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AN HISTORIC PEAL

IN recent years there are three peals which will go down to posterity—the extent of Bob Major at Loughborough, the peal of Stedman Cinques which followed the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill and the peal of Stedman Caters at Washington Cathedral rung by a selected team of English ringers who crossed the Atlantic by air for this memorable event.

Through the initiative of Mr. Douglas Hughes, a tape recording was taken of the various stages in the Washington peal from the preliminary meetings to excerpts of ringing during the peal itself. From these tapes, Record Books, Ltd., have made a twelve inch long playing record entitled, "The Washington Peal," which is available at 26/6d.

The value of this record is two-fold. From an historical point of view it will enable future generations of ringers to assess the scene, the bells and ringing and, furthermore, to hear the voices of the band, men who, masters of their craft in 1965, will probably in 50 or 100 years time be held in veneration and toasted at such gatherings as the College Youths' anniversary dinners. (And what would many of us today give to hear say the voice of Jasper Snowdon or the Rev. F. E. Robinson speaking after say a failure of Appleton!). The other is that the audible presentation of the scene supplements and heightens the pen picture told so vividly by George W. Pipe in "The Ringing World" of June 17th, 1964. To all associated with ringing it has high interest value.

The record opens with a touch of Grandsire Caters on hand-bells, rung when the Washington ringers met for the first time on March 14th, 1965. The second half of this two minute piece of track is good rhythmic ringing.

Mr. Douglas Hughes now enters the record and introduces in turn the ten ringers. This homely chat occupies 14 minutes and we regard the personal background as essential if a true picture is to be presented.

The scene changes to St. Giles', Cripplegate, with the ringers at practice. Mr. Hughes talks during the ringing of the environments of St. Giles' and the echo effect experienced in English towers.

The second side of the record is devoted to proceedings in America, and opens with the Dean, who has recently been in London, giving the Washington prayer which unfortunately is affected by interference. Recordings of the peal of Stedman Caters are taken from both inside and outside the ringing chamber and the eleven minutes recorded from the outside are from a ringing point of view the highlight of the record. The concluding five minutes of the peal are devoted to the peal of Cambridge Royal at Groton School.

This record should certainly be preserved in the library of the Central Council and among the archives of Washington Cathedral.

LONDON'S OLD BELLS

Thoughts inspired by two recent letters to "The Ringing World" by Messrs. Cattermole and Cawley.

The bells of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, are always called England's oldest complete ring. But in reality they are Dissolution. The other five heavier bells went almost certainly only five of the ten bells which were in the Priory before the to St. Sepulchre, Holborn, where they have since been recast into the present unringable ten. The remaining five are generally said to date from 1510. But this cannot be very accurate. It is merely the sole surviving date we have for their founder, Thomas Bullisdon—the date when he cast a bell for St. Mary-at-Hill.

Are the two bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Less the oldest in the City as Mr. Crawley suggests? I think not. I believe there were at least three other runners for this title. But first I think we can be a little more accurate than the date c. 1400 that Mr. Cawley suggests in his letter. The larger bell (the tenor of the ring) bears the shield of Robert Crouch, who was founding to our knowledge between 1439 and 1450. The other bell (the second of the ring of three) is older. By its shield it was cast by John Langthorne, who operated between 1379 and 1405.

The three bells that I would now like to enter for "oldest City bell" are all out of their towers. The first one has been recently much in the news. This is a 15th century Flemish bell which hung in the 15th century tower of All Hallows, Staining, with five sisters, until the body of the Church was demolished in 1870. In 1890, its five 17th century companions were recast for the Grocers' Company by Mears and Stainbank to form the six at St. Paul's, Homerton, Hackney. The Flemish bell was preserved in the Grocers' Hall. It is a very beautiful casting and its inscription tells us that it was cast in 1458.

Number two for the claim of oldest bell is really a sly intruder. In 1933 the three bells of the ruined Church of Avenbury, in Herefordshire, were purchased by St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, and hung in that tower. After the Blitz they were examined and all found to be cracked. The oldest bell has been preserved in St. Andrew's. It's one of the famous "royal-head" stop bells, a very fine casting from the Worcester foundry between 1415-20 under monastic supervision.

Lastly, the bell which I believe should bear the prize. This formerly hung in the Rolls Chapel which was demolished in the late 19th century to make way for extensions to the Public Record Office. It is now inside the Office. It is a very long-waisted bell and must be 14th century at the latest and very possibly earlier. This, I should say, is London's oldest bell.

We arrive then at something like the following:

Rolls Chapel Bell	c. 1300
St. Bartholomew-the-Less, 2nd	c. 1379-1405
St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe	c. 1415-1420
St. Bartholomew-the-Less, 3rd	c. 1439-1450
Grocers' Hall Bell	1458
St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 5 bells	c. 1500

GREAT ADVENTURE II

The Journey Home included a Peal at Groton

WHEN we said goodbye to our friends at Hamilton at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 8th, we all realised we were bound for home. Ahead of us was the crossing of the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, and also the United States but, incredible as it may sound, we landed at London Airport at 7 a.m. on Monday, October 11th, and out of that time spent more than 30 hours at Groton, sleeping, relaxing and ringing a peal. The answer to this conundrum was that we gained 24 hours when we crossed the date line.

Most of us beforehand anticipated that the crossing of the Pacific would be tedious, but it was not so. We said our farewell to Auckland and New Zealand at 8.30 p.m. travelling by Qantas Airlines. Nadi, the big airport of the Fiji Islands, was reached shortly after midnight and we spent an hour in the roomy transit hall, refreshments being served by tall, skirted Fijians.

On the journey to Honolulu forms for entry into the United States had to be filled in to the satisfaction of a critical air hostess and even the so-called brainy ones of the party were requested to do their "homework" again, to the delight of the non-scholastic.

ON AMERICAN SOIL

For some inexplicable reason, when we landed at Honolulu we were conscious that we had landed on foreign soil. Although only 9.30 a.m. it was oppressively warm. The health authority were polite and firm, and there were no difficulties with the customs officers. While we had a break of an hour and a half before resuming our travel, the airport was too distant from the town for any sight-seeing. Somehow we felt limp: content to sit about until we took our place in the queue to enter the bus to drive us to the distant Qantas. Perhaps what lingers in memory was many nationalities travelling with a preponderance of bemedalled American troops. A few of the honoured guests were wearing garlands.

Darkness had fallen when we reached the gigantic airport of San Francisco, which is 17 miles from the city. The expeditious way heavy cases were dealt with on a circular conveyor belt and the exit doors that opened as one approached them were new to many of the party. No custom difficulties were encountered.

Leaving Len Stilwell and Arthur Mason to watch the luggage, the remainder, guided by Malcolm Melville who had been to San Francisco before, boarded the coach to the city. Bright lights and skyscraper buildings and a maze of streets were the first impressions. It all had an air of mystery. Malcolm introduced us to the cable car that clattered with much noise and the continuous sounding of a warning gong up and down steep hills. Having crossed Sydney bridge a number of times we wished to see the famous bridge of San Francisco across the sea. It was longer than Sydney's, but the density of traffic was not so great and in the night light the Australian masterpiece seemed to be more exciting. Two taxis were commissioned for the journey. On the way to the city terminal Mark Damerell left us to have a second ride on the cable tram, probably clinging to the side and getting more excitement from the journey than his staid and elderly companions.

We had time for supper when we reached the airport—a light affair, as another heavy



WARREN MORLEY II

meal was served soon after the 'plane set off on its long journey across America, although it was after midnight. Arthur Mason, however, put the rest of the company to shame by having his shoes cleaned before leaving. We watched him perched high as a coloured man demonstrated that if you cannot shine at one end you shine at the other.

About 5.30 a.m. we touched down at Chicago and stretched our legs; shops at the airport were open.

