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CHRISTOPHER PINCHBECK

TWO hundred years ago, in 1752, Christopher Pinchbeck was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he was honoured in the toast of 'Fragrant Memory,' submitted at the Society's last dinner. In giving the details of Pinchbeck to the assembly, Mr. E. Alex. Young made acknowledgment of the help he received from Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner in searching the manuscripts of the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.

There were two Pinchbecks, states Mr. Young. They were father and son, and both were associated with musical instruments, clocks and watches, and various ingenious contrivances of a mechanical nature. The family lived at Clerkenwell, but in 1721 removed to Fleet Street. The father was also famous for certain astronomical clocks, and particularly for making an alloy of zinc and copper to imitate gold, and named after him 'Pinchbeck.' He died in 1732, and the business was carried on by his two sons, but it was his second son upon whom it devolved—Christopher Pinchbeck, born in 1710, and who died in 1783—and it was he who made it so widely known and himself a man of some renown. He not only made many friends, but amongst them King George III.

Pinchbeck's mechanical ingenuity won him many prizes, and twice he was awarded medals by the Royal Society—for a certain brake for cranes, and again for an improved form of plough. This all apart from his steady output of clocks and watches. He had now moved westward and had a shop in Cockspur Street, but his workshops were probably still in the City. Like his father, he made astronomical clocks, and in 1765 there is a reference to his having made one for the Queen. It has four dials, and is still one of the treasures of Buckingham Palace. On his death he was buried at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

His ringing career was not so famous. He joined the College Youths in 1733, during the mastership of Samuel Fielding, was steward in 1742, and reached the chair ten years later. He was a contemporary of and watched all the great happenings of the famous 'Annable period.' But there does not appear to be any record of his having rung a peal himself. But the Masters were not necessarily peal ringers in those years, such efforts being mostly confined to picked men attached to regular bands of skilled

ringers. As Trollope remarks, a 5,000 then was much as is a 15,000 to-day. It was during Pinchbeck's mastership that John Holt joined the Society, and he was one of the subscribers to the latter's Broadsheet, and when, in 1758, a certain number of the old Society joined the 'Juniors,' he was not one of them.

CALL CHANGE RINGING

OCASIONALLY reference is made to the call change ringing and ringers in Devon and other parts of the country. But beyond the fact that these ringers are usually severely critical about the striking of the bells by visiting ringers of 'scientific,' or giving their advice on the way the bells should be raised or lowered in peal, very little interest seems to be taken in their doings outside their immediate circles. These ringers take their work very seriously, and their goal is perfection in striking, and their competitions are held with this object in view. As practised in some of the towers, it reaches the acme of perfection.

Having had the privilege of listening to a fine ring of bells, over a period of several weeks on practice nights and for service ringing, I must say that the striking was excellent, right through from rise to fall; indeed, the music was beautiful. The method of calling is to change one pair of bells at each call, made at frequent intervals. The ringing from cards placed on the floor in front of each ringer seems to have been discarded. The ringers are fond of a 'peal' with the bells in the Queens position.

At a six-bell tower, where the ringing is from the ground floor, with a long rope draught, the bells are rung very close, with no open hand stroke lead, which produced the effect of being almost mechanical, but again nearly perfect striking.

So far as I am aware, the ringing associations seem practically to ignore the efforts and work of these ringers, and I suggest that steps be taken to bring their interests more in line with those who practise the higher forms of the art of change ringing. After all is said and done, the primary object of having church bells is to call the people to worship, and this work is being faithfully performed by these ringers, whose interests I would like to see more fully recognised in 'The Ringing World,' the official organ of church bell ringers.

GEORGE H. HEAD.

U.A.—NOTTINGHAM, 1952

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

MRS. ANNE SPEED Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

MARY FULLER Treble	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
DEREK OGDEN 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 5
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	† IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	* R. ROGER SAVORY 7
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE 4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First touch in the method. † 50th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	HARRY G. WAYNE 7
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON 4	JOHN R. SMITH 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6	* WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.

