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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

WHAT is the condition of Sunday service ringing to-day? In some places no doubt a high standard is aimed at and sometimes achieved, but very often, one feels, we could do much better. We are certainly not without a good example in this matter. If the standard of service ringing in all places were as high as at St. Paul's Cathedral we would have little to worry about. In spite of post-war difficulties and the advance of anno domini the bells of St. Paul's ring out twice on a Sunday, not to some fantastic Maximus method, but to a carefully timed touch of Stedman Cinques. The ringing starts on time and finishes on time; the middle six are lowered in a dignified manner, not hurried or scrambled, and there is sufficient time left for the mighty tenor to be tolled in. The public and the congregation know what to expect and they are not disappointed.

In contrast to this one finds, too often, that Sunday ringing is regarded as just another practice. No thought is given to the possibility of a touch breaking down because the method is too ambitious for the band. Such touches must indeed be attempted—progress lies that way—but not on Sunday morning. Far better is it to ring a touch in a simple method, better still call changes if the ringers are not sufficiently advanced, than to run the risk of bad striking.

What practical suggestions can be made to improve Sunday service ringing? The first need, of course, is an awareness on the part of all ringers that by and large a deplorable situation exists and to inculcate a general desire to bring about an improvement. It would appear that most ringers are satisfied with the present state of affairs or improvement would be spontaneous.

Given the desire to improve, the next essential is better time-keeping. A definite time, preferably at least three-quarters of an hour before the service, should be arranged and known to all. When two services are held on Sunday morning with only a short interval between it is far better to ring for the first one than to scramble the bells up at the end of the first service and restrict the ringing for the second service. This may mean breaking a long-standing custom of the ringers, but the church also probably broke a long-standing custom when the earlier service was instituted, and in matters of service ringing it is for the ringers to consider the church and not vice versa.

Then comes the question of raising the bells. Skill in raising in peal varies in different parts of the country. This should only be attempted on Sundays when the band is fully capable of doing it properly, and in many instances it is better not attempted. If the bells are to be raised singly they should be raised in the right order—treble to tenor or tenor to treble. Given better time-keeping all the ringers would be present at the start and it would be known how many bells to raise—there is no need to raise eight bells for only six ringers.

The first touch should be something of which the less expert members of the band are capable—call changes if they cannot manage a method. If they cannot handle a bell properly they should not take part in the Sunday ringing at all except in the direst cases of lack of man-power. The first touch should always finish at exactly the same time so that local people learn to set their watches by it. The following interval also should be strictly timed and not a period varied to suit the length of the captain's reminiscences. The last touch should be the best that the band can possibly muster in a method well within the capabilities of the weakest ringer and again should finish strictly to time. The bells should be lowered in time for a proper toll-in—on the tenor for preference unless local custom decrees otherwise.

In a forty-five minute period in which the bells are to be raised and lowered and the tolling-in fittingly done there is only time for two decent touches, and it is a bad custom to fit in more touches for the benefit of latecomers who should not be considered anyway. Quarter peals on Sundays should only be rung at definite intervals or on special occasions, just as the choir would ring an anthem. A quarter peal on Sunday for anything not connected with the church is indefensible, and nothing could be more incongruous than 'Rung for Confirmation service and the tenor ringer's birthday.'

Many readers may regard this article as a trip to Utopia, but the writer owes much to a 'stoney' tower where, in its heyday, change ringers could have learned a great deal about the dignity of Sunday service ringing. P. A. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	*ROLAND PARK	7
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
JOHN HILL	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. 50th Surprise peal this year by the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	HENRY H. FEARN	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
HERBERT LANGDON	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	†WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM	7
*AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	†FRANCIS KIRK	8
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	HAROLD V. FROST	9
*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	4	†FREDERICK J. SPICER	10
†REGINALD W. DARVILL	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	11
†HERBERT G. MASON	6	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MOTT. Conducted by THOMAS T. J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve as conductor. First peal on twelve bells by a St. Albans band. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus for the Association by a band resident in the county.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	6
WALTER ALLMAN	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
EDWARD JENKINS	5	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells and in the county of Yorkshire. First peal of London Surprise Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and Mr. Alfred Barnes, of Reddish, Stockport.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
†ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	JACK BAILEY	7
*WALTER G. SOAR	3	*MAURICE BAILEY	8
*DAVID MARSHALL	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	9
†JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5	†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ARTHUR DAY	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	7
*MISS M. PROCKSOM	3	HAROLD P. BURTON	8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
A. RONALD LING	5	RICHARD KENDALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 16, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*CLARE J. BILLEN	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
†C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	†LEONARD G. TOOKE	6
EILEEN BRACEY	3	CHARLES H. MOORE	7
†FRANK C. ARNOLD	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Treble*	G. FREDERICK JAMES	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	HAROLD G. ALDRIDGE	7
CHARLES B. ALDRIDGE	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. J. Siderfin.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal on eight bells.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
LEONARD FIDLER	2	WALTER J. HOUGHTON	6
*PETER W. CROFT	3	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. H. F. Webb-Bowen to commemorate their 25 years in Barkway. Also a birthday compliment to the Vicar and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bysouth on their silver wedding.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
†H. E. ALLUM	2	*GRANHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
‡ROBERT E. LESTER	4	‡HERBERT G. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Triples.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*MARJORIE BROWN	*Treble*	RAYMOND JOHNSON	5
NORMAN TOMKINS	2	ALAN WARD	6
*GEOFFREY TAYLOR	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. Conductor's 350th peal. To celebrate the rededication of the Manchester Regiment's Chapel in Manchester Cathedral; also the birth of a son (Peter) to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	JOHN PAGETT	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	*ALFRED GLAZZARD	6
*GERALD BOWEN	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Major.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

LESTER GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN ROBERTS	5
*THOMAS R. BUTLER	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. G. R. Newton.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	5
*JUNE BRINDLEY	2	†WALTER J. COPE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
PETER BERESFORD	4	*MARK N. CULLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. Chapman, wife of Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of St. Luke's.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5152 HANBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*LEONARD J. MULLER	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	6
†A. RYAN PRICE	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
HAROLD C. CASSEL	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN STERRY	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM DAVIES	2	HENRY HUBBLE	6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
Rung for the patronal festival. The 121st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

PETER ANGER	*Treble*	MARIE R. CROSS	5
EDNA M. SILLS	2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung on the feast of St. Andrew. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Treble*	ROGER HAWKESWORTH	5
*BENJAMIN T. CHEADLE	2	*EDMUND MALIN	6
*ROY BASTONE	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
†CHARLES S. A. HONE	4	*JOSEPH W. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	J. NORMAN HADLEY	6
WILLIAM DAVIES	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

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CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

RONALD J. SANDERSON	*Treble*	F. BERNARD DITCHER	5
DAVID G. JACKSON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
*DOREEN SMYTHE	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' A farewell peal to Mr. S. Harrison, a ringer at this church for 35 years, who is leaving the district.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FREDA OLDERSHAW	*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHARLTON	5
*FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	6
†W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	3	CYRIL WANDER	7
†WM. B. DAWSON	4	†HORACE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* 75th peal. † First peal in the method.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	PETER ANGER	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (No. 172). Conducted by A. R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung within the octave of the feast of St. Andrew.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
WINIFRED M. BURTON	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN HILL	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
*JOAN M. GRAY	2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	DAVID R. REED	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD T. BONSHOR	*Treble*	JOSEPH A. FENTON	5
†J. HARRY COOK	2	REGINALD SCOTT	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	‡RONALD HILL	7
†FREDERICK J. STIMSON	4	†GEORGE H. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major in the method. ‡ First peal. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Edgar Higgs, captain of Oakham tower.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
*PATRICIA CLARKE	2	FRANK L. FISHER	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Major.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL PIZZEY	*Treble*	‡DOUGLAS COLLINS	5
†ROBERT LESTER	2	GEORGE W. PIPE	6
DEREK WOODWARD	3	‡GEOFFREY F. PAGE	7
RONALD STEWARD	4	†MAX P. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 26, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

*ALBERT LAWES	*Treble*	LEWIS J. BATLEY	4
*BARBARA FILBY	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	5
†CHARLES BROWN	3	GEORGE C. FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS J. BATLEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 15, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE GROOM	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	4
BRYAN S. COPE	2	HARRY RICHARDSON	5
GEORGE W. JEFFS	3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* 100th peal. First peal on the bells for 24 years and the first in seven methods. In memoriam the Rev. F. H. Lang, former Rector of Twywell, chairman of Thrapston branch, 1923-1940, and a vice-president of the Guild. His funeral took place this day at Twywell.

