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CHRISTMAS PEACE AND GOODWILL

IN a variety of ways, by Christmas cards and through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' most ringers will be exchanging greetings at this time. It is nice to be remembered; and that fellowship with one another, however far apart we may be, is something to be treasured and extended. That is why God sent His Son to be born into human life. 'That they all may be one.' Jesus Christ was born to be the centre of the human race, that all life should draw its inspiration from Him and all people be drawn together in Him. There lies the main truth which Christmas ought to bring home to everyone.

But in this twentieth century, widely as Christianity has penetrated through the world, how very far yet we seem to be from achieving unity amongst ourselves, among States and races! Events point to the unwelcome fact where peoples are granted independence, and the more they seek to be self-governing the less are they ready to become more peaceful, or brotherly, or willing to advance in the understanding of one another.

So, year by year, how urgently we need to be taken back to first principles; to the origin of the Christmas we profess to celebrate; to the nature of the God we profess to worship. For that alone will give the real character and the sincerity to our greetings.

While we may, naturally, be primarily concerned with the keeping of Christmas in our homes our gatherings together, thinking too of absent members, ought to result in the deepening of family ties, of the family feeling; the more so if we share, as a family, in the worship of the Church on Christmas Day. It should be impossible to conceive of any wrangling, or exhibition of selfish temper; indeed anything that breaks the fellowship at such a time. And if not then, **neither at any other time.** For the essence of Christmas—as Christian people are expected to have learnt it—is something to be implemented, carried into action, in all succeeding days and years. Which means the conscious unceasing cultivation of all things that are honest, true, pure and lovely in our own and other people's lives. There is no other way by which animosities can be buried, disagreements resolved and peaceful situations brought into being. There is no other name but that of Jesus Christ, given under heaven, whereby man—i.e., the world of men—can be reconciled and saved. So St. Peter, by his complete faith in the Incarnation and his intimate knowledge of its consequences, could say to the impotent man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. 'Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.' And, as it came to pass, was not that like new birth for that man?

Well then, what other aim ought we to have as we give our Christmas greetings: as we call people by the bells to the worship of the Son of God, than just this? To spread the knowledge of the Prince of Peace, to prove the fact of His birth and its outcome, not only in our immediate circle; but by our faith, prayers and example to create a new outlook for all who make for tension and strife, as also for all who are suffering under conditions of helplessness, ignorance, sorrow and fear?

One must emphasise that if our Lord demands anything from His servants, from ringers, or associations of ringers, it is nothing less than that self-restraint which characterised His childhood and subsequent Ministry; nothing less than submission of will which did nothing to lower His dignity, but enhanced the value of His example and teaching every moment.

'Such as I have give I thee!' Can one imagine a more significant greeting than that? Something I have to give which no money in the world can buy. That particular control, or in-

fluence, by which, somewhere, somehow, I can make all the difference between bitterness and happiness, between greed and contentment, between despair and hope, between impotence and active service, between strife and peace, between animosity and goodwill. From whence then is this which, as a Christian, I have to give; which can change the outlook for anyone today and tomorrow? And the Christian answer down the centuries is the Christmas revelation, ever new and wonderful as ever. 'Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.' 'God so loved the world that He GAVE.'

Among all the worldly distractions of Christmas festivities nothing could be more profitable than to contemplate and grasp anew the Truth as it was in the beginning; to think back to the centre where all spiritual energy is generated—for radiation to all sorts and conditions of men: where the Love which is God flows out in fullest measure as the source of peace and goodwill everywhere. It will follow, therefore, that when, say, controversies arise they can be conducted without acrimony; where something regrettable is spoken, or written, in the heat of the moment an apology can quickly result; when any breach occurs it is never unhealable. Christmas Day can, and should, make that very sure, not only today but for all time 'until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

With all that in mind our heartiest wishes go out to all our readers for a truly happy Christmas and a New Year full of spiritual health and bright promise.

C. C. C.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

YOUR committee seldom trespass on the limited space of 'The Ringing World,' for at all times your Editor finds himself with more copy than can be compressed into the pages of a normal issue. At intervals it is necessary to reduce the accumulation of peals and news by a 'twenty-four page' paper, but the number of such issues are restricted by economic conditions. These, however, are normal administrative problems, and the purpose of now claiming your attention goes rather deeper—the economics of carrying on the paper without or with as little loss as possible. At all times these days in our ordinary everyday activities, we are beset with increasing costs; be it in business or at home and 'The Ringing World' is no exception to this inflationary spiral.

The Printing Trade Wages Agreement of 1962 provided for increases of wages in January, 1964, and January, 1965, the latter coupled with the granting of a third week's holiday and a large Cost of Living bonus. Our printers advised your committee that printing costs for 1964 would not be raised but they now inform us that unfortunately the further extra costs to be met from January 1st, 1965, cannot be absorbed by themselves and a proportion of these additional expenses must be passed on to their customers.

This addition to our outlay is not the only one with which we are faced, as the Government has already announced that postage rates must go up, but as yet no indication has been forthcoming as to the size of this increase, although it is also anticipated in January next. Further, it is quite within the bounds of probability that there may be an increase in the cost of paper.

One of the axioms of prudent business economics is to anticipate possible losses but not profits and it is along these lines your committee have considered the position now presented. In the

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light of known and possible contingencies they have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the price of 'The Ringing World' must be raised by one penny to ninepence per copy, with proportionate adjustments for postal subscribers. The new charges will operate from the first issue in January, 1965, and particulars of the rates for postal copies are set out on page 851.

Whether or not the additional charge will cover the extra outgoings depends on the new postage rates, but the position will again be reviewed before the meeting of the Central Council at Northampton, when the opportunity will be taken to make any further announcements required on the basis of figures then available.

'The Ringing World' is a specialised publication with a limited circulation and your committee once more stress that the scale of an extra 1,000 copies per week would go far to resolving many financial problems. Readers themselves could do much to publicise the advantage of taking 'The Ringing World' and if only one in five secured a new regular subscriber our 'thousand' could be achieved.

The committee thank all our regulars for their support and again appeal to those who 'look over' to get their own copy. Ringers generally must realise what a serious blow the Exercise would suffer if 'The Ringing World' was to go out and after all the weekly cost is very modest.

For your support in the past you have been thanked, for the present we now thank you, and for the future we hope to thank you,

R. S. A.

AN INTERESTING FOUR AT LINCOLN

St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, Lincoln, has four bells over 300 years old and here on November 29th a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus was rung by S. D. Etcell 1 D. M. A. Noble 2, J. Clarke 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4.

As far as can be ascertained, writes A. W. Froggatt, there have been no previous peals or quarters on the bells. The treble and second were cast by George Oldfield in 1636 and 3 and 4 by Henry Oldfield in 1616. They are the front four of a six, but again there seems to have been no more than four bells at the church.

They were rehung, tuned and quarter turned by John Taylor and Co. in 1932. The old wooden frame is still in the tower some eight feet above the present level. The tower is Saxon and is approximately 1,000 years old.

The weights of the bells are given as treble 4 cwt. 26 lb.; second, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; third, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.; tenor, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. (note A).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Oxford University Society held its annual meeting on December 1st when the following new officers were elected:— Master: B. H. Wakefield (Pembroke); secretaries, Miss H. F. Pardoe (St. Anne's) and R. M. Heyworth (University); treasurer, P. A. Brand (Magdalen); steeplekeepers, T. J. Burchell (New College) and A. P. Foster (St. John's).

The proposed amendment to rule 10 (b) did not gain a two-third majority and was therefore defeated. The result is that people not matriculated at the University cannot become full members of the Society, in that they cannot ring peals for it. Many people felt that to open membership to those at affiliated Colleges would be to destroy the Society as a University Society.

FREEDOM CONFERRED ON ABERGAVENNY VETERAN

The Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, was conferred upon Mr. William Horsington on December 3rd.

Mr. Horsington has been a ringer at St. Mary's, Abergavenny, since 1898 and soon afterwards became a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. He is now one of the oldest members of that Association. His association with the Abergavenny Town Council dates since 1913, when he was elected a councillor, for several years he was an alderman and three times Mayor of the Borough. Though he no longer serves on the Council he is still in business as a builder at the age of 83.

Members of St. Mary's band were amongst those who witnessed the ceremony in the Town Hall. Well deserved tributes were paid by the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the President of the local branch of the Builders' Association. Tribute was also paid on behalf of the ringers by the Rev. I. J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan and Treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

He referred to Mr. Horsington's long service to the belfry at St. Mary's, Abergavenny, and how he had maintained his close connection with the Church despite the many claims of responsible public life.

In his younger days he and his brother and their friends formed a handbell band and provided much pleasure with tune ringing at concerts in villages surrounding Abergavenny. Later his son was a member of the handbell band and is also a ringer at St. Mary's. Some may remember their broadcast in 'Country Magazine' several years ago. Recently he was proud to ring on the bells of St. Mary's with his son and granddaughter. We congratulate him on his long and loyal service to his church and tower.

I. J. R.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

On November 28th, members of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers were joined by several past members and visitors in a day of ringing at various churches in and around Southampton. After a service at North Stoneham Church, conducted by the Rev. John Pibworth, they made their way to the 'Mayflower Room,' Royal Pier, Southampton, where the fourth annual dinner was held.

After an excellent meal, the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. A. J. Luxford, proposed the loyal toast. The Guild secretary, Miss R. J. Kemp, welcomed Canon K. W. H. Felstead and the Rev. John Pibworth, and expressed the Guild's thanks for their help and co-operation during the past year. She then proposed the toast of 'The Church.'

In reply Canon Felstead, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, spoke of the link between the church and those who rang the bells and emphasised the Christian duties of ringers.

Mr. P. J. Joyce proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and said how pleased he was to see so many people at the dinner. Those present included representatives from Sussex University, from London, Manchester and Nottingham, as well as past members of the Guild and local ringers.

Mr. M. J. Thomas replied to the toast and said that local ringers were grateful for the support of the S.U.G.C.R. in Sunday service ringing in Southampton. He then proposed the toast of 'The Guild.'

The Master of the Guild, Mr. M. D. Trigg, gave his report of the Guild's activities during the past year, including the summer tour in Cornwall during the first week of July.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY REVIEW OF 1964

In the six years following the College foundation (1956) the introduction of week-end residential courses in ringing (one of the main objectives of the College) had been successfully accomplished—largely through co-operation with local education authorities. And it was becoming clear that the interest in, and successful running of, these courses was such as could be maintained by local ringing organisations, with such co-operation. In these circumstances the College has retained its practical interest in the week-end course as far as giving advice and help to local ringing organisations in planning their own courses.

