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WHY I BECAME A BELLRINGER

By Barry Holland

I AM often asked by friends and acquaintances how I became a bellringer and what I find so absorbing about it.

The answer to the first part of the question is quite simple. The earliest recollection of my childhood is of myself toddling past the parish church, holding my father's hand, hearing the bells ringing, and asking him what made the noise. In due course I was to find out. I followed my older brothers into the choir and later into the belfry. It was quite natural. It was the pattern to be followed by each brother in turn.

Now, when I asked myself why I took to it so readily, I find the reasons more complex. Firstly, bellringing as practised by us in England is so English, and does not exist in any other part of the world except in a few isolated parts of the Commonwealth. Even in Ireland, Scotland and Wales it is seldom practised as we do it. Through many generations, the sound of church bells has become ingrained in us.

In mediæval times and before the Reformation the sound of the church bells was an integral part of the life of the ordinary person. It warned him of curfew time, it warned him of attack. It bade him say his prayers when he heard the Angelus, it bade him pray for those departing this life as he listened to the passing bell. Then as now it announced the joyful occasion such as a wedding or some occasion of national rejoicing. The monastery bells summoned the monks to their devotions as our own bells do now Sunday by Sunday.

Another reason why bellringing is so appealing to me personally is that it is a branch of church work. Few of us have the ability to be, say, a choirman, or perhaps we have not the time to spare in other clubs and organisations. There exists in the belfry a camaraderie unparalleled in any other body of men. Although it has a language peculiar to itself, the belfry attracts its devotees from all walks of life. The judge, doctor, teacher and labourer all mix freely in the brotherhood of the belfry.

What are the qualifications needed for the belfry? Firstly, a reasonable level of intelligence—which all of us have. Secondly, a fair standard of health—which most of us have; bellringing is not a physically exhausting task. Lastly, a deep attachment to the church which will bring us from the comforts of home in all weathers twice on Sunday and one night in the week for practice.

Dorothy Sayers, in her book about bellringers, says: 'God speaks through those mouths of inarticulate metal.' It is a very joyful thought indeed that we of the belfry are playing our part in making that voice heard a little more clearly.

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AND AFTER THE RINGING

MUCH has been written on the subject of ringers attending church after ringing for service: much more will be written and it will be a subject for frequent sermons. If we are servants of the Church it is obvious that we should attend at least one service on a Sunday. But to attend every service is out of the question. There are towers where ringing takes place for three services, and the demand for attendance on every occasion is unreasonable.

Today a very small percentage of Christians attend one service a week. Because a man takes an interest in ringing, and because of the fact that the church is the only place in which he can ring, he is expected to attend more frequently than the tiny percentage of people who go to church. It is difficult to see why.

The fact that he is behaving as 90 per cent. of the rest of the parish is only made noticeable by the fact that he may leave the church before the service starts, whereas the other 90 per cent. have stayed at home. But if he is a church worker he certainly ought to attend one service. So ought all other church workers.

As a matter of interest I have worked out roughly attendances in my own parish at services for which the bells are rung:—

Churchwardens 2, average attendance 1 ...	50%
Servers 2, av. attendance ½	25%
Choir 20, av. attendance 7	35%
P.C.C. 35, av. attendance 5	14%
Sidesmen 10, av. attendance 1	10%
Ringers (6 bells) 8, av. attendance 5	63%
General congregation on Electoral Roll 275, av. attendance 25 ...	9%

The average attendance for ringing used to be nearly 100 per cent., but then the Vicar gave orders that if you rang for a service you must attend that service. This meant that only ringers must be 100 per cent. at at least two services each Sunday. I don't see how it can be done unless you have at least three ringers to each bell.

All the others can stay away, no one notices it. But if only three bells ring questions are immediately asked, 'Where are the ringers?' And if six bells ring and three are seen walking away, it's 'those bad-mannered ringers,' even if they have already been to a service.

RURAL RINGER.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Central Council Meeting, Cardiff, 1962

Headquarters: Park Hotel, Park Place, Cardiff.

For terms see 'The Ringing World' of October 20th, 1961.

Other accommodation:

Queen's Hotel, St. Mary's Street.
B. & B. (per person) £1 12s. 6d.

Grand Hotel, Westgate Street.
B. & B. (double room) £3 (2 persons).
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B. & B. (single) £1 10s.
B. & B. (small single) £1 7s. 6d.

Central Hotel, Cardiff (Temperance).
B. & B. (per person) £1 4s. 6d.

Guest Houses:

Langford Hotel, 14, Richmond Road.

Beverley Hotel, 75, Cathedral Road.
Glenmore Hotel, 150, Newport Road.

Members are informed that there is an acute shortage of hotel accommodation in Cardiff and they are urged to book not later than February, 1962.

Proposed Concert and Tour. A number of members have expressed a wish to hear a Welsh Choir during the week-end, and through the good offices of Dr. Tudor P. Edwards the Trearky Male Voice Choir are prepared to give a short concert at Pentre, Rhondda, on Whit Sunday afternoon. This would be combined with ringing at Caerphilly and Pontypridd on the way out and back respectively, and tea and ringing for Evensong at Pentre. **Those interested are asked to write to**

Mr. D. J. King,
1, Hughes Crescent,
Chepstow, Mon.

This would be in no way binding, but is solely to enable the organisers to judge whether sufficient support would be forthcoming to justify asking the choir to give a concert.

PLEASE WRITE NOW.

E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

32,912 CHANGES RUNG AT LOUGHBOROUGH

On behalf of the umpires of the 40,320 attempt by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin's band, Mr. Robert B. Smith submits the following report.

The band assembled at the Great Central Hotel, Loughborough, at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 17th, before proceeding to the foundry to try the bells. All the band were in bed by 10.30 p.m. on Friday.

Ringing commenced at 5.58 a.m. on Saturday and was a little 'choppy' until the band had become accustomed to the bells. The ringing settled down and the first 10,080 changes were rung in exactly 5 hours. The second quarter was four minutes quicker, the half-way coming up at 3.56 p.m. The three-quarter mark was passed at 8.48 p.m.

The existing record was passed in time at 9.29 p.m. and in changes at 10.5 p.m. Some seven minutes later, the peal was lost when a call, which should have been Home, was called at Middle.

Although the peal was not completed, I feel that the record has 'morally' been surpassed by the fact that the band rang for 16¼ hours, and 32,912 changes.

The band stood as follows: Dennis A. Chapman treble, Edgar R. Rapley 2, Peter J. Eves 3, Dennis A. S. Symonds 4, Howard W. Egglestone 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Frank B. Lufkin 7, Walter Arnold tenor.

The band wish to thank Mr. Paul Taylor for the use of the foundry bells, and for all his help in arranging the attempt.

All the band were feeling well at the end of the attempt, and all believe that the extent is possible.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—47

MR. WILLIAM BARTON,
Yorkshire Association.

There are very few ringers who can claim as long a service, in one form or another, with the same church as Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Since 1906 he has served St. Lawrence's Church there, first in the choir when he was nine, and then becoming a bellringer when he was 16. For 15 years he was secretary of the Parochial Church Council. He has also had long service as an officer of the Yorkshire Association, having been a member of the General Committee since 1920, a committee member of the Western District for a couple of years longer, and he was also secretary of the Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers before this. In November, 1920, he was elected the first peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, an office he held for 30 years. During his time of office, he undertook the arduous task of proving all the compositions which had been rung by the Association since its inception—over 2,000 of them! Since then a list of the 39 false peals found has been printed each year in the annual report, to avoid any of them being called again. The Yorkshire Association is believed to be the only Association which has done this.

Bill Barton was born in Pudsey on May 26th, 1897, and has lived there all his life, except for a brief period during childhood. He started ringing in the latter part of 1913, and was most fortunate in that Pudsey had an excellent band of Surprise ringers, captained by that remarkable man, the late Mr. Pratt Cordingley. The latter was a martinet in the belfry, but a very capable ringer and conductor, and one of the pioneers of Surprise ringing in the West Riding. There is no doubt that it was through his untiring efforts and enthusiasm that, apart from three relatively short periods, Pudsey can claim to have had a local Surprise band for the last 57 years.

LOCAL CONDUCTOR SINCE 1920

Bill's first peal was on February 26th, 1916, when he rang the second to Superlative, and six weeks later he scored his first handbell peal. A period of service followed with the Royal Flying Corps (afterwards the R.A.F.) during the First World War, after which he commenced peal ringing again by conducting his first peal, Treble Bob Major, in November, 1919. He followed this up by calling a peal of Superlative, and became the conductor of the local band, an office he still holds. His present peal total is 307, of which he has conducted 161, and they range from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Maximus, including Spliced Surprise Major up to eight methods. Nearly all his peals as conductor have been called from a working bell, and a large number have been rung 'in hand.'

Two peals, of which he is justly proud, are the first, and only, peals of Double Norwich and Treble Bob Royal, rung 'silent' on handbells. He called the first peal of Bristol rung in Yorkshire, and rang in the only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus by the Yorkshire Association. He also took part in the first peals of Lincolnshire, Oakham, Pudsey and Rochester Surprise Royal rung by his Association. He has also been interested in composition, and produced a number of interesting peals, the best known being his frequently rung 5,088 of Lincolnshire S.M. Some years ago Bill had two major operations in quick succession, and these prevented him from peal ringing for some time. Since resuming he has gone somewhat steadily, with an average of about two peals a year.

100 PEALS TOGETHER WITH TWO OLD FRIENDS

One of Bill's greatest joys in bellringing has been his long friendship with John Ambler and the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson. At one time it was unusual for one of their names to appear in a peal performance without the other two and, in fact, the three of them rang more than 100 peals together. John Ambler and Bill were at school together, in the choir together and they learnt to ring together. His friendship with Percy Johnson started when he called Bill's first handbell peal in 1916, and continued until his death. They worked in close contact on the affairs of the Yorkshire Association for many years, and Bill still misses him very much. Of the 151 peals which Percy and Bill rang together, they shared the conducting of no fewer than 134 of them. On retiring from the office of peal secretary in 1950, Bill was appointed a trustee of the Association, and on the death of Percy Johnson, he was rightfully honoured by being elected, in his place, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and chairman of the Western District. He is also a keen member of the College Youths.

Bill is naturally very proud of the young band which he started to teach at Pudsey after the wartime ban on ringing had been lifted, and among them was his daughter, Pat—now Mrs. M. J. Robshaw. Every one of these beginners 'made the grade' as change ringers, in spite of the fact that Bill was reputed to have scared them stiff in the belfry! This band also achieved some fame as tune ringers on handbells, and for several years had a long list of engagements at functions in the surrounding districts. Unfortunately the handbell band is no more, through departures and marriages of the lady ringers, but Bill still retains happy memories of the regular practices at his house.

Most of Bill's working life has been connected with horology—the study of clocks—and he is a member of the Council of the British Horological Institute, a Fellow of the Institute, and chairman of the West Riding Branch of the B.H.I. He is the superintendent of the City of Bradford Clock Department, which is responsible for the maintenance of all clocks, watches and mechanical instruments owned by the Bradford Corporation, including the Town Hall tower clock and carillon. In this latter, his job and his hobby, to a certain extent, join forces. The tune machine, which is part of the clock installation, plays tunes on a ring of 13 bells, hung in the Town Hall tower, at four-hourly intervals. The bells are hung 'dead,' and were cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1873, the tenor weighing 87 cwt. To supplement the automatic playing there is a keyboard for playing by hand, and Bill uses this frequently to play tunes that are not on the pegged barrels. On very special occasions, he taps out a touch of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major from the keyboard, instead of a tune. These rare performances of change ringing on the Town Hall bells usually bring expressions of approval and interest.

Bill Barton is a true Yorkshireman, with a determination to succeed in whatever he takes up. By his long service to his church, his skill in teaching beginners, always aiming at a high standard, and the exceptional ability shown in his peal ringing performances, he has brought well deserved credit to himself, his tower of Pudsey, and his Association.

APACE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRES AT DINNER

A COMPANY of 136 attended the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on November 4th. This year the dinner was held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, and was a new venue for the Association. For a number of years past, the dinner had been held at the Guildhall, Worcester, but due to the uncertainty of repairs to the Guildhall floor being completed in time, it was decided to choose a different hall.

In the chair was the president of the Association, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn). He was supported by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright), the chaplain (Rev. H. L. Davis) and the general secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson).

Before the dinner, the bells of the Cathedral (12) were available and a number of members from various parts of the diocese visited the tower.

Following the loyal toast, the chairman called upon the Rev. M. H. Richards, Vicar of St. John's, Worcester, to propose the toast 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations.'

Mr. Richards said that he considered ringers to be a fine branch of the Church and reminded them that they were practitioners of one of the most ancient musical instruments, dating back to the Bronze Age, when men hammered metal together. 'What would our churches be like if they were silent? What would happen if all church towers were silenced?' he asked, adding that he would be very sad to think that there would no longer be ringers—that it was no longer permissible to ring bells. He recalled that Handel had once called this country 'The Ringing Isle' and he considered that that was as true today as then. He therefore wished the Worcestershire and all Associations continued prosperity in their service to the Church.

The chaplain, the Vicar of Cradley, in reply, said the Association was formed over 75 years ago, with the object of improving the standard and status of the bellringers. Times had changed since the days when it had been necessary for ringers to draw up rules, stating the fines to be paid for drinking, or smoking, or swearing in the belfry. Nowadays, bellringers were respectable and people from all classes and walks of life took part.

One of the functions of the Association was to step in and smooth out any friction between a team of ringers and a third party. 'There isn't any need for people to argue. A reasonable attitude and a little harmony can make all the difference between a happy team and one at sixes and sevens between themselves and, say, the Vicar,' said Mr. Davis.

A toast to a 'great friend of ours'—the Dean of Worcester, the president—was proposed by the vice-chairman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

The Dean, in acknowledging the compliment, said he took great pride in his office and was very pleased to be their president. He went on to say that he had a great love for the sound of bells and something which was always a thrilling experience to him was to stand under the Cathedral tower on New Year's Eve and listen to the bells at midnight.

There was a time in English history, he remarked, when to have the church bells silenced was a sign of a terrible punishment. There was an occasion in King John's time when, because he had displeased the Pope, the bells were banned and this was considered a terrible disgrace.

After the dinner, the members were entertained, beginning with changes on handbells, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung by Susan Jackson 1—2, R. G. Morris 3—4, D. Beacham 5—6 and G. E. Evenden 7—8. This was followed by professional entertainment. D. B.

WEDDING OF MISS KATHLEEN BELL

The peal (at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton) recorded in the issue of November 10th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Kathleen Bell and Mr. William Owen, has prompted one of our esteemed correspondents to submit the following note.

The bride learned to ring at St. Mary's, Prestwick, Manchester, where her father, Mr. G. A. Bell, was captain. Upon moving to Nuneaton a few years ago, Mr. Bell joined the band at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, and Kathleen continued ringing until it was curtailed upon her entering the nursing profession.

The wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, on September 16th, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby (Vicar) officiating. The bride wore a dress of white lace over pink tulle, with mother of pearl headdress. Her attendants were Miss Hazel Mather and Miss Jane Reynolds, daughter of Mr. Frank Reynolds, the present captain of St. Mary's, Prestwick, and a cousin of the bride.