NORTH CAVE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 17, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in G.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	PHILIP H. SPECK	4
HENRY RODMELL	2	†JOHN G. HOBSON	5
*RONALD DUCKER	3	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 18, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

BRO. RUSSELL W. CURSON (Gurney Lodge)	*Treble*
BRO. HERBERT C. BOGGIS (Perseverance Lodge)	2
BRO. ROBERT E. LESTER (Perseverance Lodge)	3
P.M. LIONEL A. LESTER (Perseverance Lodge)	4
P.M. REGINALD H. DRANE (Perseverance Lodge)	5
BRO. H. WILLIAM BARRETT (Feeling Heart Lodge)	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
First peal by six members of M.U.I.O.O. for Norwich Association. A silver wedding compliment to ringer of 5th and Mrs. O. M. Drane.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. 28, 29, 34, 48, 49, 50, 51). Tenor 7 cwt.

*KATHLEEN PROCTOR	*Treble*	DENNIS ALLSOPP	4
MICHAEL E. BROWN	2	ALFRED BALLARD	5
†PETER J. THOMAS	3	PETER HALLAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER HALLAM.

* First peal of Bob Minor on treble. † First peal 'inside' of Bob Minor.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*H. JOHN LARWOOD	4
ALBERT E. DIXON	2	PETER J. WOODCOCK	5
*IRENE M. TAYLOR	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal. A farewell to the ringer of the fifth on joining the R.A.F. All members of local company except tenor ringer.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 23, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	4
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	2	ALAN S. SMITH	5
JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	3	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung on St. Clement's Day and for Stagsden Feast.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent and one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

REV. F. F. RIGBY	*Treble*	ERIC NIXON	4
*PETER E. PARRY	2	DEREK OGDEN	5
*PHILIP P. CARTER	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in five methods. Rung in memory of Mrs. W. Ogden, grandmother of the conductor.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH EDWARDS	*Treble*	RONALD A. POCKLINGTON	4
JAMES W. GROUNDS	2	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	5
GORDON HALLS	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the patronal festival of this church.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	*WILFRED RILEY	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in three methods. Fastest peal on the bells.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

CECIL T. CLARKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. SWEET	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
RONALD D. SHORT	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ANNE HOLMES	*Treble*	†MICHAEL FULLER	4
HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD	2	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
*MARY FULLER	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. JONES	4
THOMAS W. NASH	2	ARTHUR C. NASON	5
HUBERT JONES	3	WILLIAM NASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Nason. Mr. Nason has been a member of Ludlow tower for 50 years.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 26, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	PETER MASON	4
EVELYN M. WRIGHT	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
DONALD H. METTEM	3	W. ROBERT PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

Rung to welcome the Rev. P. H. S. Raine, Rector of Blankney.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two full extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise and Kent, and one extent of Oxford. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

*M. WRIGHT	*Treble*	W. SWAIN	4
E. G. HOLDGATE	2	E. J. STERLAND	5
H. FRANKLIN	3	P. H. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. STERLAND.

* First peal. Best wishes to the conductor on joining the R.A.F.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby and Oxford. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAMPION	*Treble*	ERIC STAINROD	4
*RAYMOND CROSSLAND	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
ROY BROGAN	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in seven methods.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Double Court, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4 and 5) Combined Kent and Oxford, (6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN E. COOK	5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and eight 120's and one 240 of Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

RAYMOND WINTER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY GAMMON	4
JEAN TATTERSALL	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
WILLIAM SLOCOMBE	3	HARRY COMMINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

First peal in five methods by all.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*DOUGLAS COLLINS	2	†MAX P. PAGE	5
GEOFFREY F. PAGE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

* First peal in six methods. † 25th peal for the Guild

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, St. Simons, Eynsham, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Leonards, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

GORDON C. HERD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*BRIAN TAYLOR	2	DAVID H. PEARCE	5
REGINALD L. SILLS	3	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* 20th peal together. First peal in 21 methods by all and on the bells. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

BLEDLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (eight callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALLAN PLUMRIDGE	*Treble*	†JOHN HUNT	3
AUBREY J. SEYMOUR	2	ALLAN STRATHDEE	4
*RICHARD WITNEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by AUBREY J. SEYMOUR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by all local men. Rung as a thanksgiving for His Majesty's recovery and as a farewell to the ringer of the tenor, who leaves for service in Germany; also compliments to the oldest inhabitant, a regular churchworker, on her 94th birthday, and birthday compliments to the Right Hon. Lord Carrington's son and heir.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID T. NORTH	*Treble*	HARRY PURCHASE	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	GEORGE SPARKES	5
CLAUDE TARR	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Katharine Burchnall	*Treble*	Lewis Henstock	3
Grace Burchnall	2	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Clarence Briggs	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 9, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
In the Tower of the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5220 SPLICED ROYAL
Consisting of 2,880 Plain Bob, 312 Little Bob, 468 Medium Bob, 780 St. Clement's Bob, and 780 Ashbourne College (five methods), with 195 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Robin G. Turner	1-2	Michael Slaney	5-6
M. Elizabeth Roe	3-4	*John Guy	7-8
†Frank P. Wright	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Michael Slaney.
Umpire: Peter Border, who checked the coursing order throughout.
* First peal of Royal and first peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced Royal by the whole band and for the Society. The greatest number of methods yet spliced in a peal of Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
At Saltley College,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

Brian G. Warwick	1-2	John R. Mayne	3-4
*J. Martin Thorley	5-6		

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At 110, Noel Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*Brian Buswell	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	Fredk. A. Salter	7-8

Holt's Original. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal of Triples and in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young	1-2	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	*Michael J. E. Best	9-10
Daniel T. Matkin	5-6	*Kathleen E. Fletcher	11-12

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: Arthur G. Janes.
* First peal on twelve bells. First of Maximus in Bournemouth, and may be for the Guild, 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
In St. Martin's Ringing Room,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 16 in B.

Edgar C. Shepherd	1-2	Frank E. Haynes	7-8
Frank W. Perrens	3-4	Harry Poyner	9-10
Albert Walker	5-6	George E. Fearn	11-12

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At 110, Noel Street,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Brian Buswell	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	Fredk. A. Salter	7-8
Frank Bradley	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal on ten bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Memories of the Australian tour of 1934 are still fresh. Mr. and Mrs. A. Pedder, of New Town, Hobart, write enquiring the address of Mr. G. Martin, who was one of the tourists.

An extended appreciation of Mr. C. F. Bailey's services to ringing will appear in our next issue.

Our next issue will contain a Christmas message by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, and Kewsett's Christmas Quiz.

Those interested in spliced ringing will be pleased to hear that Mr. J. P. Fidler, who took a prominent part in the development of this absorbing section of ringing, has written a special article on the history of spliced ringing. This we hope to publish at an early date.

In reply to the comment on his front page article, 'Rebellion,' P. A. C. writes: 'It's a good job the Lord Protector is not on the Central Council. It would be very depressing to have to sit round in silence all day on Whit Tuesday looking at that awful wart on his nose!'

Mr. Peter G. Parrott, whose home tower is St. John's, Deptford, but who also spent two years at St. Helens and a year at Ipswich, is studying American Production technique at the California Institute of Technology, Passadena, California. He is anxious to get hold of two gramophone records which do justice to English ringing. His address is 1571, Oakdale Street, Passadena 4, California, U.S.A.

Liverpool is to have another ring of twelve. A faculty has been granted for the recasting and rehanging of the bells of Liverpool Parish Church, which was destroyed by enemy action in 1941. The new church is rapidly approaching completion and it is hoped the bells will be hung in time to be consecrated at the same time as the church.

All postal subscribers will this week receive a subscription reminder for 1952. Mr. Jeater has already received 300 renewals. We trust that those subscribers who have paid will accept our apology for receiving a reminder slip. To separate would entail much work.

Christmas Greetings will be featured in our next issue. The charge is 3s. for 30 words.

Farnham District of the Guildford Guild propose to start a class for training ringing masters.

