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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SO much of ringers' thoughts and writings are in retrospect that the future at times receives very scant attention. It was indeed strange that at the Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner at Rotherham the concern of the speakers was not of the achievements of the past but of the model and form future ringing should take.

The aims and objects of the great territorial Associations formed in the second half of the last century have been achieved. The Church has recognised the office of bellringer as a servant of the Church ranking in parity with the choir. In fact the dual role of ringer and chorister prevails among a large number of our brethren and sisters today. Ringers in no sense confine their work to the belfry. They are to be found in the ranks of churchwardens, licensed lay readers and parochial church councillors and Sunday School teachers, and it is an exception today to find a tower where at least one member does not hold responsibilities for other sections of church work. Yes, it can truly be said that ringers as a body are integrated into the life of the parish and form a part of the Church Militant.

To a limited degree this has always been the case. Perhaps when the Guilds and Associations were being formed leadership was frequently in the hands of the clergy, not merely from an administrative point of view but in the development and advancement of our art. Today, except in such offices as president or branch chairmen, the clergy do not lead on the practical side, and at the moment we can only recall one Guild where the Master is in Holy Orders. On the Central Council itself we have only two clerics with big responsibilities—the vice-president, understudying the duties of chairman, that in the course of years might devolve on to his shoulders, and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener of the Methods Committee.

Mr. Philip Gray, in his speech at the dinner, created rather a surprise by stating that one in six of the members of the Central Council possessed either university degrees or their equivalent from professional bodies. We do not dispute his calculations; with the expansion of university and higher forms of education since the war this is not surprising. There was a time when the old-stage ringers who were masters of the art of peal ringing regarded many from the universities as 'waistcoat pocket' ringers. Whether the change of dress of the modern young male has meant that the phrase had met with a normal death or the great contribution the universities are now making in the shaping of the advancement of the Exercise renders it unnecessary we do not know. But this fact prevails, and we hope it always will continue, that the fortunes of education, rank or position count as naught inside a belfry. It is the ability of the man (or woman) by his handling, striking and dependability in the method being rung that counts, and by that yardstick he is judged in the eyes of his fellows.

Because of this guiding principle there is a responsibility placed on the universities to produce worthy practitioners in the Exercise. We believe with the modern trend of education that from their ranks will eventually come the Guild executives and leaders in individual towers. But make no mistake, a 'Professor Dodge' will only succeed in giving leadership in the belfry if he has assimilated a profound knowledge of human nature that gets the best out of his team and presents ringing in such a form that the striving after perfection is constantly in the minds of the whole company.

A suggestion was made at Rotherham that in the reframing of the objects of Guilds and Associations particular attention should be paid to silent towers and those where the bells are not rung properly. In tackling the problem of the silent tower the co-operation of the incumbent is essential. It is very largely through his agency that the would be band is recruited. For a tower to succeed an experienced leader is necessary, whether from the parish or outside. There are cases, not infrequently reported in our columns, where a band has started on its own absolutely from scratch. We admire the enthusiasm and pertinacity, but with the right leader progress is much quicker. The success of the Exercise has been built up by enthusiastic leadership. There are ringers who wherever they go have the knack of building up a company, and these are the real servants of the Exercise. Thus in the problem of tackling the silent tower the selection of the leader is of paramount importance. It is not merely 'know-how' but the ability to teach and hold the keenness of the recruit in face of other distractions to win through.

Those who made the journey to Rotherham from afar could not fail to be impressed that here was a proper cradle for ringers. Young people in large numbers are in this part of Yorkshire joining our ranks, and one tower captain informed the writer that he had been able to put in his tower a band of Girl Guides for one service and Boy Scouts for another. The Sunday service ringing the writer heard was good. Sheffield Cathedral band rang for Matins Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus with hardly a trip and a perfect rhythm that brought out the majesty of the tenors. It was indeed cathedral ringing as it should be, setting a standard that keeps Yorkshire amid the foremost towers of the land. Yes, the spirit of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is still alive.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRO. PETER J. STANIFORTH, M.M., Highcross 4835 .. *Treble*
BRO. ALBERT TYLER, M.M., Burnett 6789 .. 2
W. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, L.G.R., P.M., St. Clement Danes' 1351 .. 3
BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, J.W., Elizabethan 7296 .. 4
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, M.M., Arts and Crafts 4134 .. 5
BRO. COLIN HARRISON, S.W., Howe and Charnwood 1007 .. 6
BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, M.M., Rectitude 4727 .. 7
BRO. RICHARD C. INGRAM, M.M., Orion 4993 .. 8
BRO. ARTHUR GIBBS, M.M., Pemberton 3039 .. 9
BRO. W. BERTRAM KYNASTON, M.M., Royal Sussex 355 .. 10
W. BRO. FRANK HANSFORD, P.M., Brotherly Love 329 .. 11
BRO. THOMAS SETTER, M.M., Progressive Science 5007 .. *Tenor*

Composed by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS.
Conducted by BRO. PETER J. STANIFORTH.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	2	PETER BERESFORD	8
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
A. RONALD LING	4	FRANK J. MATTHEWS ..	10
JOAN BERESFORD	5	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	11
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Society, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 RAVENSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	FRANK V. GANT	7
*JOSEPH SAUNDERS	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	8
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ..	4	PETER J. EVES	9
HARRY TURNER	5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung to mark the commencement of the Cathedral Festival.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*NORMAN H. LESLIE ..	*Treble*	*DAVID C. WOODWARD ..	6
BRIAN R. WHITE	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
JOHN DREWITT	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE ..	8
*DENNIS A. LESLIE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
NEIL I. ALLNATT	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal on ten bells.

RAVENSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 12 x 30.16 x 16.90
L.-e. 12 1573 Clean

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER ..	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	PHILIP N. TUBBS	8
JAMES E. DANIELS	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN F. GROVE	6
GWENDOLINE HOWLETT ..	2	†PETER S. BENNETT	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	3	JACK N. BROWN	8
*WILLIAM E. COURT ..	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
RICHARD C. WARBURTON	5	H. STEWART BAILEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten. 150th peal in the tower. 35th on the new bells.
Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. L. L. Gray, Ringing Master in this tower.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5025 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD ..	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ..	6
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	8
PETER WOODWARD	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
J. HENRY FIELDEN	5	KENNETH PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third, and the first in the method for the Association.
Rung to mark the 13th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHACKERSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* 250th peal together. First in the method, and rung without previous practice. John A. Acres has 'circled the tower.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

*ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	6
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
J. RICHARD WILSON ..	3	HENRY STALHAM (87) ..	8
C. ALFRED LEVETT	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* 100th peal. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First of Grandsire Caters on the bells for 37 years.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	DENIS A. FRITH	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	3	*COLIN W. REED	8
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	4	WILLIAM L. EXTON	9
*MRS. COLIN W. REED ..	5	JAMES W. RAITHBY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	†MAURICE J. BUTLER ..	6
*JOHN R. FAITHFULL ..	2	‡GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7
†JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	‡R. ROGER SAVORY	8
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	4	‡GERALD C. HEMMING ..	9
†JOHN HARTLESS	5	†TOM CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Royal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR DAY	*Treble*	GERALD PENNEY	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	REGINALD W. DARVILL ..	7
A. ROWLAND TYSOE ..	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	8
*KENNETH J. DARVILL ..	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	9
†JOYCE DODDS	5	MICHAEL D. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. † First of Caters in the method.

SHACKERSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 12 x 30.16.78.16.90
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

SIDNEY READE	*Treble*	JOHN W. PERKINS	5
HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	COLIN B. LONGMORE ..	6
*SHEILA KEYTE	3	ROBERT W. COLE	7
*MICHAEL G. SELBY	4	ARTHUR SHOREY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Triples.
Arranged and rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.52).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED STONE	*Treble*	DAVID W. PARKIN	5
DAVID GEBBETT	2	DEREK ASTRIDGE	6
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE ..	7
MICHAEL KNIGHT	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.
Fastest peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a 47th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr F. Stone. Also birthday compliments to Miss V. Carlisle, of Risley, and Mr. Clive Walklate, of Derby.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

JACQUELINE S. KING ..	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
RUTH BORDER	2	JOHN MCDONALD	6
DAVID KING	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
First peal of London on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

PETER A. SHARP ..	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	CHARLES H. BAKER	6
DELIA E. SMITH	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	7
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. R. Parker (assistant curate), following his appointment as Vicar of Brothertoft.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	5
PETER J. EVES	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
*HARRY R. APPLETON ..	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	7
*RICHARD J. HARRISON ..	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method.

HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ..	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
*WALTER H. RAXTER ..	3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER ..	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE ..	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to William J. Newman and to Harold E. Raxter.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Ten-Part (C.C.C. 25). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY T. HORRITT ..	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	5
†WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	2	†JOHN E. MORGAN	6
†PATRICIA H. MORGAN ..	3	FRANK REED	7
†CLIVE G. BRYANT	4	*JOHN I. WILCOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Henry Taysom (of Bristol and Penzance) and Miss Janice Organ, who were married at Berkeley the previous Saturday.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MAUREEN WOOLLEY	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	5
RUTH BORDER	2	PETER BORDER	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*BARRIE HENDRY	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.
A birthday compliment to Margaret Turner and Janice Cotterill.