ENCHANTMENT

Just before 10 a.m. we were at Boston, the airport being on a flat peninsula jutting out to sea. Russell S. Young gave us an all-smiles welcome; besides his car he had the school bus. The drive to Groton, over 40 miles was, after the city had been left behind, one of enchantment. Eights were paddling in the river opposite Harvard. The autumn tints of the well-wooded New England countryside were of great beauty and here and there nestling among them would be white-wooden houses with expansive porches. Most of the route was on a dual carriageway. Occasionally one met a roadside fruit and vegetable stall with masses of pumpkins.

Groton School is a community on its own, away from the village and set among extensive grounds. Houses are provided for married members of the staff and there is a roomy habitation known as the Parents' House, where our party were accommodated. It was intended to attempt a peal that afternoon, but the band was travel-weary, and it was postponed until Sunday immediately after morning service.

Lunch was taken with the school and immediately afterwards we were able to have a short ring. The tower might well have been transported from Somerset. It has a lofty dignity and is regarded as one of the most beautiful Gothic towers in America. The ringing chamber is very pleasant.

ONE PREVIOUS PEAL

The old eight at Groton were shipped to Whitechapel in March, 1962, and recast into a lighter ring of ten, with a tenor of about

18 cwt. as against 22 cwt. They were hung in a new steel frame. The "go" of the bells is excellent and their tone good. Only one peal had previously been rung on the bells by the ten who made the journey to Washington for the opening of the Cathedral bells last year.

Practically all the English visitors went to bed for an hour or two that afternoon, but while it was still light parts of the school were visited and admired. The school was joined that evening by two coachloads of girls for a college dance. At the same time there was a two-hour cinema show, for which Mr. Russell Young was also responsible. The majority of our party were in bed by 10.30, but two or three were motored to the village for a nightcap at the counterpart of the local at home.

An hour's ringing preceded 11 a.m. chapel. Mr. Russell Young's brightest joined in various touches and some of them tackled Stedman Caters for the first time. The experience was most encouraging and it was likely that Caters will soon be rung regularly at the school.

The peal was timed to start at the conclusion of morning chapel, sandwiches being provided for our seven peal ringers and Warren Morley II, who was selected by Mr. Young to complete the band. It was after the door was locked in the traditional style that the method was selected—Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the bells going into changes at 12.37 p.m. Warren had not rung the treble to Double Norwich before, and his record so far as anything beyond a short touch was a quarter of Stedman Doubles. Before starting he was given a tip or two to help him in his hunting. It was a big risk, as an easier alternative would have been for him to ring the tenor or even "inside" to Stedman. Warren quickly felt at home and there was some good ringing; the peal being scored in 2 hours and 56 minutes. Thus Warren, at the age of 16, became the first Groton boy to ring in a peal in the school tower. Two other boys—Oliver Edwards and John R. Chandler—rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Upham, Hants, last year, and in 1961 Samuel Parkman Shaw rang in a peal at Pulham Market, Norfolk.

A DEFAULTER

At lunch that day to the school the headmaster, the Rev. Bertrand Honea, called attention to the peal attempt then in progress and wished the ringers every success. He also mentioned the honour conferred on Warren in being the first Groton boy to stand in a peal attempt in the school chapel. But Warren should have been wearing a white coat and serving at table. In the excitement of being selected to participate in the peal he had neglected to obtain permission to be absent, and it was a matter for school-boy speculation as to whether the appropriate punishment would be administered or in the honour he had brought to the school it would be overlooked. The peal had the distinction of being the first of Major on tower bells in America.

To Tom Lock the peal brought great pleasure. Not only was it a successful conclusion to an historic tour but his 900th peal. Groton was Len Stilwell's 250th tower for a peal and he had "circled" to peals in 30 towers. After the peal the question was asked, how many citizens of the United States had rung peals? The late Mrs. Shurcliff, who was a

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Letters to the Editor

STANDARDS WANTED FOR SURPRISE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Why does the Exercise continue to accept as standard methods certain Surprise methods which in fact are grossly sub-standard?

Fairly recently there has been a great increase in the number and complexity of the methods rung to peals. For better or for worse, space-age technology and more especially our modern educational system are having an appreciable effect on campanology today. The average ringer is more knowledgeable and probably more able than his counterpart of three decades ago.

We are accustomed to change in all aspects of our daily lives, so we should not find it too much of a wrench to give up some of the old traditional standbys in favour of methods better suited to fulfil the necessary requirements of a standard method.

What are these requirements? Standard methods are rung frequently on practice nights, at meetings and to peals. They should therefore have a musical plain course, a large variety of compositions should be available, and they should not be of such a degree of complexity that they stand little chance of coming round when attempted by an average band at a meeting. None of our present selection fails on the last point. I would like to examine the others in more detail.

I do not wish to try to lay down the law on what constitutes a musical method. Most people would agree that a change such as 75684123 (London) is more musical than 64382157 (Lincolnshire). So many of our standard methods have nothing worth listening to below the treble. Above the treble, I suppose "Cambridge up" is preferable to Pudsey, and suitably combined with music below the treble it can produce a good method, e.g. Yorkshire. Nevertheless, it is not the best available.

With regard to variety of compositions, our standard methods are an average bunch, with two notable exceptions: Bristol (better) and Cambridge (disgusting). Surely the fact that we continue to ring an unmusical, unworkable method such as Cambridge is due to apathy rather than intent? It was this assumption that provoked me to embark on this letter.

Why should our standard methods be other than the best our ingenuity can devise. We have no reason to suppose that ringing will not be as popular a thousand years hence as it is today; indeed, with increased leisure time it will probably be more popular. Unless something constructive is done, the standard methods of today will be the standard methods of the future. This is a depressing prospect; two middles, two wrongs, three homes, ten million times repeated.

There are many better methods than Cambridge, Pudsey and Lincolnshire (for example) and we certainly have the bands to ring them. Can we not democratically decide on our standard methods now that we are in a position to do so, and reject our hidebound traditions?—Yours faithfully,

P. J. WYCHERLEY

Timperley, Cheshire.

VALUE OF RUSSIAN TALLOW

Dear Sir,—Regarding "Life of Bell Ropes" (page 776), I would advise Mr. John Royal to use Russian tallow in the garter holes and also a spliced rope; it will help to stop dry rot. Castor oil is very good for bearings. Russian tallow is very cheap, a pound will last two years or more.—Yours sincerely,

E. P. INSKIP.

Bhomham, Beds.

"A GLORIOUS 46 YEARS"

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. W. Bottrill (page 795), which is aptly headed "Disgruntled After 50 Years' Ringing," appears to show that your correspondent has had a "chip on his shoulder," if only a small one. Apart from one or two instances, Mr. Bottrill's ringing career has been singularly most unfortunate. I cannot claim to have had such a bad time; indeed, taking all in all, I have had a glorious 46 years of ringing.

I attribute my success to being attached to three "Christian" towers during my lifetime, where in each case all the ringing potential was, and is in my present tower, drawn from the church. We work very closely with the other organisations of the church, such as the Choir, Bible Class, C.E.M.S., Youth Club, etc., and the congregation I find is extremely friendly.

At present I am privileged to be the appointed captain of St. James' tower and from time to time the congregation are invited to visit the ringing chamber to see for themselves. It does no harm and, in my case, a "power of good." I have always been "Church of England" and I have yet to meet an "axe-grinding" churchgoer. Regrettably, it is true, that there are many non-church-going ringers, some holding office in Associations' branches, yes, and even captains of the towers. This ought not to be and should be remedied. Perhaps this may have been the cause of Mr. Bottrill's experience. And although he claims to have been weaned from the church and its bells after 50 years, I am sure that it is not to the point of "no return."

That the church and its bells in Luton await him is a certainty, where possibly a current "Ringing World" would be on loan to him.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

LADIES AT CHERITON

Dear Sir,—As the ringer of the tenor in the Ladies' Guild peal attempt at Cheriton, I write in reply to Miss Violet Relf and in support of the conductor, Mrs. Chapman.

As one certainly inferior in skill and experience to Miss Relf I hesitate to question her judgment but I do feel her criticism is, at this point (five months after the attempt), unnecessary and certain to cause bad feeling.