The peal recorded in our last issue at Long Buckby was 5,040 Doubles and not 5,040 Grandsire Doubles as printed.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on November 16th, was Mr. Harry W. Howard.

The Oddfellows' peal at Bergh Apton, Norfolk, on November 18th, was arranged by Mr. Lionel A. Lester. The band wish to thank him and Mrs. Lester for kindly entertaining them to tea.

Peals are rare at Denford, Northants, the last previous to the peal on November 15th being 24 years ago. Ringing the 2 cwt. treble, a very difficult bell, was Mr. Leslie Groom, whose last peal was one of Kent Treble Bob Major which he conducted from the 25¼ cwt. Oundle tenor on April 7th, 1934.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston and other correspondents write that 'A Ringer's Prayer' that Mr. Stuart Worth submitted to us was the hymn, 'Go, when the morning shineth,' that appears in 'The Church Hymnal for the Christian Year,' and according to the footnote, was written by Mrs. Jane C. Simpson and appeared in the 'Edinburgh Literary Journal,' 1831, and in 'Lyra Britannica' 1867.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S DINNER

Memories of Early Stalwarts

EACH year the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association shows a steady increase in the numbers attending and on Saturday, October 27th, a company of 140 assembled at the Guildhall, Worcester, under the genial chairmanship of the president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester. Supporting him were the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, Rector of All Saints', the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Holt.

Among the visitors present were:—Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tylor (Bristol), Mr. S. Jones (Newport), Messrs. F. C. Lyme and R. C. Chapman (Stratford-on-Avon). Apologies were received from The Mayor of Worcester, the Rev. J. M. Wayle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman, Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. L. Evans (Eardisland), Miss F. Raybould (Cradley), Mr. F. Greenhall and the Halesowen band, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wilson (Bealey), Mr. B. C. Ashford (Clent), Mr. R. Savory (Badsey) and Mr. G. J. Lewis (Powick).

Following an excellent dinner, the 'Loyal Toast' was honoured on the call of the chairman and Mr. J. D. Johnson proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' 'So many speakers,' he said, 'looked upon this toast as an opportunity to criticise the clergy, erroneously considering them as the Church, quite forgetting they were all part of that Church. He suggested that for a change they might look at themselves and consider how much more they could do towards solving the present problems of the Church. They, as ringers, had obligations which they did do their best to honour, but they also had tremendous privileges the like of which were not granted to any other body of Church workers, and he reminded them that these privileges were granted entirely by the goodwill of the clergy. He referred to a recent statement in 'The Ringing World' where a clergyman from abroad was reported as expressing the opinion that in this country either the clergy were afraid of the laity, or the laity of the clergy. He would have liked to invite that gentleman to Worcestershire where relations between the two were invariably of the happiest.

The Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey, who for several years has so cordially welcomed the Association for its annual meeting service at All Saints', replied. Calling on his wide experience of life in Nigeria, he gave instances of the uses to which bells are put in Africa; their use as clocks, and, among the natives, as a summons to family prayer. The natives would save for years in order to buy a single bell for their church, and in the meantime various instruments such as drums and tom-toms were used as substitutes. But there was no country in the world to emulate the skill of British ringers. The ringers were the partners of the priest, and the Church owed a debt of gratitude to generations of ringrs. He himself felt especially thankful that they had recently been able to rehang the bells at All Saints', and he was grateful to Mr. T. W. Lewis for his work in teaching a new band.

THE MISSION: CHURCH'S GRATITUDE

At this point the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, who was also organising secretary of the recent Diocesan Mission, said he wished to say a word of real gratitude to the Association for the close co-operation with the Mission which resulted, among other ringing, in six peals and ten quarter peals being rung. It was a grand example of the co-operation of clergy and laity —the Church— a co-operation which would result in the extension of the Gospel outside.

Introducing Mr. A. Walker (Master of St. Martin's Guild), the chairman said it gave him particular pleasure and was very appropriate since the Rector of St Martin's had been preaching at the Cathedral in connection with the Mission. In proposing the toast 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. Walker thanked the Dean for his kind remarks and said he also brought with him a message of kind regards and greetings from the Rector of St. Martin's. He had very happy memories of the early stalwarts of the Association—J. Barber, W. Barber, who had called his (the speaker's) first peal of Stedman Caters 53 years ago, W. Short, who had called the then record 11,111 Stedman Cinques. All these came from Clent and Worcester's loss had been Birmingham's gain. Then there were T. Salter, R. Matthews, A. E. Parsons, at whose home the first handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques for the Association were rung, J. Hemming—how proud he would have been of the new ring of twelve at Evesham, which should be such a useful addition to the Association. All these had passed on but they still had with them J. R. Newman (a former general secretary) and W. Ranford (82 years young and still going strong); and coming to the present generation, the Master (C. Skidmore), whom he wished a successful term of office, their present secretary and Mr. S. T. Holt. It was to men of such calibre that the Association owed its prosperity.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S FRIENDSHIP

Mr. S. T. Holt, replying, said they must feel honoured by the glowing account of past and present members and the high esteem in which the Association was held. They were fortunate in having as near neighbours the St. Martin's Guild for there was one occasion in his own early ringing career which stood out in his memory above all others—that when he heard twelve bells rung for the first time and the bells were manned by the St. Martin's band. They were grateful too for the help of St. Martin's on their periodical Sunday evening visits to Worcester Cathedral. The Association was doing its best to keep the towers fully manned but more recruits for the belfries were always needed. He concluded by wishing success to the Bishop's Mission.

Proposing 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. C. Skidmore said it was both a privilege and pleasure to extend a welcome to their visitors that night. He trusted they would spend a happy evening and would come to look on the Worcestershire dinner as an annual event—and bring with them even more friends. It was part of their British heritage to make friends. Mr. Skidmore went on to give examples of the welcome he, personally, had received on his visits to Manchester and London to Police Guild meetings and wished to assure them that the Worcestershire welcome was equally cordial and sincere.

Replying for the visitors, Mr. A. M. Tyler thanked the Association and said he could perhaps claim some minor distinction in common with Mr. Walker. He recalled with pride that his own first peal—Stedman Cinques—had been rung with a Worcestershire band and conducted by their secretary and he believed eight of the band were in the room that evening. He was glad to be able to renew friendship with them after a lapse of some 15 years. He was always impressed by the welcome extended in every tower to visiting ringers and stressed that happy relations between Associations were essential to the art.

The toast list concluded with 'The Chairman' accompanied by musical honours rendered in no uncertain manner, and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Following the innovation of recent years, the entertainment was kept as a separate programme with Messrs. D. H. Watson and T. W. Lewis as M.C.'s and Mr. L. Bedenham as accompanist. Selections of popular airs and their spectacular 'rise and fall' were provided by the Brierley Hill handbell band; songs, all well received, were given by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, W. C. Dowding and H. Homans; and a course of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, A. M. Tyler 7-8 and J. Thomas 9-10.

It may be of interest to members and friends to know that, before leaving, the secretary booked the Guildhall for the next dinner for Saturday, October 25th, 1952!

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, 1911

ODD CHANGES

The Middlesex Association have been in luck's way, so to speak. They had the use of a 12-bell tower in London on each of the last three successive Saturdays—and scored a peal of Stedman Cinques each time, at Southwark, Cripplegate and Cornhill.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths made a good attempt for Cambridge Maximus last Saturday at St. Saviour's, Southwark, but the peal came to grief just after two hours' good ringing.

[This would have been the first peal of Cambridge 12 in London It was successfully accomplished in Southwark in March 1912, conducted by the present secretary of the College Youths, Mr. Alfred B. Peck. Peals of Cambridge Maximus were few and far between in those days—and still are, so far as the London area is concerned.]

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The first quarter peal on the Cathedral bells by the Truro Diocesan Guild was rung on Tuesday week. It was 1,260 of Grandsire Triples on the back eight and occupied 50 minutes. The tenor is 33¼ cwt. E. Ham 1, F. Michell 2, H. C. Harris 3, W. P. Trestrain 4, J. Thomas 5, Dr. J. Symons (conductor) 6, W. H. Sheeman 7, E. Lindesay tenor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Despite unfavourable weather, a successful meeting of the Midland District was held at Burton-on-Trent on November 24th.

After attending a short service conducted by the Vicar, about 55 ringers and friends enjoyed a delightful tea.