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WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
*ERNEST. E. NORRIS	2	REV. ROGER KEELEY	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
ERIC J. HITCHINS	4	NORMAN G. N. KNEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a tribute to the late E. F. Marlow.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 768 each London and Bristol, 576 Rutland and Ealing, 480 Wembley and Watford, 384 Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, 288 Lincolnshire and 137 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
*RALPH BIRD	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
*STANLEY JENNER	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of 10 Spliced.
A birthday compliment to the composer, and to Mr. A. S. Richards.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
Rung in memoriam Mr. Fred Giles, ringer and church worker at St. John's for many years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method: all the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	*FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
CYRIL VALENTINE	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
*†DENIS MADDOCK	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Spliced in four methods. † 100th peal and 25th on the bells.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
DENIS MADDOCK	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
JOHN ASHCROFT	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILFRED ROBINSON	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
J. FRED MILNER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT	3	NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	7
JOHN E. ANDERSON	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. Mr. N. I. Wright has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	*DONALD LAWSON	5
*KEITH ABBOTT	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	†GORDON ROTHWELL	7
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. The treble and tenor ringers have now 'circled the tower.'

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JUDITH K. ESSEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	5
*E. JANE LANGTON	2	GEOFFREY PRATT	6
MIKAELA ERIK	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
N. DAVID ROBINSON	4	F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' In memoriam George Gilbert.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*GORDON A. HALLS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALFRED LOCKWOOD	*Treble*	LESLIE G. FOSTER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
HUBERT A. MITSON	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
FRANK STERRY	4	ARTHUR E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rector and Mrs. Derbyshire: also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. A. Godfree.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*MARGARET GUTHRIE	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
DAVID W. BRUNNING	3	ROY K. MOUNTFORTH	7
E. MARION KEY	4	*ARTHUR ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Preb. D. K. Robertson, late Vicar of Cannock, on his installation as canon residentiary and custos of Lichfield Cathedral.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

NEIL BENNETT	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	F. JOHN NELSON	6
HAROLD LONYON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
IVOR JENKINS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
A farewell peal for the seventh ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

C. WILLIAM COOPER	*Treble*	ERNEST CALCUTT	5
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	2	*JOHN HILDER	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	7
REV. ALBERT WEBB	4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.
* First peal of Triples. Quarterly peal for the Association: also a birthday compliment to Alfred W. Glazzard.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
A. REX AGG	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*DENIS HEAPY	*Treble*	WALTER SHERRATT	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	*ROY WORRALL	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	JOHN E. BROUGH	7
ALAN D. STEEL	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

JACK ROACH	*Treble*	FRED HODGSON	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
THOMAS M. COX	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

SIX BELL PEALS

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

LAURENCE A. R. CURRAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. WATSON	4
RALPH E. CLARK	2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	5
JOHN J. CUMMINS	3	JAMES F. HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
First peal in Australia with Extremes.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	*HENRY TOOKE	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
*WILLIAM CLOVER	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGRESS.
* 25th peal together.
Arranged in honour of the wedding of Miss E. R. Slegg and Mr. H. Parnell, which took place at Great Ryburgh.

ST. KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*GRAHAM F. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	*MARIAN DRIVER	4
*HELEN HOBBINS	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
ANTHONY LOCKE	3	*DEREK R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT W. JOSE.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of St. Kea.

SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

ANTHONY R. MANN	*Treble*	RONALD K. RUSS	4
*BARRY J. DAVIES	2	HOWARD OGLESBY	5
ROBERT A. REEVES	3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 23 methods: (1) Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, sen.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 2.160 of Cambridge and two extents each of Norwich and Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. YATES	*Treble*	HARRY JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM A. KITSON	2	SIDNEY J. BOWYER	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	HORACE D. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
First peal on the bells since being restored.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell, B.A., and Mrs Cottrell, who are leaving for Cradley.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. RONALD FETHERS	*Treble*	PETER WM. HORN	4
HILARY L. KIRKMAN	2	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON	3	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Armitage, a faithful worker at the church.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents of Beverley Surprise, two of Surfleet Surprise and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	4
*PATRICIA HEATHER	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
REGINALD W. REX	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Minor.

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ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

William E. Clarke	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Alan G. Payne	2	*Frederick Derry	5
Harold Barsley	3	*James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First anti-clockwise peal. The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle,' and the conductor has now called a peal from each bell.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 extents (ten callings) and six different 240's (Morris'). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Harry Callwood	*Treble*	*Edward Shuttleworth	4
Robert Barratt	2	John Robinson	5
Brian Schofield	3	George Forrester	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal in the method, and of Doubles. The ringers of 3 and 6 have now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung prior to the consecration of the extension to the churchyard by the Bishop of Chester.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 HITCHAM DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	4
John R. Mayne	2	John Hill	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

HITCHAM DELIGHT MINOR
34—34.6—12—123—12—3. 6ths place lead: 164523.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John Munton	*Treble*	Adrienne Gibson	4
Sylvia Marsh	2	William Parrott	5
*Carolyn D. Cockman	3	†John Davidge	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Parrott.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung by members of St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, Sunday service bands.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Archibald T. Knight	*Treble*	Walter Beaven	4
Sidney G. Grant	2	Norman Knee	5
David J. Knight	3	Frederick S. Slatford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
Rung to mark the retirement of Canon P. Sexty after 34 years' service in this parish; also for the induction of the Rev. R. Poston.

HANDBELL PEAL

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
At 36, Eastgate.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's.

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Charles Barker	3—4
Malcolm Lincoln	5—6		

Conducted by Charles Barker.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 25th, 2,5!0 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rhodes (first half) 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Sheila Henry (first half) 3, Janet E. Brook 4, B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. H. Bagot (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, Enid Roberts 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, B. R. Cox (first of Stedman) 5, H. C. Moule (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on October 16th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): F. N. Smeaton 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6. For Confirmation.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: S. Flint 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 4, K. Rothwell 5, A. L. Pearson 6, W. E. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8. A compliment to the three octogenarian ringers—S. Flint (81 years), W. Rimmer (82 years), J. Marsh (83 years).

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Hatfield 4, L. Busby 5, J. Eustace (first quarter of Triples) 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Anne's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Z. Ogilvie 1, J. M. Payton 2, T. Bevan 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, M. Lewis 7, P. J. Herring 8. Rung in memoriam George Gilbert, by his friends from the Hampstead and Highgate bands.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Butler 1, E. D. Poole 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss D. Hague (first quarter of Stedman) 4, K. Buckingham 5, R. E. Dean 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, in memoriam George Gilbert.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Devey 1, H. Butler 2, Margaret Guthrie 3, D. Jordan 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, Arthur Armstrong 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. For St. Luke's Day, and for the installation of Preb. D. K. Robertson as Canon Residentiary and Custos of Lichfield Cathedral. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Bishop.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,344 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, H. W. Knight 2, L. Derrick 3, P. J. Bird 4, G. Prescott 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, S. G. Smith 8. In memoriam J. B. Hesse.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at St. Leonard's, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: J. Avis 1, Rachael Newstead 2, W. J. Brant 3, F. G. Oliver 4, G. W. Barnes 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, G. Monckton 2, R. Dean 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Welch 6, J. Drew (cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8. For the tenor ringer's 27th wedding anniversary.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): B. W. Smith 1, P. Coddington (first 'inside') 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (first as cond.) 5, P. Burton 6. For Evensong.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, C. Eades 3, Miss K. Walsh 4, F. Farnsworth 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, B. R. Jemmett 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Harvest Festival.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holway 1, W. H. Tarr 2, P. Cox 3, R. Shepherd 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Kirkup (first quarter) 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, Sandra Freeman 3, C. Rigby 4, F. W. Eydon 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Bennett 1, H. K. White 2, A. H. Webb 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. K. White 4, J. H. Napper 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, Miss W. Smith 3, A. Corran 4, T. Durn 5, D. Shaw 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to R. H. Smith (vice-captain) and D. Shaw, at present doing National Service.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Skinner 1, T. Wills 2, A. T. Truman 3, C. P. Yates 4, E. Glass 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, G. S. Luxton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Mitchell, interred this day, for over 50 years a ringer at this church and for 30 years a member of the Exeter Cathedral Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Rogers 1, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 2, C. H. Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, M. Gathercole 5, G. B. Beebe 6, J. R. Perrett 7, N. F. Felton 8. First of Stedman for 1, 3 and 5. For Evensong, and as a welcome home, from Sierra Leone, to G. B. Beebe.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Frost (cond.) 1, Miss J. I. Frost 2, D. M. Trueman 3, J. W. Felce 4, S. F. Earl 5, J. Payne 6. For Harvest Festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. F. Mortlock 1, S. H. Symonds 2, A. Knight 3, F. Hunt 4, F. A. Poulson 5, S. Smith 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Pryke 8. Birthday compliment to F. A. Poulson.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: S. Harrison 1, P. J. Chilton 2, D. J. Simpson 3, Miss B. Manship 4, R. Elkington 5, I. J. Fraser 6, A. M. Lindsey 7, K. B. Townsend 8, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 9, A. J. Cooke 10. Half-muffled in memory of Canon H. V. Williams, Vicar, 1926-1936.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): L. W. Key 1, F. A. Sedgwick 2, Jill V. Morgan 3, M. W. Elson 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. West 1, H. Adams 2, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, E. Franks 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: G. Hewlett (cond.) 1, A. Crowe 2, R. Coates 3, M. Utton 4, N. Cassey 5, R. Brown 6, P. Kindred 7, M. Parker 8. First in method 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. A. Bevis (cond.) 1, Jennifer Lewis 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, D. Feek 5, W. Moore 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

MORETON PINKNEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Roberts 1, G. Linnell 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. E. Truman 4, J. Linnell 5. For the wedding of Joyce Leeding and Malcolm Arthur Bignell.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. Davies 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, F. J. Sage 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, A. B. Shingler 5, E. J. W. Manley (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Knee 1, P. Harding 2, Mrs. Penn 3, E. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, F. Slatford (cond.) 6, F. Penn 7, M. Phillips 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Knight (silver wedding) and Mrs. Edwards (birth of a son).