* 150th peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole on the occasion of their silver wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	E. CHARLES TURNER .. 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH .. 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.. 5	* ROBERT ROSE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	† P. LESLIE PEARCE 6
ALBERT M. TYLER 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 7
* RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK 8
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5	IVOR H. TRUEMAN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NORMAN H. COOMBS.
* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Caters as conductor.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR Treble	* CYRIL LEWINGTON .. 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 7
MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 3	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 8
* ROBERT G. LAY 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 9
REGINALD W. REX 5	WILLIAM RAMPTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN E. CHILCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Nov. 4, 1952, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ANTHONY AGER Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
MURIEL REAY 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

CLIVE M. SMITH Treble	* SAMUEL BIRCH 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 8
DEREK J. TRANTER 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. H. TUCKER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Royal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	† ERNEST F. PAYNE 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 2	* TERENCE BOLINGBROKE .. 7
* EILEEN M. BURTON .. 3	* B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 8
* GEORGE H. HEBBORN .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSON .. 9
* MRS. F. E. WILSON .. 5	SIDNEY HARRISON Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of the donors of the bells—Mr. Samuel T. Bunning (octave in 1902) and Mr. W. Willson (two trebles 1928). The latter died November 6th, 1941, and was for many years Ringing Master of this church.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's.		Tenor 16½ cwt.
W. WHITE	Treble	G. BISHOP 5
H. BISHOP	2	A. WEBB 6
M. BISHOP	3	J. GORDON 7
D. JORDAN	4	D. BOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by M. BISHOP.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment from the Harwell ringers to the ringer of the 6th upon his completion of 25 years as foreman at Hagbourne.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JANET M. BESANT	Treble	JOHN WHITEHORN 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	J. OLIVER GLANVILLE .. 6
ROLAND W. MORANT	3	†JAMES F. DODSON 7
†JOHN S. SEAGER	4	ERNEST R. WARNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON	Treble	RALPH TAYLOR 5
DAPHNE WAIN	2	KENNETH EDWARDS 6
*JOHN BREEZE	3	HAROLD WORRALL 7
†PETER MILLWARD	4	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*HAROLD MOORE	Treble	ALFRED LITTLE 5
HENRY PRATT	2	JOHN LEEMING 6
PETER WOOD	3	STANLEY BONES 7
†MRS. M. MOORE	4	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of All Saints.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	Treble	WILLIAM THOMPSETT .. 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 6
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
REV. E. G. BENSON	4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

Also as a farewell to John Clingo, a member of this tower, on his departure for Lichfield Theological College, and also for the wedding of Ronald H. Mewies (Eardisland) and Miss Margaret Smith, which took place this day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

WILLIAM ROSE	Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 5
JOHN KING	2	RONALD C. NOON 6
BRIAN S. COPE	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 6).

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the third anniversary of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 10½ cwt.
HAROLD P. BURTON	Treble	*BRYAN PATTISON 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. B. Seal, donor of the bells, on her birthday and to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Thompson on their 20th wedding anniversary.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
MURIEL REAY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. BIRD	Treble	RICHARD W. R. COATES .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	JACK KINDRED 6
PETER KINDRED	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN .. 7
DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	ARTHUR G. WIGMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR G. WIGMORE.
First peal as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE TAYLOR	Treble	EDWIN FISHER 5
RHODA BROWN	2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 6
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	ROBERT BROWN 7
DONOVAN R. WHITE	4	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of 4th. First in the method in the Eastern Branch by branch members.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.
REGINALD G. HOOPER	Treble	*J. WALTER SMITH 5
*CYRIL R. HARDING	2	*WILFRED F. WEBB 6
*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	ROGER O. FRY 7
SYDNEY G. RICHES	4	*WILLIAM J. COOK Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 BUCKLEY IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. BENJAMIN BUDD Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 250).

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Treble	RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 5
MRS. P. LEWINGTON .. 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. 6
ROBERT G. LAY .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day; also remembering Messrs. G. Fearn and H. Baker.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
REV. P. T. ROBBINS .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
FRANK J. MAUDE .. 3	BRIAN H. WOOD .. 7
FRANK REYNOLDS .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
To celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Robbins.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
HARRY D. LISTER .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the Fallen of both world wars.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5
ANNE B. SPEED .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 158. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN Treble	LESLIE ASTON 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 6
FREDERICK NURDEN .. 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
THOMAS PRICE 4	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Romans.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ANTHONY AGER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 22½ cwt

