A. D. Woolford .. .. 4	Martin C. Faulkes .. .. 9
Jack P. Kesterton .. .. 5	Tom Chapman .. .. Tenor

Composed by David J. Forder and Tom Chapman.  
 Conducted by Tom Chapman.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, Leicestershire.**—At the Church of St. Thomas.  
*On Mon., Sept. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Carol L. Norman .. .. Treble	David W. Stenson .. .. 5
Brian G. Warwick .. .. 2	Keith H. Mildred .. .. 6
Alan R. Mildred .. .. 3	Mark G. Wood .. .. 7
Carol I. V.orton .. .. 4	Roger K. Stretton .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.  
 Rung by the Sunday Service Band, all taught to ring by the conductor. A farewell to Brian G. Warwick, Ringing Master since 1953, who has been appointed choirmaster and organist at St. John-the-Baptist's, Knighton.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. James.

*On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERERS**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Gwen I. Bloomfield .. .. Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield .. .. 6
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2	George H. Randles .. .. 7
Norah M. Randles .. .. 3	Michael W. Crowder .. .. 8
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 4	Peter A. Sharp .. .. 9
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 5	Geoffrey Paul .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.  
 First peal of Caters on the bells.

**BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

*On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*Geoffrey Bromfield .. .. Treble	*Septimus Neave .. .. 5
†Ronald Chafer .. .. 2	†Arthur Pashley .. .. 6
†C. Aubrey Harrison .. .. 3	†John Hall .. .. 7
†Jack Bray .. .. 4	†Michael W. Crowder .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.  
 \* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

**UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

*On Wed., Aug. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles E. Black .. .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey .. .. 4
John H. Bluff .. .. 2	David R. Baxter .. .. 5
Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 3	Alan G. Payne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.**—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

*On Mon., Sept. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERERS**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Donald G. Clift .. .. Treble	William J. Goodfellow .. .. 6
Penelope J. Welch .. .. 2	*Stephen Fenwick (15) .. .. 7
John Owen .. .. 3	John Manley .. .. 8
Thomas T. Yeomans .. .. 4	David J. Llewellyn .. .. 9
Roger G. Havard .. .. 5	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.  
 \* First peal on ten bells. The conductor's 100th peal for the Association.

**BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.**—At the Church of St. Iltyd.

*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

J. Arthur Hoare .. .. Treble	Roger King .. .. 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. .. 2	David J. Llewellyn .. .. 6
John Owen .. .. 3	Roger G. Havard .. .. 7
Penelope J. Welch .. .. 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.**—At the Church of St. Giles.

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

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

*Raymond Ballard .. .. Treble	*David S. Midgeley .. .. 5
*Barbara Dale .. .. 2	Geoffrey C. Beech .. .. 6
*Hilary Pardoe .. .. 3	Andrew Thomson .. .. 7
*Leslie Walley .. .. 4	Arnold Moore .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

\* First peal of Kent Major. Tenor 16 cwt.  
 Rung for the wedding of L. Keith Moore and Doreen Williams.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 lb. in F.

Howard Oglesby .. .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden .. .. 5
*William Birmingham, jnr. .. .. 2	William Butler .. .. 6
William Birmingham .. .. 3	David P. Hilling .. .. 7
Sydney M. Bailey .. .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside' and 25th peal.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

*On Tues., Sept. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roy H. Jones .. .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. .. 5
Brian W. Hall .. .. 2	William Birmingham .. .. 6
Charles Coles .. .. 3	Peter J. Heritage .. .. 7
Edward R. Venn .. .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

A peal of welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. K. Weston.

**KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.**—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

*On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland, 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Peter J. Heritage .. .. Treble	J. Keith Ward .. .. 5
Frederick R. Scott .. .. 2	Edward R. Venn .. .. 6
*Gordon W. Land .. .. 3	*Anthony R. Peake .. .. 7
*Bruce Wakefield .. .. 4	*Victor Griffin .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

\* First of Major in eight methods.

**THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

**APPLETON, Berkshire.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

*On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERERS**

Walter F. Judge .. .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. .. 6
Philip Walker .. .. 2	Edward R. Venn .. .. 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. .. 3	Edgar J. Smith .. .. 8
J. Richard Chaundy .. .. 4	Francis A. White .. .. 9
J. Howard R. Freeborn .. .. 5	Brian R. White .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

A farewell peal to the ringer of fifth who is leaving to reside at Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**LEIRE, Leicestershire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being eight methods in the following seven extents: (1) Northumberland, (2) Carlisle, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) York, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surlfleet.

Graham C. Paul .. .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. .. 4
James Linnell .. .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. .. 5
Roger W. Smith .. .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

A birthday compliment to George Foddy.

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CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Roger W. Smith .. .. Treble	*Barry E. Saunders .. .. 5
*Graham C. Paul .. .. 2	James Linnell .. .. 6
Barrie Hendry .. .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. .. 7
Alan A. Paul .. .. 4	George W. Holland .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Thomas E. Roberts.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Sept. 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

### A PEAL OF 5056 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Twenty-nine course block, adapted.

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

Patrick I. Chapman .. .. Treble	Graham C. Paul .. .. 5
Diana M. Frost .. .. 2	Alan J. Frost .. .. 6
Alan A. Paul .. .. 3	Barrie Hendry .. .. 7
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. .. 4	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

First peal in the method by all.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Mary R. Bloxam .. .. Treble	*Richard J. Cowley .. .. 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. .. 2	*Edward C. Buckby .. .. 6
Eric J. Chapman .. .. 3	Denis G. Pearson .. .. 7
Sheila J. Staley .. .. 4	†Murray A. Coleman .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal. † 75th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and first peal on the bells since rehanging.

WICKEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours.

### A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

William P. Yates .. .. Treble	Alan A. Paul .. .. 5
Charles E. Truman .. .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. .. 6
Graham C. Paul .. .. 3	James Linnell .. .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. .. 4	George E. Green .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Green.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green.

### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOTHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods: (1-21) Spliced April Day, Seighford and Litchurch, (22-42) Spliced Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 3
C. Raymond Larkin .. .. 2	George A. Dawson .. .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A 21st birthday compliment to James W. Taylor, of Gedling.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BUXHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in 7 sharp.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 4
Alice E. J. Lester .. .. 2	Ernest G. Pearce .. .. 5
Robert E. Lester .. .. 3	Andrew T. Beckwith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

### THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

Edmund J. Morris .. .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. .. 5
Hazel Way .. .. 2	Roger G. Havard .. .. 6
J. Arthur Hoare .. .. 3	David J. Llewellyn .. .. 7
Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (3a).

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the bells, for the Guild and by all, except the conductor. The conductor's 500th peal.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sun., Sept. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEPNEY BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Edmund J. Morris .. .. Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 4
Hazel Way .. .. 2	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 5
J. Arthur Hoare .. .. 3	David J. Llewellyn .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1963.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Aug. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Leonard Stilwell .. .. Treble	Peter J. Joyce .. .. 5
E. Jane Sibson .. .. 2	Brian J. Luff .. .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours.

### A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Douglas Snoswell .. .. Treble	*Anthony Jackson .. .. 5
*Herbert W. Woolven .. .. 2	*John A. Howard .. .. 6
*Valerie J. Howard .. .. 3	W. Arthur Riddington .. .. 7
*Derek Slater .. .. 4	Frank H. Hicks .. .. Tenor

Composed by William Harrison.

Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

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

In memory of Albert Arthur Hughes.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Lewis .. .. Treble	John C. Slater .. .. 5
*Janet S. Evenden .. .. 2	John J. Stanier .. .. 6
Hugh Neill .. .. 3	David Beacham .. .. 7
M. Roger Ashmore .. .. 4	George E. Evenden .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by George E. Evenden.

\* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Roger Ashmore.

BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Arthur A. Jopp .. .. Treble	Ian Lloyd .. .. 4
Andrew Jopp .. .. 2	James Attwood .. .. 5
Ralph Perks .. .. 3	Arthur Berry .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Berry.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. Thomas Wilkinson, Vicar of Bishampton since 1932, on retirement.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Arthur B. Cooper .. .. Treble	†F. Charles Hobson .. .. 5
*Ronald Ducker .. .. 2	†Ian G. Campbell .. .. 6
John S. Rank .. .. 3	†David S. Johnson .. .. 7
†Richard D. Gibson .. .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

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

In memory of David A. Fewster, ringer at this church for many years.