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct 23rd, 1,176 Grandsire Triples: J. Clark 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. White 4, D. Hughes (first 'inside') 5, K. Tipper 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, B. Kercher 8. For Evensong and the christening of Helen Margaret Davison, daughter of a local ringer.

PILTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, L. Rooke 2, B. Boyle 3, C. Rooke 4, D. Jewell 5, W. Turk 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, R. K. C. Wilkngs 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the Mission, and as a birthday compliment to J. Hales.

PRESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew): B. Wakefield (first on treble) 1, R. Wakefield (first 'mixed') 2, G. Land (first as cond.) 3, Miss A. Stephens (first mixed') 4, P. Lewis (first 'mixed') 5.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Martin 1, Maryl Crossthwaite 2, M. Crossthwaite 3, D. Lawson (cond.) 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, F. Stead 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Rung for Evensong and on the eve of the Preston Rural Deanery annual meeting of the S.P.G.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Miles 1, Miss C. Cobbold 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, J. Webb 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, T. W. Edwards 8. For the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and and W. C. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jarman, also a 21st birthday compliment to G. C. Durham.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Davies (first of Minor) 1, J. Lawrence 2, F. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, D. Price 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): R. B. Hughes 1, B. Taylor 2, A. F. Hartley 3, D. Llewellyn 4, R. G. Havard 5, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hartley, parents of the ringers of 3 and 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Simpson 2, Miss C. Webb (first 'inside') 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SHEBBEAR, NORTH DEVON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Queen 1, P. C. Plant 2, I. R. Slee 3, A. V. Queen (cond.) 4, P. R. Turner 5, I. Collins 6. By Shebbear College Society.

SPELBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. Floyd 2, A. Leach 3, R. Datson 4, W. Butler 5, A. Franklin 6. For Harvest Festival.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Nichols and E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. D. Baldock 3, C. Perkins 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Single Court and Oxford Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. D. Baldock 3, E. Cox 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. Slaughter, a ringer at Stamford for over 50 years.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SALOP.—On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. E. Morris 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, F. Leech 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, R. H. Newton 5, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Aug. 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 540 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Young 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond., Plain Bob) 2-3, D. C. Morgan 4, D. G. Pickett 5, C. B. Fynes (cond., Cambridge) 6. For Evensong.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prisca Hornby (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Myrtle Williams 2, W. Hawthorn (first quarter) 3, W. Young 4, D. Brown (first as cond.) 5, A. Carter (first quarter) 6. Rung by ringers from Winchester Cathedral.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Davies 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, J. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, F. Lawrence 5, M. Hawkes 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: S. Orchard (first of Doubles) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. A. Bull (first of Doubles inside') 3, C. T. Brown 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. Heawood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Hughes (first of Major) 1, C. Simpson (first of Major) 2, Diana Lawless 3, C. M. Meyer 4, A. J. Frost 5, J. D. Rock 6, R. F. Overington (first of Major 'inside') 7, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 8. The ringer of the 4th rang this bell to his first quarter peal a quarter of a century ago.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, R. E. Finch 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth 4, D. Holland 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): J. Linell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, G. Foddy 6. Rung as a 4th birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Andrew.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Sunday, October 23rd, the Freshford Church Bell-ringers' Guild, Somerset, held their annual service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Francis Pollard, who is also Tower Master. The secretary, Mr. J. Harvey Green, presented five new candidates. The Rector then admitted Ruth Brown as a probationer; and L/A. Royston Newman, Roger Bishton, Robert Parsons and David Dawe as members of the Guild. The bellringers' office hymn was then sung. The Guild now consists of fourteen members and two probationers.

Three octogenarians ringers took part in a quarter peal at Aughton, Lancs—S. Flint (81 years), W. Rimmer (82) and J. Marsh (83).

Shenstone Church, which is near Lichfield, Staffs, is to have an additional two bells installed by next Easter, thus making a ring of five.

Birmingham ringers had an enjoyable week-end in South Wales on October 15/16th, with peals of Bristol Surprise at Usk and London Surprise at Ebbw Vale.

The late Mr. George Gilbert was a very good friend of the University of London Society. To his memory the Society rang a peal at Burnham, on October 22nd.

We hear that the recent trip to England by boys of Groton School, Massachusetts, had paid great dividends in terms of knowledge, rhythm and good striking. 'We will be eternally grateful to all our English friends who helped us,' writes Mr. Russell Young.

Mr. Harold B. Scholfield, of Bradford Cathedral, had five of his young people in a half peal on October 25th. Their respective ages were 12, 12, 15, 15 and 15. It is a pleasure to see the next generation taking their places.

Owing to the difficulty of public transport to Great Hale, Lincs, where the next meeting of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild is to be held on November 12th, lifts from Sleaford or Heckington will be provided for anyone who informs the secretary, Mr. S. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

Ratby cum Groby, Leicestershire, are fortunate in their new Rector, the Rev. Peter R. Blackman, who is an accomplished ringer, having spent five years at Aylestone, where there is a ring of eight. He will now have two rings of bells in his charge. In a peal in honour of his institution were the president, secretary and treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and also three others from Aylestone and one from Ratby.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. Denty, of Twyford.

The quarter peal rung at Southover (see page 719), was rung as a compliment to Mr. Ernest H. Fuller, on his 90th birthday.

The silencing work has been completed in Church Gresley belfry, Staffs, with wood-wool slabs and the noise is no longer overpowering to the ringers.

Faced with raising £4,000 for the rehanging of their bells, Beaminster, Dorset, Ringing Guild are holding an open day on November 19th. Details advertised next week.

The Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, who has been clerical secretary to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 44 years, has tendered his resignation.

Three members of the recently formed St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, took part in the quarter peal of Bob Major at their own tower on October 20th. It is understood that this is to be the first of many quarter peals to be rung on these bells.

Mr. E. Barnett writes: 'Another peal at the Curfew Tower, Windsor, was omitted from the article in the issue of October 21st—one of Grandsire Triples, by the Cumberlands, nearly 70 years ago, which was conducted by William Barron.'

Mrs. J. I. Anderson (née Scrutten) thanks ringers of Christ Church, Ealing, and neighbouring towers for their beautiful wedding gift of a chiming clock and also for the quarter peal that made her wedding day memorable.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

NOT so many as in the past few years, but still a substantial gathering of 156 members and friends were present at the 23rd annual dinner, held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 8th and presided over by the Very Rev. R. L. P Milburn, Dean of Worcester and president of the Association. He was supported by Mrs. Milburn; Mr. D. Beacham (vice-chairman) and Mrs. Beacham; Rev. R. M. Powell (Kempsey) and Mrs. Powell; Rev. M. H. Richards (St. John's, Worcester) and Mrs. Richards; Rev. H. L. Davies (Cradley); Rev. A. M. Moreton Jackson (Leigh); Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

The list of apologies was rather unusual, including several who make a point of never willingly missing the event. Among these were the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright), who is in Canada and U.S.A. in connection with his profession. The attractive menu cards contained the caption: 'Greetings from Canada. —Here's hoping you all have a very pleasant evening.—The Master.'

Other apologies were from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. C. E. Stuart; the Revs. L. J. Birch (Chaplain) and A. W. Webb (vice-president), and Messrs. G. J. Lewis and R. R. Savory The task of seating the gathering was again unobtrusively carried out by the three stewards—Messrs F. Hyde, T. W. Lewis and J. J. Stanier.

Following the loyal toast, the toast of 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations' was submitted by the Rev. R. M. Powell, who said he could not claim any vast knowledge of the ringing of bells, but he was fortunate in having a parish with a loyal band of ringers and he was grateful for them. He spoke in praise of the Association for all the reforms they had brought about and congratulated them on their great work. Concluding, he felt that their heartfelt sympathy would go out, that evening, to their Chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch, and to Mrs. Birch, in their recent loss through the tragic death of their son.

THE FOCAL POINT

Responding, Mr. Hugh Neill extended a welcome to visitors from no less than 10 counties and also said how gratified they were to see so many clergy present. He himself was especially grateful to the Rev. M. H. Richards, at whose church he had the privilege of teaching to ring a young band of scholars from King's School. Personally, he felt that Worcester should be the focal point of the Association and the standard of ringing in the city reflect the health of the organisation. Through lack of practice this year, things had not gone quite according to plan, but the lapse was only temporary and they were now returning to normal. The attendance, however, that evening reflected the enthusiasm in the Association, and a proof that it was still going strong.

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. D. Beacham, who reminded the gathering that it was in the unavoidable absence of the Master that he had this honour, as vice-chairman, an honour accorded to him as being representative of the younger generation.

The Dean, in reply, remarked on the number of young ringers present, and how agreeable it was to see young and fresh faces year by year. 'I can't help reflecting,' he continued, 'how your bells ring out, year by year, the course of human life and I think this is a very significant and happy fact. It is with a feeling of pride that I stand before you and pay tribute for your devotion to a difficult and really worthwhile art in which you are highly skilled.'