Mrs. Chapman has already stated that she was satisfied with the performance and the knowledge that the band had done their best; if this best is not good enough for Miss Relf it is a great pity. Four of us in the attempt are under 20 with few peals to our credit and would have welcomed a constructive criticism either from Miss Relf or from the conductor if she had found criticism necessary. Disappointment after the peal attempt was keen and discouragement now can only serve to embitter. I must also add that if Miss Relf had felt the seventh to be too much for her to manage I am sure one of our number would have changed with her, thus allowing her to ring a lighter bell.—Yours faithfully,

RACHEL J. SINDEN.

Folkestone.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Bartlett 1, C. M. White 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, N. G. Knee (cond.) 4, L. E. Hawkins 5, G. Ledbury (first quarter) 6.

AN OLD BLUE RECALLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. W. H. Hayes and any other Old Blue ringers may be interested to know that I was at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, from 1945 to 1952. At that time, as now, I counted W. Leslie Weller as my closest friend, but whereas he went to a day grammar school and was able to devote some of his time to learning to ring, such extra-mural activities were frowned on at my boarding school. This, despite the fact that we lived at Itchingfield, a bare mile from Christ's Hospital. I doubt if there are many Old Blue ringers who rang while at "Housie," though I do recall one or two who came to Monday evening practices sometimes about three years ago; I wonder if they are still ringing.

To return to the Itchingfield ringers of my schooldays, my father, as Rector, was instrumental in restarting the ringing there. Predominantly youthful, the enthusiasm was great and I well remember the envy I felt when they set out for their first week-long tour of South Wales—by bicycle! At the peak of their efficiency in their late teens, this little five-bell tower with a tenor of 6½ cwt. could boast a competent Surprise Major band, and the standard of service ringing was very high.

In 1956, at Christmas, I came out of the Forces and visited Leslie Weller as the band were preparing to go out ringing carols on the handbells, so I went along to hold their music. From then on I had no option but to join them and learn to ring, and at the hands of George Francis and Leslie Weller (now Masters of the Northern and Western Divisions of the Sussex County Association) and the strong band then at Itchingfield, I was fortunate to make good progress. Another member of the band was "Bunny" Burroughs, whom I married in 1960; anybody else dating a girl who is ringing Cambridge Major while he is struggling with rounds has my sympathy, but it is worth persevering with!

The marrying bug was nearly Itchingfield's undoing. George Francis and Leslie Weller married girls and moved to Warnham and Billingshurst respectively. Barwell Dibben went to Canada and came back for just long enough to snatch away our secretary, Shirley Richardson. This kind of wastage went on over a few years but was matched by recruiting, and by 1962 ringing was very buoyant with a completely changed band, although the standard was not much above Plain Bob or Grandsire. Jim Nelson and I were joint Masters, and Mrs. K. Hoare had the dual advantage of being a very able secretary and of bringing the other four members of her family to swell our numbers.

The cycle is coming round again though. This spring Fred Weller (Leslie's father), who had been tower captain throughout, gave up ringing at Itchingfield, the valuable Hoare family moved to Pewsey, Wiltshire, and my wife and I moved to Pulborough, so halving the strength of the band. Ringing continues, and we trust that a third band will soon be thriving. I'm sure they will be glad to see any ringers visiting the district, as they have a nice little ring of bells with a cosy ringing chamber, and are worth a visit.

This has strayed rather from the subject of Old Blue ringers, but they may find it of interest as Itchingfield is the nearest tower to Christ's Hospital.

In closing, I wonder if there are any frustrated ringers in Ghana and Nigeria, as my company has sent me, Bunny and our little son to West Africa for 18 months. If so, we hope to make contact.—Yours faithfully,

CHRIS M. GODFREY.

Waterfield near Pulborough.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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GREAT ADVENTURE II—contd.

member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was probably the first. Others mentioned were Dr. and Mrs. Dickenson and Mr. Warren Sturgess, the first Ringing Master at Groton, and finally Captain Marybelle Nissly, of the American Air Force, who returned to America this year after learning to ring with the Ely Diocesan Association, and also the four boys associated with Groton.

A 10 MINUTE STORM

After some refreshments the peal band packed and were photographed. Then came the farewells to Groton and Mr. Russell Young, and another master motored us to Boston Airport. We were in good time, and after the preliminaries of luggage being weighed were settled, we went off in groups for a light meal. The journey home was by Pan American and after being airborne about an hour we encountered a storm. In consequence the captain postponed the serving of dinner for about 10 minutes, and by that time normal travel conditions prevailed. Few of the party really slept that night—thoughts were very much on home and when we heard the captain announce we were travelling over Ireland there was happy relief. A light breakfast of cake and coffee was served and then below us were the twinkling lights of Bristol and later Swindon.

Promptly, according to schedule, we made a smooth landing at 7.10 a.m. All of the 27 landings that most of the party made were smooth (Len Stilwell, Mark Damerell and Pat Cannon made 29 as they had a second journey to Adelaide). The passage through the customs was expeditious. Our leader was welcomed by Mrs. Lock, his son and Miss Ruth Foreman, Mrs. Cannon was waiting for Pat, Mrs. Damerell for Mark and the Editor and Mrs. White were escorted back to Guildford by their son, Mark. Throughout the tour a fine spirit of comradeship prevailed and a reunion in February is now eagerly awaited.

(Concluded)

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Six months having elapsed since the consecration of Guildford Cathedral bells, a meeting was held on November 19th to appoint the officers of the Cathedral Society and to discuss ringing arrangements for the future. The Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) graced the meeting with his presence and the chair was taken by the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May.

It was decided to request the Ringing Masters of the four Diocesan Guild Districts to be responsible for organising the ringing for one Sunday each month. This and the help of visiting ringers should guarantee good service ringing. On the question of a resident band for the Cathedral the Dean said he would prefer to have a Cathedral band but he realised that the training of one would be a lengthy process. To this he agreed to ask for recruits to learn to ring and the Society promised to teach them. Some felt that the bells should always be rung by Diocesan ringers. The Dean assured the meeting that all ringers would always be welcome even if a resident band could be formed.

Practices at the Cathedral will continue to be held on Fridays, their frequency depending on the support forthcoming. The Dean generously offered 12 extra practices a year, these to be arranged in consultation with the Dean and Chapter. The Dean volunteered the information that his telephone ear was rapidly becoming deaf so ringers need not fear that complaints would silence the bells.

As soon as the boxes of books are removed from the ringing chamber a thorough cleaning will be undertaken with the aid of an electric polisher which the Dean authorised. In addition, electric heaters are to be purchased.

Cathedral Society officers were elected as follows:—

Captain, D. R. Tubbs (Holy Trinity, Guildford); joint steeplekeepers, D. Davidge (Epsom) and M. Harbott (Ashted); secretary, S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford).

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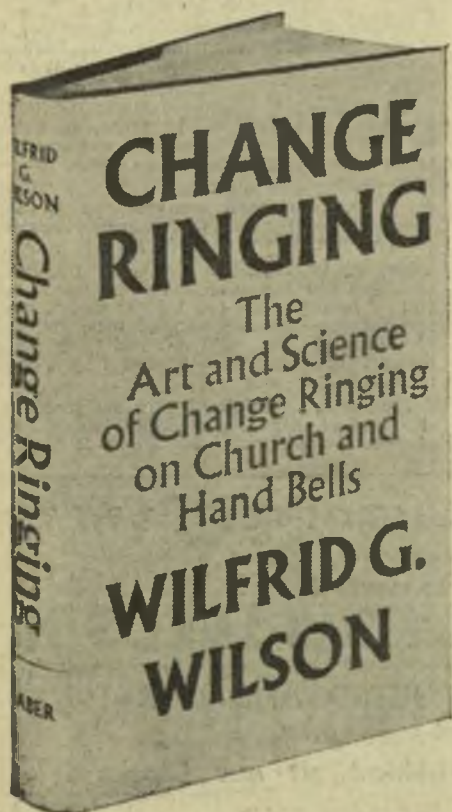
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WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WEEK-END, 1965

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' annual peal week based on Cheltenham has now become a regular event and so has the reunion week-end in the autumn, but its location varies from year to year. A new member, Ted Venn, was deputed to arrange this year's week-end in Oxfordshire from November 12th to 14th.