HEADINGLEY, Leeds, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Allen Twyman .. .. Treble	A. W. Alan Leggett .. .. 5
Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 2	David Smith .. .. 6
Frances Fairbank .. .. 3	J. Neville Parkin .. .. 7
Colin Reeves .. .. 4	J. Henry Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs.—At Betty Fold.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1-2	*Mrs. Mary Whalley .. 3-4
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\*Joseph Whalley (cond.) 5-6

\* First peal in hand.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Tues., Sept. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 15 methods, comprising 640 of Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas J. Lock .. 1-2	John R. Mayne .. .. 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley 3-4	†Frank C. Price .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* First peal of 15-Spliced on handbells. † First peal of 15-Spliced.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On September 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: B. J. Stone 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, A. W. Bond 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, D. P. Treble (1st of Surprise as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss A. Grainger.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On September 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Brown 1, C. J. Ha wood 2, Joan Reynr 3, Angela Hawes 4, J. Collier 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. H. M. Inley, and his family on their leaving Ash for Great and Little Kimble, Bucks.

**ASHWICK, SOMERSET.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): P. W. Gay (cond.) 1, Sheila Hallett 2, Ruth Gay 3, Monica Horseman 4, G. Salmon 5, M. Heymann 6. First in two Minor methods for 2 and 3.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On September 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Vitter 1, A. Baldock 2, Christine Fuller (cond.) 3, M. Swift 4, A. Hicks 5, R. Viter 6. Also on September 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung with 7, 6, 8 cover): D. L. Farr 1, G. Gunston 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, J. Ashraf 4, I. Smith 5, C. Pibeam 6, W. Binsted 7, R. Viter 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. M. Townroe.

**BLACKMOOR, HANTS.**—On September 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Houahine 1, Lesley Real (first as cond.) 2, Patricia Smith (first 'inside') 3, K. Sarsom 4, D. M. Hughes 5, B. C. Kercher 6. Arranged as a compliment to the conductor for her 15th birthday.

**BLEWURY, BERKS.**—On September 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. H. Webb 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. Wells 5, H. G. Aldridge 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Reginald Green, church worker for many years, whose funeral took place this day.

**REDFIELD, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, September 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: C. R. Lovett 1, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 2, Brenda Downing 3, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, R. Downing 5, E. G. Pearce 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's, on September 13th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: P. Williams (first of Stedman) 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, F. J. Sampson 4, A. C. Baker 5, J. H. Taylor 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for Mtry Smith, Guide captain of St. Ambrose's.

**CHARMINSTER, DORSET.**—On September 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Terha Barnett 1, J. Vardy 2, G. Abbott 3, R. Sturmev 4, F. Simmonds 5, J. W. Rose 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, V. Furnage 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, captain of the Wyke Regis ringers, on his 90th birthday.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On September 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Davidson 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, C. E. J. Norris 3, C. T. Osenton 4, G. Philpot 5, L. Crouch 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, G. S. Evans 8.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On September 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Battin 1, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 2, S. Woodcock 3, H. Baber 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, R. Curtis 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 8. First quarter peal of Triples inside for the ringer of the 6th.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On September 11th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): Penelope Fox 1, A. Crowson 2, C. Wright (first in 2 methods) 3, A. Faulkner 4, D. Ellisdon 5, D. Hewitt 6. A wedding compliment to Gordon Lonsdale and Jane Perry-Griffin, married on September 5th.

**CHURCH LENCH, WORCS.**—On September 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. L. Howells 1, M. Powell 2, A. P. White 3, A. C. Berry 4, C. B. Dove 5, P. Catermole 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for at least 30 years.

**COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.**—On September 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sarah Goodbody (first quarter) 1, B. Vickers 2, R. Cowley 3, E. Buckley 4, T. Smith 5, D. Pearson (cond.) 6.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On September 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. L. Willis 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, K. Taylor 3, D. L. Hooper 4, D. L. Lloyd 5, E. Hill 6, G. Lane (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. Also on September 13th, quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. M. Pratt 2, K. Taylor 3, D. L. Lloyd 4, R. D. Hunt 5, D. Ingram 6, D. L. Hooper 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. R. Marriott.

**CRANFIELD, BEDS.**—On September 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Hillson 1, D. R. Minton 2, Elizabeth Manton 3, G. Holman 4, D. W. Manton (cond.) 5. First in the method for all.

**DUNCASTER, YORKS.**—At St. George's on Aug. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: T. D. Spencer 1, Miss M. Battram 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, J. Thorley 4, F. A. Staveley 5, E. Dalingwater 6, J. McCluskey 7, R. V. Clarke 8.

**EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.**—On September 16th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Banks 1, Miss I. Lemare 2, Mrs. R. Niblett 3, F. C. Hobson 4, G. Bryant 5, D. H. Niblett 6, J. H. Fielden 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First in method for 3 and 4.

**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On September 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Colinda Dearden 1, T. Pope 2, Mrs. K. C. Edwards 3, R. W. Winstanley 4, B. C. W. Jenks 5, K. C. Edwards (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung for Evening Prayer, and as a compliment to Rev. L. Lewis, ordained to the priesthood in Chester Cathedral the same morning.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At the Cathedral, on September 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. J. Bowden 1, D. Exell 2, P. J. Joyce 3, R. J. Bowden 4, G. E. Thofay 5, R. C. Kipping 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, F. D. Mck 8. Rung on the back eight in memory of E. M. Joyce Atkins, General Secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1956-1964.

**KYNSBURY, HUNTS.**—On September 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Woolven (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Edwards 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, A. R. Bridges 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, G. E. Bonham 6.

**FARMBOURGH, SOMERSET.**—On September 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Horseman (cond.) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, K. Baker (first of Stedman) 3, J. Fray 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombs 6. For Matins.

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**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On September 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor with 6-8 covering: J. Beetlestone (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss D. Robotham (first quarter 'inside' to Minor) 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, A. Richardson 4, A. Warren 5, P. Taylor 6, B. Wallis (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. For Evensong.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**—On September 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Osenton 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, B. R. Trill 3, C. E. J. Norris 4, L. Crouch 5, G. Philpot 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, G. S. Evans 8.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, J. Benfield 2, R. Jarvis 3, R. Taplin 4, H. Hyde 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 77th birthday, having now completed 64 years as a Sunday service ringer in the same tower.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On September 13th, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: J. Dowse 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, J. Heap 4, R. Larkin 5. Rung for Evensong. Also on September 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Barker 1, J. Dowse 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, R. Larkin 6. Rung for Evensong and for the christening of Stephen Raymond Foster and Michael George Barker.

**HORBURY, YORKS.**—On September 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. I. Lemare 1, D. Banks (first of Surprise) 2, Miss L. Gott 3, J. H. Fielden 4, P. Woodward 5, F. C. Hobson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On September 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Goodchild 1, S. J. Smith 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Rung by Lane End ringers in memory of Mr. Jack Rich, a friend, who wished his memorial to be donations to the Lane End Church Bell Fund.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.**—On September 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Childs 1, Rosemary A. Spicer 2, A. A. F. Peters 3, P. J. Crane 4, C. A. Critchley (cond.) 5, G. W. Critchley 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Dines', on September 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, Mrs. C. Mould 4, D. Wilson 5, A. M. Stacey 6, E. G. Mould 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For Matins.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On September 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, A. H. Reed 2, N. J. Maggs 3, E. T. P. Field 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6.

**LYMPE, KENT.**—On September 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Folk, April Day, Old Doubles, Southrepps, Cadbury, Penworth, Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Malmcon 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, R. P. Bretherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, D. Gower 6. For Evensong.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On September 18th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lister 1, G. Lister 2, Miss D. Hague 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, D. Young 5, E. Gosling (cond.) 6, B. Lister 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung for the emerald wedding (55 years) of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lister, parents of the ringers of 2nd and 7th, and grandparents of the treble ringer.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, September 20th, 1,290 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Palmer 1, Mrs. D. Davis 2, P. H. Langton 3, D. Davis 4, D. Peck 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer.