The newly-married couple are living in Manchester, so Prestwick tower may again have Kathleen as a regular ringer.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY'S FIRST OUTING

Liverpool University Society selected the Bristol Ringing Festival for their first outing. The journey was made by eight members in a minibus, Clevedon being reached around 12.30 a.m. They were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Pullin, who had arranged for their accommodation.

A very full programme was planned for Saturday, starting at St. Ambrose's. Not only were the city churches visited, but ringing also took place at Filton (and also lunch), Clifton, Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym and Henbury. The party returned to the Cathedral for Sung Evensong and had tea.

The evening's ringing was at St. Stephen the Martyr, the Cathedral, SS. Philip and Jacob and finally at St. Mary Redcliffe. Then all repaired to the Senior Common Room for a social evening as guests of the U.B.S.C.R.

On Sunday morning five of the party took part in a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for morning service at Christ Church and St. Ewen, while the others rang at Yatton. We bade farewell to the Pullins after an excellent lunch and reached Birkenhead shortly after 9 p.m.

'On behalf of the party, I would like to thank our president, driver, organiser and guide, Mr. Geoff Pullin, for all his hard work in arranging this, the first of what we all hope will be many outings by the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.' F. A.

TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

ON Friday, October 20th, a company of 12 assembled for a ringing tour in Devonshire. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. Taysom, Jan Smith, Brian Metcaffe (Warmley), Gillian Hussey, Michael Hobbs, David Gore (St. Ambrose, Bristol), Jacqueline Reason, Carol Ritchens, David Barnett, Terry Milsom and Alan Lee (Twerton, Bath). As last year, Henry Taysom drove the minibus and Lustleigh, which was the headquarters, was reached about 10.15 p.m.

Saturday dawned quite bright, but misty in places, and after picking up Mr. Aubrey Bennett we made off for the first tower, Manaton, passing the famous Becky Falls. This granite church has six bells, which were restored by Gillett and Johnston; they are a pleasant ring and are plainly heard in the ringing chamber. Before we left Miss Yvonne Porter turned up on her scooter and we were very pleased to have her with us for the rest of the day.

Onwards over the moor to the old village of North Bovey. The Church of St. John the Baptist has a pleasant mellow six (tenor 12 cwt. in A), and some good ringing was recorded on a tape recorder. St. Andrew's, Moreton Hampstead, proved to have a pleasant toned octave, rung from the ground floor. Ringing here finished with 15 minutes of call changes, with a local man ringing the treble. At St. Michael's, Chagford, the octave, restored by J. Taylor and Co., is very pleasing on the ear and goes very well. Stedman Triples was perhaps the best ringing. For lunch we tried 'The Ring of Bells' and we were able to play back the recordings that we had made so far.

On to Widecombe, which is named 'The Cathedral of the Moor.' The Church of St. Pancras is a fine building and ringing certificates adorn its walls as well as the ringing chamber. The sexton, who met us, complimented us on our rise and fall. Stedman and Spliced Oxford and Kent went well here.

The next tower—St. Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor—is situated 1,280 feet above sea level, and after seeing the famous clock faces, with 'My Dear Mother' on them, we tried to sample the lightest octave in Devon (tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.), but, alas, the treble rope broke in the rise so the back six had to suffice.

At last we were off the moor and at the Parish Church at Buckfastleigh our Kent Major was very good indeed. We also had the pleasure of looking down on to Buckfast Abbey and hearing the twelve bells. We journeyed on to South Brent (St. Petroc), where the six are rung from the ground floor, a very pleasant Taylor restored ring, with a 13 cwt. tenor. Cambridge and Spliced Doubles were the highlights, but the local gentleman said they 'too high': we made up for this with some fast call changes.

Those of the party who had not rung at Dean Prior were allowed to do so, by Mr. Bennett. These bells are worth a visit any time. The last ring of the day was the recently rehung six at Bickington. Some good Cambridge could not be recorded because the microphone had 'packed up.' The proceedings finished with an almost perfect fall.

After saying our good-byes to Miss Porter and Mr. Bennett we returned to Lustleigh to join all the local people for a chat and drink.

Sunday morning we joined the local band in service ringing; perhaps our highest compliment was made by the captain, who said it was the best rise he had heard by 'scientific' ringers. During the afternoon we made our way home and called at St. Mary's, Taunton, where we are grateful to the local ringers who stood down in order that we could ring. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay, at Lustleigh, looked after us in their usual kindly way. We thank Mr. Bennett, for helping us plan the tour, and to Henry Taysom, who drove the minibus. In all we rang 22 methods and call changes; we said last year we would like to come back. We did, and we hope to come 'down in Glorious Devon' again next year.

A. F. L.

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ST. IVES, HUNTS—A CHURCH OF MANY MEMORIES

By T. A. BEVIS

NATURE speaks to all: in colourful and varied ways she exhorts, uplifts and soothes. One may visualise a placid river reflecting a weathered steeple and wind-swept trees in its twinkling depths, lending itself as a sounding board to melodious bells . . . truly an English scene. Thus we familiarise ourselves with St. Ives, a pleasant and interesting town in Huntingdonsnire, far removed geographically and in appearance from its illustrious seaside cousin in Cornwall.

It is a borough of undying militaristic memories, for here Cromwell drilled his soldiers in an ancient barn and he stands, in bronze, on Market Hill for all to see.

St. Ives has unpleasant memories of one particular day—March 23rd, 1918—when a biplane crashed into the beautiful spire of All Saints' Church.

The pilot of the ill-fated aircraft took off from nearby Wyton aerodrome, and, for some unknown reason landed shortly afterwards in a meadow near the picturesque Hemingford villages. Taking off once more the plane slowly gained height, heading in the direction of St. Ives. A few moments later, at 6.45 p.m., the machine crashed into the slender spire of the parish church.

About 50 feet of the spire fell in two portions into the west end of the north and south aisles, the aeroplane falling into the north aisle, the pilot dying instantly. As can well be imagined, considerable damage was caused; the spire was completely severed; the pinnacles and battlements of the tower ruined; and about 30 feet of both aisles exposed to the sky.

The nave roof was pierced in numerous places, and the bell wheels and frames were utterly smashed, the bells coming to rest on the floor of the belfry.

It was necessary to find £7.090 to pay for the repair of the church and steeple, and £3.873 of this amount was provided by the Government. Some time later the Mayor of St. Ives organised a mile of pennies over the famous mediæval bridge to help meet the cost of renovation.

Much of the church, of necessity, was made new. It is a resplendent building—a little plain, perhaps, from the exterior, but creditably restored inside, being enriched with modern and ancient figures, the latter carved by 15th century craftsmen.

The substantial oak pulpit was made in the 16th century, and an old chest contains a book signed by Oliver Cromwell, then churchwarden, who mixed up religion with farming and became so poor that his farm was taken from him. How would this country have fared if he had been left in peace with his plough?

A MEMORY OF FRANK WARRINGTON

All Saints' Church has a significent place in the writer's personal records, for it was here that he rang his first peal under the experienced, friendly and ever-watchful eye of Frank Warrington, a splendid ringer and undoubtedly one of East Anglia's finest conductors.

A signalman at St. Ives, Frank composed and conducted peals in confident style; but he was best known for his willingness and ability to guide the nervous learner through the 'complex' maze of changes, whether of Surprise or Plain Bob. He passed away in recent years. Despite a period of ill-health, he would not spare himself when it came to ringing bells—so great was his love of the art.

The impressive steeple contains a delightful octave (tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in G). Handling remarkably well, the bells are rung from the ground floor; the belfry is arrived at after ascending a somewhat unsightly steel spiral staircase, which would be much more at home in an industrial establishment.

Before 1723 the steeple housed a ring of six bells, the tenor of which was cracked. This was removed and, with its companions, introduced to the melting pot, the resultant ring

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ST. IVES.

having a combined weight of 68 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb

The new bells sounded for the first time above the waters of the Ouse on February 11th of the aforementioned year. It has been stated (without foundation) that the bells were originally intended for Godmanchester church.

PENN'S TRAGIC DEATH

The completed work, however, was considered unsatisfactory and in 1725 a Chancery suit commenced, articles not being performed by the founder, Henry Penn. (Details of Penn's tragic death after his acquittal have already appeared in 'The Ringing World.')

In 1729 the Lord Chancellor converted the suit in a trial of common law. 'The founder was sick to death at Huntingdon at the time of Trial when 'twas over. He was told he had got the cause. Penn answered 'twas too late, he was far gone that his hart was broke therefore could do him no good.'

In July, 1730, it was decreed that the widow Penn and the town should bear each their own charges, only the town to pay her the damages given on the trial. This cause cost a tidy sum of money, but the poor widow got very iittle or none of it.

Two bells were later added by Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, and the octave was rehung in the last half of the 19th century. Later it became necessary to recast the bells, but, happily, Penn's unusual inscriptions have been preserved.

The treble, an early riser, exhorts the listener to 'Arise and go to your business,' while number two, mindful of mundane attractions, preaches 'I praise the true God.' The third intones in sarcastic vein 'Their sound is gone up,' and the morbid fourth, perhaps foreseeing its founder's unfortunate circumstances, sighs 'Sometimes joy, sometimes sorrow; marriage today and death tomorrow.'

The fifth bell upholds ancient tradition in that 'When backward rung we tell of fire: think how the world will thus expire.' Six and seven are inscribed 'Robt. Taylor, St. Neots, Fecit 1796,' and the tenor, in which Penn fixed a coin, comes out with the reassuring rhyme: 'When souls are from these bodies torn, 'tis not to die but to be born.—I Hy Penn Founder.' Incidentally, the bells show three variations of decorative lettering.

A glimpse at the parish records informs enquirers that in 1959 'St. Ives sold a pillow of velvet, etc., and one handbell for iiiis. Also **stolen**, ij littel bells of sillu (silver).'

A Mr. Robert Langley, in his will dated August 24th, 1656, left six shillings a year for the ringers on January 9th or 11th, for a 'dumb' peal.

Over the years the bells of All Saints' Church have echoed and re-echoed their message of peace and goodwill above verdant pastures in a sylvan setting. Sunday by Sunday their predecessors played on the ears of the soldier-farmer: Milton's Chief of Men—our greatest man of action.

To these parts long, long ago, came a gentle being—a Persian bishop, called 'Slepe,' who numbered among his first converts Ireland's St. Patrick. That Bisfiop is known today as St. Ive, and in this soil he was laid to rest. Many miracles are attributed to him, and as the bells peal out we might remember: 'There is not any in England more easy of prayer or more helpful than St. Ive.'

Heanor, Derbyshire, has an enthusiastic band of young ringers—four girls, 12 young men. Remembrance Day half-muffled ringing at the Parish Church consisted of 70 minutes before and 30 minutes after the morning service and 30 minutes before and after Evensong. On the Monday afternoon the muffles were stowed away until next year (we hope).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AND ATTENDING THE SERVICE

Dear Sir.—The letter recently published, from the Rev. D. G. Brunning, offering a suggestion, was written partly with an objective purpose, but it touches on a matter about which all is not well. It may be true that one never hears of 'singers' leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over, but they do leave; so the suggestion is negatived. One never hears especial mention of a ringer who remains on as a singer, although there must be many.

We are quite often being reminded from the pulpit that ringers do not stay to the service for which they ring but it seems that many clergy themselves are not willing to study the problem or even to render any beneficial contribution. Do these clergy realise that at these times they are addressing the wrong class of ringer? It would be better if they went 'out into the world' and gave their message by personal contact to the defaulting ringer. In my most humble opinion, a ringer's task is to assist in ringing the bells for services and, in turn, to teach others to do likewise, and a clergyman's task is to teach the gospel.

The essential factor of a reliable, conscientious and enthusiastic ringer is that he is introduced into the belfry from **within** the church and, moreover, if he is a youngster, that the parents are also **within** the church. The incumbent, through an active choir, Sunday school or youth club, should have sufficient material ready to proceed into the belfry. But, alas, this is often not so and we ringers are forced to keep on and on trying to interest people who are not otherwise attached to or even interested in any of the church activities. Happily, there are a few exceptions to the above and instances where, once becoming a ringer, a person has become a more active church worker. The importance of parents is that, among other things, meal times for ringers on Sundays are often required to be up to an hour earlier than they otherwise would be—this may sound lighthearted, but it is not, and I have had experience of one of my band coming to ring for service and then going home to have his meal because it was not ready before he left. The meal times of a ringer are even earlier than for other church-going folk.

Whilst I readily agree that many more ringers could attend church services, is not a limited offering better than none at all? Think of the thousands of other people who could attend church services, but who do not subscribe even a limited offering. There are many aspects of church attendance which, after all is a personal matter, and in respect of ringers consider the following factual cases. There is a band or ringers consisting of an organist and choristers, but not at the same church—the times of services allow them to ring the bells at one church and then proceed to the second church (which has no bells) and attend the service. Who would advise them to restrict their activities? Evensong is held at 3.30 p.m. in a very large built up area; there is no local band and the bells are rung by people coming 'into town.' The people who ring these bells also return home to ring for 6 or 6.30 p.m. Evensong at their own towers.

Who would suggest that they should stop at both Evensong services, even if distance between the two towers was not an important consideration?

I could write more, including an appeal to the clergy referred to above.—Yours faithfully.

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms.

SUPPORT FOR REV. D. G. BRUNNING

Dear Sir.—Mrs. H. Hodgson, in her **so-called** reply to Rev. D. G. Brunning, completely misses the point. Whether we ringers ring for half an hour or so before the service begins or not has nothing to do with it—it is the example set to the rest of the congregation, who are not inclined to look very favourably upon bells and ringers by seeing the ringers walk out. Best to have **no** bells than to have them made a mockery of, or as one Vicar said recently—treated as tennis balls, for pleasure only!

Ringers have a **duty** to join the rest of the church family in the main and all important parts of the worship to which they have called others. The church exists for worship, **not** merely to amuse ringers and worship is taking one's part in the prayers, the hymns, the lessons and learning from the sermons. '**I ring to summon** with a lusty bome, that all may come and none may stay at home,' says the inscription on several bells I know of.—Yours, etc.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

'THE SERMON DRINK'

Dear Sir.—Years ago I was told of singers leaving the choir during service at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth. As the sermon began the tenors and basses were in the habit of slipping out of a side door to the local for a drink and a smoke, arriving back before the last hymn.—Yours truly.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

LADIES' RECORDS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. Harry Broughton, I must apologise both to him and Mrs. Muriel Reay for the inaccuracy in my writing up of her 'Personality.'

Miss Reay did not make this claim herself, and it was due to my not verifying my facts more carefully. I was aware that the late Mrs. H. J. Poole had rung 677 peals, but thought that she had rung far more than five on handbells.—Yours faithfully.

APACE.

A TOAST

Dear Sir,—

Mr. Mason appears to think
That all we ringers shouldn't drink:
So one is quite beyond the pale
If one likes a glass of ale:
And it's going much too far
To walk into a four-ale bar!

Mr. Williams, and I, should shudder
If there was only the lactic udder
Or water supposedly free
Of bugs and infections
Or other defections—
But perhaps we should sup tea?