This has given the College more freedom to concentrate on its other objectives. These include, on the practical side, advising and helping with one-day courses for instructors, and with the initiation of serial courses (ten to twelve weeks) for beginners, with tests in bell control and elementary change-ringing. The literary side continues the compilation of 'Parts' of the 'Ringers' Manual of Reference,' the long-term programme of which includes some nine such parts.

SCHOOLS OF RINGING

Of those affiliated to the College it is a pleasure to report, particularly, upon the St. Uny, Lelant (Cornwall) school: where its senior tutor, who is also the College President, has maintained a steady output of trained beginners, including three qualified tutors, in recent months. The Administrative Committee thanks all Tutors and congratulates all active affiliated schools on their good work in the Exercise.

WORLD-WIDE REPRESENTATION

Recent requests from Australia for copies of Part I of the College Manual have resulted in the provisional appointment of a representative of the College at Ballarat (Captain of St. Peter's), Victoria. The College now has representative officers in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, most counties in England, and overseas in Africa, United States of America and Australia. It is probable that in the New Year the College will be represented in the Cathedral Society at Christchurch, New Zealand. The College is gratified by the widespread appreciation of, and thanks for, the advice and tuition given in the Manual. This more than makes worthwhile our (entirely voluntary) efforts. During the year there appeared in 'The Ringing World' a feature article commending Part I of the Manual. And a significant recent order is for six further copies of this work on 'Bell Handling and Control,' for the County Library (Norwich) of the Norfolk Education Committee.

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS

These being triennial appointments are (with one sad exception as below) the same as for the previous year, and as listed in the 'Ringers' Diary' at the end of the list of Ringing Associations, etc. We are pleased to record that our Vice-President and senior Chaplain, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, is currently the President of the Central Council. The sad exception referred to above is that of our severe loss in December last by the tragic death of the brilliant young Registrar of the College, David Jones, B.A. The College Administrative Committee is sympathetically grateful to Mrs. Edna Jones, his mother, for having stepped into the breach. The Committee regrets the forthcoming loss of service as Press and Public Relations Officer, by Dr. R. G. T. Bennett, M.Sc., who is shortly going back to New Zealand. His work and interest during the past five years on behalf of the College are greatly appreciated.

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THE MORNING A TOWER FELL DOWN

By T. A. Bevis

'There are some farmers in Fulbourn town,

They have lately sold bells what was not their own;

They have sold the bells, likewise the church,

And cheat the poor of twice as much,
And O! you Fulbourn farmers O!'

AT FIVE o'clock on the morning of Trinity Sunday, 1766, the small town of Fulbourn, Cambs, was prematurely awakened by a vibrative rumble, not unlike an earthquake of minor proportions, and songbirds which for the previous half-hour had united their usual musical welcome in increasing crescendo to a bright new day abruptly ended that dawn chorus, darting away at all points of the compass.

Sleepy residents in the vicinity of All Saints' Church, confused at the creaking of overhead timbers, became aware of dust which seemed to infiltrate through every nook and cranny of their dwellings. Excited voices outside inspired those who continued to sit in bed to hurl dull stupor to one side; white faces pressed against leaded windows and a score of eyes beheld the ruins of a once-lovely church, gaunt and strangely unsymmetrical in the strengthening daylight.

'Some estate there was left, and all for the poor,

They have robbed them of half and something more:

Such dirty tricks will go hard on their sides,

For the d—I will have them and singe their hides.

And O! you Fulbourn farmers O!

On the Saturday before this unexpected incident occurred Fulbourn proudly possessed two churches—but now, only one—St. Vigor's—remained.

It transpired the steeple of All Saints' had, over many years, progressively weakened, with the result that the old bells to which the inhabitants were so attached were unceremoniously deposited on the floor of the nave. One or two bells, like the church, were badly broken. Nevertheless, the poor parishioners, fearful that the bells would be illegally removed, frequently mounted guard, watching over them in the evenings, armed with cudgels, blunderbusses and pitchforks.

But fears subsided: their devoted interest temporarily waned; the watchers withdrew to the comfort of their homes and the warmth of the local inns, preferable by far to the cold and comfortless shell of a fallen-down church. Thus in the dead of the night, the churchwardens approached two of the bells, hoisted them on to a waggon conveniently placed in Monk's Barn, nearby, and transferred them to the Cambridge waggon en route to St. Neots, arriving there before morning light, when they were delivered into the hands of Edward Arnold, the Priory founder. The warden farmers, who are said to have given the proceeds of the 'illegal' sale towards repairs at St. Vigor's Church, managed to avoid the angry accusations and remonstrations of the aggrieved parishioners of All Saints'.

'Before the bells they could be sold,
They were forced to swear, as we've been told:

They foreswore themselves—then they cried
For this my boys, we will be tried

And O! you Fulbourn farmers O!

The ruination of All Saints' Church eventually brought about an Act of Parliament: this passed on May 22nd, 1775 for the purpose of uniting the parish of All Saints with that of St. Vigor. The Act enabled the Vicar and wardens to sell the bells and materials, the



proceeds to be used in the repair of the latter-named edifice. As already stated two bells had already been 'removed'; the other three with two existing bells at St. Vigor's were recast at St. Neots, and the complete ring of six was hung in the tower of Fulbourn's remaining church—rededicated to St. Vigor and All Saints—on May 9th, 1776.

Subscriptions amounted to £141. The bells cost £262 2s. 3d., the frame on which they are suspended £45, six new ropes £1 15s., in all a total outlay of £308 17s. 3d.

The bells were inscribed:

1. BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT OBTAINED IN 1775
2. THE RUINS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH WERE TAKEN DOWN
3. AND THE PARISHES UNITED. EDWARD ARNOLD FECIT ME 1776
4. AND THESE SIX BELLS CAST BY SUBSCRIPTION IN 1776
5. EDWD. ARNOLD OF ST NEOTS CAST THIS PEAL OF SIX BELLS ANNO DOMINI 1776
6. EDWARD ARNOLD OF ST NEOTS FECIT 1776
I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL
AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL

'There is old Twigg, and young Twigg—the whining dissenter,

Says one to the other, this night we will venture:

And says little Gibble-Gabble, I long for to go,

But first I will call on my neighbour Swingtoe,

And O! you Fulbourn farmers O!

Exactly a year had passed between the instigation of the Act of Parliament and the casting of the new bells, the Act itself being conducted through both Houses of Parliament by Mr. Edward Hancock, the Rector's warden, and Sir John Cotton, the latter attending to the matter in its various stages in the House of Commons. The passing of the Act inspired a Fulbourn resident, William Rolfe, to write a ballad which is reproduced in this article.

The inhabitants of Fulbourn displayed unusual enthusiasm at having a brand new ring of six bells, which having arrived in the vicinity of the town were hauled by villagers a furlong or more before horses could be hitched to the waggon. On arrival at the tower a Mr. Edmund Andrews Salisbury sat astride the tenor bell when it was drawn up to its permanent place in the belfry. By a strange coincidence his was the first death for which this bell was tolled.

A 'peal' was rung on the bells on December 7th, 1789, the author of which was Charles Dawson. It comprised 720 changes and was called with 154 hobs and two singles.

In the dead of the night this thievish crew

Broke into the church as other thieyes do,
For to steal the bells and sell them all.

May the d—I take such churchwardens all,
And O! you Fulbourn farmers O!

Footnote.—The tower of St. Vigor and All Saints' now contains a ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 6th, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. E. Monk 1, Lucy Smith 2, Mariene E. Townsend 3, C. T. Collins (first of Surprise) 4, B. J. Townsend 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Letters to the Editor

Non-Association Peals

Dear Sir.—The non-Association peal at Trumpington, Cambridgeshire, which appears on page 822, prompts me to write regarding such peals generally.

I have considered for a very long time that ringers who participate in non-Association peals act in a most irresponsible manner in not recording their performances for the Guild or Association in which they are rung. If the Yorkshiremen in this particular peal could not afford the Ely Diocesan Association's life membership fee why not ring it in their own county? Could not College Youth and non-geographical societies record their performances as rung by that Society for the Association or Society in whose area the peal is rung.

Whilst on the subject of peals, I consider the time is long overdue for all Guilds and Associations to levy a peal booking fee, similar to the present practice of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Central Council representatives were told at Truro this year that 'The Ringing World' is again facing financial trouble and further increases in charges were to be expected. Surely the time has come when all peal ringers must take a responsible attitude towards their publication and not expect those not so interested in peal ringing to subsidise their indulgence.—Yours faithfully,
Heavitree, Exeter. N. MALLETT

Directions to Churches

Dear Sir.—Could I please make a request to Guild and Association secretaries who put notices of ringing meetings in 'The Ringing World'? It would be very helpful to people who do not know the area where the church is, to be given the name of the road it is in. 'Dove's Guide,' for example, only gives road names of inner London towers and a road map usually shows five or six churches in the area with no indication of the name.—Yours faithfully,

JULIE S. ARMSTRONG.

Hammersmith.

Leeds Ringers' Outing

Dear Sir.—I would like to make a comment on the second paragraph on page 817 of 'The Ringing World' in the article reporting the outing of the Leeds Parish Church ringers.

The so called ban at Felixkirk was not because 'visiting ringers did damage,' but because 'change ringers did damage.' Quite a difference when one considers that it was a non-change ringer who passed the comment, and so convinced the Vicar.

As regards the visit to Shildon: here again I regret to say that the bells have not been rung due to the attitude of the Vicar towards bells and ringing, and not as result of any apathy by local or surrounding ringers. In fact, had it not been that a short while ago Mr. T. Cooke, of Darlington, repaired broken stays, properly threaded the ropes, and did a few more odd jobs in the tower, I fear the Leeds ringers would have been unable to ring the bells.

However, I was pleased to know that R.H.D. and his band of visiting ringers were well received all around. I can assure him that hospitality is not usually lacking in these parts.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

Sandhurst First Peal after Rededication

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. Alan R. Baldock, of Eastbourne, in your issue of December 4th, the bells of St. Nicholas', Sandhurst, were rededicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Tuesday, September 15th, 1964.

Mr. Baldock's peal: August 10th, 1963.

Our peal: October 31st, 1964.

The item in Belfry Gossip is, therefore, correct.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. POPE.

Tower Captain, Sandhurst.

To the Glory of God

Dear Sir.—Mr. O.A.M.'s first remarks about ringers (I note he says the majority) regarding campanology as a hobby are, of course, in a sense true. On the other hand, he does not advance any further reasons for people ringing bells presumably because he has never found—unlike the majority of ringers whom I have the privilege of knowing—that the chief delight of ringing church bells is ringing them to the glory of God. If one regards ringing in this way, in addition to deriving pleasure from the physical act of ringing, how else can it be regarded except as an act of worship? When I resided in Kent, one of the great joys was to go into a belfry and to commence ringing with a prayer, often said by one of the ringers. The example was set by Canterbury Cathedral where the prayer is read before the bells are rung for Sunday service. Merely a hobby? For the majority of ringers, sir, surely far more.