**NECTON, NORFOLK.**—On September 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery 1, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 2, A. R. Wife 3, S. H. Waterfield 4, W. J. Bailey 5, R. Harmer 6. Rung before the service to open the flower festival.

**SONNING, BERKS.**—On September 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Atkins 1, M. J. Smith 2, D. C. Willis 3, H. Smith 4, A. N. Willis (cond.) 5, R. Hunt 6. First quarter 1 and 3. First as cond.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Moore 1, Margaret Moore (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, L. G. Gates 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Aug. 23rd, 1,250 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Carol L. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, M. G. Wood 4, D. W. Stenson 5, R. K. Stretton 6. For Festal Evensong on the eve of St. Bartholomew. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (6 methods): June E. Wood 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, Carol I. V. Corton 3, N. W. Grassby 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, M. P. Brown 6. For Evensong. And on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June E. Wood 1, B. G. Warwick 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, Carol I. V. Corton (cond.) 6, K. H. Mildred 7, M. P. Brown 8. For Evensong. A farewell to B. G. Warwick, Ringing Master since 1953, and his wife.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on September 13th, 1,250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, M. D. Fellows 2, P. L. Bill 3, R. Smith 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, P. W. Webb 8. Rung by the local band for Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, W. R. White 3, E. Nunn 4, B. R. Walton 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On September 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1, J. Sinfield (cond.) 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, I. M. Knox 7, W. G. Gladman 8. To celebrate the dedication of the new furniture and decoration of the church by the Bishop of St. Albans.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On September 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. L. Dear 1, Sally Cobb 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, June Whitcher 4, H. Duncan 5, R. Durrant 6, R. J. Chapman 7, D. S. Billmore 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Jack Chapman, a patron of the living and sometime churchwarden of Waltham Abbey.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On August 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Gamble (first quarter) 1, D. Wright 2, P. Chapman 3, T. Coles 4, A. Boyack 5, C. Wright 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, J. Rixon 8.

**WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On September 17th, 1,260 St. Simon's, St. Martin's Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Angela Jay 1, Julie A. V. Caligari 2, Christine Jay 3, Peter Caligari 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, G. T. Cousins 6. Rung to mark the 2nd anniversary of the formation of the local band, and the 47th wedding anniversary of the parents of the tenor-man.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On September 13th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. E. Hunton 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday and a farewell quarter to R. K. Cooke, lay reader of the parish.

**WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.**—On September 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, R. E. Lester 2, A. S. Woodward 3, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 4, E. G. Pearce 5, A. Hartley 6, L. N. Melton 7, R. W. Pipe 8.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: T. Sharpe 1, C. Hughes 2, A. Faulkner 3, A. Crowson 4, J. Laken 5, D. Hewitt 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, D. Baker 8.



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### BIRTHS

**BALDWIN.**—To Beryl and John, on Thursday, September 24th, 1964, a daughter, Judith Ann. 5474

**RILEY.**—To Audrey Joan (née Knight) and Richard William a son, Paul Christopher, on September 12th, at British Military Hospital, Hong Kong. 5448

### SILVER WEDDING

**HAZELL-JARRALD.**—Harold John Hazell to Elizabeth Jarrald, by the late Rev. E. C. Essex, at the church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, on September 30th, 1939. 5456

### DEATH

**IRELAND.**—On September 21st, 1964, in Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia, Jean (née Dawson) aged 28 years. The beloved wife of Frank and dear daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson of Lodge Bank, Pendle Road, Clitheroe, Lancs. 5466

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**CARPENTER.**—The address of Marjorie and David Carpenter is now: 21, Blenheim Close, Oxley Road, Watford, Herts. Telephone Watford 42192. 5443

**RANK.**—The address of John Rank is now 92, Glebe Road, Cambridge. 5445

**SPEED.**—From October 5th the address of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. B. Speed will be 88, High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby, Warks. 5467