To write up a tour in a way that's amusing
By referring so often to the pleasures of
Instead of relating [boozing
The casting and dating
Of tenor or treble or some other bell
Now, it would seem, see us all into Hell.

It is my boast
That when I toast
I sup my wine and say with reverence:
'Down with drink, and here's to temperance.'

—Yours from the Tower.

CLARENCE.

Nottingham.

WHO WANTS TO TAKE OVER WHOM?

Dear Sir.—Your recent leading article about the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association and the subsequent correspondence may lead to speculation in the Exercise as to who wants to 'take over' whom.

The question of the overlap of the two Guilds has been raised with great regularity ever since the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, particularly with regard to divided loyalties and the payment of two subscriptions. Last year several ringers brought the matter up again at a Leatherhead District meeting. It was decided that the only way to deal with the matter was to discuss it in committee, and later to give all members of both Guilds a chance to decide what was wanted.

This is what is now being done, and presumably both the Guildford Guild and Surrey Association will hold general meetings early next year and vote whether or not some kind of join up would be of advantage to the Exercise or desirable to the members of both Guilds.—Yours sincerely,

E. BRAGG.

Aldershot.

THE LADIES AT ROCHESTER

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted just a few lines in your journal to say two things regarding Mrs. Chapman's letter headed 'The Ladies at Rochester.'

Firstly, if Mrs. Chapman is referring to the ringing after the recent Kent County Association at Rochester Cathedral, I should like to point out that the secretary of the Rochester ringers, Mr. T. Beaumont, was at the entrance to the Cathedral, next to that of the tower, for a considerable period of time after 6 o'clock.

Secondly, recent events certainly imply that the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild is not capable of holding a meeting on its own. I think I am correct in saying that only one Ladies' Guild meeting was held in Kent this past year without the help of the K.C.A. Might I suggest that this Branch start to recruit new members of reasonable age, instead of electing members at the age of six months! —Yours faithfully,

L. MITCHELL.

Newington, Sittingbourne.

LONDON—NO GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY

Dear Sir.—Regarding Mr. Peter J. Hutchings' letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, I would point out that there is no geographical county of London. If there was it, and not Rutland, would be the smallest county in England and Wales.

London is only an administrative county and was created under the Local Government Act, 1888, to administer the inner parts of Essex, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS T. C. SMITH.
Honorary Secretary,
N. & E. District, Middlesex Association.
Kingsbury, N.W.

WANTS A STRIKING CONTEST

Dear Sir.—I wonder what the interest would be in a Midland area striking contest, on an open, friendly basis, the teams entered being current winners of their Association's striking contest.

If such a contest is found to be practicable it would be held in a neutral 6 bell tower, within travelling distance of the towers involved.

If any towers are interested, I would be pleased to hear their comments.—Yours sincerely.

S. K. A. HUSON.
Secretary,
Alvaston St. Michael's Ringers, Derby.
3, Cromford Road,
Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

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ARCHBISHOP REDEDICATES TENTERDEN BELLS

THERE was a full church at St. Mildred's, Tenterden, on October 29th, when the Archbishop of Canterbury rededicated the bells in the presence of the Mayor (Major Leslie Chalk) and his council. The Major took a great interest in the restoration: his appeal resulted in £2,500 being received in almost a week. The Rector (Canon H. Willis) was joined by the Mayor to receive the Archbishop.

Dr. Ramsey took his text from I Peter ii. 4 and 5. 'To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.' He contrasted their beautiful church with another house of God, a spiritual church of which they were all stones. Just as the builders chose their stones, so must their spiritual stones each be fit for His purpose. There were three requirements:

(1) They must always be steadfast to help others.

(2) They must be united and closely linked together as a family.

(3) They must bring the beauty of the House of God into their lives.

As the old bells pealed out Sunday by Sunday, they would remind people of these things and would summon people to come to Jesus.

During the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies' the choir and clergy and the Archbishop proceeded to the base of the tower for the dedication of the bells. 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the Glory of God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

As the procession returned the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was sung, followed by 'Angel-voices ever singing,' during which the collection was taken for Tenterden Church Heating Fund and amounted to £40 7s. 6d.

So the service was over and the congregation awaited the sound of the bells, which were rung in rounds by the local ringers, followed by various touches, in which ringers from far and near took part, under the direction of Misses Kathleen Yeo and Violet Relf.

The work has comprised the recasting of the 3rd and 6th, the tuning of all the bells and rehanging, with new fittings in the existing frame. The old frame has been retained on professional archæological advice on the understanding it is good for another hundred years' life. As far as ringers are concerned this has meant retaining the left-hand circle and the 'go' of the bells does not appear at present to be as satisfactory as might be hoped, although it is understood that further work is contemplated in anchoring the frame, which may perhaps bring about some improvement.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Ramsey) with the Rector (Canon H. Willis) and the Mayor (Ald. Leslie Chalk) at the rededication of Tenterden Bells. [Pho.o: 'Kent'sh Express.'

THE BELLS

The details of the bells, the heaviest eight in Kent, are as follows:

	Weight	Note	Cast	Founder
Tenor	27-3-23	C	1884	John Warner & Co.
7	22-1-21	D	1884	John Warner & Co.
6	16-2-16	E	1961	Mears & Stainbank
5	13-2-3	F	1826	Thos. Mears II.
4	11-0-14	G	1920	Alfred Bowell.
3	9-1-24	A	1961	Mears & Stainbank
2	7-0-17	B	1884	John Warner & Co.
Treble	7-3-6	C	1769	Lester & Pack, Whitechapel.

The founders were represented at the service by the master bell founder, Mr. W. Hughes, and by Mr. Harry Parkes, who had carried out the work in the tower and took part in the ringing after the dedication service.

OUTING

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON

The fourth annual outing of Newbold-on-Avon, Warwicks, ringers and friends took place on September 23rd in misty Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

After enjoying the pleasant octave at Wirksworth, we lunched at Matlock Bath, and then pressed on Darley Dale, where Mr. Paulson welcomed us with the bells raised. Here we felt like village cricketers playing at Lords, and this feeling may have accounted for our abortive efforts in this lovely dale.

At Bakewell we were met with the news that no ringing could take place due to grave illness. However, a local ringer assured us that we could ring at nearby Edensor, if we asked. After an unanswered phone call to Edensor Vicarage, our coach took a small male party to this delightful, aptly named Chatsworth Park village, but the Vicar was not at home. But one of the wardens was, and the position was explained to him, and he granted permission for us to ring. Following some nicely struck Grandsire and Bob Minor on this pleasant six, we descended into the presence of a very grave and displeased incumbent, who was not eager to understand the circumstances which brought us there.

Back to Bakewell to collect the righteous, who had eaten fat teas that the sinners had had to forgo. We moved on through rain to Church Warsop, in Dukeries country. (Hint: always allow an enormous time reserve, somewhere in the middle of all outings!) It is no slight to the fine bells already rung to say that these six were the richest toned bells of the tour. This richness simply demanded our best, and in the welcoming warmth of the ringing room, with the huge pendulum swinging solemnly in our midst, we enjoyed Grandsire, Bob Minor, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and a plain course of Kent.

Our final ring was on the light six at Edwinstowe, in the pleasant company of one of their lady ringers. Our thanks are due to this young lady, and the ringers at Wirksworth, Darley Dale and Warsop, who made us so welcome, and to all incumbents.

W. C. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Blind Vicar Participates In Ringing

The annual meeting of the North West Branch at Hatherleigh on November 4th was most successful, with visiting ringers from a wide area attending. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. The most remarkable ringing of the afternoon was by a blind Vicar, from near Bideford, who joined in touches of Grandsire and Stedman, which he rang with great ease.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar and the ladies, who provided tea.

R. P.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Society at Conisbrough was highly successful, in spite of counter attractions by Guy Fawkes. It was notable in that a great range of methods, including Bristol and Spliced Plain Major, was rung, whilst yet providing plenty of opportunity for those desiring Plain Bob, plain hunt and rounds.

Catering was well organised by the genial secretary (John Seager) and helpers, and in the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. Norman Chaddock was asked to take charge. After suitable notes of thanks and expressions of appreciation to local folk and church authorities a collection of over 15s. was donated to the church funds to help pay for the generous facilities provided.

It is hoped to visit Barlborough and Eckington on December 2nd.

N. C.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

In spite of bad weather the November meeting of the Biggleswade District at Arlesey was better attended than the previous meeting. About 20 ringers were present. The ringing was varied, methods including Norwich and London Surprise.

The Rev. E. B. Edgell took the chair for the business meeting in St. Peter's Hall after tea.

Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association

'Ye saints who toil below . . .' ran a line in one of the hymns at Evensong during the annual meeting and festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on September 30th. The service was held in St. Michael and All Angels', Bishop Wearmouth, Sunderland. It coincided with the patronal festival and was held near the close of a day that had included ringing on all the four rings of bells in Sunderland.

Although the call in the hymn was to sing rather than ring, as one might have expected the congregation of ringers was able to respond even without accompaniment. The Nunc Dimittis, with Tonus Peregrinus as the chant, showed considerable improvement over the previous attempt under similar conditions earlier in the year at Chester-le-Street.

Ringing at St. Andrew's, Roker, before lunch, was made possible only by the arrival of visitors from Edinburgh, York and Wolverhampton. Good use was made of the other bells at St. Ignatius', Sunderland Parish Church and Bishop Wearmouth, the last two towers being open again after Evensong.

The business meeting followed the ten in Bishop Wearmouth Church Hall. The service due at 7 p.m. limited the time available, and the business was disposed of speedily and in comfortable time to reach the church. This was in pleasant contrast to the protracted meetings of the last two years. The president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed those present and proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all concerned in arranging the meeting and providing the tea.

Reports submitted by the various officers were approved. In these reports it was noted that Tanfield bells had become unsafe and ringing had been stopped. The treasurer was able to report an increased balance in hand and the voluntary contributions from peal ringers had produced £9 6s., which would help towards the cost of printing the report. The Ringing Master reported action on instruction in the drafting of a letter of approach to belfries, progress towards a manual, and the holding of combined practices during the year. The trustees reported that the properties were safe and sound.

64 RINGERS IN 56 PEALS

The peal report, compiled by Mr. J. A. Ainsworth as acting editorial secretary, recorded 56 peals. These were rung in 31 towers with four on handbells. Only 64 ringers had taken part in the peals and four of those scored their first peal. Leading ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 47, E. N. Harrison 41, J. E. Anderson 39 and G. S. Deas 33. Conductors numbered 12 and J. A. Ainsworth led the field with 31 peals conducted. There were four Surprise methods new to the Association, and the 8,736 of Yorkshire S. Major at Allendale had set up a new record length for the Association after the previous record had stood for 56 years.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, T. Cooke; hon. secretary, D. A. Bayles; hon. treasurer, F. Ainsley; hon. editorial secretary, J. A. Ainsworth; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; trustees, W. N. Park and N. I. Wright; Ringing Master, K. Arthur.

The District officers showed three changes, and for 1961–62 are as follows: Northern District—Vice-president, G. S. Deas; secretary, Miss I. Thomson; Southern District—Vice-president, F. W. Cooke; secretary, E. Thompson; Eastern District—Vice-president, C. N. Lea; secretary, W. F. Sheraton; Western District—Vice-president, K. W. Cheeseman; secretary, C. T. Lamb.

Meetings were arranged for Chester-le-Street on January 6th, 1962 (social function), Darlington on May 26th (half-yearly) and Newcastle on October 13th (annual).

New members elected were the Misses L. Garbutt, P. Walker and D. Yeats, and Messrs. A. Applegarth, J. Close and M. Maughan. The Rev. J. D. Hodgson was elected a clerical member.

It was announced that it was hoped to revise the handbook during the year, and also to make some arrangements for ringers who would be visiting Newcastle for the Royal Show in July, 1962. Work was to be restarted on entering peals in the Association's peal book. There were large arrears, and the committee would consider whether this practice was feasible under present conditions. Appreciation was expressed for the services rendered by Mr. J. Brewster in entering so many peals in earlier years.

D. A. B.

SOUTH WALES NOMADS

The first meeting since the annual tour of the South Wales Nomads was held at Trevethin on October 21st. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, with a short break for the business meeting, when two new members from Llandaff were elected. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and to the Trevethin ringers, for their welcome.

Next meeting, Rumney, December 9th.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Paul on October 21st. Those present included the Revs. A. J. Vincent (general secretary), W. H. R. Trewhella (now living in retirement at Penzance), P. S. Gagg (Lelant) and about about sixty members. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Tyrrell (Vicar), who also gave an address. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson. Excellent arrangements for tea had been made by Messrs. J. Ladner and W. R. Curtis (captain and secretary respectively of the local band).

The Rev. A. J. Vincent was voted to the chair for the business meeting in the absence of Miss Eileen Symons, who was again elected, as were also the Branch secretary (Rev. A. S. Roberts) and auditor (Mr. Wm. Wood). The statement of account showed a balance in hand of £32 4s. 2d. Zennor was chosen for the spring festival. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers of Paul for the welcome given. The grand ring of six (14¼ cwt.) was well used during the afternoon and evening, and some bands also went to Gulval and Madron.

A. S. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District Annual

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was a combined one with the Ladies' Guild. About 50 members attended the business meeting at the George Hotel, Rochester, following ringing in the afternoon at St. Mary's, Chatham.

The Dean (the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard) presided and an excellent report on the year's activities was presented by Mr. T. Barton, who announced his retirement from the secretaryship in a year's time. Officers elected were: Mr. Barton, secretary; Mr. L. Mitchell, assistant secretary; Messrs A. Dunk and F. J. Cheal, District representatives; Mr. Peter Bond, Ringing Master for one year in succession to Mr. L. Harmer, who was thanked for his services. Seven new members of the Association were also elected.

The meeting was in favour of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association being held at Rochester on Easter Monday. Questions were asked as to why no tea or ringers' service was held. The Dean explained that the absence of the service was due to the Sunday school teachers' service, but when the District held its next annual meeting at Rochester in three years' time he would arrange for a service.

After votes of thanks many members rang on the fine 10 in Rochester Cathedral.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North-East District

A variety of methods was rung on the recently augmented and rehung eight at Aldeburgh, where the N.E. District held a meeting on October 28th. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. P. Bedford, Messrs. T. J. Brock, G. W. Sampson and P. N. Shipley were elected honorary life members, and P. Tiffin and N. Knights junior members. Thanks were given to the ladies for the tea and the Vicar (the Rev. M. J. Ellingsen) and the organist for the service, and Mr. Pilgrim for organising the meeting.

Next meeting, Bungay, January 27th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its autumn meeting at Thetford on October 28th. The Rector (Rev. H. R. Munford) conducted the service, and the president, Mr. Nolan Golden, read the lesson.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided over the business meeting, supported by the president, Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-president) and the Branch secretary (Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo).

Thanks were expressed to the Rector, the organist and to Mr. H. Fuller for arranging the meeting.

After tea more Suffolk friends joined in ringing various methods.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine towers were represented at the monthly meeting of the Society held at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, on November 11th. The next meeting will be held on December 9th at Shelley. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon, and supported by Mr. Harold Chant.