This year various members were unable to attend for reasons ranging from monetary through mechanical to matrimonial. Those who were able to come enjoyed (?) the first really cold snap of the winter; the writer accordingly noted with relief that his advancing years and evident fragility entitled him to the hotel's only hot-water bottle.

Proceedings started on Friday evening at St. Ebbe's Oxford where we found ourselves forced to ring 8-Spliced as Ted Venn hadn't looked up anything else to call. John Hunt managed to keep the 4½ cwt. tenor up for the 2 hours 24 (or was it 25?) minutes. Ted needed to get through all the bobs and changes of method he had learned, most of which he called in the right place.

At Churchill on the following morning we found George Thoday waiting for us, having driven from East Anglia in time to arrive half an hour early at the church. Belgrave was the method here and, apart from an occasional extra dodge from someone trying to splice Yorkshire in to the composition, this presented little difficulty on the easy-going and tuneful eight.

After a quick drink and a meal it seemed appropriate on the eve of Remembrance Sunday that we should visit Sir Winston Churchill's last resting place at Bladon. And so the three cars drew up by this small country church on its little rise above the busy road, with the older houses of the village clustering close around, and with its view from the foot of the tower across the fields and through the trees to Bleinheim Palace. We stood for a moment in silence by the simple grave before retracing our steps to the cars and passing on our way.

The tower for the afternoon's peal, Great Milton, was approached with some trepidation, as nobody seemed to expect an easy task here. Cambridge had been chosen for safety, so Ted elected to call it, and Victor Griffin was placed on the tenor. The result was a surprisingly fast peal, on bells that proved to be both sonorous and ill-struck. Mr. Allen, who had met us and had rung his first peal at Great Milton as long ago as 1902, was delighted at our success—which was, incidentally, the 50th peal by the Wringers.

Service ringing on Sunday morning was at Oxford Cathedral—where a complete set of new ropes was a little disconcerting—and at various other city towers. We were unlucky in our efforts to get a ring at St. Mary-the-Virgin's and at Merton College after lunch. At the former a half peal was in progress, and at the latter the belfry key was unaccountably missing.

We were no luckier with an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor on the half-muffled

bells at Northleigh—the conductor missed a bob just before halfway and thereby gained the doubtful fame of being the first to lose a Wreunion peal. As we had promised to ring for Evensong, he was given an opportunity of redeeming himself by calling a "peal" of call changes. The closed hand-stroke leads for "Sixty on Thirds" proved tricky, as did an extent of Bastow Little Court that followed. We finished with ringing perhaps more suitable for Remembrance Day—whole-pull Bob Doubles and a six-score of Stedman, George Cousins adding a touch of finesse to the former by ensuring that a clip at handstroke was "echoed" by a clip at back.

And so into the cold to make our various ways home, with another week-end behind us and the prospect of the 1966 week ahead. Our thanks go to Ted for making the arrangements so well (we might even let him do it again sometime), to Peter Heritage for standing in the Saturday peals to fill a sudden vacancy, and above all to the various incumbents and Ringing Masters who allowed us to use their bells.

C. A. W

ANDOVER DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

The annual contest of the Andover District for the Aird Cup was held on the six bells of Barton Stacey on November 20th and despite a very wet day teams from four towers competed.

The draw for first place was made by Kingsclere "B," next came Andover, who were followed by the much favoured Kingsclere "A." The holders of the cup for four years, Burghclere, were next in line, and it seemed that luck was not with them, as they had to make a second start. The last team to compete was Longparish, who also had some trouble when one member of the team failed to arrive. After a hasty conference of team captains it was agreed that Longparish could borrow a ringer to complete their team. This was duly done and brought the contest to a close. The judge, Mr. R. F. Crook, Ringing Master of the Andover District, announced the results, and the Longparish team were delighted to hear that they were the new holders of the Aird Cup. The judge's comments on the winning team were: "A very good performance, with only 18 faults." In second place came Kingsclere "A" with 24 faults, then came Andover (42), Burghclere (43), Kingsclere "B" (48).

General ringing followed under the direction of Mr P. Murduck and the afternoon ended with a service conducted by the Rector. After tea in the Village Hall Mr. Crook commented on the contest and said that the standard of ringing had been very high, and he hoped that more towers in the area would enter next year. The Rector then presented the cup to the Longparish captain, Mr. F. Tonge. The pleasures of the contest were completed when Mr. Tonge filled the cup with a "celebration beverage" and passed it round.

G. B. E.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The tenth annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 20th. The extreme misery of the weather did not prevent a good attendance—though it could always be better—and some of the ringing was amongst the best the Guild has enjoyed. We began on the six of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, where most things went well except a touch in Spliced Plain Minor methods.

St. Giles', Cripplegate, now almost hedged in by large new buildings and contractors' hoardings, is difficult to find. The hour spent here went quickly and, in the main, melodiously, and we left only because we were due to appear at St. Mary-le-Bow. We were met here by several members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to whom we were and are most grateful, for the 12 are not amongst the most easy for the uninitiated. Ringing here included a course of Grandsire Caters by doctors only—or almost—the Master's daughter kindly obliging on the treble.

The annual general meeting in the evening was preceded by an excellent meal at the George in the Borough, to which 25 sat down. At the meeting the secretary was able to report a good and active year, and from the variety of suggestions for the future it would appear that 1965-66 will be just as interesting. With the election of two new associate members the full strength of the Guild is now 66. It could, of course, be greater, for not only are there other ringing doctors and medical students, but no doubt nurses and others working in the medical field as well.

The officers were returned unopposed, viz. C. G. Roworth, president; D. J. Neal Smith, Master; and D. R. Gullick, secretary. However, broad hints were dropped about a change next year.

After the customary vote of thanks, proceedings closed with the emergence of handbells. These were still going when I left for home—and very well, too.

D. L. G.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the wintry conditions there was a good attendance for the meeting of the Newark District at North Muskham on November 20th.

A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Snow, at which he said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild officially, and to see so many.

A blazing fire and the customary buffet spread soon warmed everyone up in the Newcastle Arms, and the business meeting, though short, was very lively.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the Guild treasurer, said that £50 had been donated towards the cost of rehanging the five bells at Coddington, and the rededication service of these and the dedication of the new treble had taken place the previous Monday. Several ringers had been present.

The meeting was closed after a comprehensive vote of thanks, and further ringing took place until 8 o'clock.

B. N. R.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Ashford District**

About 70 people were present for the service and tea at the meeting of the Ashford District, held jointly with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at Charing on November 20th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev P. T. Robbins. Mr. D. Maskell was the organist and the choir was in attendance. The Vicar prefaced his address by saying that Charing was one of the 15 founder towers of the Kent County Association, and that this was the first meeting of the Ashford District there since it had been reunited with that District, to which it belonged many years ago.

An excellent tea was enjoyed in the neighbouring Church Hall and was kindly given by the Charing ringers and friends. At the short business meeting which followed, the chairman, Mr. J. Willis, welcomed the Ladies' Guild and the many distinguished visitors. Mrs. Mitchell responded. Five new members were elected to the Association.

During tea, a sinister-looking parcel, addressed to Mrs. D. A. Chapman, was smuggled in from Bethersden, containing what, at first sight, looked like a hand grenade, but on closer inspection turned out to be a small Christmas pudding from Wilfred W. Ring, in appreciation of her efforts in "The Ringing World," page 760.

On behalf of the visitors a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Lyn Garraway to all those who had contributed to making the meeting such an enjoyable one. After a course of Bob Royal on the handbells the gentlemen adjourned to the tower, and later to Little Chart, where the bells were also kindly made available, leaving the ladies to hold their own meeting. But none of them could be persuaded to divulge what sanctions they proposed to apply against the treasonable, illegal, independent declarations of those Bethersden cads! C.T.H.