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**ST. MARY'S, READING.**—Annual Dinner and half-day outing November 21st. All friends very welcome. Please write for details to Miss P. Buss, 2, Derby Road, Caversham, Reading, before October 19th. 5472

**DEVON PEAL TOUR, AUGUST, 1965.**—Any peal ringers interested in Surprise Major, please contact Box 5401, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press Ltd., Guildford. 5401

**HOWARD.**—Mr. Harry W. Howard, of Beverley, Lime Avenue, Leftwich Northwich, Cheshire, is now on the telephone at home. The number being Northwich 2263. 5435

**STURRY, KENT.**—A fund has been opened to provide a Memorial to the late Mr. H. R. French. It is hoped to erect a small plaque and redecorate the clock face of St. Nicholas' Church, where he rang and worshipped for over 30 years. Donations please to Mr. Dungey, 28, Pope's Lane, Sturry, Canterbury. 5437

**ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH READING.**—All peal attempts are booked for 1965.—V. Cherrill. 5487

### MEETINGS

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting, October 3rd, Aston Cantlow bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Henley-in-Arden bells 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. A. Woodfield, 2, Peartree Gardens, Aston Cantlow, Solihull (Tel. Great Alne 342). Accommodation limited to 30.—P. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 5421

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, October 3rd. Business meeting 4 p.m., service 5.15, both at Cathedral. Tea 6 at Bainbridge's. Ringing: Fenham, 2-3; St. Stephen's, 2.30-3.30; Jesmond, 7.30-9, and Cathedral, 7-9 p.m. Names for tea (approx. 6s.) by previous day to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, October 3rd at Codicote, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 3415

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford. (Recordings of ringing at Washington Cathedral to be heard, by arrangement with Mr. H. Parks.)—C. T. H. 5366

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 5406

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary, Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Sidbury may be available in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Hillcote, Ottery St. Mary, St. Devon, Dis. Sec. 5428

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, October 3rd. Bells from 4 p.m.; Wentworth bells also available 2.30 till 3.45. Names for tea please to Mr. G. W. Pilkington, 5, Arthur Place, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 4516

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, October 3rd, Nottingham St. Mary (10) from 2.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 5427

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern Division) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Southern Division):—Joint meeting at Worth (6), on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 5.39 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Special method Double Court Minor.—E. L. Hairs and G. A. West, Hon. Div. Secs. 5396

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting St. David's, Llanfaes, on October 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s. 6d. each) and meet to follow. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon.—M. R. T. 5389

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 5th at 7 p.m.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Denby, Friday, October 9th, 7.30 p.m.—D. J. Marshall, Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, October 10th, Bradford-on-Tone. Bells 7 p.m. A. H. Reid, Hon. Sec. 5471

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Doulting Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea please to Mr. A. Kingston, Fairview, Doulting, Shepton Mallett.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5452

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winford (6) Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 p.m. followed by business. Names for tea by October 8th please.—D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 5318

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting at Clowne on October 10th (please note change of date). Bells available: Barlborough (6) 2.30-4; Clowne (6) 3.30-4.30 and 6-7.30; Creswell (8) 7-9. Service at Clowne 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, October 7th, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 5433

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Crown and Sceptre 4.45 p.m. Meeting following.—G. Skinner. 5301

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting of Ely and Cambridgeshire Districts with Cambridge University Guild at Longstanton, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. 5441

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. W. Dyer, 2, Guild Hall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 5447

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Mawbey, Rosecrae, Barling Road, Great Wakering. 5376

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at Stockland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by October 7th to Mr. C. Joyce, Waverley, Stockland, Honiton.—W. Webb, Sec. 5355

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Redbourne (6), Sat., October 10th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Read ng, 57, Hempstead Rd., Redbourne. 5464

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—T. A. Cross, Dis. Sec. 5453

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness, and Lake District Branch.—Half yearly and business meeting, Hawkshead, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill Ambleside. Meeting after tea.—T. F. Metcalfe Branch Sec. 5463

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The striking competition will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at 3 p.m. 6-bell section at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale. 8-bell section at All Saints', Higher Walton. Buffet tea from 4 p.m. at Walton-le-Dale. Names to L. Walmesley Leyland Motors Ltd. Leyland.—F. Reynolds Gen. Sec. 5439