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MR. HORACE BELCHER

After a short illness Mr. Horace Belcher died on October 24th at his home at Osterley, Middlesex. Two days later, at dusk, he was laid for the night in St. George's Chapel, Westminster Abbey. Friends from the College Youths and Middlesex Association attended the simple, dignified ceremony, which concluded with a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

Horace Belcher came to London from Wednesbury, Staffordshire, where he learnt to ring. He lived first in S.E. London, moving later to Ealing and then Osterley and becoming well known in S.W. Middlesex. Since 1945 most of his ringing had been with the College Youths, and he was a member of the Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral bands. At St. Paul's the traditional whole pull and stand was rung, followed by half-muffled Stedman Cinques. A peal attempt at St. Giles', Cripplegate, was lost after nearly two hours' good ringing when a rope broke.

He was notable for the very high standard of performance which he set himself and expected of others. Good striking was all important to him, and he was outspoken in his criticism of those who fell short in this respect; his own striking could seldom be faulted.

A great deal of his time was spent teaching beginners, whom he would take to numerous towers to gain experience. Week night practices, cycling expeditions to nearby towers on Saturday afternoons, and Sunday evening quarter peals were all arranged for his pupils' benefit. They were kept on their toes by the sharp rebukes which he administered for any slackness in handling or striking.

His peals included two at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung for the birth of Prince Charles and the 1953 Coronation. He generally rang at the light end, but on occasions would perform equally well at the back end with apparent ease. In recent years indifferent health curtailed his ringing, but he still listened with a keen ear and made his candid comments.

London is now all too short of ringers like Horace Belcher. At a time when there is a tendency for ringing ability to be measured mainly in terms of complexity of methods rung, he set an example of good ringing for his younger colleagues, in whom he always strove to instil a prime regard for good striking coupled with his own high standards of appraisement. J.C. & M.V.C.

AN APPRECIATION

There must be many who owe their progress in the art of change ringing to Horace Belcher, and as one of these I would like to pay a tribute to him as a ringer. He was, first and foremost, an immaculate striker, and he never missed an opportunity of endeavouring to impart his standard to others. This he did in various ways. His sharp tongue will be remembered, not only by young and aspiring ringers, but also by several of the older ringers too.

Nevertheless, in addition to his sharp tongue, he would spend hours in instructing learners in elementary change ringing. There are at least three at St. Paul's Cathedral who owe their progress to his interest and instruction. He missed very little, whether it was bad striking or bad handling, without passing a comment, and he seldom missed the opportunity to forward scientific change ringing amongst call change ringers. As a friend and a ringer he will be greatly missed.

B. K. L.

50 Years Ago

"R.W." November 24th, 1911.—

There is a point of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor at Surfleet last Saturday. It is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in 16 methods, and what is more remarkable is that one of the 720's was actually rung in four methods, viz.: Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob: two others were rung in three methods and two in two methods. The Rev. H. Law James is certainly giving six bell ringers the lead in what he advocated at the Central Council meeting.

OBITUARY

MR. L. H. BAYBUT

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Leonard H. Baybut on October 29th, after a long and painful illness.

He returned home from India just over a year ago, after holding an important position in Kashmir for some 25 years. Upon his retirement he had hoped to have taken up ringing again as a regular Sunday service and also as a peal ringer, but it was not to be.

Len was born in Suffolk in 1900 and commenced ringing at West Stow and Bury St. Edmunds. Later he moved to Essex and rang his first peal, Oxford Treble Bob Royal, at Prittlewell, conducted by W. H. Judd. Later he went to London and joined the Essex, London County, Kent and Middlesex Associations, also the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Suffolk Guild. Much of his ringing was done, both service and peal ringing, with the London County and the Royal Cumberlands, under those well known conductors, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and Jeffrey R. Gammon.

For some ten years, before going to India in 1935, he was a regular service ringer at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. His peals included the first peals of Pudsey Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus by the Royal Cumberlands, also the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by the Kent County Association. He was a very safe ringer and excellent striker, usually on the heavy end.

In all he rang 60 peals, mostly Surprise and Stedman. A full list is made up as follows:

Cambridge Surprise—Maximus 4, Royal 6, Major 10.

Superlative Surprise Major 3, Pudsey Surprise Major 2, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1.

Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1.

Kent Treble Bob Major 1.

Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 1.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1.

Stedman—Cinques 18, Caters 3, Triples 6.

Grandsire Caters 1. Total 60.

His last peal was Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Bexley, on January 20th, 1951, in honour of the birth of his grandchild.

During his vacation a few years ago he visited St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, to ring and found that the ropes were in a very poor condition. He at once ordered (at his own expense) a complete set of new ropes for the ring of twelve.

So passes one of the best of friends. Farewell, Len.

G. H. C.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral was on November 3rd, the first part of the service being at Christ Church, Bexleyheath, conducted by the Vicar. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung beside the coffin by T. H. Francis 1—2, G. H. Cross 3—4, D. Beresford 5—6, E. Barnett 7—8.

The final part of the service was at Woolwich Borough Crematorium, Falconwood. The mourners included Mrs. G. Baybut (widow), his daughter (Eileen) and her husband, Brian (son), Stanley W. Baybut (brother), and other relatives. Ringers present were Mrs. E. A. Barnett, E. Barnett, D. Beresford (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis.

SCHOOLS OF RINGING

Two more schools of ringing, this time in Cornwall, have been founded under the ægis of, and are now affiliated to, the College of Campanology. They function respectively at the towers of St. Uny's Church, Lelant, and St. Mary's Church, Penzance; and are under the direction of Mr. Harry Miles.

At the Lelant school are six learners, including the Vicar; while at the Penzance school are no less than 14 learners. The training (of the high standard demanded by the College) is being followed with keenness, and the progress is encouraging.

MR. R. A. JENKINS

A brief announcement appeared in our last issue of the death on November 4th of Mr. Richard A. Jenkins, verger of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford. He collapsed while burning rubbish in the churchyard and by the time he reached the hospital he was dead. He leaves a widow, to whom the sympathy of many friends is extended. He was 75.

Although not a peal ringer, he was happy when amongst ringers either in his own tower or at meetings of the Kent County Association, especially the Lewisham District. In his own tower he was an example of regular attendance and was always ready to hunt the treble or ring the tenor behind. Probably he held a record for quarter peals of Grandsire and Stedman. For many years he was tower secretary.

Practically all his working life was spent in the paper making trade, but during the 1914-18 war he served in the R.F.C., and was a veteran member of the Dartford R.A.F.A. Club. Dick had been verger for the past eight years and on the Sunday previous to his passing he received a presentation in recognition of his faithful service to the church.

The bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled previous to the funeral service on Saturday, November 11th, and again afterwards. The Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Griffen) officiated at the service. Cremation was at Eltham. As a last token of respect a quarter peal was attempted on the Sunday with the bells half-muffled.

A WET WEEK-END FOR INTER-VARSITY RINGING

Bristol and Southampton Universities joint week-end of ringing on October 21st and 22nd was spoilt by the rain. The party, consisting mainly of cyclists, assembled at St. Denys', Warminster (8), but the ringing was far from perfect and included a touch of Plain Bob Major, having 8-7's at back which came round at hand.

The rain, which had been threatening, began to fall and continued for practically the whole tour. There was little change in the standard of ringing at Longbridge Deverill (8), but the striking improved a little at Kingston Deverill (6) and a course of London was brought round. Ringing took place at Mere (8) and Zeals (6), where the tower was classed 'unsafe.' The tiring wet day had its effect on ringing the heavy eight at Gillingham. Our last ride of the day was to Marnhull Youth Hostel, where we were agreably surprised to find hot water on tap.

Ringing at Marnhull on Sunday for Matins included a course of Cambridge. After a packed lunch there was afternoon ringing at Stalbridge (6). The last tower was Wincanton (8), where we were lucky enough to be joined by several visiting experts, including the 'tenor king' himself.

Despite the rain the tour was enjoyed and we would like to thank Miss Judith M Atkinson, who was, owing to illness, unable to see the results of her good organisation.

E.G.M. & C.C.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir.—By kind permission of the Rector and ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, I give notice that it is the intention of a band to attempt to ring a peal of 22.680 Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Worsley on Saturday, December 23rd, commencing at 6.45 a.m. The composition is given below.

29.160 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis

23456 W H
52436 — 3
35426 — 3
23456 — 3

Twice repeated, inserting 3 bobs at Middle in every course

In first course of 1st part call Before.
In first course of 2nd part call 4ths.
In first course of 3rd part call In.

Reduce to 22.680 by omitting all calls at middle in 2nd part.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

WRINGTON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Ringers from various parts of Somerset and beyond met at All Saints', Wrington, during the week-end of November 4th/5th, to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the augmentation of the bells, from 6 to 10, which were dedicated by the then Bishop of Bath and Wells on All Saints' Day, 1911.

On the Saturday afternoon ringing to cater for all tastes took place until 5 o'clock, when the company adjourned to the Memorial Hall to enjoy a first class tea, which had been prepared by members of the local company and their helpers. Amongst those present were the Rector, the Rev. B. Lee, and Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse. During this break photographs of the bells taken at the time of the augmentation were passed round, and an interesting history of the bells was read from a manuscript, supplied by Mr. H. W. Knight.

The festival continued on Sunday when the preacher at Evensong was the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. H. Warren, who came specially from Exford for the service. Again a goodly company attended and rang for service, which happily combined Evensong with the Association's official form of service.

In his address the Master said that any 50th anniversary was worth observing, and he thought it both a happy and imaginative decision that the original event they were celebrating should have coincided with the church's patronal festival, when they remembered all those, whether ringers or not, who had contributed to and sustained the work and life of the church in Wrington.

The Master praised the quality of the bells, and paid tribute to the ringers, past and present, who had looked after them so well. He told the congregation how fortunate the village was to possess such a fine ring, but one of the penalties they had to pay for this was the frequent attention they received from ringers from far and wide. This required the tolerance and goodwill of those who lived nearby, but this had always been forthcoming and he hoped it would continue, so that the bells would always praise God as they had done down the centuries.

Further ringing after the service concluded the festival, which was brought to a close by a good full in peal and a general vote of thanks to the local company for organising such an enjoyable week-end. J. B.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 28th, was poorly attended—only 18 of the 56 members being present. A few touches of Triples and some rounds on the twelve were rung before the service, but in the evening, with only ten ringers remaining, nothing more ambitious than Minor could be attempted.

Replying to a vote of thanks after tea the Vicar (Canon B. Purefoy) announced that a faculty had been granted for the restoration of the Abbey bells, and he hoped that they would be removed to the foundry in the New Year. Four of the oldest bells would be retained for the clock chimes and the rest would be melted down with sufficient metal added to make a new ring of twelve.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Penn; secretary, Miss N. N. A. Price (11 Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury); representative on the Management Committee, Mr. A. G. Pulley.

N. N. A. P.

LEG OF PORK SUPPER

The 356th Harlington November 5th 'Leg of Pork' supper was held this year at the Rectory. The Rector (the Rev. Ronald Bartlett) was a genial chairman, and all were unanimous in declaring it as one of the most enjoyable suppers they had attended. Many new faces were to be seen, promising ringers attending the event for the first time. The Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the two wardens, Major L. F. Ellis and Mr. Lionel Grice, who is also belfry captain, also attended.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

A RECORD attendance of 123 members was present at the eighth annual dinner of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on October 28th.

Presiding at the top table was the Master, Mrs. R. C. Heazel, and supporting him were the vice-presidents, the Bishops of Colchester and Barking, the Ven. W. N. Welch (Archdeacon of Southend) and the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford. Also present were the life vice-presidents, L. J. Clark and J. Chalk.

It is the custom of the Association to invite, as guests of the Association, those members who are made life members during the current year, and this year the Association had as its guests L. Cordell (North Weald), J. Carrott (Hornchurch) and C. Hughes (Leytonstone).

The dinner followed its usual pattern of meal and speeches, interspersed by entertainment—all were excellent.

The speeches were short and exceptionally witty, the clergy being in fine form. 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, and replied to by the Bishop of Colchester, who confessed that on the previous day he had sat through four hours of the Colchester Oyster Festival, had not eaten a single oyster, having a strong preference for whelks!!

'The Exercise' was proposed by the Archdeacon of Southend, and replied to by Mr F. B. Lufkin, and the final toast. 'Vice-presidents, Guests and Artistes,' was in the able hands of Mr. C. E. Willmington, and replied to by the Bishop of Barking.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Hilda Fleet (soprano), Mr. R. Leavett (sleigh bells) and songs by E. W. and E. G. Roast.

There was a record attendance of 123 members and friends.

An interesting innovation was the playing of a tape recording while the members were assembling, of a recent peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Chewton Mendip, by the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was much appreciated.

FAMILY PEALS BY THE LAMBERTS

A family peal of 50 years ago is recalled by the Lamberts ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Kilndown, Kent, on November 11th. This is the family's fifth peal. The two outstanding peals were Plain Bob Minor at Lamberhurst on October 1st, 1911, by six brothers, and Plain Bob Major at Mitcham on November 2nd, 1911. Of these two peals there are now only three survivors: F. J. jun., R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

By ringing in the peal at Kilndown, Michael R. T. and Jane M. Lambert become the first of the fourth generation of this family to ring a peal.

Mallion Lambert, the forefather of five generations, was, according to a report, a bell ringer at Horsmonden, in the days of call changes. The thanks of the family are due to Mr. E. R. Lambert, who made the journey from Cosgrove to stand in the peal at Kilndown.

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ST. MARY'S, EWELL, RINGERS' OUTING

Our annual outing on September 16th was in and around the New Forest; six towers being included in the itinerary.

Three hours' ride through Surrey and Hampshire brought us to our first tower at Fordingbridge, where ringers and friends alike found much to interest them. Two of the eight bells here date from 1655 and several have interesting inscriptions. An unusually large window in the ringing chamber gives a fine view of the River Avon.

Ringwood we found to be decorated for carnival week. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul has a spacious ringing room and is obviously well cared for; notable features are the heavy oaken beams and the uncased clock pendulum swinging by the wall. The ringing here was enjoyed by all the company.

Lunch was booked at Milford-on-Sea and despite the drivers doing their best to lose us on the way we arrived on time. After an excellent meal, ringers made their way to All Saints', where we were kindly welcomed by Admiral Everett, who is tower captain, and who, with Mr. Godfrey, is obviously doing great work in keeping up a local band, under very difficult circumstances. The bells were much enjoyed.

At Lymington we found the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Bostock, awaiting us, and he gave the non-ringers a most amusing and interesting account of the church. The eight bells (tenor 20¼ cwt.) were voted the best of the day and the ringing seemed to do full justice to them.

On then to Lyndhurst for tea, after which we climbed the hill to the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, an imposing building overlooking the town and with a spire some 160 feet high. Our less experienced ringers were alarmed by the length of the ropes and difficulty was encountered, but the same people secretly enjoyed the occasional blunders of the more adept.

It was here that a member of our company discovered that stroking New Forest ponies is by no means as pleasant a pastime as it would appear. Being ungroomed, their coats leave a patina of dirt on every hand that touches them!