Thanks were expressed by Miss Thompson, the vice-president, to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and in particular to Mr. B. G. Key, for making all the local arrangements to ensure a good meeting. Mr. Key suitably replied.

At the business meeting which followed, members were present from Anstey, Aylestone, Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's), Castle Bromwich, Claverley, Cossington, Duffield, Ibstock, Leicester, Nottingham, Syston and Thurcaston.

It was proposed and seconded to hold the next meeting at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on February 23rd. One new member was elected.

It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation extended by Mr. F. Bennett, of Wombourn, to visit Kingswinford early next year. A meeting will be held there on April 26th.

During the evening a plain course of Stedman Caters was brought round by a band of ladies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRREGULAR METHODS

Methods Committee's Views

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Methods Committee, may I be allowed to answer one or two points which have been raised during the past few months?

Firstly, we are very grateful to those who answered our appeal for their views on our Extension of Methods Report. These are receiving full consideration.

Secondly, comments on other parts of our Central Council Report which have appeared in your columns (e.g., on Doubles Methods), have also been noted.

Thirdly, and in answer to those who have asked about Union Triples and Canterbury Pleasure Major, we feel we should state that this committee has no mandate to say what should or should not be rung, although we are always pleased to offer advice and give our opinion. The Rules and Decisions of the full Council are the ultimate authority and, according to these, both the above methods are irregular and if these rules are strictly adhered to, peals in these methods could not be recognised.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage,
Southampton.

WELLS TENOR

Dear Sir,—May I send my hearty congratulations to Mr. A. P. Cannon on ringing Wells tenor for three and a half hours. I rang her in October, behind, and she sure is a lump, but a beautiful bell.

Better luck next time, Pat.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse Mr. Bassett's letter re 'Railwaymen's Peal.' As a matter of fact a peal was rung at Exeter (St. Thomas's) on Saturday, December 22nd, 1928, comprising seven railwaymen—five from the Southern Railway and two from the Great Western Railway. It was to have been an 'all railwaymen's peal' but owing to one of the band having his duty altered practically at the last minute a substitute filled the vacancy. No doubt there has been a railwaymen's peal rung but I cannot remember seeing any account recorded in 'The Ringing World.' It would be very interesting to know how many railway ringers there are in and around Exeter there are ten.

I would like to suggest a step further than a peal attempt. What about forming a British Railways Ringers' Guild?—Yours faithfully,

E. W. BIFFIN.

17, Sydney Road, Exeter.

AUSTRALIAN VETERAN'S DEATH

Dear Sir.—In your issue of December 14th there is a letter from Arthur Barnes under the heading 'Forty Years Ago.' Mention is made of a peal attempt of Grandsire Triples calling Holt's Original which failed owing to the tenor man falling from his box. Recently Mr. R. H. McDonald, the only surviving member of the band, passed away, aged 95. He rang his only peal—Grandsire Triples— at St. Chad's, Birmingham, around 1880. With him goes the last link of the early part of the century.

Mr. Albert Lancefield has just arrived in Sydney and took part in the first course of Cambridge Minor rung by a local band for well over 40 years; he will be a member of the band who are attempting a peal of Bob Major at St. Jude's, Randwick, in memoriam to the late Mr. R. H. McDonald.—Yours faithfully,

W. M. ROWE.

Five Dock,
Sydney, N.S.W.

MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, as an outsider, and an objective reader of 'The Ringing World,' solely through the courtesy of one who passes it on, express appreciation of the contribution by F. E. H. on page 673, and the letter by S. H. G. on page 683? It seems difficult to imagine the possibility of producing any finer music from bells than a touch of Cinques.

We are all liable to suffer from frayed nerves at times, but if only those who find themselves getting 'het up' every time they hear bells 'going up' could for a few minutes in imagination shut themselves in the stone vault of Beethoven's deafness, with music that could never gratify hammering in the brain; or in the iron blackness of Helen Keller's prison of blindness, deafness and dumbness, yet with an intelligence that could pierce such barriers and communicate with fellow creatures, they might then be glad to drink in a good dose of a vigorous noise as a—shall I say it?—sort of drastic antidote to some of the infernal rows that accompany the increase of knowledge foretold by Daniel (ch. 12).

To my thinking, to hate all bells because one lives close to a ring is as unprofitable as it is dangerous for a herdsman to hate all bulls because through no fault of his own he was once savaged by one.—Yours faithfully,

'C.'

PEALS OF MAJOR AT SYSTON

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated November 23rd there is a report that the peal of Braunstone Surprise was the first peal of Major at Syston, Leicestershire, since 1933. This is not correct. A peal of London Surprise Major, conducted by F. H. Dexter, was rung in June, 1935, and in November, 1949, there was a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, conducted by W. P. Whitehead. The peal of Braunstone is, however, the first peal of Major to be rung on these bells for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Syston.

'VILLAGE BELLS'

Dear Sir,—Members of the Exercise are asked to note that the excellent little book of instruction, 'Village Bells,' is now distributed by me on behalf of the Council. Orders should not be sent to Miss Howes.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON,
Hon. Librarian.

Osmington School,
Tring, Herts.

RAISING THE TENOR

Dear Sir,—Having recently read Mr. R. Alsop's letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 30th re 'Pulling up the Tenor,' I feel it my duty to add a few remarks.

Most ringers are aware of the shortage of paper for printing purposes and we realise that the little space we have the pleasure of filling in 'The Ringing World' should be of useful and interesting correspondence. Who on earth is interested in how many pulls a tenor of 25 cwt. is raised in, in an attempt to create a record or surpass another individual? What satisfaction is gained?

No, my friend, it is not the aim of our art to test one's strength against someone else and such ideas should not be encouraged in ringing. Your time would be better spent in seeing how quickly you could get a learner through his first Plain Course and I, for one, should admire such a person.

A. A. R.

Crediton, Devon.

'SILENT PEALS'

Dear Sir,—We have had three references during the last few weeks to peals rung by the Midland Counties Guild in a peal-ringing tour which took place in the summer of 1950.

I am in no way connected with these peals but because of the distortion of facts in the references, and because I am a friend of all the ringers involved, I am moved to reply.

I quote from 'The Ringing World' report on the 1951 annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—'especially those rung in Leicestershire. He had always understood that a non-conducted peal was a silent peal. In these Leicestershire peals, everybody was allowed to say something except "Bob." In his opinion a non-conducted peal should be a silent peal.' This was from the speech of the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, replying to the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.'

Mr. A. H. Pulling, in his letter commenting on the above speech, expected a reply of denial or explanation and appeared to understand from the speech that 'everyone was allowed to talk in their so-called silent peals' and he hoped the ringers involved would withdraw their claim of 'those four Silent Surprise Peals . . .'

Mr. F. H. Dexter referred to the above comments and after stating that no Leicester Cathedral Society ringers took part in the ringing, wrote 'If any other Leicester ringers did take part, I do not remember.'

The reader who was not aware of the facts, or with a short memory like that of Mr. F. H. Dexter, would assume from the above that a band of ringers of doubtful integrity, but not of the Leicester Cathedral Society, had rung four Surprise peals in Leicestershire during which anything had been called except 'Bob' and these peals had been claimed as silent.

The facts were that three peals were rung non-conducted and an additional one was claimed to be 'silent.'

I will assist Mr. F. H. Dexter's memory by saying that at least one of the bands comprised four Leicestershire ringers, two Stoke ringers, one Repton ringer and one Nuneaton ringer, and also that one of the Leicestershire ringers must have been a great friend of Mr. Dexter as well as a friend of a large number of ringers all over the country.

No one would wish to deny Mr. Cross his opinion, but it is my contention that most ringers believe a non-conducted peal to be one in which no calls are made, but that the ringers may assist one another over mistakes in striking and method as in other ordinary peals. In a silent peal it is generally understood that no word is spoken, no sign made to assist any ringer and that an umpire is required if the claim of 'silent peal' is to be made. We have had several examples of the former in recent years and a very few examples of the latter.

Then, if my contention is true, the ringers involved made one mistake in ringing etiquette; they claimed one peal as silent without having an umpire. The peal may very well have been a near perfect example of a silent peal, and knowing the standard of the ringers in question, I am quite prepared to believe that was the case, because the other three peals were not claimed as 'silent.'