JOINT MEETING AT ENFIELD

An excellent time with good ringing was enjoyed by the N. and E. District members of the Middlesex County Association and the S.W. District of the Essex Association at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on November 20th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Christopher Lamb with Mr. Eric Pask accompanying at the organ. This was followed by tea in the Church Hall and was of the usual high standard when members of the local band are responsible for its preparation.

Mr. H. G. Hart welcomed the Essex Association, and Mr. C. Willington, Master of the S.W. Essex District, suitably replied and noted that visitors were present from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Mr. J. D. Duggan, a stalwart of the St. Andrew's band, is shortly leaving the district for St. Albans, and the chairman wished him every success in his new sphere in Hertfordshire.

The bells of Christ Church, Southgate, were put to good use for an hour in the afternoon. E.H.K.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

When the North West Branch held its annual general meeting at Westleigh on November 13th the Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin, arranged a variety of ringing extending from call changes to Cambridge Minor. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Shepherd-Wilwyn, conducted the service, at which the Guild president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, preached.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall. All the officers were re-elected and nine new members admitted. Next year's meetings are at Chittlehampton, July 30th, and the annual meeting at Bridgerule on November 12th. Thanks were expressed especially to ringing friends from Plymouth, Launceston and the president from Chittlehampton.

The evening's ringing was on the eight at Bidford.

OBITUARY**MR. ARTHUR J. YORK**

The death occurred suddenly of Mr. Arthur J. York on Monday, November 22nd, at the age of 87. He had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northamptonshire, since 1896, and although he only rang three peals during his long connection with the tower, his greatest contribution to the art of bellringing was his regular Sunday service ringing over this period of 70 years, and by this he will be most remembered. He leaves a widow and son.

A peal attempt failed after an hour's good ringing but a well-struck half-muffled quarter peal of his favourite method, Grandsire Triples, was rung on November 27th by the following ringers: Miss J. Clipstone 1, G. Wright 2, Mrs. M. Coleman 3, John Mitchell 4, B. Austin 5, James Mitchell 6, M. A. Coleman (conductor) 7, E. Storey 8.

May he rest in peace.

B. A.

MR. PETER DAVIS

With great regret we record the passing of Peter Davis, of St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on November 24th. Although his health had not been good for 12 months and actual ringing at times proved too much for him, he kept up his connections and continued to do all he could for St. Peter's tower, of which he was the leader.

He learned to ring at West Wickham, Kent, and came to Croydon in 1947, when he joined St. Peter's Church. Peter was not a prolific peal ringer and did not make a study of the higher methods. He enjoyed more the social side and a quarter peal occasionally for Sunday service. He was one of the stalwarts on whom the Exercise largely depends, regular and punctual for Sunday service ringing, regular at practices and always willing to help and teach learners, with whom he showed remarkable patience. For a period he served the Surrey Association as assistant general secretary.

At the funeral service on November 29th the Association was represented by ringers from his own tower and the neighbouring tower of St. John's who, together, later in the day, rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters to his memory.

Peter will be a sad loss to St. Peter's tower and will be greatly missed in the District.

F.E.C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**Southern District**

The November quarterly meeting was held at Thorne (8, 14½ cwt.) on November 20th. Ringing from call changes to a course of Superlative preceded the excellent tea taken in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting mention was made of the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies' Festival, which is being held on May 21st, the District's usual date for their annual general meeting. It was resolved that members of the District who did not possess one of the old membership certificates could have one if they asked the secretary before the next meeting, which is to be held, all being well, at Ecclesfield on February 19th.

Further ringing took place and it was good to see the young members of the local band present. M.K.

NEW DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—The Doubles variation employing a Reverse St. Bartholomew plain course and a Shipway's P.L. as a bob, which Mr. G. Dawson used in his peal on November 4th at South Collingham and called "X" has been named previously. It was rung in a peal at Blackwell (page 299) and given the name "Kirkby Doubles." In fact the explanation of variations rung in that peal was printed directly beneath a similar set of Mr. Dawson's own explanations.

Could we please, sometime, have explanations of the numerous names of variations which have appeared over the past year which were not in the collection printed through the summer of 1964?—Yours sincerely,
Manchester, E. A. HARRISON.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. William Dixon, Ringing Master at St. Oswald's, Guiseley, and a ringer there for over 55 years, has now "circled the tower."

Some good work in Spliced Minor is being done by the Essex Association. A peal in 100 methods was rung at Stisted on November 26th.

Mr. George Vickers, the tireless secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild, has been laid low by pneumonia. His friends send all best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

From the "Irish Bell News" we learn that Fred E. Dukes met with an accident to his crippled ankle and was on two sticks for some weeks. We all trust that Fred has now fully recovered.

Dr. P. J. Perry, of Henderson Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, is joining the Department of Geography, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, in January. We feel certain he will receive a warm welcome from the Cathedral ringers.

Mr. K. R. Holton writes that the claim for the first quarter peal of Doubles at Upper Boddington, Northants (page 809) is incorrect. The first quarter on the bells was rung on September 12th, 1953, by C. L. Catlin 1, M. Angela Carter 2, K. R. Holton 3, M. J. V. Chown (conductor) 4, H. S. Cloke 5.

EXCLUDED FROM HERTFORD COUNTY RECORDS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Saturday, May 15th, 1965, has not been included in the records of the Hertford County Association, since the belfry election of non-resident life members did not conform with Rule 4 of the Association.—Yours sincerely,

S. CLARKE WALTERS.

Sutton Coldfield.

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The bells are being recorded by B.B.C. Outside Broadcast engineers and arranged into a complete programme to be introduced by Ronald Fletcher of the B.B.C.'s announcing staff.

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St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
St. Calixtus', West Down, Devon.
St. John's, Cleator Moor, Westmorland.
St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth.
Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

RINGERS AS QUEEN'S GUIDES

When, on November 26th, Alison Brown was presented with her Queen's Guide badge, she became the fourth member of the Stoke Bishop (Bristol) band to gain this high and rare distinction in the past four years. The others are Susan Carter, Valerie Vincent and Gillian Thomas. Valerie's elder sister, Jonthia, also came close to receiving the award but passed the age limit just too soon. These girls are, in fact, the only ones of their company to gain the distinction, so the moral seems to be: "If you want to be a Queen's Guide, become a bellringer." P. G.

YOUTH AND AGE

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter's, Petersfield, on November 20th, was to honour the 80th birthday of Mr. N. H. Bassett, who has been a member of the tower for some 40 years, during many of which he has been steeplekeeper. Five members of the Guild of St. Peter's took part and the quarter peal was conducted by his son.

The treble ringer, Ronald Tipper, son of St. Peter's tower captain, rang this his first quarter of Triples at the first attempt and made a good job of it. The lad is 13 years old and previously had rung only two quarter peals, both of Doubles.

PEAL MILESTONES

Mr. George E. Fearn, the popular secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, has been passing milestones recently with his 200th peal of Maximus and 300th of Royal. His 300th peal of Royal was the 300th peal for Michael J. Fellows. Details:

Maximus.—Cambridge 121, Yorkshire 33, Londinium 6, Pudsey 6, Superlative 8, Lindsey 3, Lincolnshire 3, Prittlewell 3, Belgrave 2, Solihull 2, Albanian 2, Kent T.B. 2, Plain Bob 2, one each of Spliced—two methods, nine methods, 12 methods—Birmingham, Pontefract, Lyddington and Lambeth. Total 200.

Royal.—Cambridge 140, Yorkshire 76, London (No. 3) 30, Pudsey 9, Lincolnshire 6, Solihull 4, Sliced (two methods) 3, Spliced (three methods) 2, Oakham 2, Prittlewell 2, one each of Rochester, Selby, Pontefract, Langley, Staffordshire, Harborne, Warwickshire, York, Birmingham, Painswick, Aldenham, Lindsey, Albanian, Rutland, Belgrave, Saltley Delight, Kent T.B., Little Bob and Plain Bob 8. Total 300.

RINGING FOR DIAMOND WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, of 19, Evesham Road, Norton, Evesham, Worcestershire, celebrated their diamond wedding recently. Now 81 years of age, Mr. Hughes has been ringing at St. Egwin's, Norton, for 65 years and is the tower captain. The occasion was marked by ringing by his own band and the following day a peal was rung at Norton by members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association to mark the happy event.