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting October 10th, at St. Mary's, Walton. Ringing 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and after meeting, service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool 4. 5478

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, October 10th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5477

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Swithland (6) October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. tea and meeting in Village Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Brown, 34, Swithland Lane, Rothley, by October 7th.—R. R. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5480



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, October 10th, at Woodhouse Eaves. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at church rooms. Names for tea to Mr. F. Chambers, 24, Main St., Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, Leics. 5400

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Usk, October 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. L. Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk, Mon.—J. S. King. 5450

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—(N. and E. District).—Saturday, October 10th, St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.2, 3.15 p.m.—4.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bishopsgate bells available from 6.15.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5451

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 5458

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury, by Wednesday, October 7th. 5483

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting October 10th, at Aldwincle. Usual arrangements. Wadenhoe available after business meeting.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering. 5446

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanwick, Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea previous Tuesday to Mr. E. A. Knight, Langwood Cottage, Stanwick, near Wellingborough. Raunds bells available from 7.30 p.m. 5440

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting October 10th, Pychley (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Isham (6) available 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. F. Roe, 14, Stringers Hill, Pychley, by Monday previous. All welcome. 5479

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—A meeting will be held at Edmond, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Cotton, 6, Silverdale, Edmond, Newport, Salop. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris. 5454

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—Bingham District.—Meeting at Gedling, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham.—R. Blackshaw. 5468

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Notts District) and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (West Lindsey Branch).—Joint meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4.15. Names for tea by 6th Mr. J. P. Wright, Eastfield, North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman and G. A. Lunn. 5424

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—North West District.—Annual general meeting at Barrow (5), Saturday, October 10th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. G. E. Rawlings, Dale Tree Cottage, Barrow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 7th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5438

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting to be held at East Meon on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 5470

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Snowdon Dinner, York, Saturday, October 10th. Tickets 17s. Application with names to Miss Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York, before October 7th. Ringing: Escrick (8) 11 to 1; Huntington (6) 2 to 3.30; Acomb (6) 1.30 to 3.30; Minster (12) 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.45; Inst. of Architectural Study (6) 2.30 to 3.30 and 5 to 6. Evenson in the Minster at 4. 5422

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 17th, at Monks Kirby. Bells 2.30, service 4.30, tea, 5 p.m. Names for tea, which is at the Denhigh Arms, by 14th at latest, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 5481

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, October 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Notifications for tea by October 14th, to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, Surrey. 5402

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, October 17th. St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., tea follows in Church Hall, business meeting afterwards. Other ringing arrangements available on receipt of S.A.E. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Wednesday to District Secretary, Mr. T. C. Phillimore, 47, Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5469

**LADIES' GUILD** (Central District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (S. and W. District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 17th, at St. John's, Hillingdon. Bells (10) from 3. Service 4.45 p.m., tea and evening social in St. John's Hall, Iver bells (8), 2.30–3.45. Buses 458 and 207 connect. Notifications for tea appreciated. All welcome.—Miss J. Spreadbury, Miss D. Hague and F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, Hon. Secs. 5473

**LEICESTER DIO. GUILD**.—Quarterly general meeting in Melton District, October 17th. Bells: Eaton (6) 2–3; Croxton Kerrial (6) 2.30–3.30; Waltham (6) 3–3.45; Melton (10) 3.30–4.10 and 6.30–8; Somerby (6) 7.30–9. Service Melton 4.15; Tea (followed by meeting) in Colles Hall (opposite church) at 5 p.m. (Adults 3s.; Juniors 2s.). Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Westfield, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics, by October 13th. No name, no tea. Important business—a decision will be taken as to whether the Guild should organise a striking competition. Tickets for dinner on November 14th (17s. 6d.) will be available.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5402

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and **ELY DIOCESAN GUILD** (Wisbech Branch).—Joint meeting at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mr. W. L. Ketteringham, East Field, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech, Cambs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., L.D.G. 5482

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, Saturday, October 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 14th to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich, NOR 04X.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 5459