After the toast list a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band: Miss V. Barnes 1-2, W. J. Newman 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, J. D. Johnson 7-8, Mrs. P. Harris 9-10. With the addition of R. Newman, the same band, with one bell each, rang 120 Grandsire Doubles by changing places. This caused no little amusement to the company, and quite a surprise to the band, for the fact that it came into rounds.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided by Henry Hall and his party and the evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the national anthem. J. D. J.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 45

MR. HAROLD CHANT
Yorkshire Association

It is to Mr. Harold Chant, of Wakefield, that the Exercise is indebted for introducing to it that amusing if elusive character 'The Professor,' whose thirst for knowledge and information seems to be insatiable. The provocative utterances of this gentleman have aroused much interest and discussion, up and down the country, and the general result is stimulating. There is, of course, a fringe of superior folk who do not approve the treatment of a serious subject in such a lighthearted manner, but it does us all good to have a touch of humour introduced into our reading, and most of us are grateful to Harold Chant for bringing 'the Professor' into our circle.

Harold was born at Darnall, Sheffield, in 1910, and obtained his education the hard way in technical colleges at Doncaster, Lincoln and Wakefield. He was at one time a member of the W.E.A., attending their lectures and courses. He learned to ring at Felkirk, when he was 10 years old, and rang his first peal (Bob Minor) at the same place in 1927. He became a Minor enthusiast, and of his 180 peals, 40 of which he conducted, over 100 have been peals of Minor. Of these, only six have been in less than 7 methods.

His other peals have ranged from Minor to Maximus on tower bells, and Minor to Royal on handbells. He was one of the band at Felkirk which, in 1929, rang no less than 252 extents of Minor in 252 methods. In 1931 he took part in a peal of 10,800 Surprise Minor in 15 methods at Rotherham, which he believes is the longest length of Surprise Minor yet rung. He learned much of his 'theory from Mr. George Lewis, and has contributed many useful articles to the pages of this paper, including 'Random thoughts on Bob Major and T B. Minor,' 'Modification of the half lead system of extracting false course heads,' 'History of the Barnsley and District Society,' etc., etc.

Always in the forefront in preaching the gospel of good striking, his services are in great demand as a judge in ringing contests in the North and Midlands, and he has established a great reputation for his fairness. He has been treasurer of the Barnsley and District Society for 30 years; Ringing Master of the Southern District, Yorks Association, for 20 years, and served on the Central Council from 1947 to 1951.

His other hobbies are chess and music. In the former he has played for four years in inter-county tournaments and so far has an unbeaten record. In music, he holds the Special Certificate of the Royal Schools of Music. He contributes a chess column in the West Yorks Teachers' Magazine, and Mrs. Chant does the music reviews in the same paper. By profession, Harold is in the building trade. He was in the R.A.F. for 3½ years, as an engine fitter. He is a family man, having three children. Michael, 15½ (who stubbornly refuses to learn to ring), Helen, 9½, and Susan, 1½. Mrs. Chant is a teacher by profession, and Harold is loud in his praise of her patience in putting up both with him and his ringing for so long.

There is a lot more we could say about Harold, if only space permitted—but this we will say, his sound common sense and his inexhaustible supply of good humour have endeared him to all his friends, and particularly to the readers of this paper.

JAFUS.

FOUR PEALS OF SURPRISE IN ONE DAY

An attempt to create a new record by ringing five peals of Surprise Major, in five different towers, with five conductors, nearly came off on October 15th. Four peals had been duly rung and with only six courses of Yorkshire to finish a miscall foiled us. Arrangements for the towers were very ably carried out by Mr. Geoff Dodd and a strong band was assembled together. On Friday evening, October 14th, six of us stayed at the Old Mill Hotel, Aldermaston. A start was made at Aldermaston, at 3 a.m., for Cambridge, with bells fully muffled. Two of the local atomic guards wondered why the bells were sounding so early! Breakfast was served at the Old Mill, at 6.10 a.m., by Mrs. E. Arlott, whose husband used to be the local ringers' captain.

A short run brought us to Stratfield Mortimer, where the bells were already up, thanks to Mrs. A. Cowdry and Mr. J. Taylor. We commenced ringing at 7.10 a.m. and Rutland was duly brought round. Before starting at Thatcham, we had time for a short snack, and slight delay was experienced in the tower through finding two clappers still tied after practice. An excellent peal of Lincolnshire was scored, starting at 11.15 a.m.

By this time we were all ready for lunch, before continuing to Bucklebury, where we were met by Mr. A. Hawkins. It was a sad reminder that last time we came here on September 20th, 1958, we were entertained to coffee by the late Miss Stella Davis. Superlative was duly brought round, starting at 3.12 p.m. To save time, we had our tea (no drinks!), in the form of sandwiches, on our way to Highclere, and starting at 7.18 p.m. all felt fit and confident that we should score No. 5. However, after 2 hours of Yorkshire a miscall was a big disappointment. It certainly shows that progress today demands a high standard, when a band is disappointed with only ringing **four** peals!

However, thanks to the very generous hospitality of the local Rector, the Rev. T. Lewis, and his wife, we soon cheered up, and were glad to be sitting down round a cosy fire, eating sandwiches and drinking beer (the first all day!). Mr. G. B. Evans, a local ringer, also played back a tape recording of our ringing.

Special mention must be made of the excellent ringing of Mr. Reg Rex, one of our very active one-armed ringers. He would have been quite happy to have started again, after 13 hours 45 minutes ringing and over 24,000 changes behind him!

Grateful thanks are extended to all the local clergy for kindly allowing the attempts, and especially to Dr. R. Payne, of Aldermaston. Also to Mr. E. J. Munday, for providing the necessary transport, and Malcolm Cloke's very useful motor cycle. It is hoped to have another attempt in the New Year.

A. P. C.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob): Miss M. Morrison (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury (first in more than one method) 2, Miss W. Whitaker (first in more than one method) 3, A. Spreadbury (first in more than one method as cond.) 4, T. Bailey 5, W. Vince 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving and as a compliment to the tenor ringer on becoming a grandfather.

Controversy At Durham & Newcastle Annual Meeting

THE Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association acknowledges its dual allegiance by holding its annual meeting alternately in the two dioceses. This year it was the turn of the younger diocese and the meeting was held in Newcastle, on October 1st. Ringing was available in the morning at Gosforth, and in the afternoon at Jesmond, Fenham and Newcastle Cathedral.

The service was held in Newcastle Cathedral. The Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, conducted the service and gave the address. He said that the bells today took on the role that had been given to the silver trumpets in the lesson from the book of Numbers and were used for calling together the 'congregation.' The 'congregation' in that context embraced the whole of Israel—the people of God. So today the bells call to all the people of God—to all who have been baptised—but as with Christ's call of old some respond and some do not. Mr. J. L. Keen played the organ and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 7s. 8d.

The tea and business meeting were held in the vestry of St. John's, where the catering was most efficiently carried out by members of St. John's Drama Society. This arrangement provided a first class meal at a reduced price for the ringers, while raising funds for the Drama Society through the voluntary labours of its members.

NEW PEAK IN PEAL RINGING

The president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed the company of almost 80 and expressed appreciation of the warmth of the welcome that he had received in visiting the districts. The various reports on the year's work were presented and adopted. In these the secretary reported that meetings had been well supported and that peal ringing, which had reached a new peak, was largely accounted for by a handful of ringers. The area had had an unusual influx of visitors during the year. The treasurer reported an increase in the balance in hand from £108 14s. 11d. to £123 4s. 7d., in which the general fund had gone from £77 13s. 3d. to £87 7s. 11d., but he warned members of forthcoming heavy demands for printing.

The peal report showed that 56 peals had been rung in 27 towers with one on handbells. Of the 71 ringers taking part, 11 scored their first peal but no new conductor had appeared. Leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 42, E. N. Harrison 36, G. S. Deas 35 and J. E. Anderson 27. There were 15 conductors but J. A. Ainsworth's 24 was well ahead of all the others.

SCHEME OF INSTRUCTION

Last year the office of Ringing Master was created and the meeting heard a report of the first year's efforts directed towards the formulation of an efficient scheme of instruction for the Association. The problems had been discussed by a panel and a sub-committee had been entrusted with formulation of some details. Alongside the attempts at an organised scheme many individual efforts had done valuable work, especially in ending the long silence that had prevailed at St. Peter's, Jarrow.

The trustees were able to report that the property of the Association was safe and sound.

The election of officers saw all the retiring officers re-elected, thus making the list for 1960-61 as follows: President, Mr. T. Cooke; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; honorary secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; honorary auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur; trustees, Messrs. W. N. Park and N. I. Wright.

District officers.—Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth (vice-president), Mr. G. S. Deas (honorary secretary); Southern: Mr. F. W. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock; Eastern: Mr. C. N. Lea and Mr. W. F. Sheraton; Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Peal referees: Messrs D. A. Bayles, W. J. Davidson, R. Park and W. N. Park.

VOLUNTARY PEAL LEVY

Mr. J. A. Ainsworth had submitted a motion calling for the institution of a peal levy of 6d. per rope to be incorporated in the rules. The general feeling was in sympathy with the aim of raising more money from those who caused the increased printing costs, but most disagreed with the motion as it stood and Mr. Ainsworth withdrew the original motion substituting an appeal for voluntary contributions from peal bands. This was adopted and will be printed in the annual reports.