With this in mind, it is surely wrong to discourage the building of church towers (anyway there are quite enough being built without them in this present day). I am sure that the majority of ringers would sooner see a church built with a tower and ring of bells than a second Quex Park rising. The only virtue with such towers as Quex is that they do give one the opportunity to practise without upsetting the neighbours. And the purpose of practice? To better one's own standards of ringing to the glory of God. Surely ringing is a tradition: and it's the only time when most ringers can ring for service, otherwise no doubt there would be a tradition of ringing on other days. And because one is calling God's people to church, and praising God, and enjoying doing so at the same time, surely, sir, it is a good tradition and not merely sheer habit, no, certainly not habit, God forbid! We are not compelled by force of habit to ring those bells which were hung there to the glory of God before we were born, but we are urged by our duty to our God and Redeemer to sound our bells to the glory of Him who never forced anybody to do anything, and whom we owe far more than we can give or understand.

The subject of ringers' 'bickering' or 'defaulting' is nothing new, but I venture to suggest, sir, that the 'bickering in the belfry' is confined to fewer of our 40,000 odd ringers than one may imagine. And I have known few cases where the argument has not been quickly made up. Ringing is a brotherhood, and in most towers it is kept so. I feel our atheist brother is correct in making such general statement as he does. It is indeed too true that ringers do sometimes 'abscond' from their towers, but again I feel that O.A.M. makes too general a statement to support an argument.

'Does one have to be a Christian to be a campanologist?' No, sir, one does not. But, as we are reminded in one of our collects, 'It is not the beginning of a task, but the finishing of the same IN THY NAME, O LORD, which yieldeth the true glory.' The glory is God's alone and we and the bells are instruments of it. It is only in one's own heart that the final decisions can be made. But I venture to say that to be a good Christian is far more important than being a good ringer, for the witness of a faithful Christian life is greater than the loudest noise which is made here on earth to the glory of God, the sound of the bells. God grant that when we ring, we may ring first and foremost to His glory. If we do so, then, sir, we will find every other joy thrown in.—Yours sincerely,
Hunstanton, Norfolk. DAVID CAWLEY.

Obituary Column Answer

Dear Sir.—Re the letter from 'O.A.M.' (atheist) in your paper on November 27th. I suggest that 'O.A.M.' reads the Obituary Notices in 'The Ringing World.' He will find there that ringing and Christianity do go together.

As regards 'falling out' among ringers, this is a common human failing! May we be preserved from a band of 'yes' men. Even Christ's disciples had differences of opinion.—Yours faithfully,
Crewe. JOHN E. HOLLOWAY.

Carols on Handbells

Dear Sir.—While I agree with your correspondent that 12 bells minimum are preferable for tune ringing, I hope this should not deter those who have an octave. For the first three years I have interested members of a Boys' Brigade Company in tune ringing on an octave of bells. Quite a number of hymn tunes and carols have their melody contained within a diatonic octave, and by a simple substitution of octave notes where this does not upset the sense of melody several more can be adapted.

For those who don't quite know how to set about tune ringing, I number the bells one to eight, one becoming the highest note as in change ringing. Tonic sol-fa timing is adopted, each bar in quadruple time being sub-divided by a short vertical line. A colon, a full-stop and a comma correspond to minims, crochets, quavers and semi-quavers of staff rotation. For triple time the bar is sub-divided first in three parts by colons, then each of the three in half by a full stop and further (if required) by the comma. The correct spacing of 'notes' is also important, as this gives a useful guide to 'quick' and 'slow' notes.

With regard to harmony playing, we find that until some considerable practice has been done in playing the melody only, there is no point in trying harmony, as the bells must be struck with absolute accuracy so that the notes in harmony sound absolutely simultaneously. The only way to do this is to watch the other ringers out of the corner of one's eye, so that the bells move and strike together.

I have not tried to adapt this system to more than eight bells, as that is all we have available at the moment. I feel, however, that for larger numbers of bells the use of the tonic sol-fa names would be preferable to using numbers since double figures (such as 10, 11 and 12) could be confusing when written in quick succession. Semitones on smaller numbers of bells could be added and referred to by an encircled number.

Those who are musicians in other fields will, of course, not require it, but there may be some who have an 'ear for music' but have no knowledge of written music systems and would therefore be glad of some simple information.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. FROGGATT.

Lincoln.

Dear Sir.—Reading your item re handbell carolling with interest. I think I can go one better, as we have always rung four bells each, which I think you can control better than two, and the simplest way I think to learn is by ringing Queen's and Whittingtons which gives you plenty of confidence leading up to tune playing.

We had the honour of being the first handbell ringers in the county to broadcast handbells away back in 1924, four bells each and four in number which was a perfect transmission from 5 IT New Street, which was then the Birmingham Studio.

Four bells are rung by striking the top two outwards and the bottom two downwards and this calls for regular practice together. We spent one night a week all the year round, change ringing and tune playing: we were ready for anything, and believe me, we got plenty of engagements. My advice to young handbell ringers is to get going with four bells each, which makes tune playing more compact and worth listening to.—Yours truly,
R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

King's Norton Tenor

Dear Sir.—During the recent correspondence concerning King's Norton bells, nobody has mentioned that the tenor has a rather unique slider mechanism.

Apparently the bells were originally never fitted with stays and sliders. When these were fitted only the tenor presented a problem because there was no room for a slider; in fact the clapper flight has a slot in the floor boards to allow it to swing. The problem was overcome by making a wooden channel with a sliding block of wood running in it.—Yours faithfully,
J. J. PAWLEY.

The Toast this Christmas is "The Old 'Uns"

MR. JOHN EUSTON, that great worker on behalf of veteran bellringers, sends us this photograph of the veteran bellringers at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, as a reminder to the Exercise of how much they owed to those who during the first 25 years of this century paved the way for a better life for us all. Most of those portrayed have given over 50 years' service, often to a local church, and with others have been responsible for passing on the art to the next generation. And this Christmas let us all have a toast to 'The Old 'uns' and trust that as many as possible will be present next June to enjoy the good tea Mrs. Davis and her helpers provide.



TOURING TAUNTON AREA

On November 28th, a score of ringers from the Axbridge, Bridgwater and Chew branches of the Bath and Wells Association spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in the Taunton area. Ringing at Hillfarrance, Nynehead and Langford Budville preceded a very welcome tea at Hillcommon.

Further touches on the good little five at Heathfield and on the melodious six at Bradford-on-Tone were followed in true Somerset style by a social gathering at 'the local.'

The great improvements, including redecoration of the belfry, at Nynehead (although the young lady rising the second still received a shower of twigs), was noted and also the call-change cards of Grandsire at Hillfarrance entitled 'The bells of Hillfarrance Changes'—Methods Committee please note!

'Thank yous' are extended to the respective incumbents and those who met us at the towers. G.R.M.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a better attendance when the Bingham District held its meeting at Whatton on November 14th than on the previous occasion, and all members and visitors enjoyed it. Bingham was proposed for the annual District meeting on January 9th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Harrison, who specially mentioned the Rector and the ladies responsible for the good tea.

Next meeting: Holme Pierrepont, December 12th.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS

The annual meeting of the Western Branch, held at Wychbold on December 5th, attracted an attendance of about 60 ringers. During the afternoon, the six bells at St. Mary-de-Wyche were rung in rounds for the beginners and in methods up to Lopdon Surprise. A pleasing feature was the large attendance of younger members and if their enthusiasm is encouraged, there should be no worries for the future of the Exercise in the area.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Hunter-Bailey, and members of the Association robed to form a choir. The Vicar in his welcome told of the pleasure he found listening to Wychbold bells on the rare occasions on which they were rung. At the present time, the bells are silent on Sundays through lack of ringers, and he hoped that our visit might stimulate some interest in the village.

Tea at the 'Bowling Green' was immediately followed by the meeting. The officers were re-elected including the Master, Mr. J. Clements, and the secretary, Mr. A. Jopp, both of whom were thanked for their work. The dates and places of the meetings for 1956 were arranged. New members were elected from Upton Snodsbury, where Mr. S. T. Holt is training a young band to ring on an 18 cwt. six with a very long draught of rope and a reputation for difficult handling, from All Saints', Worcester, and from St. Swithun's, Worcester, which now has its first members for about 50 years. P.C.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. COPE

Mr. Walter James Cope, who died in St. Andrew's, Hospital, Norwich, on December 1st, at the age of 80, was for 60 years a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral.

His 72nd birthday was marked by a dinner in his honour and a presentation by the Dean of Lichfield as a tribute to his services to bellringing at the Cathedral and Alrewas.

Although a regular service ringer and one who rarely missed a practice, it was not until he was well over 60 that he rang anything other than Grandsire. After being associated with teaching Peter, Dennis and Joan Beresford, the opportunity came to ring more advanced methods. He rang in a peal of Double Norwich Major in honour of his 70th birthday, and went on to ring a peal of Cambridge Major and also to practise and ring a variety of the more advanced Doubles, Minor and Major methods. He rang in the first peal on Lichfield Cathedral bells after they were recast in 1947, and took part in ringing for all royal events, covering the reigns from the time of Queen Victoria to the birth of the present Prince of Wales.

At the age of 69, and on the death of his wife, he moved from Lichfield to Alrewas, where he set about teaching a band.

During the last few years of his life when he lived with his eldest daughter at Fakenham, Norfolk, illness prevented him from doing any active ringing. Almost to the end he read 'The Ringing World' with keen interest.