*NANCY E. MARKLEW .. Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3	JOHN B. BENNETT .. 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Major. First Surprise peal on the bells since they were recast in 1925. A compliment to Miss May Fletcher and Mr. Walter Allman on their wedding day.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 5
RONALD G. BUGG .. 2	EDWARD B. SMITH .. 6
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 3	*ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 7
ROY DUESBURY .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* Has 'circled' this tower.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DAVID J. KING Treble	‡HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
*RAYMOND D. HAZELDINE 2	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 3	FREDERICK PRICE .. 7
†‡MAURICE G. TURNER .. 4	†IVOR R. NICHOLS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 175th peal together.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 5
*CAPT. E. F. M. SAMSON .. 2	GEORGE L. GROVER .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN .. 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. Treble	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 5
MARGARET D. BEAMISH .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 3	†BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. Treble	*DENIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	RONALD J. SANDERSON .. 6
*HOWARD SCOTT .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
*HERBERT M. HEATON .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss May Fletcher and Mr. Walter Allman.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1952, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

G. Lindoff's Two-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

PETER F. BORER .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	E. S. JOHN HATCHER .. 6
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Canon E. E. Maples Earle. Also as a birthday compliment to William R. Manser.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 10, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge with 120 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble	*†J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
*P. BERNARD DITCHER .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 7
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	*†GIBSON JACKSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Spliced in eight methods. † 50th peal together. First peal of Spliced in eight methods on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1952, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM MOORE .. Treble	*ERIC COOKE .. 4
*RALPH PERKS .. 2	EDWARD MOORE .. 5
RALPH HARRIS .. 3	ARTHUR RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal.

BERRICK SALOME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK CASTELL .. Treble	*FRANK ABSOLOM .. 4
*JAMES GODMAN .. 2	*JACK BERRY .. 5
*FREDERICK SMITH .. 3	*ROBERT BLOND .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal of Minor.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.



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DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BRYANT	Treble	RICHARD VALENTINE	4
†HERMON J. OLIVER	2	LAURENCE H. TURNER	5
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	HARRY TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

Rung to mark the Festival of All Saints.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
*WALTER G. SOAR	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	3	SIDNEY H. JONES	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

KEITH ABBOTT	Treble	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	4
IAN W. TAYLOR	2	†FREDERICK PRITCHARD	5
MARJORIE LEACH	3	JAMES TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all the band.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. M. H. Zair, B.Sc. Also to congratulate the Rev. P. T. and Mrs. Robbins on the birth of a son.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY	Treble	†RONALD C. LUCAS	4
*GODFREY CHOULS	2	WILLIAM DARE	5
*DILLYS I. HULBERT	3	JACK R. WORRALL	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

Arranged as a wedding compliment to Margaret Joan Roberts Worrall and John Francis Thorne, who were married at this church earlier the same day. Also a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. R. Gower-Rees.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE	Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS	4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS	2	SIDNEY F. CARTER	5
JOHN KEMP	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Kemp, of Hertford.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDMUND MALIN	Treble	DENNIS BERESFORD	4
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	2	PETER BERESFORD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in six methods.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Andover District.)

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*WILLIAM KEWELL	Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD	4
PHILLIP E. DODD	2	MAURICE J. DODD	5
†GERALD EVANS	3	†DENNIS A. JOHNSON	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret to Highclere Castle for the week-end, and also on the occasion of the christening of the great grand-daughter of the captain, Mr. J. F. Smith.

The band are all local Sunday service ringers at this church.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods. (1) Kingston Treble Bob, (2) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 480 changes each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 Grandsire and 1,440 Stedman. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC EDGINTON	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
HAROLD E. HARRISON	2	GORDON HARRISON	5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in seven methods for all.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew John, son of Betty Robbins (née Spice).

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 4, 1952, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL A. HURST	Treble	*JOHN B. T. HUMPHRAY	4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Hibbins and Dennis have now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus together.

This is the first known peal to be rung on these bells, which were hung in the tower in 1791.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
*R. JAMES COOK	3	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Minor and first of Surprise. First peal in method by all and for the Society. To mark the opening of Parliament.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1952, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*MARGARET GIBSON Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR 4
*MARGARET SOFTLEY 2	†ERIC N. HARRISON 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Margaret Softley.

ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CROSS Treble	*HARRY P. FLOYD 4
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH 5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. Leonard.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	*BRIAN CUTHBERT 4
C. AUBREY HARRISON 2	JACK BRAY 5
RONALD CHAFER 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1952, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 1,056 Plain Bob, 1,056 Ashbourne College Bob, 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, 544 Reverse Bob, 528 Little Bob, 512 Double Bob, 512 St. Clement's College Bob, with 361 changes of method.