Meetings for 1961 were arranged as follows: Social function, Chester-le-Street, January 6th; half-yearly meeting, Whitley Bay, May 13th; annual meeting, Sunderland, September 30th.

Fifteen new members were elected, including six from Jarrow, and eight belfry elections were ratified.

PEAL SECRETARY RESIGNS

The peal report for 1958-59, which had been adopted at the A.G.M., 1959, was raised again and much discussion took place on the question of whether the peal rung at Norton, Yorks, and which would be credited by the Central Council to the Yorkshire Association only, should be included in the Durham and Newcastle records. A motion to include it was eventually carried by 27 votes to 18.

Mr. Bayles then announced that cool and careful consideration of this possibility had led him to the conclusion that this new policy would leave him no option but to resign forthwith as peal secretary and as peal referee. He had not mentioned this inside or outside of the debate lest he be accused of trying to 'hold a pistol to their heads' but he formally resigned those two appointments.

The president, after a vote expressing full confidence in Mr. Bayles as peal secretary, asked him to reconsider his decision. Mr. Bayles replied that he was not prepared to append his signature to any peal report which violated his principles and therefore there could be no question of withdrawing his resignation, but he was prepared to continue for a short time in order to tie up the loose ends and publish the annual report for 1959-60, wherein the peal records would be confined to the peal report for 1959-60 presented and adopted at that meeting.

There was no further business and the members were able to spend a short time in the belfries of Newcastle Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead, before ringing ended for the day.

D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Sandford St. Martin, on October 22nd, about 40 members and friends being present. The proceedings were marred by the sudden illness of the incumbent, the Rev. W. F. Malcolm, who had been taken to hospital earlier in the day, but that very good friend of ringers, the Rev. K. G. Packard, came at short notice from Lower Heyford and conducted the service. At the business meeting a sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the branch on January 21st, and the next meeting was fixed for January 14th, at Swalcliffe, with ringing at Tadmarton, after tea.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Chiplin 1, Miss R. Harding 2, W. J. Palmer 3, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 4, A. F. R. Hartley 5, C. P. Bristow 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Three cars containing 12 ringers from four different Sydney towers journeyed to Maitland on October 15th, to ring during a fete in St. Paul's Church grounds. Five quarters were scored over the week-end, two on tower bells and three on handbells.

Highlights of the trip were the Saturday night tea provided by local ringers; the night at the Belmore Hotel, during which a 'Rickety Kate' school went on to 2.45 a.m.; a 10-mile drive for a milk-shake and prawns at Hexham; the merry-go-round rides at the fete; ascending the vertical ladders to the top of the campanile of St. Paul's; and the hot sun on their backs during the 123 miles (four hours) run home after a thoroughly enjoyable two days.

The two quarter peals on the bells of St. Paul's Church, on October 15th, were 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Robert C. Wood (first quarter) 1, W. D. Watson (cond.) 2, J. S. Hedges 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. F. Hammond 5, J. Y. Seymour 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linden R. Langshaw (first tower bell quarter) 1, Graeme A. J. Langshaw (first tower bell quarter) 2, Audrey E. Peters 3, Wendy A. Nichols 4, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, John Y. Seymour 6.

While the second quarter was in progress a quarter 'in hand' of Doubles was rung in the church by J. J. Cummins 1-2, W. D. Watson (cond.) 3-4, J. F. Hammond (first on handbells) 5-6. At the end of this, about 9.50 p.m., a party was held in the belfry before going back to the hotel.

In the church porch on the Sunday, 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung by J. J. Cummins 1-2, Margaret E. Goodyer 3-4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5-6, W. D. Watson 7-8. A further quarter attempted on the Sunday, collapsed. A warm 'Thank you' goes to Maitland people for such a feast of bellringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Nailsea, on October 15th. Ringing preceded the Association form of service, whoch was conducted by the Rector, Rev. E. Guy Hammond, and some 40 members and friends then enjoyed an excellent tea prepared by the Nailsea lady members.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea and new members were elected from Portbury, Portishead and Long Ashton, also one lapsed member from Winford was re-elected. It was decided that, provided permission was forthcoming, the annual meeting should be held at Backwell on the first Saturday in December, with Yatton as an alternative, should it prove difficult to arrange tea at Backwell. The practice meeting for November was fixed for Kingston Seymour.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable meeting concluded proceedings.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Some 19 members attended the half-yearly Corporate Communion at Barrow Gurney, on October 23rd, and this pleasant octave was set ringing soon after 7 a.m. The ringers attended the Parish Communion at which the celebrant was the Vicar, Canon J. B. Sturdy, and those who attended are grateful to both the Vicar and the authorities at the adjoining Barrow Court, now a teachers' training college, for providing breakfast for the party.

M. J. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL AT DERBY

Dear Sir,—As the person largely responsible for writing the report of Wilfred Williams' 1960 Peal Tour, I should like to make some observations in reply to the letter under the above heading from Mr. G. A. Halls.

The paragraph concerning the Derby Cathedral peal does not conform to the copy supplied by me. It has been subjected to the editorial blue pencil, and does not read that it was the first ever of Spliced Surprise Royal, containing all the work for each bell, etc., as was intended, instead, it states that it was 'the first time in this church.'

I was not at Derby when the peal was rung and compiled my notes from details given me verbally. Unfortunately, those original notes were accidentally destroyed, and I was faced with the task of writing the whole account from memory. Being somewhat pre-College Youth I thought it fitting that this 'first' should be recorded for the College Youths. Perhaps, however, it was tactless of me to refer to them as the premier ringing society. No doubt many people, including Mr. Halls, disagree with this expressed opinion, and, of course, they are perfectly entitled to.

Finally, I should like to point out to Mr. Halls that I am entirely responsible for the composition, ideas and opinions expressed in this particular report. It was never my intention to offer any slight or insult to the Derbyshire Association. If and when an apology becomes necessary I shall gladly proffer it to the officers of the association. I feel, however, that Mr. Halls has launched rather impetuously into print without true knowledge of the facts.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Gordon Halls should have made himself more familiar with tour history before rushing into print. He would then have known that a College Youth peal attempt has been arranged on most of my tours during recent years. There was, therefore, no departure from usual custom, and nothing unique in ringing the Derby peal for that Society. He is also quite wrong in stating that it was the only peal not rung for the appropriate territorial association. The peal at Staindrop in County Durham was rung for the Yorkshire Association and not the Durham and Newcastle.

Mr. Halls makes an even greater mistake by assuming that a professionally written volume like the College Youths' peal book is passed round. It would not surprise me to learn that he is firing bullets made by a well known member of the Ancient Society and the Derbyshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED WILLLIAMS.

London.

Dear Sir,—We fear that Mr. G. Halls is a little piqued because the College Youths will not admit him into their Society. Obviously Mr Williams did not intend to insult the Derbyshire Association: if he had the peal would have been rung for the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Yours faithfully.

D. R. CARLISLE,
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—We wish to draw attention to a small error which occurred in the published falseness of 'Sawley' (see page 716). The false courses are: B (4/4), N (F 2/3).—Yours faithfully,

D. R. CARLISLE.
G. A. HALLS.
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Apropos the account of Windsor Castle Curfew bells, one wonders what is the 'inside story' of the 1650 augmentation, for story there must be, when one considers the set up.

Charles Stuart had been sent to the scaffold twelve months before, his son was a fugitive and 'Old Noll' firmly established as Protector of the English Republic, yet somebody has sufficient 'pull' somewhere to carry through an extensive bell restoration in a Church of England building in an ex-royal residence, all of the last three, bells, churches and royal palaces, absolute anathema to the powers that be and they in the first flush of authority. Perhaps Mr. Sharpe would like to enlighten us, if possible, as to how it was done.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—I should be pleased to know from whom a copy of 'Church Bells of Berkshire, Part 17,' containing the Windsor Castle account, can be obtained.—W. E. B.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—The list of tower names, which appear week by week under 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' is one item in 'The Ringing World' we would like to see go on for ever, and may it grow even longer!

Looking through the last ten issues of the 'R.W.', commencing August 12th-October 14th, I find some very interesting information about peals, quarter peals, etc., and the ringers who have partaken in these performances, named in the 'G. Ack.'

Looking at the quarter peals, etc., I found that out of 495 published 236 subscribed to 'G. Ack.' and were responsible for £33 13s. 11d., the details being:

Bells	Total	'G. Ack.'	£	s.	d.
10	23	14	2	8	0
8	165	68	10	2	3
5–6	303	150	20	14	2
4	4	4		9	6
	495	236	33	13	11

Out of 423 peals published, other than tours, etc., I found that 59 were named in 'G. Ack.', these being responsible for £11 7s. 0d.:

Bells	Total	'G. Ack.'	£	s.	d.
12	11	nil.	—	—	—
10	31	3		14	0
8	167	23	5	1	0
5–6	214	33	5	12	0
	423	59	11	7	0

Those peals published under tours, week-ends, etc., total 97, and were responsible for £1 8s. One tour subscribed £1, total 12 peals, and a 'week-end' and 3 peals 8s.

The whole 520 peals occupied 45 pages and the 495 quarters, etc., less than 10 pages. The 214 peals under 5-6 bells include 15 handbell peals.

The Putney band lead the quarter peals, and a footnote under a Wentworth quarter told us that a proposed quarter at Wortley was called off owing to heavy rain!