He was buried at Fakenham on Dec. 5th.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Carol Cousins 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, E. G. Godfrey 4, T. Lewis (first of Surprise Minor) 5, A. M. Macve (first of London as cond.) 6. First quarter by all except the conductor. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy C. Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Margaret C. Godfrey 3, P. J. Milton 4, E. G. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. Willington 1, G. C. Paul 2, D. Ellison 3, C. Hughes 4, R. Cousins 5, D. Hewitt 6, J. Waugh 7, J. Crampton (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and in appreciation of a successful gift day.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. J. Greaves (first on eight) 1, R. B. Dorrington (first on eight 'inside') 2, D. J. Bates 3, Elizabeth Timmins 4, Lucy Smith 5, R. M. Hodister 6, C. M. Smith 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Veitch (first quarter) 1, Miss H. A. Arrowsmith 2, A. P. Foster 3, M. A. Phillips 4, D. G. Wilford 5, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Josephine Quilter 1, R. Lindsell 2, A. Syder 3, C. Barker 4, Jennifer Syder 5, S. Warne 6, J. Warner 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Kathleen Baldwin 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, Angela M. Wright 3, P. Came 4, M. J. Bew 5, Angela Grainger 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8, B. J. Stone 9, D. P. Treble 10. An engagement compliment to Wendy Bird and Paul Treble.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Height 1, J. Clipson 2, M. Hawkins 3, G. Bell 4, F. Coales (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Taylor 1, Jennifer M. Taylor 2, Diana Chapman 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, R. J. Bowden 5, F. C. Mogford 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. C. Exell 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Malmesbury.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Westmacott 1, B. W. Hall 2, F. W. Soden 3, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6. For Confirmation service.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Everett 1, Jean Stebbings 2, H. Halls 3, S. W. Bigmore 4, D. Hodgson (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Watson (first on eight) 1, Sheila Staley 2, Ruth Watson (first 'inside') 3, D. Whitehill (first 'inside') 4, R. Stretten 5, A. Sellers 6, G. Watson (cond.) 7, I. Hall 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Davies 1, D. C. Chatfield 2, Miss R. Sinden 3, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 4, G. Neilson 5, B. J. Luck 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, E. A. Dixon 10. First on ten 3 and 5. For the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Anthony P. Tremlett as Bishop Suffragan of Dover.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): E. J. Jones 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. C. Clarke 3, L. A. Bushy 4, Diana Reeves (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the birth of a daughter (Frances Helen) to Dennis and Christine Bowen.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Archibald 1, C. K. Hill 2, D. G. Blows 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, J. W. Priest 5, P. J. Privett 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, Rev. G. S. Archibald 8.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. W. Evans 1, R. J. Everest (first 'inside') 2, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, D. J. M. Cox 5, J. H. French 6, P. R. Everest 7, G. F. Cheseman (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Col. E. R. Meade-Waldo, D.S.O., former churchwarden and P.C.C. member for over 30 years.

CHIOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. K. Hill 1, Susan Aveyard 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, Anne Pickering 4, J. W. Priest 5, P. J. Privett 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. For Evensong.

CULLINGBOURNE DUCIS, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on St. Andrew's Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. Smith 1, G. Heath 2, C. Smith 3, W. Cook 4, W. Alexander (cond.) 5, T. Spencer 6. Rung by light of two candles, due to power cut.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Spencer 4, H.

Hooper 5, J. Phillips 6. First in method 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Payton 1, Diane Street 2, L. Read 3, K. Sansom 4, Pamela Gough 5, D. Hughes 6, R. Hough (cond.) 7, Elizabeth Stevingson 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. S. Baker 1, Miss Y. Hughes 2, J. Miller 3, I. R. Nichols 4, Miss A. D. Edwards 5, E. J. Holloway 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, G. Parsons 8, W. Kerr 9, H. Fynn 10. First on ten 1, 3, 8 and 10.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher (25th quarter) 2, Betty Butler 3, J. Warner 4, A. J. Butcher 5, A. W. Fuller 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 6. 25th quarter together for 2 and 5. Tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Peggy Butcher.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Bishop 1, D. Rothera 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. Hatchett 4, F. Ransom 5, J. Ketteringham 6, R. H. Fullwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EARLS CROOME, WORCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss R. Porter 1, A. C. Berry 2, I. Lloyd 3, A. A. Jopp 4, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 5, R. Shepherd 6.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Miss M. F. Pettitt 1, Miss S. M. Law 2, G. Hutchings 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. The eve of All Saints'. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,320 College Exercise: Miss M. F. Pettitt 1, Miss S. M. Law 2, Miss K. A. Rivett 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. Rung for dedication of peal board to commemorate the completion of the ringing chamber and part restoration of tower. Same band as for peal.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, J. Betts 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung after the christening of Adrian John, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Nicholls, of Cassington.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Musson 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, D. Reeson 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, L. Blanchard 5, H. Burrell 6. For the Patronal Festival after unsuccessful peal attempt.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: Jack Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. Surman 4, M. Poppleton 5, R. Adey 6. First in the method by all. A wedding compliment to Miss C. Jenkins and Mr. D. Sheath.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent T.B.: H. R. Appleton 1, C. Southgate 2, B. Mann 3, T. White 4, W. White 5, B. C. Mann (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Owers.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Measures 1, R. Fuller 2, F. Mitchell 3, G. Mayes 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, R. Cousins 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, A. V. Good 2, K. R. Dunstan 3, W. Ayre 4, P. W. Harper 5, B. M. Barker 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, R. E. Sheppard 8. First in method 5, 6 and 8.

IRNHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): C. F. Baxter 1, G. I. N. Culborne 2, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 3, D. J. Hopkinson 4, W. A. Holmes 5. For the 90th birthday of Miss Cranbury, a resident of the village.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jean Anderson (first quarter) 1, Patricia Rogers 2, June Creak 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Jeannette Felton 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, M. P. Thomas 7, P. N. Felton 8, W. H. Rogers (cond.) 9, M. Harrison 10. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. P. Thomas 1, June Creak (first of Cambridge) 2, K. Brown 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, P. N. Felton 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, C. T. Richards 7, W. H. Rogers 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,261 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Barker 1, R. J. Picton 2, P. W. Harper 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker 6, R. W. Picton (cond.) 7, D. Bedford 8. For evening service.

KIRK ELIA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Beverley and Surfleet Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, G. K. Smith 2, K. Kirk 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, H. C. Palmer 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in methods 3 and 5. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Nov. 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Ascroft 1, P. J. Crossthwaite 2, J. Nixon 3, J. Sumner 4, E. Bennett 5, L. Walsley 6, B. Moss 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8, S. Walsley 9, E. McElroy 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival (St. Andrew).

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Nov. 29th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: S. D. Etchell 1, D. M. Noble 2, J. Clarke 3, A. W. Froggart (cond.) 4. First quarter for all the band. Believed to be first quarter on bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, W. P. Blake 2, B. Williams 3, J. Brain 4, S. Lewis 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wakefield (cond.) 1, G. R. Mordaunte 2, Hilary F. Pardoe 3, R. M. Heyworth 4, M. R. Ashmore 5, N. J. Martin 6. By the Oxford University Society for Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Ward 1, J. Avis 2, B. Vaughan 3, S. Humphrey 4, P. G. Pitt 5, N. Avis (first as cond.) 6. For the Diocesan Jubilee Year.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Miss T. Hollis (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss M. Burns 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, S. Armeson 5, D. Nichols 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lee 8, N. Donovan 9, P. Walker 10. Rung prior to Evensong and to mark the official switch-on of the new floodlighting installation.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Yardley 1, Pamela Crosby 2, J. Guymer 3, H. W. Cox (cond.) 4, R. I. Crosby (first 'inside') 5, J. Godfrey 6.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Ducker 1, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 2, A. W. A. Leggett 3, J. Potts 4, A. Sheppard 5, K. Goldthorpe 6, C. C. Brown 7, J. Hobson 8, D. S. Johnson 9, A. B. Cooper 10.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner (cond.) 2, V. W. Rigg 3, H. H. Fearn 4, C. W. Braag 5, R. J. Cann 6, G. Palmer 7, B. D. Woolley 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, Margaret A. Bould 2, D. R. Bould 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Heard 6, M. Sinden 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. For patronal festival.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynda Dent 1, Sheila Haskins 2, Pauline Lansley (cond.) 3, A. R. Peake 4, V. Griffin 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Confirmation.

TOTIERNHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Knox 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, R. Stripp 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. V. Sinfield 6, J. Cloughton (cond.) 7, H. G. Day (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At Holy Trinity Church, West Hall, on November 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Egerton 1, J. E. Reed 2, Sylvia Harrington (first in method) 3, Wendy Griffin 4, N. F. Edwards 5, R. J. Cooles 6, M. J. Uphill (cond. 25th of Grandsire Triples) 7, R. G. Twyman 8. Rung to the Glory of God for the 38th anniversary of the bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. T. Brown (first of Stedman Doubles) 1, Judith A. Robertson (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, P. R. Keogh (first of Stedman) 3, G. W. Elmes 4, M. J. Young 5, V. J. Baker 6. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Philip R. Keogh 1, Ross G. W. Robertson 2, Michael J. Young 3, Graham W. Elmes 4, Colin W. Heawood 5, John W. Blackwood (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mary and Ruth Elmes. First of Treble Bob for 1, 3, 5 and as conductor.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion Baukwell 1, A. Bishop 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, Caroline Carpenter 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, R. Harris 8. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Deborah Hopkins 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

YORK.—On Nov. 29th, at the Minster, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Maskill 1, D. Pearson 2, D. Clegg 3, F. Atkinson 4, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, S. H. Steel 7, M. Staniforth 8, H. Walker (cond.) 9, J. Bowen 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. For Evensong, and as a compliment to F. Atkinson, on his retirement from ringing, and also as a 65th birthday compliment to S. H. Steel.

QUARTER PEALS

For Sir Winston's 90th Birthday

Rung on November 30th, except where stated otherwise:

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Helliwell 1, Barbara Turner 2, V. Williams 3, M. Bell 4, R. Leigh 5, R. Helliwell (first as cond.) 6.

ADLINGTON, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Turner 1, T. Turner 2, D. Moss 3, A. McNutt 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6.

APSLEY ENI, HERTS.—1,440 London Surprise Minor: W. Ayre (cond.) 1, B. M. Barker 2, A. R. Kench 3, A. V. Good 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. E. J. Sheppard 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Roberts 1, R. J. Roberts 2, E. S. Laker 3, F. J. Roberts 4, E. H. Knapp 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Willmington 1, R. Smith 2, C. Wright (first in method) 3, D. Ellisdoe 4, K. Warner 5, J. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, G. Lonsdale 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Warne 1, A. Wiften 2, R. Lindvell 3, I. Panton 4, Jennifer Syder 5, A. Syder 6, P. Rohera (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8.

CARDIGAN.—1,280 Doubles (five methods): D. P. Griffiths 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, B. Griffiths 6. First in five methods/variations for all.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. H. Pullin 1, E. T. Lee 2, A. E. Cox 3, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 4, D. G. Yeo 5, M. J. Horseman 6, P. Bridle 7, J. Brain 8.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. R. Churchill 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Joan A. Rance 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. S. Froome 1, L. Hiscock 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, J. W. Priest 4, A. Flood 5, N. G. Summerhays 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, R. Tickner 8.