Is it fitting, then, that the respected Master of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths should, perhaps inadvertently, cast doubts on the integrity of these ringers? I know he has caused a great deal of distress to one of the kindest-hearted and best-respected men in the Exercise and it is for that reason I have written this letter.

I think the ringers showed restraint in keeping silent after Mr. Cross's allegations, but the two subsequent letters on the subject have made a reply necessary. It would have been better to have forgotten the matter as we have enough bitterness amongst ringers without deliberately trying to add to it.

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derbyshire.

DUFFIELD ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query when the last peal of Duffield Royal was rung, an answer may be found in the old report of the then Midland Counties Association of 1888 edition. A peal in this method was rung at All Saints', Duffield, on Monday, March 19th, 1888, in 3 hours and 23 minutes, composed and conducted by (as then) A. Percival Heywood.

Also in the same report another peal was rung on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1888. The composition is by the same composer; both peal compositions are given in full.

Footnote under the first account says:—This peal, which has the sixth at home throughout, is the first ever rung in the method on ten bells.

It would be of interest to many ringers to see some of these forgotten methods printed in full in 'The Ringing World' once again with instructions to conducting and compositions. Then perhaps opinions would follow as to the quality of music obtained from those forgotten methods and the many new methods receiving new names of to-day.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. STEVENS.

Loughborough.

P.S.—The old methods I refer to are Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Royal, Canterbury Pleasure Caters, Darlaston Bob Caters and Forward Royal.—L. W. S.

SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Referring to reprint 'Forty Years Ago' in issue of 'The Ringing World' dated December 7th, 1951, re eleven 720's rung for Sunday service at Bourne in 1908, it may be interesting to know that on Easter Day, 1912, I myself assisted in ringing no less than 14 720's at Tunstall, Kent, as follows:—For 8 a.m. service, a peal of Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. For 6.30 p.m. evensong the performance was repeated. There was also ringing for 11 a.m. service, but whether any 720's were rung I cannot now remember, as for that service I was ringing at my own neighbouring tower of Sittingbourne.

Perhaps our old friend, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, now of Oxford and formerly of Tunstall, who took part in the two peals, would remember if any 720's were rung for the 11 a.m. service.

Incidentally, before the following Sunday, we had the sadness to follow to his last resting place one of the ringers taking part in the above, Albert John Day, who passed away suddenly on the Tuesday following Easter Day.—Yours sincerely,

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

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ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Short 1, Miss M. Charter (first quarter) 2, F. J. Jackson 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, T. McKay covering.

BELLS IN CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Which church has the largest number of bells? At Boston Stump eleven more bells have been added to the four quarter bells. On these, 15 bell tunes are played daily at every third hour from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.. These bells are in addition to the ring of ten. Has any other church tower 25 bells?—Yours faithfully,

W. E. CLARKE.

5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major

By GEORGE FREEBREY (Derby)

23456	W	M		H
64235	x	x		x
26435				x
42635				x
63425	x			x
63254			B	x
25634	x			x
62534				x
53624	x			x
65324				x
36524				x
52364	x			x
35264				x
23564				x
45236	x	x		x
24536				x
52436				x
43526	x			x
54326				x
35426				x
42356	x			x
34256				x
23456				x

A Silent Peal at Leicester

Mr. W. T. Tucker, of Eastleigh, Hants, has been prompted by Mr. F. H. Dexter's letter re silent peals to forward us a copy of a handbell peal rung at the King and Crown Townhall, Leicester, for the Midland Counties Association, on Monday, October 8th, 1900. The peal was 5,010 Stedman Caters, rung in 2 hours and 49 minutes, the band consisting of John O. Lancashire 1-2, George Cleal 3-4, Samuel Cotton 5-6, William Willson 7-8, John Buttery 9-10; composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. A silent peal.

A footnote reads; This is the first non-conducted peal on ten bells ever rung either on handbells or tower bells. Umpires: C. H. Fowler—who called 'go'—J. W. Moorhouse and J. Morris, all of whom checked the figures throughout.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

An Attempt at 11,360 Changes

Mr. Frederick William Grocott, of Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, gives us notice that on Saturday, December 15th, at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile, a peal of 11,360 Superlative Surprise Major will be attempted.

Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition, which is given below, will be used.

The existing longest length is 11,232 changes rung at Bolton on January 29th, 1927.

23456	M	W	H	
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†54326			—	
42563				
†35426			—	
52364				
†35642		—		
*26435				A
26354			—	
65243				
54632				
*32654			—	
*46532				
63425				
63254			—	
35264		—		
56342				
64523				
34625		—		
*56234				
63542				
23645		—		
*56423				
62534				
42635		—		
42356			—	
25463	A			a
†34256			—	
23456	B			

All courses with the exception of those marked with an asterisk are called 5th/4th (treble, front/behind) and 5th/4th (treble, behind/front).

Courses marked with a dagger include three calls 'before' (treble, behind/front/behind).

Courses marked with an asterisk are three calls 'before' (treble, front/behind/front).

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AT BRIDPORT

West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch held its annual meeting on December 1st at Bridport attended by nearly 40 members.

Canon G. C. Clare, the Rector, conducted the service and had to express his disappointment that the preacher who had promised to come had not arrived! However, he ably filled the gap himself, speaking of the ringers' relation to the Church of the Living God.

At the business meeting after tea, presided over by the chairman (Canon C. Carew Cox) all the officers were re-elected and the following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. Darby, A. Loving and W. Hill (Burton Bradstock), M. Bishop (Evershot) and Ian Godfrey (Powerstock.

The hon. secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy from the Branch to Roger Keeley who was in hospital as the result of a bicycle accident and Mr. J. H. Hayne asked that the Dorchester Branch might be associated with this.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Bradpole in February, Chardstock in April, Broadwindsor in July and Whitchurch in September.

The suggestion was approved that one or two bye-meetings should be held to include South Perrott.

In the absence of complete returns from the affiliated towers the full statement of accounts was held over until the next quarterly meeting.

The chairman appealed for wider support for 'The Ringing World' emphasising the untold loss which would be felt by all ringers if they had no such publication and expressing the hope that the response would enable the Editorial Committee to avoid raising the price of the paper. The Rev. O. Willmott, vice-chairman, spoke of the appeal and suggested that all towers which had a Belfry Fund should provide one copy from it for the use of their members.

Thanks were accorded the Rector of Bridport for his kindly welcome and address; also to Mr. B. Elsworth, the Branch organist, and to Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary) for his admirable arrangements.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in call changes and many methods up to Surprise Major.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on December 1st, members and friends being present from Bude, North Tamerton, Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, Totnes, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Broadclyst, 'a ringer in exile' from Beaworthy, Okehampton and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel).

The Guild form of service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. B. Chapman). The lesson was read by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), and the organist (Mr. F. W. Gilbert) accompanied the singing.

The Vicar gave a short address and based it on the inscriptions on Emmanuel Church bells. This was both interesting and informative to most of the ringers present.

Fifty enjoyed a splendid tea served in the Church Hall, provided by Mrs. Chapman and her band of lady helpers. The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas (Branch chairman), and supported by Preb E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. E. N. B. Chapman (Vicar of Emmanuel), Mr. G. H. Myers (vice-president), Mr. F. C. Smale (vice-president) and Mr. A. L. Bennett (general treasurer).

The chairman commenced the business by extending a warm welcome to all the visitors.

The president, in reply, said he always looked forward to the meetings of the South-West Branch where he had so many friends, and where good ringing was one of the chief attractions. He felt sure he was speaking on behalf of all the visitors present.

The secretary had received apologies for absence from the Rev. H. E. Bennett (Rector of Plympton St. Maurice). Messrs. W. G. Lavers, P. S., Worth J Rich and E. J. Taylor (general secretary of the Guild). These were accepted with regret and the secretary was instructed to reply on behalf of the Branch to Messrs. F. S. Worth and W. G. Lavers.

The secretary, in his report on the year's work, stated that it had been a most difficult one. The outstanding event was the recent peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Plympton St. Maurice in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the present church. The regular service and practice ringing was again recorded for the two Plymouth towers. It was regretted the country members had been unable to support the meetings arranged during the year and the hope was expressed that this would be rectified in 1952.

The treasurer's financial statement, showing a balance of £11 4s. 10d. in the general fund and £3 6s. in the instruction account, was considered satisfactory.