A further 30 minutes brought us to our last tower of the day—North Stoneham. Here there is a light ring of ten, with a 9 cwt. tenor, which several found difficult to handle, quite apart from the fact that the second and fourth had no stays.

Our organiser, Mr. J. E. Beams, to whom we are again indebted for all his trouble and effort, has asked the writer to record his thanks to Mr. George Pullinger for help advice and information on this and last year's outing to Portsmouth. We also thank Messrs. Marlow (Fordingbridge), Cheater (Ringwood), Sapsard (Lyndhurst) and Taylor (North Stoneham), in addition to those previously mentioned.

F. W.

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Rambling Ringers' 3 Weeks' Tour in West Country

AFTER journeying from many points, although mainly from the north, the Rambling Ringers assembled for ringing at St. Mary's, Warwick. The tower here stands on the east wall and two pillars, which stride over the footpath. The bells go well, but we started cautiously with some simple ringing on the ten. Stratford-on-Avon was the next tower visited, what a glorious setting the church stands in! The last tower of the day was Bideford-on-Avon, a somewhat indeterminate eight, not long augmented from six.

Sunday dawned cloudless and was to prove to be one of the loveliest days of the tour. Ringing for Matins took place at Evesham bell tower. Here we were met by Geoff and Gerald Hemming and the locals who joined us in ringing this fine twelve. After a substantial meal we went to Broadway to ring at the 'old' church—a fine edifice with a six fully in keeping with it.

At Winchcombe we encountered a long draughted six. The tenor rope falls very close to the walls and the bells go far from well. Evensong ringing took place at Bishop's Cleeve, on an easy going and pleasant sounding eight. What a climb we had after this to Cleeve Hill Youth Hotel!

Despite the past efforts of the honorary secretary, no tower was available for Monday morning. The first tower did not make up for this, for it was a rough going and hard to hear the ring of six. Wotton-under-Edge was the exact opposite in every respect and subsequently much enjoyed. Chipping Sodbury bells were found to be of good tone, but loose in the headstock, making the 'go' not all that it should be. Thence into Bristol for the next day, and a complete mix-up.

A BRISTOL APOLOGY

In the morning we first rang at St. James'. The belfry here had been well decorated, and the bells go well. After this we were informed by the local captain that we could not ring at St. John's-in-the-Wall, and this, coupled with the fact that the local captain at St. Stephen's knew nothing of our coming, completely wrecked the remainder of our ringing in Bristol. Unfortunately the steeple-keeper, Cecil Mogford, did know of our arriving and had the bells up ready. One further tragedy occurred, we had omitted to send Cecil a tour list, and as we did not turn up he could not come with us on the week that he had intended. Our most sincere apologies, Cecil, for spoiling your holiday.

We journeyed then via the suspension bridge into that Mecca of ringers, Somerset. Just over the bridge we 'grabbed' a six before settling down to a very long dinner hour. The effect of this was made manifest by our poor ringing on the grand heavy eight at Long Ashton, and far too fast ringing Wraxall. Ralph G. Edwards, who joined us for these two towers must have had a poor initial opinion of us!

Yatton was our first tower on a glorious day. The ringing here began, led by the local captain, with belfry prayers. This appeared to set right the pattern of ringing at this tower for it was all of a high standard. It is a great pity that this simple act of dedication is so much lacking from the belfry today. A disapointment awaited us at Congresbury, the third bell being out of the frame. Thus another long break was had for dinner. Midst rain, but with undamped spirits, we proceeded to Winford, a six in a rather high tower. After this it was on to Chew Magna, a regal sounding ring. Wrington's must be one of the fastest moving tens for their weight in the country, and the Cambridge Royal clocked along in 20 cwt. style. Banwell's sound very well outside the tower, but not inside.

A 'CHEWTON MENDIP' OF SIXES

Next day saw us at Axbridge, a 'Chewton Mendip' of sixes. So much were we enamoured by these bells that we overshot the time of ringing, making us late at Cheddar—our most sincere apologies to the local. The church at Axbridge is fully worth a visit, a glorious pile. Wedmore church, cruciform in plan, stands on a grassy plateau; the bells sound grand in the tower, but rather light for their weight outside. At Glastonbury St. John's we found a rough going eight in a wildly oscillating tower, a rather ill-kept belfry.

On Friday morning we bade goodbye to Joy Whitehead, who had to make a solitary journey back to Bristol to catch the Leicester train. The next day saw us at Butleigh and a rather pleasant old six. At Charlton Mackerel we found a light noisy six, steep stairs and a floor which humps towards the middle. Huish Episcopi, with its beautiful church and good light eight, followed. At Curry Rivel we found that the seventh was obscured from the eighth by a clock case. Curry Mallett proved to have an ideal six for spliced ringing. Here we were met by the Vicar.

Saturday saw our numbers considerably strengthened by the arrival of the Midlands contingent. We had hoped to ring on the twelve at Taunton, but as this was not possible at this time of day we rang on the eight at St. James'. The oscillating tower at Bishop's Lydeard produced some quite reasonable spliced six. At Crowcombe our ringing was poor, considering the capabilities of the assembled throng. Stogumber was found to be a pretty village nestling in the fold of the hills. The ringing here showed a considerable improvement. At Dunster, Bristol just would not go.

UPHILL CLIMB

Sunday saw us at Minehead's beautiful light ring of ten, remembered also by an excellent course of London Royal. At Timberscombe all the ringing on the eight was of a high standard. Then the grind started, four miles of unrelenting uphill climb. A very kindly Vicar met us at Cutcombe, who afterwards took some of the cyclists in his car to the rather quaint five at Luxborough. Evensong ringing took place at Dulverton, and was much enjoyed. In the evening the half-yearly meeting took place. After several proposals the Norfolk and Suffolk area was decided upon for next year's tour.

Monday saw us, early for once, at Washfield. This was followed by the pleasant light six at Uffculme, and several Minor methods. Thence on to Cullompton, where we rang three leads of Bedminster Royal, a method modelled on the Bristol plan. The last tower of the day contained an odd-struck 8, rehung in 1959, at Bradninch. Cannot anything be done to offset this when bells are being rehung?

AT EXETER

Our application to ring at Exeter Cathedral was unsuccessful, but thanks to the kindness of the Vicar, we were able to ring on the noble eight at Heavitree. Here we rang our first course of Glasgow. After lunch we rang at St. Thomas', Exeter, and Pinhoe, before arriving at Broadclyst (a call change tower and a very fine eight). The night was spent at Ottery St. Mary.

The following morning we rang at the church, a fine building, which we were told was a scale model of Exeter Cathedral. After negotiating a congested main road we rang on the fine old six at Honiton Old Church. Next came the fine eight at Axminster. On the way to Whitchurch Canonicorum, we encountered a road which would just take a car and nothing else. Some of the cyclists tried to disprove this with rather alarming results. The last tower was Beaminster (a majestic old eight fully in keeping with the ancient tower in which its stands).

Next day was marked for its rain; it never stopped. The party arrived in bits and pieces at the first tower, Honiton St. George (a rather heavy going six). Thence followed the sixes at Kingstone and Puckington and the wildly oscillating tower at Shepton Beauchamp. It was here that we said goodbye to the Master, who was going off on a week's peal ringing tour. Martock was our last tower, and also our place of rest for the night.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR AT QUEEN CAMEL

The following morning saw us at West Camel (a light five), with entry to belfry via an unsafe ladder. Then came Queen Camel, quite rightly named for both church and bells. Here we rang a magnificent course of Cambridge Minor and this was commented upon by one of the locals. On the fine ten at Yeovil we rang London and Cambridge Royal.

Ringing at Sherborne was highlighted by a well struck touch of six spliced. The heavy six at Henstridge completed the 'weight day' of the tour. Saturday saw us ringing at Timberscombe and Wincanton. The midday meal was followed by ringing on the fine heavy six at Bruton. At the 'time signal' tower of Evercreech, London Royal just would not go. At Ditcheat we rang a touch of 10 spliced for the local bride and bridegroom. It was then over the hills to Pilton's fine six. The church stands in a hollow and the glorious tones of the bells reverberate from the sides of the hills.

Ringing for Matins at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, proved to be rather a 'packed' affair as we coincided with a visit by ringers on tour from Slough. The first tower in the afternoon was one of the highlights of the tour, Chewton Mendip, a most magnificent eight. Here we were again joined by Ralph Edwards and some of his friends from Bristol. On then to Chilcompton (a slow moving six, made for good striking). Evensong ringing took place on the heavy eight at Frome.

THE LAST WEEK

Numbers had thinned somewhat when we began the last week of tour, although the ringing at Warminster was still of a good standard. The next tower, Westbury—a heavy eight, and how fine the bells sound from both within and without. Unfortunately for Trowbridge we had not a 12 bell band, so we had to content ourselves by ringing Cambridge Royal. On then to Bradford-on-Avon, where we pulled the bells up in peal, the tenor wrong side, of course! Thence to Bathford, for ringing on the handy, light little six.

On Tuesday, after a night at Bath Youth Hostel, we had the long pull out of Bath, via a straight Roman road to Colerne. After this came the rather rough going six at Grittleton. A rather meagre lunch followed at Malmesbury, and a ring in the detached campanile. The final ring of the day was on the twelve in the much buttressed tower at Cirencester.

Wednesday saw us at the lovely old village at Meysey Hampton. Then followed the fine old ring at Colne St. Aldwyn, and a disappointment, for we were unable to ring at Burford. Leafield, with its octagonal tower, was the last of the day.

The next day saw us in the Cotswolds, and yet another disappointment, for no one was there to meet us at Shipton-under-Wychwood, and entrance to the tower could not be

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obtained. The eight at Bourton-on-the-Water go very well, as they should, only recently being rehung. Stow-on-the-Wolds has an old eight, which does not sound its weight outside the tower. Brailes heavy six were difficult to ring owing to the oscillation of the tower. After this we visited Chipping Campden, an eight with (so half the party thought) a cracked seventh. Is this true?

Friday saw us first at Great Hampden, and then on the six at Stoulton. Then came one of the plums of the tour, Worcester Cathedral, and here with the aid of some of the Roving Ringers, our sadly depleted numbers were able to ring a semblance of a course of Cambridge Maximus.

Saturday, our last and final day, greeted with a mixture of sadness and, dare I say, a slight touch of relief Our first tower was Cuckley, the entrance to which is rather peculiar and varied. At Stourbridge we made rather a mistake in the churches, and subsequently had to ring on the light eight. Halesowen was the last official tower of the tour, although some did manage to 'grab' another tower or two.

Methods rung were:

Maximus.—Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Cinques.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Royal.—Bedminster, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—Glasgow, Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Rutland, Eastcote, Pudsey, Wembley, Lincolnshire, Oswald, Kent, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Little, Plain and Original, and also Spliced Surprise in up to 10 methods. Many Minor methods were also rung.

J. E. C.

Bell Broadcast

Radio Eireann (530m.), Sunday, November 26th, 4.35 to 5.05 p.m., St. Peter's, Drogheda, bells and ringers will be heard.

Last Sunday afternoon on Ulster T.V. B.B.C. Shankill (Lurgan) bells and ringers were heard and seen.

Reading and Southampton Universities Tour Devon

THIS year's tour broke new ground — in Devon, and the party had two native guides who were ever ready to act as interpreters and also vied with each other to produce the longest and most arduous routes between towers.

The tour started at Exeter on Sunday, July 9th, where we were to join the Cathedral band to ring for Evensong. Unfortunately the clapper of the sixth had just broken and we were unable to appreciate fully the bells which should have been the highlight of the tour.

After a night at Exeter Youth Hostel, the tour started in earnest with the ride to Dawlish. The ringing here provided us with the problem which was to beset us throughout the week—bad striking due to inexperience of many of the band. At Babbacombe we renewed acquaintance with Mr. Bill Simmonds, a former ringer at Reading University. The pleasant eight at Upton provided the best ringing of the day. At Brixham we were fascinated to find the Anglican answer to the one-armed bandit—a scale model of the church which, on the insertion of a penny, played chimes almost as unrecognisable as some of our ringing.

Tuesday provided the best cycling of the week—a two-mile descent to Dartmouth, after which we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the eight at St. Saviour's. Three sixes completed the day's ringing—Stoke Fleming, Chivelstone and East Portlemouth.

RARE DOSE OF CULTURE

Wednesday saw the first puncture of the tour, and the Land Rover acted as an ambulance for disabled bicycles and their riders. The day's highlights were a good course of London on the excellent eight at Totnes and the best ringing of the tour at Berry Pomeroy. The evening cider-sampling produced a rare dose of culture: for once the saloon became a salon as we were subjected to the declamation of a poem which was certainly epic in length if not in substance.

Amid drizzling rain, Thursday produced one of the most gruelling rides of the tour. At Buckfastleigh the myth of the weaker sex was finally destroyed by one of its members shattering a stay, which turned out to be solid oak. Most of the band were fascinated at Buckfast Abbey in watching the bells from the gallery above the belfry. Unfortunately we did not possess a strong enough band to make a good job of Cinques, but by restricting our efforts to the back ten we were able to hear these bells reasonably well struck.

At Ashburton we were somewhat surprised to see a figure in full Elizabethan costume appear in the ringing chamber. But it was not the shade of an enraged bellfounder, only a member of Exeter University Dramatic Society intent on advertising their Shakespearian production. In the evening a splinter group and the Land Rover made a pilgrimage to Devon's most famous monument, Dartmouth. Seen in the moonlight in a drizzling rain it gained a suitably horrific atmosphere, and the howls of the hounds from the local kennels made us feel as though we had come straight of the 'Hound of the Baskervilles.'

Friday's towers were all eights—Ipplepen, Wolborough, Kingsteignton and Bovey Tracey. On Saturday we worked up a good appetite for lunch on the heavy and difficult bells at Crediton. On arriving at Newton St. Cyres we excelled ourselves by ringing the bells up with the tenor leading! It was only when we found the seventh covering to Grandsire Triples that we managed to work out why the rise had sounded so strange.

We had now returned to end the tour at Exeter, and after ringing at St. David's, the much-praised eight at Heavitree proved a fitting point to end the tour. We must congratulate Fred Sage on his efficient organisation, and sincerely thank all incumbents and tower captains for their co-operation.

P. M. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Fourteen-year-old Nicholas Simon, who conducted a handbell peal at Llandaff on November 8th, is the son of the Bishop of Llandaff. He is the youngest member to conduct a peal for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

On November 9th the bells of All Saints' Church, Asfordby, Leics, rang out as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, the tower's veteran ringer.

An old favourite—'Doubles Methods' is now on sale with Central Council publications. Price 2s. (post free) from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, Warwicks.

A band with a strong Chester Guild representation rang a peal of Belgrave Surprise Maximus at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on November 4th. The peal was Mr. Edward Jenkins' 101st peal of Surprise.

Odd Fellows are invited to ring previous to the service to be held at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, on Sunday, January 28th, at 3 p.m. Ringers are asked to contact Sister F. A. Humphrey, 15, High Street, Southgate.

A record, which has stood for over 30 years in the Kent County Association, was broken on Saturday, November 11th, when 27 Spliced Surprise Minor methods were rung to a peal at Newington-next-Hythe. Congratulations to the conductor, Mr. I. H. Oram, and his band.