GRIMSBY, LINC'S.—1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. J. Williams 1, H. Mingay 2, F. Kennington 3, M. Walker 4, J. Parker 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—1,200 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gagen (11 years, first quarter) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins, jun. 3, P. Gagen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Goodchild 1, Miss H. A. Walters 2, Miss R. J. Kemp 3, Miss F. I. Studley 4, M. D. Trigay 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. By the Southampton University Guild.

OXFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Ridout 1, R. Ridout 2, F. Hilliar 3, T. Bleathman 4, Rev. R. N. Longridge 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At Carfax Tower, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Wakefield (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Pardoe 2, G. R. Mordaunt 3, J. W. Thorp 4, M. R. Ashmore 5, N. J. Martin 6. By Oxford University Society.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, L. Wright 5, M. J. Rose 6.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMB'S.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Sheila Wade (first quarter) 1, A. H. Johns (first 'inside') 2, Rev. R. Thomas 3, M. E. Lewis (first 'inside') 4, E. Lingard (first as cond.) 5, G. Norris (first quarter) 6.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wiseman 1, J. Byatt 2, Miss A. Smith 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens 5, J. Negus 6, E. W. Pye (cond.) 7, W. Pye 8.

STIEST, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Lindsell 1, Josephine Quilter 2, R. Lindsell 3, Jennifer Syder 4, J. Warner 5, A. Syder (cond.) 6.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Culpin 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. Sismey 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5.

REDEDICATION

SKEFFINGTON, LEICS

The bells of St. Thomas à Becket, Skeffington, Leics, were rededicated, after rehangng, by the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams, during the Harvest Festival service on Oct. 25th. The cost of rehangng was met by Major R. B. Collie M.F.H., in memory of his wife Jennifer, who was tragically killed in the hunting field.

A local band is now being formed under the guidance of Messrs. Norman and Geoff Geary, of Billesdon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Rochester District**

Some 70 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Rochester District held at Rochester Cathedral recently. Many took advantage of ringing on the Cathedral's bells before Evensong, at which the Dean welcomed the Association.

Following tea at the Crown Hotel, the Rev. Peter N. Bond presided at the business meeting. Tribute was paid by Mr. L. Mitchell, District secretary, in his report, to Mr. Albert Dunk and Mr. George Eastman, of Sittingbourne, whose deaths were recorded with regret.

Officers elected were: Mr. Mitchell, secretary; Mr. Len Crouch, Frindsbury, Ringing Master; and Messrs. T. Barton and F. J. Cheal, District representatives to K.C.A. Mr. Christopher Osenton, the retiring Ringing Master, was thanked for his services, and also the Dean. Ringing followed until 9 p.m.

By-Meeting at Frindsbury

The by-meeting was held at the new Ringing Master's home tower, Frindsbury, in wintry weather. Despite this some 30 faithful members had an enjoyable meeting. A warm welcome came from the Vicar (Rev. T. G. S. Prentice), who conducted the church service, and an excellent tea was kindly given by local ringers. The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. L. Mitchell, and ringing continued to a late hour.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Stanton Drew on December 5th. Ringing in a variety of methods preceded the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Russell. About 40 members and friends were served with an excellent tea by the local company at the Church Hall, after which the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary, in his report, made a plea for outstanding subscriptions to be paid before December 31st in order to complete his records.

A total of 12 new members were elected; Kingston Seymour 2, Portbury 2, Easton in Gordano 1, Backwell 1, Stanton Drew 1 and Wrington 5. Subject to permission, meetings were arranged as follows: Quarterly (April 11th), Backwell; practice meetings: January, Tickenham; February, Yatton; March, Pablow. The striking competition for 1965 will be held during May at Dundry, and the sub-committee was empowered to appoint the judge. A suggestion that the test piece should include a fall was favourably received, but it was pointed out that the extra time involved would tend to make the proceedings rather drawn out. In the circumstances, it was decided that the idea was not at present practicable.

A suggestion that the service touch at quarterly meetings should be rung by a band to be chosen by the Ringing Master was supported on all sides, and will take effect forthwith.

Officers elected for 1965: Chairman and Ringing Master: Mr. H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen: Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo; reporter: Mr. J. Brain.

Following the usual votes of thanks, ringing took place both at Stanton Drew (5) and Chew Magna (8).

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

The December meeting of the Society was held at Ecclesfield on Dec. 5th. About 20 members braved the weather for the afternoon ringing, and methods from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge Major were rung. Twenty-five members sat down to an excellent tea, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert in the chair. Votes of thanks were passed to the local company for the excellent arrangements made.

After tea ringing continued until about 9 o'clock, when a good standard of ringing was maintained.

Next meeting: Sheffield Cathedral on January 2nd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With the ringing of a peal at Pluckley on December 5th there have now been peals rung on all ringable rings in Kent.

By ringing a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Finedon on November 28th, Murray A. Coleman, of Rothwell, completed the Kent 'family' from Minor to Maximus.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Henlow, Beds, was arranged as a farewell to W. O. F. Mitchell, who has been a great help to Henlow tower whilst stationed in the neighbourhood. He is now posted to Norfolk.

We are asked to state that the composition used in the peal at Elveden, on page 821, was by T. B. Worsley. It was also the 50th peal together of G. E. Thoday and Alan M. Barber.

With deep regret we record the passing, on December 5th, of Mr. Harry Broughton, who since 1903 had been associated with ringing in Leicester. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

Apologies are offered to two 'unknown' visitors to Romford, Essex, tower on Sunday, December 6th, who were unable to gain access to the ringing chamber as a quarter peal was in progress.

The peal attempted at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, for Sir Winston Churchill's birthday had to stop at the end of the fourth 720 because of a technical fault with the second bell. Thanks to the prompt service of Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, ringing was resumed at the week-end.

Kessingland, Suffolk, has lost a popular Rector by the departure of the Rev. T. Drury. During the eight years of his incumbency, many improvements have been made to St. Edmund's Church, the most interesting from a ringer's point of view being the rehangng, recasting of the tenor and augmentation of bells from five to six in 1960-61.

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Sir Winston's Birthday

This week we publish a page of peals rung to honour the 90th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill. There are also hosts of quarter peals both in last week's and this week's issue, all testifying to the esteem and affection with which this great war leader and statesman is held.

Two new methods have been added to the list of Surprise methods in his honour. Mr. John R. Mayne conducted the first peal of Chartwell Surprise Major at Harrow Weald and Mr. Philip A. Corby the first of Churchill Surprise Major at Westerham. We hope that other Surprise bands will keep these methods evergreen before the ringing public.

His Old Constituency

In honour of Sir Winston's S. Churchill's 90th birthday, three quarter peals were rung in the towers of the new London borough of Redbridge, part of which was Sir Winston's old constituency of Wanstead and Woodford. Two quarters of Bob Minor were rung at Wanstead by local ringers whilst at Barking-side a quarter of Stedman Triples was scored. At Woodford, where the local band rang a short touch at 7 a.m., they unfortunately lost a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening.

Youth's Tribute

Of the many quarter peals rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill, that at Accrington calls for special comment as the conductor, R. Helliwell, is only 11 years of age. Mr. Roger Leigh writes that he rang the 11½ cwt. tenor very well, but needed a little assistance with the conducting. The quarter was a tribute of youth as three others were 15 and only two of the band middle aged.

Mr. Peter Laflin's 75th

A happy family party was held at 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, the home of Mr. Peter Laflin, on December 5th, for his 75th birthday. After tea, the birthday cake, surmounted by a small golden swinging bell and bearing seven candles, one for each grandchild, was cut to the singing of 'Happy Birthday' and the toast was 'Many Happy Returns.'

Handbells were rung to rounds and call changes by two of Peter's grandchildren, William (aged 7) 1-2, Elizabeth (aged 9) 3-4, daughter Frances 5-6, and Peter himself 7-8. Son and son-in-law also joined in the ringing. A. H.

Brightness at Rotherham

Rotherham is being floodlit and illuminated on a bigger scale than usual this year. The tower of the parish church and spire are illuminated by a concealed floodlights on the roof, a total of about 20,000 watts being used. The illumination of the town centre for the Christmas period is centred on the Parish Church. The switch-on of the new installation was marked by a quarter of Stedman Caters.

The Bride Must Wait

The brother of an Oxford University ringer has postponed his wedding, writes a University correspondent, so that he can ring in a peal attempt, but his fiancée refuses to postpone it a second time so as to allow him to attend the University's Easter tour.

82 and Still Going Strong

On November 28th friends of that grand old ringer from Merseyside, Mr. Lester Gray, of Wallasey, were able to join him in ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Liscard, to celebrate his 82nd birthday. This peal was rather later than originally intended as a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Nicholas', Pier Head, Liverpool, on his actual birthday was unfortunately lost after three hours ringing. On both occasions Lester belied his years and rang as well as any of the band. Unfortunately, the second peal could not be attempted at St. Nicholas', but those who rang on both occasions wished him all the best and expressed the hope that there would be many more Lester birthday peals. Lester was presented with a pipe to mark the occasion, and the large number who joined in the festivities after both peals showed the high regard with which he is held.

Rope Breaks in Wedding Peal

With only 104 changes to go, a peal of Stedman Triples was lost at Milton-next-Gravesend, on December 5th, through the treble rope breaking. It was for the wedding that day of two local ringers—Miss E. K. (Beth) Goddard and Mr. David Cole. Despite the mishap, the ringers wish Beth and David health and happiness. The band was F. J. Cullum 1, C. Ossingden 2, E. J. Beer 3, S. Sandford 4, S. Rayfield 5, H. E. Audsley 6, G. J. Butcher (cond.) 7, J. Eden (conductor) 8.

To Be Ordained Next Sunday

A well known Surrey ringer, Mr. J. Tomsett, of Cheyne Hill, Surbiton, is to be ordained a deacon at Southwark Cathedral next Sunday. He took the Bishop of Southwark's three year ordination course for business men, studying in the evenings. He is to be a curate at Surbiton. Many friends, we are sure, will remember him in their prayers.

Bingham District Happenings

A certain young boy attempted a peal On a very rough five which were hard to wheel. He pulled and he tugged as the blisters grew fatter. The conductor looked grim and started to natter.

The boy on the fourth said, 'I'm feeling quite sore.'

'You'll have to stick it, my lad, there's not many more.'

Sixteen minutes to go and then a good feed, A pint of old ale, that's all you need.'

The poor lad's hands began to bleed. He said he felt like a chopped up weed. He was nearly on his knees as though getting down to pray

When his prayers were answered in a most peculiar way.

A sudden noise like thunder, and a subdued voice was heard to say,

'I've lost my ruddy clapper, but I haven't broke the stay.'

TIT FOR TAT.