The chairman called on the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) to present four Guild proficiency certificates to the following members of Emmanuel band: Mrs. W. J. Godard, Miss M. Stoneman, Mr. P. A. Oram and Mr. F. R. Hocking.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-election of all the retiring officers, with thanks for past services.

The secretary's suggested programme for 1952—March 1st, Meavy; Easter Monday (annual meeting of the Guild) Combe Martin; June 28th (joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch at Berry Pomeroy and Totnes; September 27th, Kelly; December 6th (branch annual meeting at Plymouth (St. Andrew's), all subject to necessary permission being obtained—was unanimously adopted.

Three new members were elected as associates, viz., Miss Pettit, of Bickleigh, and Messrs. R. G. Perkin and D. A. Baldry, Emmanuel.

The chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. E. N. B. Chapman, Mr. F. W. Gilbert and Mr. J. P. Sims, the respected leader of the local band. This was carried with the usual round of applause.

Under the heading of unannounced business, the hon. secretary made a plea for more support for 'The Ringing World,' and went on to explain what all readers of our journal know only too well, the serious financial position the paper is in.

Two items of interest were on show at the meeting. One was a copy of the brochure issued in connection with the new bells of Liverpool Cathedral (a gift to the secretary by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool); the other was a very fine photograph of the assembled company of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of their 314th anniversary celebration dinner.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. As one of the visitors was heard to remark, 'Some of it was fit to broadcast.' time past. T. G. M.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at All Saints', Wroxall, on December 1st. Ringing on the fine octave there (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.) preceded the Association form of service which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Briggs, who gave a few words of welcome, and the choral parts were conducted by Mr. C. Kortright. A collection towards repairs to the north aisle realised the sum of 23s.

Tea was served at the Jubilee Inn, Flax Bourton, and was followed by the business meeting at which the Rector took the chair. All the existing officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and two new members from Portishead, one from Winford, three from Kingston Seymour and one probationary member from Wraxall were elected.

It was decided that, subject to permission being given, the next quarterly meeting would be held at Barrow Gurney in April, with monthly practices at Tickenham, Chew Stoke and Clapton-in-Gordano for January, February and March respectively. The bi-annual Corporate Communion will be held at Easton-in-Gordano on April 27th. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had helped to make it a success.

There were 35 ringers at tea from Barrow Gurney, Brislington, Chew Magna, Clapton-in-Gordano, Keynsham, Kingston Seymour, Locking, Long Ashton, Melksham, Nailsea, Portishead, Publow, Winford, Wraxall, Wrington and Yatton, and about 20 more joined in ringing during the evening. M. J. H.

5,184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB

By NOLAN GOLDEN

M	3rds	5ths	B	W	H	23456
S	S	S		—	—	34526
S	S	S		—	—	45236
S	S	S		—	—	52346
			—			24563
			—	—		34265

Eleven times repeated, with singles halfway and end.

Contains 5-6 latent in 6ths at course ends.

Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, August 30th, 1951.

5,056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. MIDDLETON

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21648375	78465213
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62418375	78541632
26148735	78456123
62417853	87541632
64271835	85714623
46728153	58176432
46271835	85716342
64728153	58173624
46782513	51876342
64872531	15783624
68475213	51738264
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First rung at Syston, November 3rd, 1951. Conducted by B. G. Warwick.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

President's 80th Birthday Honoured

On Saturday, November 24th, the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at St. Mary's, Gateshead. This meeting for the most part followed the same lines as other District meetings. There was ringing to cater for all, a service conducted by the Rector and an excellent tea provided by the local ladies.

But this was not 'just another meeting,' for the Rector, Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., is president of the Association and has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. When the ringers adjourned for tea the table was found to bear a large cake. It was beautifully iced and the design incorporated a bell and expressed the Association's best wishes.

Before tea commenced the general secretary of the Association (Mr. Denis A. Bayles), in the absence of the District vice-president, made a short speech. He said that it was usual for the clergy to introduce their remarks to the laity with a suitable text. He retaliated on this occasion with Psalm 132, v. 16: 'Her priests also will I clothe with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.' This text put in a nutshell the reason for and nature of the function. The only difficulty was that, so far as he knew, the Bible did not mention ringing and 'saints' had to be considered synonymous with 'ringers' on this occasion. This might well lead the Rector to reply with Psalm 19, v. 13! : 'He hath put my brethren far from me; and mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.' He recalled how Canon Stephenson's membership dated back to 1907 and his long and active interest in bells and ringers and concluded by asking him to cut the cake.

While the cake was being cut, four members rang the appropriate number of changes (a bobbed course of Bob Major) on handbells.

The Rector replied thanking the donors for the cake and the members for their good wishes. He said that the ceremony had come as a complete surprise to him as no one had breathed a word. He went on to recall his long association with bells and ringers but added that his doctor had warned him in his early days against doing any ringing as it was likely to strain his heart. Looking back he thought he could have managed it.

Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, to the donors of the cake and the ladies who had provided the tea.

Canon Stephenson was born on November 4th, 1871, in Bombay. He was educated at Sherborne School and did not come north until his ordination in 1895, but he has never desired to move away since. His first parish was Willington, Co. Durham, where there are five steel bells. In 1900 he moved to Allendale and remained there until 1909. While he was there the original six bells were installed in a frame that would hold eight. The 'folly' of providing two extra pits caused much shaking of heads but it proved to be foresight as the pits have been filled for many years now.

His first five years at Gateshead were spent at Christ Church, where he was without bells but since 1914 he has been Rector of Gateshead, with his eight bells at St. Mary's. During his incumbency these bells have twice been rehung, the last occasion being in 1939 when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank transferred them to a steel frame.

Canon Stephenson was made an honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral in 1922 and is now the senior by many years. He became a King's Chaplain in 1938 and a Freeman of Gateshead in 1946. His membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association dates back to 1907 and his election as president in 1950 was an expression of the high esteem in which the Association holds its staunchest supporter among the clergy.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN E. WHEELDON

Well-known North Staffs Ringer

The esteem in which Mr. John E. Wheeldon, of Norton, Staffs, was held was marked by the large congregation which assembled at the Cartmountside Crematorium on Thursday, November 22nd, and which included representatives from a number of churches in the surrounding district as well as the officials of the North Staffordshire Association of which Mr. Wheeldon was one of the oldest members.

The Rector of Norton, the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, officiated at the service and members of the Norton belfry acted as bearers. In addition to the family mourners the following were present:—Mr. R. Anderson (chairman, North Staffordshire Association, of which Mr. Wheel- (secretary of the Association), Messrs. R. Preston and W. Fradley (Bucknall), F. Wilshaw (St. Peter's, Stoke), A. Hall (Cheadle R.C.), J. Cottrell, W. Hazeldine and J. Stanway (Biddulph), H. Sutton and J. Martin (Cheddleton).

During the evening members of the Norton tower rang touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and on Saturday, November 24th, met to ring a quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were H. Wolley, W. Corfield, F. Triner, J. W. Walker, O. Williams, C. S. Ryles (conductor), J. A. Jack and J. Walley.

Mr. Wheeldon's death occurred suddenly, although he had been in failing health for the past 12 months. He was 83 years of age. His active interest in ringing terminated some four years ago when, after serving for 46 years as leader of the St. Bartholomew's, Norton, band, he resigned. Although his active ringing had ceased, he continued to interest himself in the theory and also continued with one of his hobbies, the writing of method books, a work in which he took much pride. He was a beautiful calligrapher.

Mr. Wheeldon had an interesting career which commenced at Bucknall (St. Mary's). He was the last survivor of a Bucknall band which rang the first silent Surprise Minor peal ever to be rung in England. While not a prolific peal ringer, he had 129 peals to his credit, most of which were rung in North Staffordshire towers.

A keen member of the North Staffordshire Association he did much useful work in it and when he was in his heyday few meetings were complete without him.

In his own tower he was beloved not only for his abilities as a leader but as a man of great personal integrity. As a churchman he set an example to his ringers by his regular attendance at all services, a practice only discontinued by advancing years.

He travelled hundreds of miles in the interest of ringing and as recently as May accompanied his ringers to Worcester and Gloucester on their annual outing.

A list of Mr. Wheeldon's peals is as follows:—Minor 93, Triples 4, Major 25, Royal 2. Of these, 27 were rung in his own tower at Norton and 24 at Bucknall.