[Photo. P. Reynolds, Evesham.]

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On November 24th a minibus and two cars transported members and friends of the Society to local Berkshire towers for an enjoyable half-day outing.

Pangbourne, Bradfield and Midgham were visited before tea, and after an excellent meal provided by the Master's mother in Thatcham Church Hall the party moved on to Shaw. To conclude the evening they joined the Thatcham band for their weekly practice, and this proved most enjoyable.

Ringing ranged from rounds for learners, and Cambridge Minor to Plain Bob Major, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples at Thatcham. M. A. W.

A QUOTE FROM BELLS

A ringer has kindly pointed out the appropriate reference to bells in the notes of the Bible Reading Fellowship for the last week of November in illustrating the struggle against evil. The reference goes:—

"If you have ever been in a belfry when the bells are being rung you will know that in that confined space the sound of the bells is too much for your ears, and you only hear noise. Similarly, in this life we are so near to conflict that we see only the struggle; in the spiritual sphere, which we call heaven, the music is heard and the conflict is seen in its triumphant sense."

PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL TO CANON WILKINSON

During a bellringers' service at St. Giles', West Bridgford, Nottingham, on November 21st, a peal board was dedicated in memory of Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

The peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on March 4th, 1961, to mark the retirement of the Canon from the chairmanship of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and on his retirement as Rector of the parish. Five of the original eight ringers were able to attend—William Midwinter, William Exton, Harold Stevenson, Brian Mills and Wilf Ratcliffe, who is tower captain and steeplekeeper at St. Giles'.

The lessons were read by Mr. Midwinter, chairman of the Guild, and Mr. Else, who is a ringer at West Bridgford. The peal board was dedicated by the Rev. A. B. Jordan, a lifelong friend of the Canon and vice-chairman of ringers. The sermon by the Rector, Rev. F. E. Worwood, outlined the history of the bells, whose rehanging and augmentation to eight was the work of the Canon. He also thanked Wilf Ratcliffe for all his hard work.

Several other ringing friends, Sid Adams and Roy and Jane Blackler, joined in the Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major which were rung before and after the service. P. M.

DANEHILL "ANNUAL"

Ringers came from all parts of Sussex and beyond for the fourth annual ringers' service at All Saints' Church, Danehill. The Vicar, the Rev. I. Paton Horter, conducted the service, the lessons being read by Mr. R. V. Johnson, Master of the Sussex County Association and Miss Peggy Butcher of the Danehill ringers. Handbells were twice introduced into the service. A course of Bob Major was rung by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, and Grandsire Caters by a band of resident Sussex ringers.

Local ringers afterwards served refreshments in the Memorial Hall to about 80 guests and good use was made of the handbells. The Master thanked those responsible for the excellent arrangements. The co-operation of Mrs. Hairs, the Northern District secretary, in making these services a memorable date in the ringing calendar is much appreciated.

SUCCESSFUL COURSE AT WOLVERHAMPTON

About 50 ringers from as far afield as Enville and Kingswinford met at Wolverhampton on November 8th for the second course of instruction organised by P. G. K. Davies and M. W. Fairey. The main idea of the course was to instruct tower captains and instructors in the correct way to handle and teach learners. Many of the ringers were learners and beginners, and so the course was especially helpful to them. The response was excellent and the general opinion is that the course has fulfilled its object, as well as meeting the need for a course of this type. The next stage in the instruction programme is a course on elementary change ringing at Wednesbury on December 8th, to be repeated at Willenhall on December 13th.

GOFTON PEAL

Mr. John Anderson informs us that the ringer of 3-4 in the peal of Stedman Cinques (see page 794) was Joseph A. Gofton, and not as printed.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WEEK-END**ALL PEALS FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

OXFORD.—At the Church of St Ebbe.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland, and 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Superlative and Lincolnshire; with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
Victor Griffin	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

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

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Brian Bladon	Treble	*Edward R. Venn	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
*Peter J. Heritage	3	George E. Thoday	7
*George T. Cousins	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT MILTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Edward R. Venn	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	George E. Thoday	6
George T. Cousins	3	D. John Hunt	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Michael W. Coleman .. .	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Alan J. Frost	5
Richard O. Humphries ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Alan A. J. Buswell .. .	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Alan Carveth	2	Alan R. Baldock	6
Alan F. Lee	3	Alan R. Patterson .. .	7
*Alan D. Elsmore	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 3).

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* 25th peal. First "Alan" peal of Surprise

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivins	Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. .	6
James H. Edwards	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Diana M. Frost	3	C. Michael Orme	8
Arthur Gibbs	4	Alfred E. Rushton .. .	9
Jack S. Dear	5	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Haley.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Holt's Original	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
*Roger Amos	2	Alan S. Smith	6
†Gillian C. Browne .. .	3	Stephen Ivins	7
Arthur Gibbs	4	Keith H. Fleming .. .	Tenor

Anthony H. Smith

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Dennis Knox	Treble	Robert R. Churchill ..	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Norman V. Harding ..	6
Alfred E. Rushton	3	C. Edward Jeffries ..	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

Rung to mark the wedding this day of Angela Grainger and Rev. Peter Newing; also as a welcome to the new Vicar.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Norman V. Harding ..	6
Robert R. Churchill	3	Dennis Knox	7
Keith R. Fleming	4	Stephen Ivins	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3)

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	3	S. R. Darvill (Downing)	8
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	9
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. .	5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook .. .	Treble	Fred Jackson	5
*John R. Bibby	2	Cyril Valentine	6
*John Oultram	3	Walter Allman	7
John E. Bibby	4	Francis Bibby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal of Spliced.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Frank R. Morton	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
Raymond J. Ballard .. .	3	Roy Worrall	7
Barry Corbishley	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*Andrew Morrey	Treble	Terence E. Trickett ..	4
†Ian D. Edmunds	2	Gerald Parsons	5
John E. Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Eric Roughly	5
Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	2	Kenneth R. Davenport ..	6
Joyce Grainger	3	Denis Mottershead ..	7
Christine Andrew	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

*M. Irene Elsmore .. .	Treble	C. Frederick Jukes ..	6
Yvonne Edwards	2	Frederick G. Handley ..	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	†A. Bryan Elsmore .. .	8
Geoffrey Westwood .. .	4	John C. Eisel	9
Michael J. Fellows .. .	5	Martin D. Fellows .. .	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells.

Rung to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Dudley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Frank Harper Treble	Ernest W. Pye 4
Jean Sanderson 2	John G. Gipson 5
William Pye 3	Barry J. Couzens Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Couzens.

To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter,

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey. Superlative and Yorkshire; with 142 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds 5
*Peter G. Brown 2	Philip J. Rothera 6
*†Susan Rothera 3	Ian R. Panton 7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4	†James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of 8-Spliced. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First of 8-Spliced on the bells.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Martin H. Whittell Treble	Percy May 4
Keith W. Whittell 2	Ronald W. Steward 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	Alan R. Andrews Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

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

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 100 methods, viz: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten); (2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double and Windermere and Belvedere Little Bob (26 methods by H. Chant); (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatheron, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Boge-done, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake); (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Brantree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (?) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Dillamore 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Priory Church of St. James with St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. in C sharp.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	D. John Hunt 6
Malcolm E. Wade 2	*Frank D. Mack 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Roland H. Cook 8
William A. Lacey 4	A. Maxwell Lindsay .. 9
Philip M. J. Gray 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew and five extents and one 240 Grandsire (Morris').

Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*Jeffrey L. Hillman Treble	†Hugh N. Evans 3
Alan F. Lee 2	†John H. Taylor 4

†Andrew Howard Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal. † First in eight methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Thomas Wood Treble	Austin T. Wingate 4
Leslie Evans 2	John W. Hope 5
George T. Cousins 3	Robert A. Hatcher Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

Rung as a compliment to J. D. Rock, formerly of Eardisland, on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods/variations: two extents each of Old, All Saints, Windrush, Wychbold, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew and six extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. Charles Biggs Treble	John Clements 4
*C. William Nutt 2	*James Ward 5
†Leonard J. Walters .. 3	*George Gwyne Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

* Most Doubles methods to a peal. † Most methods on a working bell. 25th peal for the Guild by the conductor.