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

'THANK YOU, CORNWALL'

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a short holiday in 'The Delectable Duchy' (the first many years), may I through the courtesy of 'The Ringing World' say a big 'Thank you' to all those ringers who made me so very welcome. Their unfailing kindness was very much appreciated.—Yours sincerely.

E. T. P. FIELD.

Knole, Langport, Somerset.

TWO WHITE 'GHOSTS'

When the young band descended Church Gresley belfry, recently, an excited turmoil floated up to the ringing chamber.

Bluntly the Ringing Master shouted down to enquire about the fuss. The odd reply came back—'two white ghosts' were trying to break into the tower.

This brought from Mr. Derek P. Jones the obvious rejoinder not to be ridiculous, but on going down to find out for himself, the Ringing Master was staggered to find that two white strangers were in fact trying to get in and were holding the lads at bay.

They were, however, frisky peat GOATS that had strayed into the churchyard, their consciences leading them to seek refuge in the church.

MINIMUS RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. P. Amos' letter, in your issue of October 28th, as I have been thinking along somewhat similar lines re the Minimus controversy. I feel that we ringers should encourage ringing in four bell towers for the very reason stated by Mr. Amos—that the kindling of enthusiasm may one day lead to an increase to five or more bells. We have such an example in this county. In the tiny village of Leire love of ringing was bred in a four bell tower, and has resulted in the addition of two more bells. I well remember approaching the church on the night of the dedication service. It was only the sound of Plain Bob Minimus that floated out from that little tower. But what a sound! The striking was exemplary and constituted a lesson to many of us who ring on higher numbers.

I have instanced this case as an example of the potential effect of encouragement in a four bell tower. Admittedly, the question of four bell peals did not arise, but I feel we should ask ourselves—would the banning of four bell peals constitute an encouragement to a four bell tower, or not?

In conclusion, I note that according to Mr. T. C. Belton many of the four bell towers in Leicestershire are out of action, and whilst I would not dispute this statement, I do feel that in many cases a thorough examination might prove otherwise. In some towers the bell are 'apparently' unringable, and unfortunately they stay that way for various reasons. The rings of four bells at the following churches in Leicestershire are certainly ringable: Evington, Burrough-on-the-Hill, Kimcote and Peatling Magna. The tone of the last two rings (approximately 16 cwt. and 13 cwt. tenors) is beautiful, although I doubt whether either are rung regularly. Has any ringer information regarding the other Leicestershire four bell towers.—Yours faithfully,

Cosby, Leics. JOHN B. BENNETT.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Guild's peal total for 1959, as published in 'The Ringing World' of October 21st, was incorrect. It should read: Maximus 2 (1), Royal 6 (4), Caters 2, Major 12 (2), Triples 2, Minor 3 (1). Total 27 (8).—Yours faithfully.

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COMPARISONS WITH THE PAST AT SNOWDON DINNER

Problems Of Ringing In This Age

COMPARISONS were made at the 28th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association with the present age, at Rotherham, on October 22nd. Mr. Philip Gray, who replied for the guests, set before the assembly, of over 150, the need for a revision of the objects of most ringing associations.

It was an occasion when Yorkshire excelled in its hospitality. The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), who presided, gave a lead in friendliness. The arrangements were made by Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and it was with great regret that the company learned of the indisposition of Mr. Gilbert. The highlight of the evening was the handbell tune ringing of the Ecclesfield handbell ringers, who by their performance must rank in the forefront of this class of entertainment.

Supporting the president and Mrs. C. O. Ellison on the top table were Bishop G. V. Gerard (Assistant Bishop of Sheffield), the Revs. Canon H. Ferraby, Canon A. King, C. A. Edwards, G. Hollis and J. K. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr and Mrs. W. E. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bagot, Messrs. G. Benfield, E. Hudson, P. Gray, W. M. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and T. W. White.

The president preceded his welcome to the guests with apologies from the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Sheffield, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Miss Margaret Snowdon, niece of Jasper Snowdon, and Mr. A. E. Sellers.

'WHO IS LOSING HIS TEMPER'

Archdeacon Ellison had a special greeting for the Rev. Gerald Hollis, who, next month, will become Vicar of Rotherham. Mentioning the presence of the editor, he said, 'I think "The Ringing World" is a most interesting paper. I am not a scientific ringer, but I am interested in the art. I start with Belfry Gossip and then turn to the correspondence page to see who is losing his temper. I don't know if bellringers are a particularly bad tempered body but some are apt to get excited. I hope, Mr. Editor, you will encourage the use of the blue pencil.'

To Mr. Ben Birkett, who will be 81 before Christmas, the oldest ringer present, there was a special round of applause. The secretary was asked to convey the company's sympathy to Mr. John Gilbert.

The Rev. C. Edwards, senior curate at Rotherham, also gave a welcome to the visitors mentioning that Rotherham was very proud of its church, with its long record of worship throughout the centuries, its choir and Mr. Chaddock and his loyal team of ringers, whose ringing was no less praise and worship.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, honorary secretary of the Central Council, submitted the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He suggested that for the benefit of the younger ringers a synopsis of Jasper Snowdon and what he did should be printed on the back of the menu card. His writings in the Snowdon series of ringing books were unrivalled, and Mrs. Turner, who was now selling these books, told him recently that she was arranging for the reprinting of one of the books.

IMPROVEMENTS

It was invidious for him to mention the past officers, many of whom were known personally to many of those present. What would they think of the Exercise today if they could be with them? They would find many things which were an improvement. One thing, in particular, was the report of the Sunday Service Ringing Committee, of which Mr. Chaddock was the convener and Mr. Gray a member. Whatever ringers of the past might have thought of Sunday service ringing, those of today consider it as vital. They were all agreed upon that, and that it created a better relationship with the clergy.

The corollary of their better relationship with the church was that they must not pride themselves that ringers of today were of a slightly better type than those of the days they were thinking about. Another thing was that public interest in their art was greater than it ever was. As secretary of the Council he was astonished at the requests he received, not only from this country, for information about ringing for articles. One he remembered was from the B.B.C. German service; another from a Swedish gentleman who was writing an article in Swedish about ringing.

There were many other things that were better; one was the elimination of the abuse of prize ringing—he knew that in that part of the country they still had ringing contests and he was not criticising them. He remembered the articles he read in 'The Bell News' about the prize ringing contests at Liversidge which began at 6 a.m. All the teams rang half a peal and the contest went on to 4 or 5 the next morning. 'Well, we are glad to say good-bye to that,' remarked the speaker.

FAULTS OF TODAY

'Some of the things we do today are, perhaps, not what they did. For instance, in the early days of your Association peals of Minor were almost always rung in seven methods, and anything less was regarded as "beyond the pale." This week's "Ringing World" contains seven peals of Plain Bob Minor. There may be very good reasons for those peals, but they are a lowering of the standard. And when we come to Minimus—well!

'Another thing is what is known as "tower grabbing." It seems rather futile rushing round the country, rushing up the belfry, raising the bells, ringing for a few minutes, lowering the bells and rushing off to another tower about three miles away.'

At a recent ringing meeting the incumbent told him that on a Bank Holiday he had refused requests from three bands for permission to ring, none of whom had had the courtesy to get in touch with him before the day. That gave ringing a bad name.

The toast was duly honoured.

GREETINGS

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton was entrusted with the toast of 'The Visitors' which he submitted wittily. The clerical visitors duly honoured were Bishop G. V. Gerard (Assistant Bishop of Sheffield), the Revs. C. Edwards, G. Hollis, Canon King, Canon Ferraby and J. K. Dixon.

The Hug of Affection.—Clare, of the Raving Ringers, reveals to the rest of the company outside Burmarsh Church during the recent tour of Kent where her true happiness is to be found.

Anyone attending the Central Council meeting, he said, would think Mr. Barnett had a full time job with a full time secretary. He had the latter in Mrs. Barnett, whom they were pleased to have with them. To Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood he would say his initials were 'J. F. S.' and anyone would see them in 'Jafus.' He remembered the lesson in geography Mr. Smallwood received after their peal at St. Woolos'. Monmouthshire is in England and not Wales.

In his greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Halls, of Derby, Mr. Moreton styled Mr. Halls as half a composer. He did not know whether he put in the wrongs and middles and left his assistant the homes! Associating Mr. Philip Gray's name with the toast, he said Mr. Gray spent several years in Australia and when he came back to these islands he saw ringing here in a new light. Mr. Gray collected a good deal of information for Mr. Chaddock in the Sunday Service Survey.

Mr. Philip Gray in his reply said Yorkshire made a special appeal to him in his profession as a metallurgist. He came to Yorkshire in 1948 with the Society for the University of London and stayed at Ilkley. During that week he rang his first peal of London Surprise in Jasper Snowdon's tower, which was the first peal of London by a university band.

INFLUENCE OF UNIVERSITIES

One of the features since the war had been the advance of ringing by the universities, and he was very proud of his position as president of the University of London Society. Before the war there were two university societies; today there were 15 and he estimated that there were now twice as many university peals rung. Today one in six of the Central Council members had university degrees or their equivalent. There were also a great many ringers today who had been to secondary schools. Ringers today were of a very different type from those Jasper Snowdon knew. If this type of person did not have some impact on ringing after the expensive education they had had, which they as ratepayers had paid for, then it was a waste of public money.

The world of ringing that Jasper Snowdon knew was very different from today. It was in his day that the associations were created and later the Central Council. It was one of the greatest events in the history of ringing in forming associations, like the Yorkshire. There was not a single tower in the British Isles that could not be a member of a society and take a part in formulating ringing.