Sevenoaks Improvements

The Parochial Church Council at Sevenoaks have budgeted for the rehangng of the bells in a new iron frame and the recasting of the 6th during 1965. The go of the bells has deteriorated considerably in recent years, but the ringers felt that in spite of this they wanted to play their part in the general celebrations in the parish to mark the Rector's 25th anniversary in the ministry and ten years in the parish by ringing a peal. The Rev. E. M. T. McLellan has always shown exceptional kindness and encouragement to the ringers, who could have provided from the local band sufficient numbers to ring a peal but were glad to have the assistance of Mr. R. W. Hinde to ring the 7th. A good peal was rung.

Feet on the Ladder

Cranbrook ringers are proud of their progress. The touch of 168 Grandsire Triples rung for Matins on November 29th is believed to be the first ever recorded by a local band. Another progress step was 720 Plain Bob Minor rung on December 1st, as a tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, following his 90th birthday. Soon we hope to record the local quarter. Good luck!

'Musical Uproar'

A reader culls the following from 'The Autocar,' Nov. 27th, Disconnected Jotting, by the Scribe. 'It lends interest to journeys, and is not too distracting to enjoy odd names, activities and loads on commercial vehicles. A particularly noisy truckload in Wandsworth had a musical uproar. It was laden with fragments of broken bells, church type.'

Geographical Mix-up

A correspondent from Hampshire writes: Re peal of Bob Major rung on Nov. 14th at Mickleton (page 821), Mickleton is not in Warwickshire. It is in Gloucestershire, although in the Diocese of Coventry—and to complete the confusion, the tower is affiliated to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Local Ladies' Peal on Men's Bells

The first peal by a local band on the bells of Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, took place on Nov. 30th and congratulations are due to the three ladies (two first peelers) on ringing a peal on what are generally regarded as men's bells. Best wishes are extended to Miss C. Ward on her birthday, a day she shares with that most illustrious gentleman, Sir Winston Churchill.

A Continental Tower Snatch

Stephen Etcell, of Sincil Bank Secondary School, Lincoln, who started to learn ringing last May, heard bells ringing at Zell-am-See, Austria, while on holiday last August. He went to investigate and found four bells hung one above another and rung by four men on the ground floor to rounds and plain hunting. He joined them in rounds and hunting and in lowering the bells. The bells were rung in English style, but the ropes had no sallies and several coils had to be held in the hand while ringing. The only way of reaching the bells was by an external ladder fixed to the wall.

Peals rung in honour of the 90th Birthday of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill, K.G.

November 30th, 1964

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Wavertree College, Childwall Bob, St. Clements', Kent T. B., Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Janet D. Phillips Treble	Peter T. Hurcombe 4
Derek B. Williams 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon 5
C. Martin Foster 3	Patrick J. Bird Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Lester L. Gray Treble	Thomas W. Hesketh 5
John H. Fielden 2	Christopher K. Cooper 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
David G. Wilford 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Also as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

David Wilcox Treble	Basil Jones 5
Carol Fernley 2	William H. Dowse 6
Eileen M. Fearn 3	Alan McFall 7
Derek F. Yates 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

Geoffrey Pearson Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	Philip Mehew 7
John G. Gipson 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of Bourne and two extents each of Beverley, Surfleet, and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

Brian W. Hall Treble	Bertram J. Coggins 4
Frederick W. Soden 2	Peter Pearce 5
Peter G. Holden 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

Also to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the treble.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Caroline Carpenter Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Roger Baldwin 6
H. George Hart 3	Christopher W. Woolley Tenor
†Robert N. Harris 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.
Also a welcome to John Peter Windley, born November 23rd.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CHURCHILL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

John O. Weller Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Ann Jenner 2	Bernard F. L. Groves 6
Martin L. Howe 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Trevor A. Cross 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

The first peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

CHURCHILL SURPRISE MAJOR:

- 56 - 16 - 12 - 38 - 14 - 3 - 36 - 1. 8th's in place.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CHARTWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

H. George Hart Treble	G. William Critchley 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 2	Gerald Penney 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	William S. Deason 7
Elsie K. Hart 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.
Rung and named as a 90th birthday compliment to Winston Spencer Churchill, K.G.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tom Bush Treble	Norman V. Harding 6
Leslie W. Houghton 2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 7
Fredk. Wigmore 3	Rowland M. Reed 8
Rev. Giles C. Galley 4	David E. House 9
*Thomas E. Spight 5	Peter M. Adcock Tenor

Composed by J. Carter (C.C.C. No. 30).

Conducted by Fredk. Wigmore.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Tenor 29½ cwt.

THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
Harry B. Fuller Treble	Leslie F. Bailey 5
*Albert G. Harrison 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
*Charles R. Catchpole 3	Henry Tooke 7
Ernest H. Mastin 4	Peter M. Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* First peal in the method.
Also a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble and Mrs. Fuller.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

Arthur G. Baçon Treble	Clifford Bird 5
David Cubitt 2	George Sayer 6
H. William Barrett 3	Martin Cubitt 7
John Cox 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST ILSLEY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.	Tenor 8 cwt.
Brian R. White Treble	Herbert W. Woolven 5
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	Reginald G. Hooper 6
Francis A. White 3	Brynley A. Shackleton 7
Arthur W. G. Sayers 4	John W. T. Hibbert Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 extents of Single Oxford and 3 extents of Plain Bob.

*Cynthia L. Ward Treble	William L. Exton 4
*Sandra V. Mitchell 2	Thomas G. Goodwin 5
Pamela C. Clarke 3	Thomas O. Greasley Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.
Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia L. Ward.

CHARTWELL SURPRISE MAJOR:

38—58.4—58—36—14—5.14—12. 7.
2nds place lead 13527486. 4ths place bobs.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Wed., Dec. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being 4 extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, April Day, Seighford and one extent of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
S. Jane Dowse Treble | Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2 | *C. Raymond Larkin .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* 25th peal this year.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt.
*W. Gordon Marsh .. Treble | S. Jane Dowse 3
Robert D. Marsh 2 | Ruth Blackshaw 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal at first attempt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Christopher F. Mew .. Treble | Michael Hatchett 5
Alison M. Mann 2 | †Alan R. Millidge 6
Charles W. Ottley 3 | †David C. Brookes 7
*Brian J. Bull 4 | Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First of Cambridge Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seventeen methods/variations. Being two extents each of Snodsbury, Kennington, Hilmarton, Windrush, Charlton, Norfolk, Old, Litchurch, April Day, Seighford, Dedworth, Plain Bob, Antelope, Newborough, St. Helens, three extents of Freeland and nine extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
William Kewell Treble | *Christopher H. Smith .. 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2 | Reginald F. Crook 5
*Frank R. Tonge 3 | *John W. Cheney Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First in 17 Doubles variations. Fastest peal on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAULDEN, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
Arthur Gibbs Treble | Geoffrey E. Watson 5
Avril Ivin 2 | Walter Ayre 6
Robert L. Piron 3 | Alfred E. Rushton 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4 | Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) Treble | *F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 5
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 2 | C. M. Press (King's) .. 6
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3 | C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 7
†R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 4 | V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire. First of Grandsire as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Harrison, an officer of the Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Edward Holdsworth .. Treble | *Ian D. Thompson 5
L. Michael Callow 2 | David J. Allan 6
Mary Crossthwaite 3 | Hubert E. Ashley 7
Frederick Shallcross 4 | Peter Border Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Spiced. First of seven-spiced Surprise Major for all the band.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Joseph C. Woolley .. Treble | Gordon A. Halls 6
Trevor Taylor 2 | Douglas Derbyshire 7
Derek Astridge 3 | Alan Taylor 8
George L. Roobottom .. 4 | Harold Taylor 9
Michael Willis 5 | John Morton Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by G. A. Halls.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON, Co. Durham.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.
Thomas Cooke Treble | *Peter Wishart 5
Janet Warwick 2 | †Jack Roach 6
Denis A. Bayles 3 | Thomas M. Cox 7
E. Peter Rock 4 | Fred Hodgson Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Thomas M. Cox.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.
William Davidson .. Treble | Janet Warwick 5
James Crowther 2 | Alan R. Patterson 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3 | Eric N. Harrison 7
Jennifer Sceney 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE WALTHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Fri., Nov. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.
Peter G. Brown .. Treble | James L. Towler 4
Ian R. Panton 2 | Phillip J. Rothera 5
Michael J. Cowling 3 | George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Peter G. Brown .. Treble | Neville F. Whittell 4
Robert E. Lester 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5
Philip J. Rothera 3 | James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.
Ivor Goulter Treble | Victor Griffin 5
Edward R. Venn 2 | Don Exell 6
Rev. Roger Keeley 3 | Anthony R. Peake 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4 | Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The first of Major in seven methods for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

On Thurs., Nov. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,280 Ealing, 960 London, 640 each of Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, 320 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
H. George Hart .. Treble | S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Elsie K. Hart 2 | Roger Baldwin 6
*Christine Rimmer 3 | Kenneth R. Dunstan 7
Robert N. Harris 4 | Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Spiced.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble | Roger D. Bailey 4
*Julia A. Fellows 2 | *Peter J. Fells 5
*Christine M. Rimmer 3 | Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Mrs. P. A. Corby Treble	Robert W. Hinde 5
*Cyril S. Jarrett 2	*Christopher T. Osenton 6
Andrew J. Corby 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
*David S. Osenton 4	*Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of seven Spliced Surprise. First peal of seven Spliced Surprise as conductor.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Lucille M. Corby Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Doris E. Colgate 6
*Isabel M. Pearce 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Richard V. Fuller 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. 11).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on St. Nicholas' Eve, to mark the completion by the Rector, Revd. E. M. T. McLellan, of 25 years in the Ministry, and ten years at Sevenoaks.

PLUCKLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Nicholas J. Davies Treble	Dennis A. Chapman 4
Thomas Cullingworth 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
Alexander Waddington 3	John R. Cooper Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

First peal on the bells, a ring of five since pre-Reformation date, augmented to six in 1853.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival to celebrate the restoration of the tower and bells, rededicated on November 12th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two St. Clement's and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Raymond D. Helliwell Treble	Philip S. Woods 4
Michael Bell 2	Roger Leigh 5
John P. Partington 3	Anthony J. Helliwell Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32½ cwt. in C sharp.

Geoffrey M. Brewin Treble	Alan E. Hartley 6
John E. Cook 2	E. Alan Jacques 7
Malcolm E. Wade 3	Roland H. Cook 8
Denis A. Frith 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey 9
William A. Lacey 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John M. Jolley. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 19 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 23 of Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

*Michael Brooks Treble	*Edward C. Cowd 3
Judy Morris 2	Edward W. Martin 4

Raymond H. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal.