Rung with the compliments of the band to George and Mrs. Gwyne and Mr. and Mrs. R. Pitt for their silver wedding anniversaries.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHWELL, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Michael J. Sherrick .. Treble	A. Trevor Hawkins .. 4
Keith J. Walpole 2	Anthony R. Carter .. 5
*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 3	Frederick W. Ellis .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Minor. † First as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HILLSBOROUGH, County Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

*Harry Brown Treble	†Gerald D. Brown .. 5
†Maud Austin 2	†John Lindsay 6
†William A. Patterson .. 3	†John T. Dunwoody .. 7
Jean Jeffery 4	§Walter Mann Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Heywood (5-part). Conducted by Harry Brown.

* 25th peal of Stedman. † First in the method. ‡ 150th peal for the Association. § First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Pratt, former president of the Irish Association.

WATERFORD, Co. Waterford.—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in 42 methods/variations, being one each of St. Simon, St. Alban, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin (two extents), St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Seighford, Old, Dedworth, Buttercup, Primrose, Violet, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wallflower, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Cowslip. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

*Peter W. Brown Treble	Colin A. Lewis 4
Gillian E. Graney 2	R. Anthony Vere Hodge 5
E. Ann Sadler 3	*Harry H. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal. Greatest number of methods/variations rung to a peal in Ireland?

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BETHERSDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

		Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
*John E. Spree	Treble	Wilfred W. Ring	4
Violet I. E. Relf	2	*Gordon Stewart	5
Elizabeth Stewart	3	Crawford T. Hillis	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Peter Jarvis, ringer at this church for many years.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Edward Jenkins	Treble	*J. Colin Ashworth	6
*Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	*Jeffrey Kershaw	7
*Margaret E. Fort	3	*Cyril Crossthwaite	8
*Peter J. Wycherley	4	Derek Butterworth	9
Neil Bennett	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1	Treble	Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.	
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	Harry Parkes	5
Christopher J. Jones	3	†Donald Bateman	6
*Margaret E. Fort	4	Derek Butterworth	7
John P. Partington	5	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* 100th peal. † First of Stedman "inside."

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Dan S. Pont	3	John A. Underwood	7
*Edwin Deakin	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

HATHERN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: one each of Kent T.B. and Cambridge, two Single Oxford and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Alan Wright	Treble	David Swift	4
Valerie Carter	2	Ron Carter	5
Charles Woods	3	Tom Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Harris.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Colin Harrison

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Court, Plain Bob and one of Single Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. Reginald Woods	Treble	Andrew J. Colborne	4
Roland W. Morant	2	H. Leslie Squires	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

A farewell to the Rev. J. L. Heygate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Hewitt	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	C. Martin Press	6
*Nina B. Thomas	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
David E. Rothera	4	John R. Ketteringham	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Dan S. Pont	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Edwin Deakin	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
*Dan S. Pont	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Roland Beniston	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

A tribute to Colin Harrison, of the Bell Foundry staff, who passed away the previous day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Edwin Deakin	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Roland Beniston	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Dan S. Pont	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*Richard J. Clifton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 200th peal on the bells. First in the method for the Guild, and by all except ringers of 4 and 7.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BROUGHTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

David J. Midgley	Treble	†T. Leslie Whalley	5
*Caroline Stewart	2	G. Arnold Moore	6
†Phillip E. Jones	3	Andrew Thompson	7
*Eric Young	4	William A. Harris	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by William A. Harris.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. G. A. Moore has now "circled the tower" to peals. First as conductor. A compliment to Albert H. Lawton on his 81st birthday.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Anthony P. Foster	6
John M. Preston	3	Bruce Wakefield	7
Richard Wharton	4	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry R. Eglesfield	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Charles E. Truman	6
*George F. Roome	3	James Linnell	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.

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

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

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

Joyce M. Clipstone Treble	Brian A. Vickers 5
Sheila J. Staley 2	Terry G. Smith 6
Jean Marlow 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckley 4	Eric J. Chapman Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.
First peal of Bob Triples for all. First as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of all the band to Eric J. Chapman upon his 50th birthday this day.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Roger W. Smith Treble	*Barry E. Saunders 5
James Linnell 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Christopher C. Clarke 3	Charles E. Truman 7
*Barry R. Eglesfield 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
* First peal of Rutland.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	John C. Eisel 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	George E. Fearn 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Roderick W. Pipe 9
James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Graham C. Paul 5	Michael J. Fellows 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	*Richard C. Stevens 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Martin D. Fellows 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Maximus.

Rung as a compliment to John E. Anderson and Iris Thomson on their engagement.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Henry Johnson's variation of Middleton's.	Tenor 15 cwt.
Graham C. Paul Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
*Mark Androlia 2	Peter J. Stretton 6
John R. Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being ten extents All Saints and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*Neil Handley Treble	David Oliver 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4
Sydney Adams Tenor	

Conducted by Sydney Adams.

* First peal.

A welcome to Steven Richard Hoyle, first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Adams.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.
*Angela Bagnall Treble	Cyril T. Collins 4
†Paul C. Bowen 2	Clive M. Smith 5
Derek P. Jones 3	Clifford W. Bowen Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Janet I. Rogers Treble	Richard S. Seabrook 4
*David J. Reeve 2	Harry J. Clarke 5
†Frederick J. Payne 3	Donald L. Mills Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Peter J. Came 6
Raymond J. Talbot 2	R. Ian Vaughan 7
Angela M. Wright 3	Bernard J. Stone 8
Albert W. Bond 4	Bernard G. North 9
*Ivor N. Pett 5	*Douglas P. Snoswell .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.

* First peal of Caters. First as conductor.

Rung by friends as a compliment to Mr. Peter Newing and Miss Angela Grainger, married at this church earlier in the day.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Stanley G. Ponting 3	David P. Hilling 7
Malcolm M. Powell 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by W. Banton. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Harry Boyce Treble	†John F. I. Turney 4
*William J. Thomas 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Alan E. Bagworth Treble	Alan R. Patterson 5
Anthony D. Sansom 2	William S. Deason 6
David J. Forder 3	David P. Hilling 7
Robin G. Leale 4	Michael J. Thomas Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CROPTHORNE, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 32 extents of Plain Bob, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ronald J. Stephens Treble	Richard G. Bateman 4
Arthur C. Berry 2	Martin J. Boskett 5
Raymond J. Adams 3	*Anthony M. Amphlett .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry

* First peal.

STRENSHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Martin J. Boskett Treble	Richard G. Bateman 4
Raymond J. Adams 2	Arthur C. Berry 5
Peter Robertson 3	James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Attwood, jun.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Having 5678 in the handstroke home position for two courses.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F

K. Brian Sissons Treble	Arthur Rogers 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	John Potts 6
Arlene Smith 3	David Smith 7
Alan Sheppard 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

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PERSONAL

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FAITHFULL.—The new address of Mr. John R. Faithfull is 119, Park Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants. 8108

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PUBLICATIONS

"A Short History of the Bells of Cranbrook Church," 1/10; "A Guidebook to Composition," by Giles B. Thompson, 5/-; "The Theory of Change Ringing," by A. W. T. Cleaver, 3/6. All post free from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 8133

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH ABBEY.—Ringing practice at Bath Abbey will in future be on the first, third and fifth Monday in each month commencing January 3rd, 1966, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Owen, Tower Master. 8110

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1966, should reach the secretary by February 1st, 1966. (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8125

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Cheriton, Kent (8, 7½ cwt.)
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W. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec. 8112

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at Guildford Cathedral on Friday, December 10th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, London and York-shire. 8128

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no Monday evening practices on December 20th or 27th next, or any first Monday in any month. Peals: Only four per annum—1966 booked up, but last year's applicants should now re-apply to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. LICH 4539. 8068