Lympne, Kent, is in the news with a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on Remembrance Day. This was not only the first quarter by all the band, but in over 100 years a local band has not rung a quarter on the bells. Enthusiasm runs high for the future.

To the memory of Preb. R. D. R. Greene, a peal was rung at Blaydon, where his father was Rector for 27 years. Through the efforts of the Greene family the bells were installed in 1876 and one of the Prebendary's earliest recollection was, when five years old, riding astride the tenor bell when it was conveyed upon a trolley from Blaydon Station to the Church.

For the 86th birthday of Mr. W. T. Clark, a peal of Kent T.B. Major was rung at Broughton-in-Furness. Mr. Clark joined this tower in 1901 when the bells were installed and only gave up two years ago under doctor's orders. From 1921 to 1936 he was secretary of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association. The peal band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Clark and some of the ringing was afterwards relayed by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Briggs) with a tape recorder.

A peal of Snowdon Treble Bob Minor was rung for the royal birth at Warsop, conducted by Mr. Douglas H. Rooke.

The correct weight of Gretton (Northants) tenor, as given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who restored these bells in 1924, is 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. **not** 9¼ cwt., as stated in the report of a peal published on page 759. The correction is sent by Mr. Percy Amos.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, who is now 86, rang a peal of Minor in four methods at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, on November 12th. For his age it is a wonderful achievement. It was 60 years ago that he called the first peal on the bells.

After the congratulatory peal at Acle, Norfolk, for the 89th birthday of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, the band and other friends were entertained at 'Holly Croft.' They were glad to find Mr. Lidbetter in good health and Doris making steady recovery from a broken leg.

E. H. S., of Shipley, Yorks, writes questioning the time (2 hours 37 minutes) of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Bradford Cathedral on October 27th. He writes: 'The time is wrong or the peal had a 720 short. I do not think that company could do it in the time stated.'

The ringers of St. Michael's, Blewbury, Berks, are sorry to lose the services of Jim Blond, who has taken up an appointment at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. His colleagues wish him well and hope he will make himself known to local ringers.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DAVIES	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	BARRIE HENDRY	8
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	DAVID J. PURNELL	10
FREDERICK ROSS	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
*ALAN J. GRIFFIN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	DONALD NIBLETT	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	9
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	10
*JOHN F. BRYANT	5	*JOHN E. KIRBY	11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP
A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*CAROL FERNLEY	2	*BARRIE HENDRY	8
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
BASIL JONES	4	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	11
JOHN WORTH	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Belgrave Maximus.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	8
A. MAXWELL LINDSAY	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	9
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
200th peal on the bells.
Rung to welcome the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	*EDWARD W. COLLEY	7
*BERYL N. REED	2	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	8
JOHN FREEMAN	3	*COLIN W. REED	9
†DENIS A. FRITH	4	†JAMES W. RAITHBY	10
GEORGE E. FEIRN	5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	11
WALTER TOMLINSON	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cambridge Maximus. D. A. Frith and J. W. Raithby have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. Tenor 24 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	4	‡ERIC J. HITCHINS	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	5	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' ‡ Completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

PETER BORDER	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
MURIEL REAY	2	BARRIE HENDRY	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ANTHONY AGER	8
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	9
H. DAVID HOLLAND	5	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
*FRANK E. HAYNES	2	BARRIE HENDRY	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	DAVID J. PURNELL	8
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
*GEOFFREY DAVIES	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. LEACH	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	BRIAN DAWSON	7
DAVID J. MARSHALL	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	8
JOHN K. SMITH	4	JOHN F. MURFIN	9
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	5	GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	*BARRY SULLIVAN	8
RITA M. JOWETT	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	9
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	5	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
In memory of the fallen, 1914–1918 and 1939–1945.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

DAVID RHODES	*Treble*	†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	6
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	2	†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	9
RITA M. JOWETT	5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, and first attempt. † 25th peal together.
Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the enthronement (November 10th) of the Rt. Rev. Clement George St. Michael Parker as the fourth Bishop of Bradford.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's variation. Tenor 31 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
DON C. EXELL	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
*HENRY TAYSOM	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.
* First peal of Stedman. † Completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
*COLIN SWEENEY	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
*PERCY STONE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

KIRKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
AVRIL IVIN	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor (reputed) 27 cwt in D.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
ROBERT L. PIRON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	MONTY W. GILBERT	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	MARTIN L. HOWE	6
JOHN W. COLEMAN	3	RALPH BIRD	7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CURFEW TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-Part. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES BROOKS	*Treble*	GLYN F. JENKINS	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
D. KENVYN WALTERS	3	EDWARD S. T. FARR	7
KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	4	REGINALD RENN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. T. FARR.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' (Brooks'). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	2	GEORGE DOBBS	6
*JOHN M. BLAIKIE	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
G. ANGUS DIXON	4	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BLACKBURN	*Treble*	JOHN BAGNALL	5
*W. THOMAS TURNER	2	THOMAS F. METCALFE	6
*WILLIAM WALL	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
JAMES E. BURLES	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by B. THORP. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor.
Rung for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also for the 86th birthday of William T. Clark.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1¼ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ANGELA V. GRAINGER	*Treble*	ROBERT WAKE	5
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH	2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	6
*JOHN A. HOWARD	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	†L. R. H. SMITH (Queens')	5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.)	2	T. G. PAGE (Downing)	6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare)	3	*M. L. J. JORDAN (Trin. H.)	7
*J. R. HOUGH (Jesus)	4	*H. C. LEWIS (Fitz.)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.
A thanksgiving for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon (Jesus College).

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans.)
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	*Treble*	HAROLD V. FROST	5
STEPHEN P. DARVILL	2	REGINALD W. DARVILL	6
JOYCE DODDS	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
KENNETH J. DARVILL	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
Believed to be the 100th peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. M. Salisbury, curate of this parish.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*TESS BURNS	*Treble*	‡BARRY COUZINS	5
†KATHLEEN WATKINS	2	‡MICHAEL R. THOMAS	6
‡BRIAN EVANS	3	‡J. ARTHUR HOARE	7
‡MICHAEL LARCHER	4	§GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ARTHUR HOARE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples. § First on eight bells.
Rung for the commissioning service of the Mission to Swansea.

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WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Jane Foster	*Treble*	Jennifer M. Davies	5
Felicity Webber	2	A. Brian Shingler	6
Janet K. Secker	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
†John W. Blackwood	4	John Manley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PYRTON IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Cyril H. Kinch	*Treble*	David P. Hilling	5
William Birmingham	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	6
James R. A. Muller	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Michael Hatchett	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (Collection of Plain Major Methods, No. 254).
Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Keith Williams	*Treble*	James S. Eastwood	5
Ernest Stitch	2	Maurice G. Turner	6
Peter Barker	3	*William Davies	7
Francis Brotherton	4	*Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* 100th peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

John McDonald	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
George E. Fearn	2	David J. Purnell	6
Charles A. S. Webb	3	John A. Anderson	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Border.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Veronica Rees	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
Angela Grainger	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
J. Richard Wilson	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Henry C. Weaver	4	Robert Wake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*David Cubitt	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	*George P. Adams	6
Nolan Golden	3	Bert Gogle	7
George Sayer	4	*F. Charles Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method, and on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Anna Martin-Jones, daughter of the Rev. T. B. Martin-Jones, Vicar of Kintbury.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

John Hall	*Treble*	Jack Bray	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Harry Hall	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	George W. Moody	7
Ronald Chafer	4	*Peter Pugsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal attempt.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 each London and Rutland, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire: with 150 changes of method. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

Rita M. Jowett	*Treble*	†S. Barry Schofield	5
*Mrs. H. B. Schofield	2	Vernon Bottomley	6
Peter Scholfield	3	Norman Smith	7
†Jeanne E. Bottomley	4	*Harold B. Schofield	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 6-Spliced. First of 6-Spliced as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Jean F. Barnett	*Treble*	Arthur S. Richards	5
††Arthur G. Mason	2	†Frederick J. Cullum	6
†Trevor A. Cross	3	†George J. Butcher	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal on this bell.
In memoriam Leonard H. Baybutt, Richard A. Jenkins, and the fallen of two world wars.

ADDERBURY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Cyril H. Kinch	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke	5
*Barry J. Davies	2	Henry G. Keeley	6
Michael W. Coleman	3	Robert A. Reeves	7
James Linnell	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

A. James Poynor	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	*W. John Kinchin	6
Patricia A. Morris	3	†David Staples	7
Sandra E. Chesterton	4	Russell S. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Arthur V. Davis	5
Kathleen E. Fletcher	2	Frank L. Harris	6
Dorothy T. Gardiner	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
Colin Conway	4	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
Rung in memoriam Frederick W. Burnett.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Edgar G. Swift	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex	5
*Howard Oglesby	2	*Richard E. Dean	6
Gordon W. Limmer	3	William Birmingham	7
†Geoffrey Riglar	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in two Major methods. † First of Treble Bob.
In grateful memory of those who fell in the two world wars.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative: with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Joan Beresford	3	Thomas H. Francis	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,920 London, 1,088 Bristol, 928 Cambridge, 640 Yorkshire and 512 Superlative; with 120 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Ivan J. M. Saunders	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Peter J. Eves	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Joe E. G. Roast	3	Alan R. Syder	7
*John Warner	4	Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of 5-Spliced. First of 5-Spliced as conductor.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Albert Greenhalgh	*Treble*	James Cunliffe	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	Fred W. Brownlow	6
Thomas Barker	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. Michell, who leaves Lancashire for Leicestershire at the end of this month.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*George Button	*Treble*	*Bernard W. Fairhead	5
*Alan R. Andrews	2	*James Towler	6
Edward P. Duffield	3	Walter Arnold	7
*Andrew T. Beckwith	4	*Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal of Rutland. First of Rutland on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
On the Stelfox eight.

Carol Fernley	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	*John Worth	6
*Basil Jones	3	A. Peter Whitehead	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Worth.
* 300th peal together.
Rung on St. Martin's Day before thanksgiving service for the success of the Cathedral Appeal Fund.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

*Michael H. Gregory	*Treble*	Ronald G. Beck	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	2	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Eric C. Wadman	3	Antony W. T. Cleaver	7
Don C. Exell	4	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Antony W. T. Cleaver.
* First peal (aged 15). First peal on the bells since rehanging.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Lawrence D. Clement	*Treble*	T. Michael Freeman	5
Wilfred Bolton	2	George E. Braithwaite	6
Alan Capstick	3	Roland F. Eccles	7
Mrs. H. D. Holland	4	H. David Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by H. David Holland.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part transposed. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*Andrew J. Corby	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	5
*Janet H. Buss	2	George J. Butcher	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Doris E. Colgate	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Keith Richards	*Treble*	†John M. Jelley	5
Derek P. Jones	2	†Gordon H. Lane	6
†Charles A. S. Webb	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	†Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells, and of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents and 11 240's Grandsire, six April Day and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in A sharp.

David K. Walklate	*Treble*	Alan H. Bridges	4
Michael A. Willis	2	Joseph C. Woolley	5
Geoffrey Bridges	3	William J. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Upton.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents April Day, two Plain Bob and 36 Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*William J. Smith	*Treble*	Alan H. Bridges	4
Geoffrey Bridges (12)	2	David K. Walklate	5
†Kevin Betesta (12)	3	†William Allsop (12)	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal. First peal by a St. Andrew's, Derby, band for over 20 years.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Roy Foster	*Treble*	John Ryder	4
Victor Neal	2	Harold Worrall	5
Cecil Raddon	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. Hornby (a ringer at this church for many years) and Mrs. Hornby.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 22, 1961, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Leslie Evans	*Treble*	Robert L. Piron	4
Avril Ivin	2	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

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BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Norwich, York, Surfleet, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Alan G. Spreadbury .. *Treble*	Derek E. Sibson 4
E. Jane Langton 2	†Paul Cattermole 5
*John C. Eisel 3	Geoffrey Pratt .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of seven Surprise Minor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Gay Williams.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of Emmanuel.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Geoffrey Townend .. *Treble*	Trevor Tarbatt 4
*Tom Crossley 2	Eric Stainrod 5
David Lockwood 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in three methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 25 methods, being seven 720's, as follows: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre Surprise; (2) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B.; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Chiidwall and Thelwall Bob; (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

John A. Warner .. .. *Treble*	Bernard W. Fairhead .. 4
Andrew T. Beckwith .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Alan R. Syder 3	Walter Arnold .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Peter W. Horn .. .. .. *Treble*	Ernest Pimlott 4
Victor Neal 2	Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5
Hilary L. Horn 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

J. Edward Brown .. .. *Treble*	Richard A. Webster .. 4
Ronald Russell 2	Frederick Derry 5
*John Woolley 3	James H. Musson .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick .. .. *Treble*	Keith H. Mildred 4
Frederick Watson 2	John Vernon 5
J. Hedley Wale 3	Roland H. Cook .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Princess Margaret.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Katherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two six-scores of April Day and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

R. Humphries .. .. .. *Treble*	F. W. Box 4
D. Stilman 2	R. J. Purnell 5
P. Gaisford 3	*M. Wilmot .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. J. Purnell.
* First peal. First in five methods for all the band.
Rung as a compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of their son.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Hathern Surprise, Double Oxford and Hereward, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Judy Exon .. .. .. *Treble*	David Swift 4
Valerie Lacey 2	John Tickle 5
Celia Conley 3	Tom Harris .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Harris.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*Thomas E. Darley .. .. *Treble*	John Potts 4
Alan Evans 2	G. Frederick Terry 5
Ronald R. Warford .. 3	Alan Sheppard .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
* First peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*Margaret Booth .. .. *Treble*	*John A. Booth 4
*Philip N. Sproson 2	Colin H. Dewsnap 5
*Alan Scholfield 3	John Robinson .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal.
To mark the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert E. Lester .. .. *Treble*	Harry D. Lister 4
Hubert A. Mitson 2	Raymond F. Taylor 5
Neville F. Whittell .. 3	Ronald W. Steward .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
In honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the fifth.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 19 methods, being 14 extents of Rev. Canterbury, four each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, three each of Dedworth and Norfolk, and one each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, St. Columb, Marchington, April Day, Kennington, Clifford's, Southrepps and Old Doubles; 30 changes of method.

*Andrew J. Dunkley .. *Treble*	Roy H. Jones 3
John S. Walker 2	Noel D. Deam 4
Alec Gammon .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal away from tenor. First in 19 methods by all the band.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon. Tenor 9 cwt.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ann Hancock .. .. .. *Treble*	Robert Bridges 4
Wendy Bowak 2	John McPhail 5
Lewis Cordell 3	William Wedlock .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William Wedlock.
First peal in five methods by all.
Rung as a farewell to Lewis Cordell, who is moving to Felixstowe.

PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Judith M. Atkinson .. *Treble*	S. Michael J. Young .. 4
*Christine Collett 2	Derek M. Sawyer 5
*Edward G. Mould 3	Antony R. Kench .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. Believed to be the first of Minor ever rung on the bells.
Rung in thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods: Clifford's Pleasure, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*KEITH WEST	*Treble*	MICHAEL KING	4
†ANDREW KING	2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS	5
M. ALEC BEAUMONT	3	*ALEC BEAUMONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First in ten methods by all the band. First peal ever by an all-Wentworth Sunday service band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*TERENCE E. TRICKETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	4
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	MICHAEL E. ALLMAN	5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	3	FRANK R. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the christening of Christina Dorothy Anne, daughter of the Rector (Rev. W. S. Walker) and Mrs. Walker.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Bourne and Netherseale, 12 changes of method; (2) Cambridge and Primrose, 12 changes; (3) London and Wells, 12 changes; (4) York and Durham, 12 changes; (5) Beverley and Surfleet, 12 changes; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, 12 changes; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*DIANA M. KENCH	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	REGINALD E. SHEPPARD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt.

A compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of a son.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MARGARET S. BARTRAM	*Treble*	CHARLES PERKINS	4
*JOAN CROSS	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
KEITH R. DAVEY	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the Royal birth.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*DAVID PERRY (14)	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	GORDON H. LANE	5
WILLIAM A. CURSON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal attempt.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	C. JACK GIBSON	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung for the marriage of Miss G. Burrows, of Wenhaston, to Mr. F. Hunt; also for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the fifth.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
DAVID GODFREY	2	VICTOR NEAL	5
CHRISTOPHER JONES	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

FARNWORTH AND KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

JOHN F. WOOD	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
SIDNEY OSBORNE	3	JACK ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK ASHCROFT.

Rung to welcome John Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Wood (ringers of St. Peter's, Smithills, Bolton) and grandson of the treble ringer.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FRANK COOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	4
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. R. D. R. Greene, prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Thrapston Branch.)
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK COALES	*Treble*	VESTA HEADLAND	4
DICK EDWARDS	2	PETER FLECKNEY	5
HARRY RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

* First peal. In memoriam George W. Jeffs, general secretary and treasurer of the Guild and a loyal friend of members of the Branch.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of York and two each of Beverley, London and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
JAMES LINNELL	2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung in memoriam George W. Jeffs (Guild secretary) and Major John Hesketh (honorary member, Towcester Branch).

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

Freda P. Greaves	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	4
Arthur G. Bason	2	George Sayer	5
Bevan W. Willgress	3	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 89th birthday.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of College, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*†Martin J. Kirk	*Treble*	Herbert T. Rooke	4
†Alan Jewitt	2	Malcolm Foster	5
Donald A. Kirk	3	James T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by James T. Rooke.
* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Hardulph,
A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of R. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, four each of Southrepps, Plain Bob, Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire (all callings different).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Kevin Betesta	*Treble*	David K. Walklate	4
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Alan H. Bridges	5
Edward H. Willows	3	James Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Bridges, father of the ringers of 2 and 5.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Chris. L. Bell	*Treble*	Donald F. Murfet	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Alfred E. Rushton	3	*George E. Thoday	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.
* 25th peal of Surprise Minor.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Michael R. T. Lambert	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	4
*June M. Lambert	2	Reginald E. Lambert	5
Edwin R. Lambert	3	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.
* First peal.
Rung as a 54th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden, of Kilndown.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Nethersgale, Annable's London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge; (2) Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge; (3) Berwick, Hexham, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (4) Cambridge; (5) Surfleet and Cambridge; (6) Beverley and Cambridge; (7) Cambridge; with 112 changes of method. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Margaret Gibson	*Treble*	*Paul Brand (14)	4
Christopher B. Fynes	2	Douglas M. Boniface	5
	3	David G. Pickett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher B. Fynes.
* First peal. First of Spliced Surprise by all, and for the tower. The conductor is the first to ring two tower bells to a peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung for Remembrance Day; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who has recently come of age.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2 and 3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) April Day, (6 and 7) Kenningon, (8 to 11) St. Simon's, (12 to 15) St. Martin, (16 to 19) St. Leonard, (20 to 23) St. Paul, (24) Plain Bob, (25 to 28) Southrepps, (29 to 31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32 to 34) Reverse Canterbury, (35) St. Giles, (36) St. Andrew, (37) St. Nicholas, (38) St. Miles, (39) St. John, (40) Winchendon Place, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Keith H. Mildres	4
†Ernest Morris	2	J. Hedley Wale	5
Brian C. Law	3	†Frederick Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 400th tower bell peal as conductor. † 100th peal together.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: One of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor approx. 9 cwt.

William Clover	*Treble*	Roy Duesbury	4
David Cubitt	2	Peter Adcock	5
*George E. Symonds	3	Leonard E. Last	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.
* 450th peal (now 86).
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal of Minor on the bells, conducted by G. E. Symonds from the tenor, on November 9th, 1901.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
In the East Wing of St. Andrew's Vicarage,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Grandsire, four each Plain Bob, R. Canterbury, R. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Southrepps, six of Old and two each of Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure and St. Columb. Tenor size 5 in F.

Alan H. Bridges	1—2	David K. Walklate	3—4
Geoffrey Bridges	5—6		

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

EAST RUNTON, NORFOLK.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
In a 'Bell Tent' in 'Postman's Field.'
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 5 in F.

Alan H. Bridges	1—2	David K. Walklate	3—4
*Harold Bridges	5—6		

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Grandsire.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At Glebeland,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Freeman	1—2	*Jack Bray	5—6
George E. Feirn	3—4	*Jack L. Millhouse	7—8

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* 636th peal for the Lincoln Guild.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
At 54, Ashford Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ten methods in the following seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob; (2) College Bob, Wavertree and Rodbourne College Bob; (3) Plain Bob; (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (5) Kent; (6) Oxford; (7) Plain Bob.

A. Terence Collins	1—2	Brian Bladon	3—4
Anthony R. Peake	5—6		

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The most methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
At Llys Esgob,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*David S. Bishop (14)	1—2	†Nicholas W. H. Simon (15)	3—4
William J. Goodfellow	5—6		

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal. † First of Minor in the method, and first as conductor. First handbell peal by all the band, and first 'in hand' for the Association since the war.

RODBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MINOR
x 16 x 123 x 3. 6ths place l.-e.

More Quarter Peals for Royal Birth

Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Farrar 1, Christine Saunders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, J. Kinchin 5, T. Roper 6, D. Staples 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Gwen Reeves 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, R. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. Also for the Patronal Festival.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Holling 1, M. W. Brown (first of Minor as cond.) 2, R. A. Clarke 3, D. F. Moore 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. B. Cooper 1, Mrs. B. Holmes 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, S. Slaney 4, M. E. Phipps 5, D. Cooper 6, A. Keller 7, K. Rutland (first in method as cond.) 8.

BUNNY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (eight methods): R. Mills 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, B. Mills 4, E. Hotine 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in eight methods by all. Also a farewell to E. Hotine, who is leaving the district.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Valender (first quarter) 1, A. G. Hall 2, L. R. Hall 3, Yvonne Edwards 4, Martin Fellows (cond.) 5, H. J. Shuck 6, M. Fellows 7, G. J. Westwood 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, F. J. Lewis sen. 2, H. L. Cooke 3, P. Rothera 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 6, P. Morgans 7, W. Wrigley 8. Also for the 140th Dedication Festival evening service.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. M. Jelly (cond.) 1, R. K. Mason (first of Surprise Minor) 2, J. A. Acres 3, B. S. Chapman 4, B. Brown 5, A. J. Poyner 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: R. A. Finch 1, R. H. Mills 2, W. W. Wright 3, G. S. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. J. Joyce (first as cond.) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,224 Little Bob Royal: Beryl Stannage 1, Patricia Simpson 2, C. Wright 3, C. Macartney 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, C. Noakes 6, J. Watson 7, J. E. Cook 8, J. M. Simpson 9, H. R. Woods 10.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Ballard 1, D. J. Danby 2, M. Wilshaw 3, M. K. Swingewood 4, D. J. Williams (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Powell 1, Rosemary Jarret 2, M. V. Powell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, F. Reed 7, G. Cousins 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. C. Jones 5.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Starbuck (first quarter) 1, R. Hardy 2, M. Wade (aged 13, first quarter) 3, P. Atkins 4, I. Fraser 5, P. Chilton 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Also at the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Nov. 5th, 1,128 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Mason 1, T. H. Bent 2, T. G. Still (first of Surprise) 3, E. Morris (cond.) 4, G. H. Bray 5, R. K. Mason 6.

LONDON.—On Nov. 4th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss D. M. Lawless 2, Miss M. Erik 3, F. E. Roberts 4, G. Pratt 5, J. M. Lakin 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of six spliced for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss F. M. Sage 1, E. W. Broom 2, F. J. Sage (cond.) 3, C. Churchill 4, T. J. Thorne 5, J. Sage 6. First for all in three methods.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): E. Parsons 1, R. Trebilcock 2, Cherry Witheil 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Rowson (first quarter) 1, A. Rowson (first quarter) 2, Anne Rowson 3, Angela G. Wakefield (first 'inside' in method) 4, Susan Alexander 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe 2, B. Aldridge (cond.) 3, F. C. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, A. Trigg 6. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Beard.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Southrepps Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob): N. D. Kirk 1, B. T. Cook 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (first as cond in three methods) 4, B. Hinchliffe (first in three methods) 5, J. A. Harrison 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cherriman 1, Miss J. Horton 2, C. B. Skinner 3, F. Brooks 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: V. Fox 1, G. McIlhone 2, Barbara Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, R. Dyke (first of Major 'inside') 5, R. Howes (first of Major) 6, Susan Howes 7, A. Howes (first as cond.) 8. Average age, 17 years.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, Jennifer Coombs 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

Other Quarter Peals

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, R. Hatcher 2, J. Hughes 3, A. Williams 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, Kathleen Goodwin 6. Rung in memory of Rev. C. E. Sidebotham and Mrs. Mary Jenkins.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: T. G. Phillips 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Hooper 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, C. J. Richards 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. C. Exell 8. First of Painswick by all except 2nd. For Feast of All Saints.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (5 methods): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes 2, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, M. W. Brown 4, R. D. Flowers 5, D. M. Barrett 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. James.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Mrs. D. K. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (first in three methods as cond.) 5. For parish Communion.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Shepherd 1, Miss Y. Porter 2, C. Wood 3, P. Cattermole 4, M. Barton 5, D. Martin 6, M. Harbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. A. E. Bowker.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, A. H. Webb 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Following the wedding of Miss Dawn Johnson-Houghton and Capt. T. W. Ritson.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, Jas. W. Kay 2, Jack Kay 3, T. Bratby 4, Peter Crook jun. 5, W. Tyson 6, Peter Crook sen. (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8. In memoriam Bertha Sewart, wife of Arthur Sewart, a ringer at this church. She died 5th inst.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss M. R. Page 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams (first in the method) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, H. H. Abrahams (first of London as cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clubbs 1, Miss V. Holtby 2, B. Forsyth 3, C. Forsyth 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Arthur Sykes.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hanning 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, R. Talbot 3, K. Game 4, J. Perrett 5, A. Skelton 6, M. Harbot 7, E. Talbot 8. For Harvest Festival.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, C. Jones, 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, E. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Courtman (8). Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Stokes, wife of Mr. C. C. Stokes, former churchwarden, who died on November 1st.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Procksom 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. Procksom 3, Joan Beresford 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, T. H. Francis 6, D. Taylor 7, P. Beresford 8. For Evensong, attended by the Bishop of Stepney.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, M. Armstrong 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, V. Bairstow 2, J. Windle 3, A. J. Smallbones 4, A. Bairstow 5, L. Thompson 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, W. Proctor 8. For Evensong, also to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (Nov. 4th, 1876), and 50 years' service as ringer, conductor and chorister by Mrs. V. Bairstow.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. A. Page 1, Miss Y. Eloie (first in method) 2, R. N. Marlow 3, Mrs. H. Abrahams 4, R. Haines 5, H. Abrahams 6, J. E. Daniels 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Rolfe 1, H. Fuller 2, M. Rose 3, D. M. Reeve 4, L. Nice 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, L. Wright 7, J. Paul 8. First in method by all the band. A birthday compliment to L. Nice.

ELY, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Pearson (cond.) 1, D. F. Murfet 2, Clare Dillamore 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, T. R. Dennis 5, M. L. J. Jordan 6, J. G. Gipson 7, S. Brown 8.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Phillips (first quarter) 1, R. N. Marlow 2, C. J. Redwood 3, J. Miles 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, J. O. Coleman 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, Miss B. Foster 2, A. Smith 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of Lucy Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jefferies.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: M. V. Copping 1, S. M. Moulds 2, P. Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. N. Parkin 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. H. Fielden 7, J. F. Bryant 8. Rung for the departure of Archdeacon Tracey.

HARLAXTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Leatherbarrow 1, J. E. Cook 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, H. Grocock 4, P. A. Slight (cond.) 5, C. J. N. Dolton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. James 1, Miss W. Smith 2, C. Stevenson (cond.) 3, T. Dunn 4, L. Grice 5, D. Durston 6. For morning service, and to celebrate the Harlington 356th November 5th 'leg of pork' supper.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Johnstone 1, Jill M. Lane 2, D. A. May 3, S. G. Ponting 4, J. P. McDermott 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Kent TB. and Plain Bob): J. Clark 1, C. Johnstone 2, Angela Martin 3, I. Vaughan 4, P. Smart 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Maureen Smith to David Arnold.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Wooders 1, J. Woolford 2, B. H. Thompson 3, J. Glanvill 4, F. Wills 5, J. Carter 6, A. Truman 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, C. L. Bell 2, A. Smith 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. Levens 2, C. L. Bell 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, F. R. Nichols 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. E. A. Bawtree, as Rector. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. Levens 2, F. R. Nichols 3, A. J. Davey 4, V. Chamberlain 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Baresel (first quarter) 1, P. Ruch 2, A. Gram 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, M. Hawkins 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. A tribute to Mr. W. W. Webb.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Timms 1, D. Lesley (cond.) 2, Miss S. Cantwell (first 'inside') 3, A. Cantwell 4, N. Lesley 5, J. Rooney 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. W. Bullock 7, C. M. Meyer 8. For Evensong, and birthday compliments to W. D. Grainger and J. A. Hales.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, E. Whiting 2, Mrs. J. Wells (first 'inside') 3, W. Papworth 4, P. E. Wells 5, A. J. Davey (first as cond.) 6.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Ankers (first quarter) 1, Dr. E. V. Woodcock (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 3, H. A. Price 4, S. J. Lewis 5, C. Williamson 6. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. D. C. Davies (Rector, 1940 to 1949).