MR. H. R. LEACH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Hilary Ronald Leach, of 80, Saunton Road, Rugby, who was killed when his motor-cycle left the road and crashed into the railway bridge at Church Lawford on Tuesday, November 27th. Mr. Leach, who was 38 years of age, received multiple injuries. His pillion passenger, Mr. Louis Jents, of 36, New Street, Rugby, had his skull fractured. Both Mr. Leach and his passenger were at the time on their way to work at the Coventry Tool and Gauge Company.

Mr. Leach was a ringer at St. Mark's, Bilton, and the account he wrote of the village of Bilton was featured in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th, 1950. His death is deeply regretted by his ringing friends and at St. Mark's, Bilton, where he was formerly assistant scoutmaster of the church troop, and at one time sidesman at the church. Mr. Leach was looking forward to his first peal at the end of the month.

A quarter peal to his memory appears in our quarter peal columns.

MR. C. F. BAILEY

The death occurred at Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital of Mr. Charles Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, on December 1st. He had been in indifferent health for the past five years and was first taken ill in London while on holiday, and taken to Central Middlesex Hospital. He joined the Norwich Association in 1897, and later the Suffolk Guild on its formation.

Charles was one of eleven brothers, nine of whom were ringers. He was conductor of the peal in 1911, Bob Major, by eight brothers. In 1914 he conducted his youngest brother's first peal and this also was rung by eight brothers.

A great friend of Gabriel Lindoff, nothing gave him greater pleasure than ringing new methods or compositions sent him by Mr. Lindoff. In his last peal of Bristol I rang with him: he rang the treble and called it. By this peal he had called a different Surprise method and composition from each bell at Leiston.

His many peals include: Bristol 93, Superlative 47, London 39, Cambridge 44, Double Norwich 39, Rochester 13, Guildford 6, Suffolk 5.

Mr. Bailey was a great lover of handbells and would always welcome a touch with visitors. Some few years ago he retired from active ringing and also from business, having worked 50 years with one firm. In retirement he led a quiet life but was still very interested in ringing and was always pleased to read of others and their achievements.

He was buried in Leiston Cemetery on Wednesday, December 5th. R. K.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, Miss H. J. Tesson 2, Miss J. A. Rose 3, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 4, R. J. Stokes 5, L. C. I. Watson 6. First in two methods for 2, 3 and 6, and first 'inside' in two methods for 5. Rung for members of the University of Bristol Society.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willmington 1, D. Reekes 2, W. Panter 3, A. Tapley 4, G. Betts 5, F. Wreford 6, W. Reekes (cond.) 7, C. Burnett 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. S. Gauty 1, Miss J. Carter 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, P. P. Carter 4, P. E. Parry 5, B. Harris 6, J. Carter 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Wills 1, E. Morris 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, Mrs. H. J. Poole 4, J. Cooke 5, C. Weston (first 'inside') 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Weston 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Peter W. Jennings, aged 24, killed in a road accident.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Wardell 1, A. W. Beard 2, R. W. Stephens 3, M. Stephens 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5 D. W. Beard 6, S. Holgate 7, G. Cottis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael and All Angels, on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Huddleston (first quarter) 1, A. Smith 2, Miss J. Gorton 3, E. F. Gilbert 4, Mrs. J. Weaver 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (first quarter as cond.) 7, N. Grover 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 600 Grandsire): J. A. Tole 1, Miss E. Burnell (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, Miss R. M. Cooper (first quarter) 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. R. Leach, ringer at this church, who was suddenly called to rest.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jackson 1, L. B. Box 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, J. W. Kirton 4, C. H. Jallands 5, J. Glover 6, A. W. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8. Birthday compliments to J. Glover and L. T. Keel.

BRETFORTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Chamberlain 1, R. Jelfs 2, T. Hands 3, C. Tompkins 4, S. Betts 5, J. Hall 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, J. Court 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to John C. Perkins, for 63 years a member of the local band.

BRISTOL.—At Emmanuel Church, Clifton, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. I. Kennelly 1, Miss J. Holloway 2, Miss J. A. Rose 3, R. J. Stokes (first in the method 'inside') 4, Miss B. E. Lloyd Roberts 5, I. H. Trueman 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, F. D. Mack 8.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Millward 1, A. Lewis (first quarter Grandsire) 2, J. Hayes 3, J. E. Usher 4, A. G. Watkin 5, F. H. Birks 6, D. H. B. Millward (first quarter Grandsire as cond.) 7, J. E. Ellis (first quarter Grandsire) 8. Rung for Advent Sunday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,344 Single Oxford Major: J. Bray (cond.) 1, C. A. Harrison 2, H. Morwood 3, A. Tomlinson 4, R. Chafer 5, H. Hall 6, P. Barnes 7, G. W. Moody 8. First in the method by all. Rung for the church's patronal festival.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bellamy 1, J. Walls 2, S. Wyburn (cond.) 3, E. Parker 4, A. J. Chubb 5, Major H. J. Cann 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook.

COLEBROOKE, DEVON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burnett 1, Miss P. Willmington 2, W. Panter (cond.) 3, W. Ashdown 4, F. Willmington 5, A. C. Thorne (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells. Rung as a 21st brithday compliment to Mr. S. Thorne son of the tenor ringer, and member of local band.

CORFE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford (first as cond.) 1, R. Shire 2, B. Burstow 3, D. North (first of Stedman) 4, A. H. Reed 5.

COSSINGTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Carpenter 1, Diana Seal 2, L. Lovett (cond.) 3, W Swan 4, W. Draper 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Alderman P. F. Astill, churchwarden for 50 years.

ELTHAM, S.E.9.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming 2, E. Crowder 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. Long 8. Rung for the engagement of Mr. E. Long and Miss M. Rimmer, of Chorley, Lancs.

FAREHAM, HANTS. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Marwood (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, E. A. Marsh 3, W. Linter 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Noble 6, A. H. Sturgess (first 'inside') 7, A. J. Dye 8.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Allen (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, J. Wallis (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, G. Kirby 6.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Saunders 1, A. W. Green 2, E. Riddett 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, F. A. Green 5, L. Lacey 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Southward (first quarter of Major) 1, F. J. Jackson 2, J. Ling 3, G. Tembey 4, A. Eilbeck 5, G. McKay 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. E. Freeman, Vicar of Hensingham, 1918–1940, and Mr. J. I. Nulty churchwarden.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Nov 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Henry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Mansley 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley (first quarter in method) 4, J. E. Briggs (first quarter in method) 5, F. Stead (first quarter as cond. and in the method) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Vicar (Canon B. E. Hughes, M.A., B.D.), who was interred at Lampeter, Cardiganshire, earlier in the day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov 30th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: S. Meadows 1, H. Warboys 2, C. E. Wright 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, S. Penfold 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. First in two Triples method by all. Rung for the patronal festival.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, E. W. Furbanks 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8, C. W. Ottley 9, J. Bullock 10.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. J. Catton 1, Miss M. Munt 2, R. Hall 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw 6. Rung for St. Andrew's Day and the patronal festival.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Weddell (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, S. Smith 3, F. Day (first in the method) 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Jarvis 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, L. Offord 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Advent Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Josiah Morris 1, E. Morris 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Winifred M. Burton 4, S. Burton 5, J. M. Thorley 6, E. J. Clements 7, G. A. Olliffe 8, J. Bramley 9, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Plain Bob Royal for 3, 4 and 5.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Mrs. T. G. Fox 1, C. R. Smith 2, T. G. Fox 3, C. A. Hughes 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. Grove 6, E. D. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8. First in method by 4 and 7.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, Miss R. Gibbons 4, H. Prout 5, A. W. J. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, J. F. Allen 8. Rung for Confirmation.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin 2, S. Lloyd-Evans 3, R. Fraser 4, C. W. Ward (cond.) 5, W. Vince 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Doris Walden 1, N. B. Davis 2, B. Cheeseman 3, Christine Davis (first quarter) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, F. C. Davis 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Williams, of St. Wenn, Cornwall, on the birth of their daughter. Piddlehinton was the first tower in which Mr. and Mrs. Williams rang together as husband and wife.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Sims (first quarter in the method) 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, H. W. Milford 3, A. Mitchelmore 4, H. F. Myers 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, C. A. Jones 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLX.—On Advent Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Pitchall 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, C. Poulter 3, W. Prockson 4, A. Hunter 5, P. Thrift 6, Tom Collins (cond.) 7, W. Bunce, jun., 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Etherington (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curtis 2, F. W. Lewis 3, B. J. Luff 4, B. W. Farhall 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung as a New Year greeting to the church.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District Annual at Aberavon

Although starting late owing to a funeral service at the church, a very successful meeting was held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on December 1st, where over 40 members from a wide area really enjoyed themselves.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Morgaun (the Ven Lawrance Thomas), who was assisted by the curate. An excellent tea followed which was provided by the ladies of the church and the young ringers of the local band did their best in helping them.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Archdeacon. The hon. District secretary and the hon. District auditor were both re-elected and thanks accorded for their past services. Particulars of the proposed trip to the festival at Knighton were read and it was unanimously agreed that the committee carry on with the arrangements.