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Hillingdon, Monday, December 13th Ringing 7.45–9.30 p.m. All welcome
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ches-terfield District) and **EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting at Clay Cross, December 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, December 8th, if possible, but please note—no name no tea. Special methods: London and Double Oxford.—M. Phipps and T. H. Radford, Secs.
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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ewell on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. — A. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 8074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8) December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 8095

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, December 11th, at Whitwick. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Constitutional Club. Names for tea not required. 8041

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8075

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ipswich St. Matthew, December 11th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea no later than Wednesday, December 8th, to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich. 8000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division — Joint meeting with Southern Division at Upper Beeding on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea, Service at 4.30. Tea at "The Old Tollgate," Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea as soon as possible to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 8137

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, December 11th, at New Alresford (8). Bells available 6 p.m. 8120

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Practice meeting, Tuesday, December 14th, at 7 p.m., Mildenhall.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8137

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, St. Michael's, Bath (8), Wednesday, December 15th, 7.30–9 p.m. 8115

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Husbore Crawley, Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbore Crawley. Annual District meeting at Luton on January 22nd, 1966. 8123

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at West Hartlepool. Saturday, December 18th. St. Aidan's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Oswald's (10) 3.30 onwards. Names for tea to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 8107

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on December 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 8129

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and annual meeting. Saturday, December 18th. Usual arrangements. Tea and business, St. Albans Hall. Names, please.—E. Cribble, France Lynch, Stroud. 8136

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Radlett, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8122

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Meeting, Saturday, December 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, from 6.45 p.m. to 8.15.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles. Saturday, December 18th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea provided if names received.—Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ringers' Social at Bramford. Saturday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/-; schoolchildren 2/6. Good entertainment, good refreshments and good company. All welcome; don't miss it. Would all raffle ticket sellers please return counterfoils to H. W. Egglestone before December 11th.—W. L. 8064

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Johnson 1, K. Kirk 2, C. Holmes (first "inside") 3, A. B. Cooper 4, G. K. Smith 5, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: Juanita Fuller (first quarter) 1, J. Fuller 2, A. Johnson (cond.) 3, D. Lee 4, Rev. R. Keeley 5, R. Huxley 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): M. King (100th quarter peal) 1, D. Hunton (first "inside" T.B.) 2, Miss E. Snell 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. R. Meadows 5, A. King (first of T.B. as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Congratulations tinged with regret were extended at the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Marlborough to Mr. R. A. Inglis, of Marlborough College, who is going to Cambridge University very shortly. He has been a tower of strength to the Branch, said Mr. A. Palmer (the hon. secretary) in his annual report. During the year ten meetings and the annual outing had been held.

The Rev. Roger Keeley, Ringing Master, reported that six peals and ten quarters had been rung—a considerable advance over previous years. With a good proportion of young people in the Branch he looked forward to a successful future. Ten new members from Aldbourne, Marlborough and Chisledon were elected. The chairman (Mr. G. Newman), the hon. secretary and the Ringing Master were re-elected. Mr. Fred Read, of Aldbourne, was elected vice-chairman in place of Mr. Lee, and the Rev. R. Keeley to the Guild Committee following the resignation of Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson.

The chairman thanked the Rector for his address, and all who had helped in the arrangements, especially the tea hostesses. Ringing continued at St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

HISTORY OF A KENT TOWER

A very readable short history of the bells of Cranbrook Church, Kent, has been prepared by M. A. Legg and is being sold by John Hilton, of Haulow, Tonbridge, for 1s 10d. (See advertisement on Notices page.) The records of these bells go back to between 1525 and 1530 and there is a connection of 350 years with Whitechapel Foundry.

At times the ringers were at loggerheads with the Vestry. In 1746 the steeple needed repairing and the Vestry, through lack of funds, postponed the work for a year and ordered the bells not to be rung. It appears that the Vestry was defied, as the churchwardens' account shows that 1s. was paid for a warrant for the ringers and 5s. for a journey to Maidstone with the ringers. By some means a compromise was reached, for another item that year in the accounts reads "gave the ringers for not ringing 5s."

The work of Cranbrook ringers is appreciated. Daniel Leaney, a farmer, who died on January 24th, 1935, left £100 to be invested and the interest to be used for the payment for an annual dinner for the bell-ringers of St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook. Owing to inflation, an annual dinner is no longer possible but the author records that the event is held when the interest is adequate and the one he attended proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

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OUTING

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On November 6th the Twerton-on-Avon ringers, joined by friends from Batheaston, Bath and Warmley, had the pleasure of a day's outing in glorious weather, ringing in famous towers and some not so well known.

West Camel set us off to a good start, the five being very pleasant to ring and to listen to outside, but very noisy inside. On to the famous 37 cwt. six at Queen Camel; nine took part in the grand rise in peal and all the bells went up right stroke. Some slow Minor, including Cambridge, was really enjoyed.

Trent is situated in North Dorset but comes under the Bath and Wells Association and the bells were augmented to six in 1953 for the Coronation by J. Taylor; the back five are still on plain bearings but although a trifle noisy are really worth a visit.

We have always wanted to ring at Sherborne Abbey, as our oldest ringer at Twerton (Edmund King) learned to ring here in 1901. The local band, who had been ringing for a wedding, joined in some Triples. We followed this up with some Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Minor on the back six rung at about the "five-hours-for-a-peal pace."

We found the tall tower of Corton-Denham with the aid of the moon, and after a search for the "key-owner" found boards with call changes written on them on the floor in front of each bell. The five are a little off-key but are very easy to ring.

The last tower was North Cheriton, where Preb. Skipwith had kindly left the lights of the church and churchyard on. The first ground-floor ring—five bells that go very well.

Ringing for the day ended with an excellent fall—the average age of the band being 14 years.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the outing. A. F. L.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newsom 3, J. Fox 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, J. Coles cover. Before Evensong, for the 17th birthday of H.R.H. Prince of Wales. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Harrop 1, Miss S. Collins (25th quarter as cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newsom 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6, L. Houghton cover. Before the Deanery Communion, at which the celebrant was the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

QUARTER PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bagnall (first on eight) 1, Margaret Ellwood (first on eight "inside") 2, P. C. Bowen 3, N. C. Bowen 4, C. W. Bowen 5, J. E. Dolman (first on eight) 6, L. E. Monk 7, C. M. Smith (cond.) 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Smith 1, A. Horsford 2, R. Cooles 3, A. Clayton 4, M. Uphill 5, T. Lewis 6, J. Smith 7, C. Barnes 8. A.M.D.G., and to mark the Patronal Festival of All Saints, Tooting Graveney.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Mudge (first on eight) 1, Miss B. M. Boyle 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, Margaret Bould 4, Colin Reeves 5, Frederick Sangwin 6, Derek Jewell 7, D. R. Bould (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Miss Hainon, of Combe Martin.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: O. Claxton (first on eight) 1, A. G. Harrison 2, A. Foreman (first on eight) 3, J. Mowle 4, C. Catchpole 5, E. G. H. Mavnard 6, F. Sutton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Diss, Canon E. L. Corbell, and Mrs. Corbell. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: O. Claxton (first of Triples) 1, A. W. Bird 2, A. Gook 3, C. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Orves 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung immediately after the institution and induction of Canon Corbell.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Waller (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter J. Ellis, a former churchwarden and vice-president of this Guild, who died the previous Sunday.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary Garrard 1, Elizabeth Holmes 2, J. G. Newman 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, N. Garrard 5, A. J. Smith 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, C. McCartney 10. In memoriam Jim A. Herbert, for 30 years a ringer at this church.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. W. Jupp (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Everitt 2, J. Portman (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, D. Wills 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, C. C. Deem 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, at 29, Farley Drive, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Lawson 1—2, Mrs. M. Lawson 3—4, K. Lawson 5—6, Miss A. Lawson (first quarter as cond.) 7—8.

SIDDBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob, Grandsire): Miss M. Retter 1, Mrs. R. Woodley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, K. Clarke 4, R. Woodley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. First of spliced 1 and 2.

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