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Hanwell, October 17th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4, tea and business 4.45 p.m. Ringing at Wroxton (5) 7 p.m. Names for tea by October 14th, to G. Sturch, Council Houses, Hanwell, Banbury, Oxon. 5321

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**.—Annual Dinner at Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, on February 6th, 1965. Tickets available from F. J. Matthews, 6, Foxwood Road, Bean, near Dartford, Kent. 5476

**STAFFORD ARCH. SOCIETY**.—Meeting Yoxall, Saturday, October 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, October 14th latest, to C. M. Smith, Roiselle, Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs, Tel. Lich. 2124. 5432

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**.—General meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, vestry on October 17th. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Miss Y. Edwards, 31, Hill Street, Netherton, Dudley, Birmingham, who will also supply ringing arrangements. First practice of term at 6.30 p.m. on October 8th at St. Olave's, Nearest tube—Tower Hill. Turn right and right again, up Seething Lane. Freshers very welcome.—R. O. Humphries. 5402

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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 327th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, October 31st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (27s. 6d.) are now available and since accommodation is limited, members are recommended to make early application therefor.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 14, The Glebe, Hawley, near Camberley, Surrey. 5371

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Nomination meeting and handbell competition on Saturday, November 28th, at Immanuel, Streatham. Please note the revision to original date. 5460

## A BRIDE FROM PUBLOW

The wedding took place at Publow, Somerset, on September 19th of Miss Marjorie M. Mogford, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mogford, and Geoffrey A. Hemming, of Bristol. The service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Frith, of Compton Dando, and the Rev. D. V. Clatworthy, of Publow.

The reception was at The Hall, Pensford, and over 80 guests, including ringers, attended. The bells were rung before and after the service. A peal (Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge Minor) was lost at Publow after 2 hours 55 minutes, but one at Compton Dando was successful. F.C.M.

## THANKS

Miss Ida B. Thompson, of Nottingham, writes expressing her sincere thanks through 'The Ringing World' to the Ladies' Guild (Midland District), the Leicester ladies and all ringers and friends for the lovely flowers, birthday cake, cards and expressions of good wishes for her birthday, all of which combined to make a very happy day. The peal of Stedman Cinques by the Ladies' Guild in honour of Miss Thompson's 80th birthday was published on page 654.

## BELL RINGING AS A SPORT

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\* The Exercise . . . has a sport or recreation which can supply to the limits all the interest and all the relaxation . . . which is the proper use of a recreation: it can be a mental and intellectual stimulus and, unlike any other sport, it can be brought as a gift to the service of the Church. It takes a place here . . . alongside the great activities of the human mind, music and painting, sculpture and architecture . . . Only those men who love and follow change ringing for its own sake can ever be sufficiently good ringers to make what they do really worthy of the service of the Church . . . Change ringing can be, and should be Church work, but it must first be a sport and it must not cease to be a sport.

To conclude, may I recommend the younger members of the Exercise, and those of my generation who, because of other duties, missed so much in those interesting war-time 'R.W.'s, to beg or borrow copies when they can—they are full of interesting and useful articles.

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**LATE NOTICES**

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting Ravens-thorpe, Saturday, October 3rd. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 5491

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Combined practice at Nutfield, October 9th and November 6th, 7.30 p.m.—G.A.W. 5484

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting October 10th, Ashton Keynes, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; service. Evening ringing Cricklade 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 5489

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Lubenham, Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5485

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Meeting Saturday, October 10th. Science Museum, South Kensington, 2.30 p.m., demonstration of Carter ringing machine, St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 5-6 p.m. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington Church Street, 6.45-7.45 p.m. Business after meeting.—V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 5488

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Weedon, Saturday, October 17th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11, New Croft, Weedon, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hapcock. 5486

**QUARTER PEALS**

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On September 5th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Jennifer Brake 1, J. Riley 2, G. Skelly 3, V. James 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Brian Goodliffe, Portbury tower captain, and Maureen Franklin.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On September 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Maund 1, D. Price 2, J. Smith 3, C. Haylings (cond.) 4, F. Hawkes 5, F. Laurence 6. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam of the late W. Lewis, whose funeral took place at St. John's, Worcs, on this day.

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