A report was given by the Master of the Guild on the various towers and the work being done by the local bands. The bells will ring again at Devynock.

After a letter had been read from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' re ordering further copies, it was agreed to give a donation of 21s. towards the added cost of production.

The handing-over, by the hon. general secretary, of the 'Illuminated Address' for Mr. Ernie Stitch then took place.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, also for the excellent tea. The Archdeacon, in his reply, remarked that the Guild had a very appropriate form of service.

On the return to the tower the bells were kept going to various methods including Cambridge, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major and with our well-known friend, Mr. Jack Pitman, on the treble, the bells were brought to rest at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Duffry, Neath, in March.

J. A. H.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch's Annual Social

This very popular function was held this year at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Oxton, Birkenhead, on November 24th and attracted a gathering of over 200 ringers, relatives and friends. Ringers were present from Neston, West Kirby, Capenhurst, Upton, Bidston, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Wallasey St. Nicholas', Birkenhead St. Mary's, Oxton, Port Sunlight, Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham and Chester.

The very pleasant hall was filled to capacity and coloured lights, balloons and beautiful floral decorations (kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton) added to the gaiety of the occasion.

A varied programme of games, dances and novelty items had been arranged and entered into with obvious enjoyment but, as usual, the time from 7 p.m. till midnight passed so quickly that the programme was never in any fear of being exhausted. Soloists were Messrs. Cyril Smith and Ian McDonald while the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Rockley, delighted all with his rendering of two very fine bass songs.

Once again the refreshments proved one of the highlights of the evening, there being both quality and quantity to satisfy the needs of youth. The function ended at midnight and in view of the shocking weather conditions all were thankful that late transport was provided. The Social Committee are to be warmly congratulated on once again arranging such an enjoyable function and, as before, the question on everyone's lips is 'How can so much be provided at so little a charge?' The answer, as in all bellringing matters, is 'Co-operation.'

BELLS AROUND LIVERPOOL

With news of the dedication of Liverpool Cathedral bells, the following contribution from Mr. E. L. Humphriss regarding the bells of Childwall is apposite:—

The sound of church bells has been heard over Childwall Valley, now fast losing its rural characteristics, for over four centuries. Childwall, reference to which, incidentally, is made in the Domesday Book, purchased three bells cast by Rich. Seliock, of Nottingham, and installed them in the Church of All Saints in 1517. An ancient rhyme sings their praises thus:—

Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride.
Three parish church all in a row,
Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride,
Childwall for ringing and singing beside.

The smallest of Childwall's three bells, weighing 41 lb., is recorded as having been sold about the middle of the 16th century, and there are records concerning the remaining bells, weighing 417 lb. and 518 lb. respectively, having been cracked and recast on numerous occasions. By 1721 the ring had been augmented to four bells, and needing repair they were again recast and augmented to five by Rudhall, of Gloucester. An additional treble was added in 1751. The tower was rebuilt in 1810, but the six bells—all by Rudhall—remained until 1912 when John Warner, of Spitalfields, was entrusted with the work of recasting and rehanging in a new steel frame.

On the rising ground across the valley stands the square-stoned battlemented and pinnacled tower of St. Michael's, worthy of Huyton's pride; its origin unknown, but with the date 1664 inscribed on the top. Huyton's first bells, a ring of four, were acquired from the King Majesty's Council in 1553, the accompanying record informing us that 'two only were paid for.' The reason for them being thus purchased was probably due to the cessation of the bell-founding industry on the Crown's acquisition of monastery bells during the Reformation. In 1846 Huyton's four bells were augmented to six, but the old tenor bell was of unsuitable tone and in 1850 was presented to Roby, where a new tower was built for it. Cast in 1512, most probably in the foundry from which Childwall's original bells came, it is reputed to be the oldest bell in the diocese. The present tenor at Huyton bears the date 1606.

The rhymester's 'Prescot for poverty' is certainly not applicable to the church, St. Mary-the-Virgin. It is the fourth church to be built on the site. On the installing of eight bells by Mears, in 1845, the previous ring of six (recast 1638)) is believed locally to have been presented to a Rainhill chapel.

QUARTER PEALS

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): R. Giles 1, W. Pether 2, G. Guess (cond.) 3, A. Sorenson 4, M. Hooton 5, H. Eaton 6. Rung for St. Edmund's Day.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brewer (first quarter) 1, R. M. Currie 2, T. Tocock 3, P. Corfield (first quarter) 4, H. D. Buckingham (cond.) 5. Rung for rededication of the tenor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 18th, 1,304 Little Bob Royal: T. J. Southam 1, Miss O. Martin 2, D. G. Clift 3, R. W. Darvill 4, H. G. Mason 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to G. W. Debenham.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Bond (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, Joan Hills 3, Constance Chinnery 4, A. Howell (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, S. Bull 6. Rung for St. Cecilia's Day.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At St. Gregory's, on Nov. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Dixon 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. Ambrose 3, H. Herbert 4, W. Scott 5, L. Johnson 6, L. Mills 7, A. Haynes (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Lever, a lifelong member and chorister of this church.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual, St. James's, Taunton, December 15th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Names for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9897

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The December meeting of the Association will be held at Saltburn, not Skelton, on Saturday, December 15th, at 3 p.m. —P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 9915

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Cottenham (6), December 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also, please note A.G.M., Ely, January 5th.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 9892

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 9885

TO MEETING ORGANISERS

Owing to the Christmas holidays the last date for receiving notices of meetings for the issue of 'The Ringing World' for Friday, December 28th, is

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

Please make allowance for postal delays and send copy as early as possible.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gt. Staughton, Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. And please note A.G.M., January 26th, Huntingdon.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9923

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—Dedication of new tenor bell on December 15th by the Archdeacon of Southend. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Buses leave Maldon 1.40 p.m., return 4.35, 6.5 and 10.5 p.m. Light refreshments after service. 9893

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8), Saturday, December 15th, 3. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9886

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Upchurch (6) on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. W. May. 9876

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 15th, All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 5 p.m. Business and further ringing 6.30.—A. Boyack, Wanstead 1575. 9902

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, December 15th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) to all who notify on or before 14th, Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9916

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Joint meeting, Saturday December 15th. Ringing at Hadleigh from 2.45. Tea at White Lion, Hadleigh. Hintlesham bells after tea. Frequent bus service. 9890

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, December 15th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after. Nominations for officers for 1952 at this meeting. 9898

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be **no** meeting at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, December 22nd.—A. B. Peck Sec. 9924

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, December 22nd. Opening of bells after rehanging on ball bearings. Dedication service 2.30. Tea in Village Hall 4.45. Please notify, by December 19th, Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road Sapcote. 9922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, December 22nd, 6.30 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9921

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting Alresford, on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. After tea, Cambridge practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9896

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice of annual general meeting, Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 19th.—G. C. Bagley, Hon. Sec. 9913

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QUARTER PEALS

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hawkins 1, R. Coleman 2, J. Weadon 3, Miss M. M. Legg 4, Miss M. Legg 5, Rev. H. F. Warren 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, D. Harris 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Rung for the celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. A. Pool, of Weston-super-Mare.

WOOLWICH, LONDON, S.E.18.—On Nov 25th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: Miss C. Smith 1, F. Hurrell 3, A. Grove, sen., 4, T. Culver 5, R. Johnson 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Woolwich and for the Rural Deanery Choir Festival.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robinson 1, D. Rice 2, G. Salmon (cond.) 3, R. Gardiner 4, V. Roberts 5, A. Weare 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

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