First peal to be rung at this church by an entirely local hand.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Keiso, (2) London and Wells, (3) Norwich, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Huli, Primrose and Bourne, (5) York, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Brian L. Burrows 4
Christine J. Stratford 2	John Watkins 5
Laurence Watkins 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

The 50th peal on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Michael W. Crowder 5
C. Aubrey Harrison 2	*William H. Dowse 6
Jack Bray 3	David S. Johnson 7
John Hall 4	Rev. Frederick Ross Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* 200th peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Ronald Chafer Treble	Michael W. Crowder 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Michael Whiting 6
Jack Bray 3	John Hall 7
*Geoffrey Bromfield 4	William H. Dowse Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First of Surprise 'inside.'

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the rehangng of the bells at St. Mary's and St. Peter's by Gillett and Johnston.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 152, 153) and one, 720.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Vaughan P. Evans Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford 4
William R. Parker 2	James H. Musson 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all, except the ringer of the 5th.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. John Leslie Green and Miss Margaret Irene Redford, who was a chorister and ringer at the above church.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENTNY, Moamouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	David J. Llewellyn 6
F. John Nelson 2	John Robinson 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	Denis Mottershead 8
Roger G. Havard 4	John H. Fielden 9
Neil Bennett 5	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Nicholas D. Evans Treble	Michael Pilgrim 6
Thomas Yeomans 2	M. Jack Pryor 7
*Penelope J. Welch 3	David J. Llewellyn 8
A. Ryan Price 4	Brian J. Woodruffe 9
*Jack Alsop 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

L.LANFEIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meagan.

On Sun., Oct. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Penelope J. Welch Treble	David J. Llewellyn 5
John H. Fielden 2	Frederick Shallcross 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
John Robinson 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Heywood's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.
 *Nicholas D. Evans Treble Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
 †Ruth E. Havard 2 M. Jack Pryor 6
 Penelope J. Welch 3 David J. Llewellyn 7
 J. Arthur Hoare 4 Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.
 John Hill Treble William Birmingham 6
 Robin G. Leale 2 Frederick Scott 7
 Ruth M. Foreman 3 Dennis Knox 8
 William S. Deason 4 David P. Hilling 9
 J. Keith Ward 5 Frederick W. Goodfellow .. Tenor
 Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5). Conducted by John Hill.
 A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Preb. F. C. Tyler.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.
 Peter Kindred Treble Michael Utton 4
 Thomas J. Brock 2 Stephen F. High 5
 John W. Sampson 3 J. Barry Pickup Tenor
 Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. Drury, who has been Rector for eight years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt.
 Susan J. Howes Treble Giles R. Shedden 5
 Christopher C. Clarke .. 2 Frederick R. Scott 6
 William Birmingham 3 Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
 Edward R. Venn 4 Alan R. Pink Tenor
 Composed by J. L. Morris. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
 Rung specially for the Feast of St. Birinus.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
 Charles Coles Treble *Bernard C. Castle 5
 Alice E. J. Lester 2 Giles R. Shedden 6
 *Rev. E. B. Wood 3 Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
 *Mrs. B. C. Castle 4 Alan R. Pink Tenor
 Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

SPEEN, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Nov. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.
 *Philip Murduck Treble Frank W. Lewis 4
 Eunice A. Lewis 2 Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 T. Felicity Webber 3 Brian J. Luff Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * First in seven Minor methods.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.
 Frank E. Coales Treble Denis G. Pearson 5
 John G. Mitchell 2 Charles Richardson 6
 *Richard J. Cowley 3 Ian W. Hall 7
 *Edward C. Buckley 4 Murray A. Coleman Tenor
 Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung in memoriam John R. Main, November 28th, 1960.

RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.
 Stuart J. Hutton Treble G. William Critchley 5
 J. Richard Castledine .. 2 Colin A. S. Harwood 6
 Peter M. Fleckney 3 John H. Bluff 7
 Claudia A. Critchley 4 Jack S. Dear Tenor
 Conducted by G. William Critchley.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. 50, 57, 58) and four extents (C.C.C. 31, 32, 48, 49). Tenor 7 cwt.
 Derek J. Jones Treble Alan G. Payne 4
 Keith R. Davey 2 Frank Taylor 5
 J. Martin Thorley 3 E. Alan Jacques Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Michael J. Fellows Treble Edward W. Colley 7
 *George E. Fearn 2 Martin D. Fellows 8
 Susan Funnell 3 Norman J. Goodman 9
 Roderick W. Pipe 4 David J. Purnell 10
 †Robert E. Hardy 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 John C. Eisel 6 *Clifford A. Barron Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
 * 200th peal together. † First of Maximus.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 George E. Fearn Treble Edward W. Colley 7
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2 John C. Eisel 8
 Susan Funnell 3 Frederick Shallcross 9
 Michael J. Fellows 4 David J. Purnell 10
 Martin D. Fellows 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 Roderick W. Pipe 6 Peter Border Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
 First peal of Lincolnshire Maximus by all the band, except Mr. Geo. E. Fearn.

WALSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.
 Susan Funnell Treble Clifford A. Barron 7
 R. George Morris 2 Martin D. Fellows 8
 John C. Eisel 3 Norman J. Goodman 9
 *Maurice G. Ingram 4 David J. Purnell 10
 *Michael J. Fellows 5 George E. Fearn 11
 F. Hector Bennett 6 J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor
 Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 * First peal of Maximus.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 John C. Eisel Treble James R. Taylor 7
 Martin D. Fellows 2 D. John Hunt 8
 *Jennifer M. Taylor 3 Norman J. Goodman 9
 *Gillian M. Hussey 4 George E. Fearn 10
 Michael J. Fellows 5 J. Alan Ainsworth 11
 Roderick W. Pipe 6 Ralph G. Edwards Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
 * First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 3, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Robert E. Hardy Treble Edward W. Colley 7
 Susan Funnell 2 Michael J. Fellows 8
 *Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Norman J. Goodman 9
 Roderick W. Pipe 4 Frederick Shallcross 10
 John C. Eisel 5 George E. Fearn 11
 †Martin D. Fellows 6 Peter Border Tenor
 Conducted by Peter Border.
 * First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † 200th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, King's Norton.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.
 Robert E. Hardy Treble Susan Funnell 6
 David J. Purnell 2 Norman J. Goodman 7
 Henry H. Fearn 3 J. Alan Ainsworth 8
 John R. Ketteringham .. 4 Roderick W. Pipe 9
 Philip J. Rothera 5 George E. Fearn Tenor
 Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 200th peal as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist. On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Westbourne peal, including Douglas P. Snoswell (Treble), Valerie J. Howard, Derek Slater, Ernest Treagus, Herbert W. Woolven, John A. Howard, W. Arthur Riddington, and Frank H. Hicks (Tenor).

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks. * First peal in the method. Rung for the birth (November 5th) of Nicholas Philip St. Maur Williams, son of the Rector, the Rev. J. and Mrs. Williams. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Bernard J. Stone, of St. Peter's, Brighton.

BECKLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Table listing names and positions for the Beckley peal, including Valerie J. Howard, Derek Slater, M. Peter Howard, William Button, Herbert W. Woolven, and John A. Howard (Tenor).

Conducted by John A. Howard. * 75th peal. Tenor 13 cwt. A birthday compliment for Prince Charles; also for the birth of Andrew Mark Slater, and the baptism of Anthony David Howard.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the New Alresford peal, including Margaret A. Thomas, Michael J. Thomas, Carolyn Vibert, Stephen Kirby, John R. Faithfull, Maurice J. Butler, Peter J. Joyce, and David J. Forder (Tenor).

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by David J. Forder. * First peal † 25th together.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Overton peal, including Kay Winterbourne, Paul G. Holmes, Reginald W. Rex, Denby P. Murduck, Philip Murduck, Michael S. Holbrook, Geoffrey K. Dodd, and Bradley Murduck (Tenor).

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd. * First peal on eight bells. † 30th peal. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Oct. 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Strensham peal, including Ronald J. Stephens, Ann E. Collet, John H. W. Firkins, Ian Lloyd, Arthur C. Berry, and James Attwood, jun. (Tenor).

Conducted by James Attwood, jun. * First peal of Minor.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire, six of Kennington and Southrepps, five of Reverse Canterbury and three each of Dedworth, Wychbold, April Dav. Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 10 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Crowthorne peal, including Robert Shepherd, Ann E. Collet, Arthur A. Jopp, Arthur C. Berry, Ian Lloyd, and Ronald J. Stephens (Tenor).

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry. * First peal.

ALDERTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Nov. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, all Singles. Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Alderton peal, including Ronald J. Stephens, Arthur A. Jopp, Ian Lloyd, John E. Whittall, James Attwood, jun., and Arthur C. Berry (Tenor).

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,760 changes each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Hanbury peal, including Ian Lloyd, Arthur C. Berry, Martin D. Fellows, Geoffrey J. Hemming, Edward Colley, Michael J. Fellows, John C. Eisel, and Gerald C. Hemming (Tenor).

Composed by Phillip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Hedon peal, including Howard C. Palmer, Graham K. Smith, Alan Sheppard, Ronald Ducker, Ian G. Campbell, Rev. Frederick Ross, David S. Johnson, and Wilfrid F. Moreton (Tenor).

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton. * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Rutland.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DONCASTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Doncaster peal, including Kathleen M. Higgins, Howard Scott, Jeanne E. Bottomley, W. Eric Critchley, Neil Donovan, Vernon Bottomley, Gordon Benfield, and Richard E. Price (Tenor).

Arranged and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley. Rung as a farewell to Canon A. Jowett, recently installed as Dean of Manchester.

SILKSTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Silkstone peal, including Elizabeth Peace, Patricia Lockwood, Ian North, Christopher A. Moxon, Noel F. Moxon, and Trevor Tarbatt (Tenor).

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon. * First peal in seven Minor methods.

A farewell to the Revs. E. Crick and A. Blackledge, who are leaving the neighbouring parishes of Hoylandswaine and Penistone.

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In ten methods, being 21 extents each of Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Nicholas, St. Nicholas, Double Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Double Court, Reverse Court, Single Court, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Stockton-on-the-Forest peal, including Ian Johnson, Ray Aldington, Edwin P. King, and Michael King (Tenor).

Conducted by Michael King. * First peal. First peal of Minimus for all, the Association and on the bells.

Rung to mark the rededication of the church after redecoration at the Rector's request.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Bell Tower of All Saints'.

On Tues., Nov. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Marple peal, including Alan McFall, C. Kenneth Lewis, Robert B. Smith, and John Worth (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith. * First peal of Major 'in hand.' † 50th of Major 'in hand.'

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Mon., Nov. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Table listing names and positions for the Wheathampstead peal, including Gerald Penney, Julia A. Fellows, Martyn L. J. Jordan, and Roger D. R. Brown (Tenor).