If they looked at their rule book they would find amongst the objects that their association existed for the promotion of ringing as Church work, belfry reform and the promotion of scientific ringing. Today the status of the ringer was very much higher than it was then and now practically all ringers were recognised as Church workers. Belfry reform really meant reforming the ringers. It was a very urgent topic then. When they saw some of the rules put up in belfries and fines for drinking, smoking and swearing, they smiled, but they were a very necessary thing in the towers of those days.

NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE

He thought those original aims had been achieved and that their association had lost some of their sense of purpose. It might sound presumptuous but they should ask, 'Where do we go from here-' There were still far too many towers where the bells were not rung or not rung in a fitting way for Sunday service, and too many where the care and maintenance was at fault. They could not be satisfied with this and as an association they must take more responsibility and try to do something. How could inefficient towers learn? How could they put these things right? There were the Jasper Snowdon books but not everybody could learn from books. Those who had been taught by skilful ringers knew that this was not so. Should they not devote their time on Saturday afternoons to belfry towers with a struggling band? Should they not run special courses of instruction in towers, where they wanted to learn? Could they not improve on their methods of teaching change ringing? Did they make sure that

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SNOWDON DINNER—Continued

all the clergy knew they existed and who their officers were? When they elected new officers did they send the names to the Archdeacon or Rural Deans?

They had that day a very fine organist, and they reached a point when they should ask where did they go from here. He would like to see added to their aims and objects the promotion of bells and knowledge of the teaching of ringing.

The chairman said that the Yorkshire Association had several of the points raised by Mr. Gray under consideration. They were revising their objects and many of these would be included.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Mr. W. M. Barton.

A well-struck course of Caters was rung by W. E. Critchley 1-2, W. M. Barton 3-4, L. W. G. Morris 5-6, W. F. Moreton 7-8, N. Chaddock 9-10.

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HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Miss M. E. East (first quarter) 2, A. H. Webb 3, H. K. White 4, J. H. Napper 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Queen Hotel, Chester, on October 8th, when a company of 139 sat down. The guests were the Dean of Chester (the Very Rev. M. McCausland Gibbs) and the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Lloyd.

After the loyal toast had been drunk the proceedings commenced by the Dean proposing the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild.' In the course of a lively speech he referred to his association with the Cathedral of St. George, Cape Town, during which time the old tower had been taken down and the bells were outside the tower. On arrival in Chester he was welcomed by the bells and very much appreciated it but he found later that he received, as Dean, a bill for the ringing!

He went on to refer to the many different occasions on which bells are rung, in times of joy and in time of sorrow, and he trusted that the sound of the bells summoning people to the worship of God would always be heard. He considered bell ringing to be one of the world's great arts and wished the Guild continued success and prosperity.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, replied and mentioned that this year's festival had been recorded on tape, including the Lord Bishop's address and that this tape would be placed in the Guild library. He followed this with many humorous stories and concluded by assuring the guests that the Guild was advancing and doing well.

The toast of 'Church and State' was entrusted to Mr. C. W. Lawton, who dwelt on the part the Church has played in the life of the country and how the State has gradually taken over its place in education, law, hospitals, etc. Nevertheless, the Church had still a great part to play in the life of the State and he felt that they could be bonded together more closely than they had been in the past, but the Church's intention and leadership must be clear.

CHOOSING A HOUSE

The reply was given by the Rev. J. M. Lloyd, who made the point that one of the few things the State did in the Church was to appoint the Dean and he thought all would agree that they had a good one. He went on to mention how when faced with complaints about the ringing of the bells in a previous parish he had suggested that it was just as unwise to choose a house near a church (if you did not like bells) as to choose one near the gas works. He trusted that Church and State would continue to co-operate for a long time to come.

Mr. Denis Mottershead, in proposing the toast of 'Our Guests and the Ladies,' welcomed them in the name of the Guild and said that meeting together as a Guild gave opportunity for the interchange of ideas and the formation of friendships and taught them to work as a team, not only in the Guild but throughout the country. His speech was liberally sprinkled with quotations from the works of Robert Burns and it would appear the Burns philosophy would repay study by more ringers.

Mrs. Millington in her reply said how delightful it was to be entertained instead of as is usually the case of the ladies doing the entertaining. She mentioned the great interest there was in handbell ringing in the Women's Institutes, a remark which some present throught rather dangerous since it might mean a reversal of the usual roles, i.e. husband waiting patiently (?) for the arrival home of his wife from a bellringing practice. She was grateful for the courtesy of the belfry and on behalf of the lesser creatures she was pleased to see so many learning to ring and forming great friendship.

During the course of the entertainment songs were given by Mr. N. A. Parry and Dr. I. B. Terret and Mrs. A. Potts provided musical interludes. Handbell ringing comprised Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major and was arranged by the Deputy Master, Mr. J. Worth.

C. K. L.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, P. Rogers 2, M. Major 3, R. Fuller 4, G. Mayes 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

THREE SHIRES TOUR BY BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS

On October 8th some 15 keen members of the Bedfordshire Association and their friends arose early, except for the organiser, who set up a new world record by being in the coach four minutes after rising from his slumbers! However, we were on time when we stopped at Brackley for refreshment and for one member to have a much-needed shave! We arrived at Middleton Cheney, and the heavy and melodious bells were soon being put through their paces. A pleasant walk from the main road brought us to the Parish Church of Great Tew, where it was necessary to light the oil lamps to enable us to see to ring. After a good ring and a look round this interesting church, we were soon wending our way to Witney. A very pleasant three-quarters-of-an-hour was spent here and, after a good ring down, we travelled to Burford, where lunch awaited us.

Following lunch, we continued our journey to Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the bells were a joy to ring. On arrival at Pershore the 'cage' was viewed with awe by some, but the undaunted soon had this lovely eight ringing to a touch of Stedman. The recent rehanging here has greatly improved the handling, and the magnificent tonal qualities were a rich reward for the hazardous ascent.

A very satisfying tea was taken in the picturesque village of Broadway, after which we travelled to the fine eight at Bloxham. All voted these the best bells of the day, and although time was short, good use was made of this fine octave. The last tower was St. John's, Wicken, where some of the local band joined us. Home was reached at 11.30.

Ringing throughout the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and, as should be the first consideration on all outings, the striking was good. Our thanks to those who met us and allowed us to ring, and especially Keith Fleming for his efficient arrangements—even though he does need a new alarm clock!

C. D. M.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Lewisham District

Over sixty members and friends met at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for the annual meeting of the Lewisham District on October 22nd. The eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening under the able guidance of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. N. Stacey; Mr. Martin, local ringer, played the organ; and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

An excellent tea was followed by a rapid business meeting. In twelve and a half minutes, and in addition to the usual business, the Ringing Master was re-elected to serve for the following year; Miss Cannon was re-elected and Miss Inman elected to serve as district representatives; and the secretary was re-elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his inspired and uplifting address, his warm welcome and his expeditious chairmanship of the meeting.

M. R. A.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The twelfth annual gathering to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington on October 22nd. An unsuccessful peal attempt at Clevedon was made on the Friday evening, but a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the noble ten at Wrington on the Saturday afternoon.

After the Wrington peal, Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea for which she was thanked on behalf of those present by Mr. H. J. Sanger. Those present were: the Rev. Bernard Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Messrs. J. Brain, L. Derrick, H. Freeborn, D. Hoare, M. Horseman, W. Kingcott, A. Pink, G. Prescott, V. Roberts, G. Salmon, A. Sanger and H. Sanger.

M. J. H.

The Kimpton Cup competition for Hertfordshire towers held at Kimpton, on October 22nd, was awarded to Apsley End with 49 faults. The holders, North Mymms, also had 49 faults. Other competitors: Baldock 58, Hatfield 101, King's Langley 115 and Kimpton 154.

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DEATH

HOARE.—On Wednesday, Oct. 26th, Lucy Mabel, wife of the late James A. Hoare and mother of Arthur Hoare, at 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. Rest in peace. 6872

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis Sec. 6862

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Langlebury (6), November 5th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 6. Service 7 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6855

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice at Bletchley (8), Saturday, November 5th, 5 p.m. Guild reports will be available 2s. 6d. each. Outstanding subscriptions, please.—F. Vickers. 6849

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells now 6. Ringing from 6.30 to 9 p.m. 6869

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, 3 p.m., Saturday, November 5th.—J. Seager, Sec. 6839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting, Copdock (6), November 5th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Belstead, followed by meeting.—C. R. Lovett, Sec. 6848

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), on Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. 6794

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hursley, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 6840

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, STOURTON, WILTS.—The rededication of the newly-hung bells will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. and after service. 6868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m. 6874

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Nov. 10th, Cranford (6). All welcome. 6890

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Horbury, near Wakefield, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Nov. 8th Mr. John E. Dews, Holme Croft, Hall Cliffe, Horbury, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 6876

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead (10), November 12th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6905

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Silsoe (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evensong 6 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Hull Surprise. Come to Silsoe for enjoyable ringing.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 6897

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Market Weighton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 10th to Mr. J. V. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 6871

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Handbridge (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, Nov. 10th, please, to Mr. P. Swindley, 24, Overleigh Road, Handbridge, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 6904

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Aston-Cantlow, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening, Alcester, 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea.—P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 6878

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 9th to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 6877

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea at The Cottage, Cacketts Lane, Cudham, Sevenoaks. Please notify Mr. K. J. Bickle at that address. No notification, make own arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 6896