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. Levens 2, C. L. Bell 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, C. M. Smith 2, V. Chamberlain 3, C. L. Bell 4, Miss L. Allen 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the Festival of All Saints.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Hood 1, H. W. Brown 2, N. Wright 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge (first as cond.) 5, J. Nulty 6. Rung for Evensong.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Stacey 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. S. Smith, a chorister at this church for 60 years, and Mrs. Smith.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Longhurst (first of Minor) 1, P. W. Harper (first of Minor 'inside') 2, K. D. Waples 3, R. J. Picton 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Rung for wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katherine Worsley. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. M. Toms (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman 2, P. W. Harper 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. D. Waples (cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. V. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, C. Phillips 3, T. J. Gundy 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, A. J. Williams 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bevan, after many years' service to Kingstone Church.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Mrs. F. Seager 1, Dorothy Hogg 2, R. H. Dove (cond.) 3, D. Niblett 4, A. E. Stamp 5, A. Cole 6, C. B. Dove 7, S. J. Corson 8. First quarter of Grandsire by 5, 7 and 8. A farewell to the Rev. T. H. Bone, senior curate and belfry chaplain, on his departure to became Vicar of Hebden Bridge. Also at the Church of St. Matthias, Burley, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gee (first quarter) 1, W. W. Bradbury 2, J. Clark 3, Miss E. Adams 4, J. Hervey (first quarter) 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. F. Godley 1, Miss I. E. Down 2, W. P. Lambert 3, D. Reed 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A welcome to Brian, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cooper, of Holm Bushes Farm, Lillington. The ringer of the second was bridesmaid to Mrs. Cooper.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tei 1, H. Baldwin 2, F. Onions 3, S. Orchard 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peck 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Brian Hessian. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tei 1, Dina Payne 2, Ann Seymour (first quarter) 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, H. Baldwin 5, A. Peck 6. For silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of Little Kingshill.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Alison H. Ince 1, M. L. Jordan 2, D. J. Mundy 3, A. S. Hudson 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, H. C. Lewis 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (cond.) 7, H. E. Bishop 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: Susan E. Waterfield 1, Christine Morris 2, Celia M. Cowley 3, Shirley M. Beck 4, L. W. Stevens 5, E. Weaver 6, M. Stevens 7, R. A. Shekelton 8, W. D. Ward 9, R. B. Smith 10. First quarter of Royal for all except ringers of 3, 5, 9 and 10. For the Patronal Festival, prior to the 'Parish Supper.'

Remembrance Day Quarter Peals

Sunday, November 12th (mostly half-muffled).

BARKBY, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes 2, Ann Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby and D. M. Barnett 6.

BARMING, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Crice 1, R. Phippen 2, H. Usborn 3, L. Colvin 4, W. R. Manser (cond.) 5, T. Crocker 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. Bryant 5, J. Edmunds 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, T. Fryley 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Evans 1, Judith Atkinson (first as cond.) 2, T. Samuelson 3, Jane Tuffin 4, A. R. Kench 5, J. W. Scarrott 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Clarke 1, Jennifer Green 2, E. T. Ashby 3, V. Green 4, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, S. E. Darmon 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Packer 1, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, Yvonne Hughes 4, E. J. Holloway 5, W. Kerr 6, M. Allman 7, C. Thomas 8.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, J. G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson (cond.) 5, R. B. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. R. Cooper 1, Mikaela Erik 2, E. R. Rapley 3, P. Beresford 4, A. R. Ling 5, D. Beresford (cond.) 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. H. Francis 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (in three methods) (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Y. M. Gibson 1, W. H. Minnear 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Sykes 4, W. Ivings 5, R. G. A. West 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. W. Honour 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Jane Smart 1, G. F. Tizzard 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, M. P. Howard 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, C. A. Osbon (first quarter) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Drury (first in method) 1, H. Colcombe 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. H. Chinnery (first in method) 4, J. King 5, J. Martin 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Olga L. Critchlow (first of Minor) 1, T. Evans 2, Mary F. Carr 3, M. D. Ling 4, Jennifer Sceeny (15, first as cond.) 5, H. Oglesby 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. C. W. Hunter 1, C. W. Denyer 2, S. Meadows 3, E. L. Box 4, R. North 5, D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. E. Hunter 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, W. Webb 3, Miss J. Real 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, M. Squire 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Kirk ('circle' completed to quarter peals) 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, N. D. Kirk (first 'inside') 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. M. Goodchild 1, S. J. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. G. Hazell 4, W. H. Avery 5, C. Hagger 6.

LONDON.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Anne's, Highgate West Hill, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. Bevan 1, Rachel Snell 2, P. Foote 3, A. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Payton 5, M. Lewis 6, Hilary Griffiths (first quarter) 7.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Uden 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. First quarter for all the band.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, G. Bull (first quarter) 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Broadbridge 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, H. Colcombe 5, Mrs. A. Smith 6, J. Martin 7, V. Smith 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. F. Palfrey (first in the method) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, J. Venn 2, A. E. Ivings 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, R. H. Allworth 5, R. Benstead 6. Also in memoriam Mr. W. B. Scoles, verger of this church for many years.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol I. V. Corton (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, E. Morris 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, N. R. May 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Barbara Stephens 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, M. D. Fellows 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, P. J. Brown 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—1,320 Minor (Little Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain) (7 covering): Katharine Burchnall 1, Lavina Mumford 2, J. Read 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, R. Mumford 7.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Chidgey 1, R. Beale 2, J. Brewer 3, N. Maggs 4, F. Matravers 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. Jeanes 8.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cherriman 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall 5, J. Chacksfield 6. Also in memory of the Rev. John Kingdon.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hand (19) 1, M. Wilshaw (14, first as cond.) 2, R. J. Ballard (15) 3, D. J. Danby (14) 4, P. J. Atkins (15, first quarter) 5, D. F. Gray (16, first quarter) 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Impey 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, P. Phillips 4, F. H. Corke (cond.) 5, Jennifer Reeve 6, V. Mitchell 7, F. Bedford 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Miss J. Tidey 1, Miss S. Shackell 2, R. Verrall 3, C. Longhurst 4, J. Howard 5, F. Hicks (cond.) 6.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Burbidge 1, G. Linnell 2, D. Burbidge (cond.) 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman 5.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Avery 1, R. Blackler 2, E. Silvey 3, J. Young 4, P. R. Dean 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. On the eve of Patronal Festival.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 3rd, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. O. Soden 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Miss P. F. Curtis 3, G. F. Roome 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, S. F. Earl 6, K. D. Perkins 7, E. Billings (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George W. Jeffs, Peterborough Diocesan Guild general secretary and treasurer.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew 1, M. Uphill (aged 13, first as cond.) 2, A. Millidge 3, L. Allen 4, B. Bull 5, J. Wallace 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hutton (first quarter) 1, Betty Saggers 2, D. West 3, Judith Weeks (first of Doubles) 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. For Evensong.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 12th, 1,440 Kent T. B. Royal: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, J. Kershaw 5, D. Armstrong 6, J. Seager 7, B. Holland 8, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 9, G. K. Chaddock 10. For Evensong, and a compliment to Canon H. P. Rawlins, precentor, on attaining his 70th birthday.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, P. Phillips 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, Jennifer Reeve 4, H. W. Impey (cond.) 5, F. Bedford 6. For Matins, on the Patronal Festival and ninth year of the ministry of the Vicar.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Isma Parc (first quarter) 1, Margaret Brighton (first 'inside') 2, Linda Gott 3, J. Kirby 4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, G. Dale 7, T. Crossley 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (in six methods): K. West 1, Rev. Canon A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. West, former captain.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. W. Winstanley 1, J. B. Perkins 2, A. T. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Butler (first quarter) 6. By the Sunday service band, as a welcome to Rev. F. E. Worwood and his family.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Middleditch (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, J. Y. Parker 4, H. Ivings 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. H. Baybut and Mr. A. Footer.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Bells (6) 2.30 till 8.45 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' The Hordens, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9249

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 9268

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, November 25th. 3 p.m., St. Clement Danes'; 4.30, St. John the Baptist, Hackney; 5.45 p.m., St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Dinner, The Mitre, Chancery Lane. Names to D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 9253

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at Higham Ferrers (8) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Rushden (8), followed by ringing. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. A. Rivett. 9242

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at East Harling on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo. 9246

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9237

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Sat., November 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Stanford bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9267

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Practice meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9244

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Wetherden (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 6-9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 9243

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton St. Mary's, December 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4. p.m. Bishop's Hull (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 9262

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual general meeting, Long Ashton, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 29th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 9217

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Martock (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by November 29th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9285

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, November 25th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 9312

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitestone on Saturday, December 2nd, 6.30-9 p.m.—G. Skinner, 28, Manston Road, Exeter. 9295

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton (8) on Saturday, December 2nd at 3 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9313

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea by **Tuesday** previous to the secretary. **No names no tea.**—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Hunts District at Over on December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Cirencester, December 2nd. Watermoor bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential to Mr. Lewis, 31, Chester Street, Cirencester. Parish Church (12) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9290

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Annual meeting, December 2nd, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Redcliffe Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 9315

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December **2nd.** Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Practice meeting at Stevenage on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—December 2nd, Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 6755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9303

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (instead of as shown in programme), Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6, 6¼ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Pile, Mill Cottage, Little Chart, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 9286

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 9283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 9310

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, at St. James', Shirley, Warwicks. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. V. Hemming, 143, Welford Road, Shirley. Everyone welcome. 9265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. R. Blackman, Ratby Vicarage, Leicester.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 9292

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Gresley, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9296

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 9284

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, December 2nd. Names by Tuesday previous to J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9301

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Langham (6 bells). Saturday. December 2nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark. Middle Street. Wing. 9305

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, December 2nd. Please note alteration of date. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore. 107. Station Road. Cogenhoe, by November 30th.—T. M. Haines. 9272

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bucking ham (8) on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Townsend. Well Street. Buckingham.—R. W. Sear. Hon. Sec. 9316

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Symondsbury and Bradpole towers open from 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by November 28th. —Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9238

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Mere, Saturday. December 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names please for tea by Wednesday. November 29th. — Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage. Gillingham (Bourton 316). 9277

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Barlborough. Saturday. December 2nd. starting 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. Ashby. 76. Boughton Lane, Clowne. Chesterfield. by November 29th.—A. B. Cooper. J. Seager. Secs. 9309

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting. Saturday. December 2nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5. St. Botolph's. Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea by November 25th to T. J. Lock. 57. Holloways Land. North Mimms. Herts, or F. J. Matthews. 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay. Saturday. December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. Everybody welcome.—R. D. Tomlin. Hon. Sec. 9311

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting. Saturday. December 2nd. Aspley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave. 7. Melbourne Road. Aspley. Nottingham. by November 30th.—S. Adams. 9308

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting. Hartfield. Saturday. December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. **Service 3.15,** conducted by the Archdeacon of Lewes. Tea 5 p.m.. **only** to those who notify by Wednesday. November 29th.—E. L. Hairs. Norman Cottage. Park Corner. Groombridge. T.N. 438. 9300

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. —J. T. Williams. Dis. Sec. 9287

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting. Hordle, Saturday. December 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing after meeting at Lymington (8). Names for tea by November 30th. please.—W. T. Godfrey. 'Pinehurst.' Shorefield Way. Milford-on-Sea. Lymington. Hants. 9294

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Bishop's Waltham. December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to A. Sturgess. 4. Potters Avenue. Fareham. 9306

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake. Saturday. December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. White Hart Club Room. 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday. December 4th.—W. E. Clarke. 99. Norfolk Street. Boston. Lincs. 9297

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Eastern Branch.—Meeting. Great Yarmouth. December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me. please. by Wednesday. December 6th. at 23. Barnard Avenue. Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead. Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting. Willoughby. Saturday. December 9th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. G. H. Hancock. Willoughby. Rugby. 9299

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual reunion. Nottingham. December 9th. at the Albert Hotel. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing: Attenborough 11-noon; Nottingham. St. Mary's 3.30-4.45. St. Peter's 5-6.15 p.m. Tickets from the Secretary. 99. Hollow Road. Anstey. Leicester. **before** December 1st. please.—W. A. Lacey. Hon. Sec. 9210

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Meeting at Rumney (Mon.) on Saturday. December 9th. Bells (6) 3.30-6.30 p.m. All members please note this date. Visitors welcome. 9241

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting. Limpsfield. December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Jarrett. 3. Titsey Road. Limpsfield. by December 6th. Chart bells also after business meeting.—G. A. West. Hon. Sec. 9282

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting. Saturday. December 9th. 11 a.m.-12 noon Immanuel. Streatham (8); 1.45 p.m.-2.45 St. Mary's. Beddington. Surrey (10); 3.15-4.15 St. Peter's. South Croydon (10); 6-7 St. Leonard's. Streatham (8). All welcome.

OUTING

GREASLEY

A journey of 335 miles. into North Wales and back. was accomplished by seven young ringers in Mr. D. P. Jones' big Riley for a November outing. Mr. Lewis Griffiths. of Llandudno. arranged for six towers and with Mrs. Griffiths accompanied the party with Mr. Jack Evans (Rhyl) and Mr. John Allenby (Rhuddlan).

The first visited was the marble tower of Bodalwyddan. and. despite recent correspondence. the bells went well. only needing adjustments to ropes and the treble stay. Other towers visited were Rhuddlan. Llandudno. the newly rehung six at Llandegai. Beaumaris (after a peal of Cambridge Major by the University of Wales Society). St. David's. Glanadda (where Dr. Marshall and Mr. Windew helped to ring the good eight).

After thanking Mr. Griffiths and other friends. Guy Fawkes was remembered during the 150 mile journey through the night and fireworks were let off en route.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The new ring of six at Holme-on-Spalding Moor. East Yorkshire. augmented from the original three and dedicated in April this year. has presented a problem to the Beverley and Selby District Societies, as the tower lies midway between their respective areas. A happy compromise was reached on November 11th. when the two Societies held a joint meeting. at which 49 ringers were present to enjoy the good tone and easy 'go' of the bells.

The Vicar (Rev. D. B. Haseler) welcomed both Societies at the service. when the lesson was read by Mr. L. M. Woodhead. secretary of the Selby Society. An excellent tea was served by the local ladies in the Old School and was thoroughly enjoyed. The vote of thanks was proposed on behalf of the two Societies by Mr. Ducker and was responded to by the local captain (Mr. E. Dove) and the Vicar. Both paid tribute to the efforts of the Sutton-on-Hull ringers in their coaching of the local company.

The Vicar expressed his wish that the tower should remain a 'borderline' case. and it seems certain that both Societies will make return visits.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the deaths, during the past week. of two former members of Sheffield Cathedral Company—Mr. Haydn Thorpe and Mr. Sidney F. Palmer.

SALISBURY BRANCH OUTING

A pleasant afternoon was spent on October 7th in the nearer parts of Hampshire by members from Salisbury and Wilton. Leaving Salisbury and the rain-belt at 2.15 we found the sun shining at Broughton. where the Vicar and captain of the ringers met us and three quarters of an hour was spent on the light and sweet toned six. Through winding lanes in the Test Valley we came to King's Somborne. with its fine church. set in a large well kept churchyard. Here Mr. W. Perry met us and we were joined by a carload of our newest members from Ludgershall. who had first rung for a wedding at their own church.

On to Winchester for tea and a quick glimpse of the Cathedral. and then we found our way to Bishopstoke. where two of Mr. George Pullinger's former learners met a third. who was with us. Lastly, we called at Sherfield English. where ringing came to an abrupt end ten minutes before it was due. by a rope breaking. Our handyman put on a spare rope so as to leave all ready for the local ringers next day. and we still had time for a quick visit to the Hatchet. before leaving for Salisbury. We thank the incumbents and ringers at all the churches we visited. and Mrs. Abrahams. who made all the arrangements.

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