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Gerald Penney. * First peal in the method.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

Both rung at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.

On Fri., Nov. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Swansea and Brecon peal, including Hazel Way, Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.), J. Arthur Hoare, and Richard T. Smith (Tenor).

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sun., Nov. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

In two methods, being 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, and 4,224 Plain Bob, with 132 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

Table listing names and positions for the Swansea and Brecon spliced peal, including Hazel Way, Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.), J. Arthur Hoare, and Richard T. Smith (Tenor).

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. * First peal in this arrangement.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

'The Ringing World' Committee, the Editor, Mr. Jeater and the staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

Christmas greetings from all ringers in AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND to our fellow ringers in the British Isles, particularly to those intending to visit us on Great Adventure II. 5752

A merry Christmas to all at home and far away places.—J. S. ARMSTRONG, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth. 5890

Greetings to all ringers—wilful, skilful, cart-wheelers, open leaders, regulars, irregulars, Yorkshire enders, plain enders, Maximus and Minimus. —BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. 5894

A happy Christmas to all our friends in the Sussex County Association and East Grinstead and Railwaymen's Guilds.—CHARLIE and EDITH BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5945

To all ringing friends, everywhere, at home and abroad. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year is the sincere wish of JIM BENNETT, Grundisburgh. 5919

The REV. P. N. BOND sends sincere greetings and all good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends, especially fellow Cumberlands and Clerical Guild members. 5920

DONALD JOHN and IAN FRANKS, of Radlett, Herts, wish all their ringing friends a very happy Christmas, and special thanks from John to the ringers in Southampton who helped to make his stay in their area such an enjoyable one. 5937

Sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my many ringing friends.—PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 5944

Sincere greetings and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, and especially to members of the Winchester and Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds.—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. HARDING, Catherington, Portsmouth. 5952

Mr. and Mrs. C. HOLAWAY, Lindsay Court, Guest House, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, would like to wish all their patrons

the compliments of the season, and look forward to receiving their bookings for the coming season. 5941

Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time any who are ill and those no longer able to ring.—From REG JOHNSON. 5927

Best wishes to all my ringing friends for Christmas and New Year, with plenty of good ringing.—From HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wrington, Bristol. 5904

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our friends.—From DAVID, FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, 94, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. 5905

To all who know us at Nailsea and all around. I send my warmest greetings for a happy Christmas time and all that makes it happy and joyful. May God bless you all in your ringing and in His service.—N. S. T. G. (Zumerset). 5934

To all friends, old and new, far and near, best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.—CHAS. J. and M. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 5899

Best wishes for Christmas and a happy 1965 to all ringers everywhere. Continued success to 'The Ringing World'—WILLIAM SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 5895

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Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD extend to all ringing friends everywhere, sincere wishes for a happy Christmas, and prosperity, good health and good ringing in 1965.—5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale. 5940

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STEPHENS.—On December 6th, 1964, to Molly, wife of the Rev. J. Michael Stephens, a son, Martin Nicholas.—14, Westfield Road, Birchington, Kent (Tel. Thanet 41248). 5946

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NORRIS—SUTHERLAND.—On December 19th, 1914, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham, Kent, by the Rev. E. Godfrey Burr, D.D., Rector of Chatham, Charles E. Norris and Helen S. Sutherland. Present address 39, Dale St., Chatham, Kent.

DEATHS

COPE.—On December 1st, 1964, in hospital, Walter James Cope, of 41, Sandy Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk, aged 80. For 60 years a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral, and latterly at Alrewas, Staffordshire. 5928

SEAR—Harry, late of 41, Oliver Road, Blechley, who passed away on December 11th, 1964, in his 86th year, at Northampton General Hospital after a short illness. 5959

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EPSOM COMMON.—No practices, Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th.—A. Gibson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1965, should reach the secretary by February 1st, 1965 (Rules vi and ix).—P. W. Saltmarsh. 5926

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Glastonbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Westbury-sub-Mendip (6), Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells 7 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 5931

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Derby.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby on December 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 5897

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Downham Market, Saturday, December 19th, Bells (8) 2.30, service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Mastin, St. Edmund's Road, Downham Market. 5908

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Harpenden, December 19th, Bells (8) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 8 p.m. Names for tea to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (No name no tea).—M. A. Coburn. 5907

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. S. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, by December 31st.—S. Adams 5958

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Ditchling (8) on Saturday, Dec 19th Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 5916

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Tiverton (8), Saturday, January 2nd, 3 p.m., service 4.15. tea after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 5938

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—A.G.M. at Gt. Waltham, Sat., January 2nd. Bells 2.30, service 4.30. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, by Thursday, Dec. 31st. No name no tea. 5925

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Kington District.—Annual meeting at Kington, Saturday, January 2nd, Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4, tea 4.30 p.m., at Central Cafe. Names by previous Tuesday to Mrs. E. Chandler, Beechgrove, Kington 5952

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. B. W. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge by Wednesday, Dec. 30th. Shipbourne bells will be available after meeting.—W.H.D., Hon. Dis. Sec. 5948

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday January 2nd, St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea please to M. H. Hurst, Carver Lane, Sheffield 1 (Tel. 22447)—J. Seager, Sec. 5943

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD—Central District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary, Brecon, on January 2nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m., service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Bells available after. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Ty Gorsaf, Brecon.—M.R.T. 5903

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Sear, of Bletchley, aged 86 years.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. F. Smallwood has been in hospital for an operation. He writes: 'It was painful while it lasted, but the stitches are now out, and I'll soon be out and about again, I hope.' His many friends send to him and to Mrs. Smallwood their best wishes for speedy recoveries.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Brown 1, C. Diver 2, W. Muncey 3, J. Hawes 4, C. Gooding 5, M. Hawes (cond.) 6.

NORTH PETHERWYN, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Bould 1, H. Hicks 2, Margaret A. Bould (first as cond.) 3, W. C. Boucher 4, H. Stacey 5, T. L. Cundy 6. First in method for all except treble.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (St. Edmund's and All Saints): S. J. Dowse 1, C. R. Larkin 2, R. Blackshaw—(cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. A. Heaps 5. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Barker 1, S. J. Dowse 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and J. Meredith 4, J. A. Heaps (cond.) 5, C. R. Larkin 6. For Evensong.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss D. M. Mullins 1, J. D. Nelson 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, B. C. Burrough 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, D. Heath 3, F. Markham 4, S. Croucher 5, V. Williams 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, H. Perry 8. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grand-sire): Mrs. M. Poolman 1, F. Markham 2, D. Heath 3, V. Williams (first as cond. more than one method) 4, W. Poolman 5, H. Perry 6. First in more than one method 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester 2, E. Daniels 3, R. Rose 4, L. Wright 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss A. M. Greaves, S.R.N., and Mr. J. B. Morley, married here the same day.

SELBY, YORKS.—Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Swann (first on working bell) 1, C. M. Brown 2, T. H. Foster 3, A. Grundy 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Bible Sunday.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss I. Gocher 1, M. Turner 2, Miss D. M. Mullins 3, J. D. Nelson 4, R. A. Banner (first in method) 5, M. I. Davey 6, G. Francis 7, D. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold Branch

The Rev. L. W. Potter, presiding at the annual general meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch held at Stow-on-the-Wold on Dec. 4th, complimented the branch on having a successful year. Paying tribute to the secretary's report he was pleased to note that there was an increase in membership and that the meetings had been well attended. He was also pleased that the requests for ringing on special occasions had been carried out and that every effort had been made to visit towers where no regular ringing took place.

The branch's proposal to the Association that the form of service held at meetings throughout the Diocese should be revised was confirmed and that the Association general secretary be advised of the form of services that took place in the Branch giving full particulars of prayers and hymns that were used.

To give full publicity of Branch meetings the Rural Dean said that he would insert in the Deanery Magazine notification of forthcoming meetings. It was also decided that clergy who wanted their bells rung for special occasions were to contact the Branch secretary.

Elections: Rev. L. W. Potter, R.D. chairman; Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell secretary and treasurer for the fourth time; Mr. A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Branch ringing master; Mr. L. Joynes, of Longborough, his deputy. Mr. John Hickox, of Moreton-in-the-Marsh was appointed to represent the Branch on the Association Management Committee.

A short service was conducted in the afternoon by the Rector, the Rev. I. C. Heron, who in his address spoke of the services that the bellringers were giving to the church. He stressed that bellringing was not a hobby and that the ringing of church bells should be regarded as praise to God and not as an enjoyment for the ringers themselves.

After tea further ringing took place when some excellent 'touches' of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung. For the first time two eight bell towers were available and the meeting concluded with a visit to ring the bells of St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh. At this tower 'touches' of Bob Major and Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung. D.

LECKHAMPTON'S RINGING CURATE NOW A VICAR

The Rev. John Homfray, for the last seven years curate of St. Peter's, Leckhampton, was inducted to the living of Staverton and Bodminster, Gloucestershire, on December 3rd. Mr. Homfray, who is the Secretary of the Cheltenham branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild, has been very active training young ringers during his stay at Leckhampton and there is now a strong young band ringing regularly for Sunday services.

On November 28th, the ringers met at the church to present to Mr. Homfray an oak chiming clock as a token of their appreciation of his services to the tower. After the presentation was over an attempt was made to ring a peal of Grand-sire Triples but whether the ringers were affected by their mixed emotions on Mr. Homfray's preferment or by the fact that at the last minute Mr. Brian Read, who was to have attempted his first peal, had broken his toe and had to stand down is not known but neither a peal nor even a quarter peal which was subsequently attempted would 'go'. The ringers taking part were: D. A. Newcombe, W. A. Farmer, A. J. Newman, A. C. Newman, T. N. Stephens, H. Read, A. Pendlebury and Rev. John Homfray.

Though bitterly disappointed the ringers were determined not to allow the occasion to pass unmarked and on the evening of Mr. Homfray's induction, there being no bells at Staverton, they rang a quarter peal at Leckhampton starting at the same time as the induction service. 1,260 Grand-sire Triples was rung in 41 minutes by A. P. Spence 1, T. N. Stephens 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read (cond.) 4, W. H. Woodyatt 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Pendlebury 7, A. H. Harrison 8.



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Rung at Yardley, Birmingham, Oct. 31st, 1964.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Katherine Maundrell 1, Mary White 2, R. Youdale 3, M. Roaf 4, R. Dyckhoff 5, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 6, J. A. Dodd 7, C. W. Daws 8, M. J. E. Best 9, C. Williams 10. First on ten 1, 3, 4, 5, 10. Rung as a farewell to M. Roaf; also as a compliment to Janice and John on their engagement.

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