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Duxford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W.) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E.).—Joint meeting, November 12th, St. John's, Loughton (Church Lane). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in adjoining hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Smith, 6, Roundmead Avenue, Loughton. Central London Railway, 38A bus from Bakers Arms. 6837

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Highworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6867

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Extraordinary general meeting, combined with Guildford District nomination meeting at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., for which names must be sent by Nov. 8th to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 6898

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Berkhamsted. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, to H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Charing, November 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills. 6847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names: The Rev. C. Whittaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 6894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Church of the Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Sec. 6887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier's, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to the Secretary, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, 3.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 6900

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Bilsborrow, Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements; café nearby. A6 road; alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 6903

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—Hudson, Sec. 6901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale (6), November 12th. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 9th, to Mrs. G. T. Brown, 17, Church Street, Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincs. No names no tea.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6827

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6885

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Joint meeting, Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing: Salford, Sacred Trinity, 1.45 to 3 p.m.; Town Hall, 4 to 6; Cathedral, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 6880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake (8), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Henley (8) available 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 9th to Mr. E. Smith, Stratton, Shiplake Cross, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. 6874

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hodnet (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Morris, 12, The Crescent, Hodnet. 6902

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at The Black Horse, Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 6 for 6.30 p.m.; price 12s. 6d. Bells available: St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; Penn, Coseley, Bradley during afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, near Walsall. 6681

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 8th Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop.—H. Denman and A. B. Cooper. 6889

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rogate (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. No service owing to the illness of the Vicar. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6895

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Western District), Saturday, Nov. 19th, Whickham, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. Names by Nov. 17th to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 6888

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 16th. to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 6096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business. To ensure tea *please* notify by Nov. 16th Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 6893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, Ashford Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H. 6892

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chislet (6), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea, School Hall, 2s. per head. Names together with cash by Wednesday, November 16th, please, to Hon. District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6847

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Meeting, Measham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available: Desford (6), 3 to 3.30; Measham (8), 3 to 4.30 and after tea; Swepstone (6), 7 to 7.30; Ibstock (6), 8 to 8.30. Service, Measham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 16th to Rev. A. J. Day, Measham Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. M. Warwick, Actg. Hon. Sec. 6882

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to Mr. S. V. Woods, 14, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 6886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Lea, Saturday, Nov 19th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6879

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Mathern (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King. 6881

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th. 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6883

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting. Earl's Croome, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: Single Oxford Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, November 15th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 6097

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON
Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1960
Services: 8 a.m., Holy Communion. (Ringing, 7.30 a.m.) 11 a.m., Matins. (Ringing, 10 a.m.) 6.30 p.m., Evensong. (Ringing, 5.30 p.m.)
(Preacher: The Rev. G. Rainbow, Vicar of Leominster.)
Ringing also after Evensong.
Everyone welcome.
Visitors will be entertained to coffee in the Parish Lounge after Evensong.
6870

REV. MALCOLM STRACHAN

With regret we learn that the Rev. Malcolm Strachan, who took over as Ringing Master from Mr. Warren Sturgis at Groton School, Massachusetts, has died suddenly. A good and enthusiastic ringer he was wholly responsible for the survival of the Exercise at Groton until a heart attack three years ago. Among his pupils was Mr. Russell Young, who recently toured England.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES PARKER

The passing of Mr. James Parker at the age of 94, recorded in our last issue, recalls many memories of the days when bellringing was not quite so simple as it is now. Bands of ringers in advanced methods were few and far between and means of transport difficult.

James Parker was born at Pulborough, Sussex, and commenced his ringing at Charlwood, Surrey. After leaving Charlwood he went to Storrington, Sussex, where he taught the call-change band to ring Doubles. When he was married in 1888, the ringers for the first time rang 120 Grandsire Doubles without his assistance. Later he went to Crawley, Sussex, where, when he joined the band, Grandsire Triples was the top method, and when he left, seven or eight years later, the band, under his tuition, had progressed to London Surprise Major. His greatest achievement there, of which he was justly proud, was the record length of Superlative Surprise Major of 9,312 changes, which he conducted. This record was held for 14 years.

In 1897 he moved to London and soon joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and was closely associated with Henry Dains. He was Master of the Cumberland Youths in the early part of the century. When he moved to Edmonton, in 1900, he became Master of the Parish Church ringers and remained so until 1940. During that time he seldom missed Sunday service ringing, which he considered the most important duty of a ringer.

He represented the Sussex County Association on the Central Council from 1894 to 1896 and later the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths from 1897 to 1899 and from 1906 to 1947 when he retired to make way for a younger man.

Of his three children, two sons and one daughter, Edith, the last named, was the only one to take up ringing seriously, and doubtless to say he followed her career with great pride.

He had rung 365 peals from Minor to Maximus, of which six were handbells. His last peal was at Bradford Cathedral, in 1939.

The cremation service took place at Norwich and the service was conducted by the Rev. Giles Galley.

AN APPRECIATION

James Parker did much good work for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. He was a member from its formation by a union of the Middlesex Association and the South and West Middlesex Guild in 1897, and was one of those forming the first Central Committee, so that without doubt he was amongst those who formed the rules of the present Association, rules which ever since have not been materially altered.

At All Saints', Edmonton, where for many years he was captain of the ringers, he gained the respect of a loyal and progressive band—a local band which could at that time compete with any other in the country. The striking was of a high standard and no visitors were necessary in the ringing on Sundays and practice evenings of touches of Spliced Surprise Major in up to eight methods—truly pioneer work.

James Parker conducted the fourth peal for the Association—Superlative Surprise Major, at Southgate, in 1897—and this method could have been his favourate for he conducted the then longest length at Crawley, Sussex, and also rang a course at the farewell gathering at Edmonton in 1942, when he left to reside near Great Yarmouth. Another commendable tribute, to him, was, of course, the introduction to the belfry of his daughter, Edith K., who apart from her quite outstanding performances on tower bells and on handbells was a foundation member of the Ladies' Guild.

We owe to James Parker, a great deal for his successful work and high endeavour and the Exercise would benefit with more like him.

T. J. L.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, G. Vickers 3, J. M. Simpson 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Beard.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Doubles (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John): Miss J. A. Downing 1, T. A. Wooding 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, A. R. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to the tower keeper.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Redden 1, Maria Thoday 2, Freda Cannon 3, Felicity Webber 4, P. Spice 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, T. Newman 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 4.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley): Margaret Finlow 1, A. G. Kirk 2, F. Forster 3, R. Dawson 4, J. Kennett 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, W. S. Crawford 2, R. Evans 3, Joseph Hanley 4, A. S. Bayley 5, E. Dennis Poole (cond.) 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Lloyd 8. For Harvest Festival, and a compliment to E. D. Poole, former ringer at Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, now of Marlow, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Tizzard 1, P. M. Howard (first in method) 2, June M. Mitchell 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, F. R. Roberts 8. For Harvest Festival.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 30th, 1,440 St. Peter and St. Paul Doubles: J. W. Hall 1, P. Amos 2, T. A. Wooding 3, V. A. Perry 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the patronal festival.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Algood 1, J. Bird 2, M. Lovelace 3, M. Fuller 4, C. Johnson 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Susan Meredith (first quarter of T.B.) 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blacksnaw (first T.B 'inside') 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Dunkley 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, J. Merritt 3, J. Kightley 4, A. Ford 5. For Harvest Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, R. Fraser 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, A. Price (first 'inside') 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. An 80th birthday compliment to W. Langley.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Shackshaft 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, F. Burgess 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, G. F. Roome 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge S., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob): W. F. Butler (cond.) 1, C. Watson 2, D. Stone 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. Birmingham 5, J. K. Ward 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 16th, 660 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Mason 1, A. Thompson 2, D. Bennett (first 'inside') 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, P. Wycherley 5, J. Wardle 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Tessa P. Kemp 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, J. Marilyn Gibbs 3, N. D. J. Webb 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5. Also 1,320 Stedman Doubles: Tessa P. Kemp 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, J. Marilyn Gibbs 4, N. D. J. Webb 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hodson 1, W. Buckley 2, Meryl Purslow (first in method) 3, Sheila Hodson 4, Glenda Rowley 5, C. Dobson (first in method) 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. For the Harvest Festival.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Galloway 1, J. Crook 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): T. R. Collins 1, A. M. Stratford (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Collins 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. H. Naylor 5, W. R. Pearce 6, M. A. New (first quarter) 7. For Evensong.

WROXETER, SALOP.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day): Miss B. Abbott 1, Mrs. M. C. Poyner 2, P. Purslow 3, M. W. Challinor 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival, the Bishop of Lichfield being the preacher.

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35426		—		2
23564	X			2
62534			—	3
23645	X			3
42635			—	3
23456	X			3

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QUARTER PEALS

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, A. Truman 2, H. P. Burton 3, S. Skinner 4, F. Wills 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford 7, H. Spencer 8. Rung half-muffled, by the Exeter Cathedral band, in memoriam J. L. S. Glanvill, who was the Assistant Ringing Master at the Cathedral, and died on Oct. 17th, in Woodbury ringing chamber. First quarter on the 'new' bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey V. Evans 1, Myra J. Wilkins (first of Triples 'inside') 2, B. K. Lewis 3, O. Mills 4, B. T. Cooper 5, A. W. Gibbs 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, P. J. Mills 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8. A wedding compliment to Henry Taysom and Janice Organ.

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