PETER C. WRIGHT 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER 5—6
PETER BORDER 3—4	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7—8

Composed by E. NIXON. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew John, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Robbins.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1952, in 2 Hours,

AT 85, CHARLTON ROAD, ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC SUTTON 1—2	REGINALD G. HOOPER 5—6
FREDK. J. SAMPSON 3—4	JOHN F. PEDLER 7—8

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN F. PEDLER.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also as a welcome home to J. F. Pedler from H.M. Forces.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

TERENCE A. THORNER 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	JOHN B. BENNETT 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 9, 1952, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT 78, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and six variations of Plain Bob.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3—4
VINCENT W. RIGG 5—6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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Owing to the illness of one of the ringers, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Aberavon to mark the retirement of Railway Inspector A. J. Pitman had to be abandoned. A quarter peal of Grandsire—a good first for Miss G. Hopkins—and other touches were substituted. A peal was, however, successfully rung for the occasion at Aberavon on November 15th.

Another interesting Lancashire restoration is at Christ Church, Southport. The steeple here is being demolished and this work is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The bells are to be recast with a tenor of 12 cwt. and re-erected in a new frame to be placed in the old clock room. The contract has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and it is hoped that the bells will be ringing for the Coronation celebration. The work is the gift of three sisters in memory of their parents.

With the peal at St. John's, Leicester, the genial towerkeeper, Mr. Sidney Harrison, has now rung peals on each of the ten bells here.

A treble was added to Asfordby's bells in 1888 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and not the bells rehung as was erroneously stated in our last issue (page 734).

It is claimed that Yatton bells have been rung on November 5th each year (except during the war ban period and while the bells were being restored) since that day in 1605 when Guy Fawkes was caught in Westminster. As far as is known this year's quarter peal is the first on a November 5th. Yatton has it seems, always been patriotic to the throne.

Miss Valerie Willard and Miss Barbara Beeson are enjoying a holiday at Sydney. On October 26th they were the guests of the ringers of St. James', Turramurra, and took part in 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers were John Rainsford (Turramurra) 1, J. Clark (Turramurra) 2, Valerie Willard (Luton) 3, Barbara Beeson (Cornwall) 4, A. R. Botting (formerly Betchworth) 5, W. Smith (Long Clawson, Leicester) 6. Another visitor to Sydney is Miss Joan Hills, of Grays, Essex. Mr. Botting writes that the 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was the best ringing he had taken part in since the visit of the English ringers in 1934.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Appropriately, Oxford University Society rang a peal of Westminster Surprise Minor on Guy Fawkes Day. The peal was rung to mark the opening of Parliament. It is evident that one member of the band is reading history.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Tilney, reported on page 725, was rung on September 29th and not as submitted. It was the 400th peal of Mr. Cecil Ebberson.

Eight members of the Worcestershire Association spent an enjoyable week-end in Bournemouth when they rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major. Among the questions asked were: Who was it that drove his car from Selly Oak to Bromsgrove with the brake on? Fell off a ladder on Friday and couldn't go? Missed the bus on Saturday and started to walk to Bournemouth?

Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, Leeds, writes: The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major, which appears on page 730 under the name of Mr. James Topp was composed by me, along with some other one-part compositions in the same method, nearly 20 years ago. Most, if not all of them, have been called by Mr. J. E. Cawser. The peal that prompts this letter was called by him at South Anston, Yorks, on December 2nd, 1944, in exactly the same form as it now appears in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. D. Mottershead, of Wilmslow, writes: 'I was wrong in my supposition concerning Metropolitan Surprise Royal. I have examined the facts stated in reply to my letter, but why were corrections not forthcoming after a previous similar statement concerning Double London Surprise in my article last April?' The remainder of Mr. Mottershead's two-column letter is pigeon-holed until space conditions are more favourable.

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THERE can be no doubt that the 1952 ringing week achieved a place of distinction in the annals of the Universities Association and its memories will long assail those fortunate ones who took part. Somehow everything was just right; the fair city of Nottingham proved an excellent ringing headquarters; a glow of welcome pervaded us everywhere; we benefited from expert local help in the planning and arranging; ourselves a very representative bunch from a dozen universities and two colleges mixed well in happy fellowship; and behind all was the gracious hospitality received at Wortley Hall from Professor Radford and Mrs. Radford, the joint wardens.

Appropriately, the secretary arrived first on that Friday afternoon, just before the rain. The hall, situated in University Park, consists of the original house and single-storey blocks of study bedrooms erected in 1944 as a temporary expedient. Two of these were assigned to the men, a third to the fair sex, and Mrs. Radford confessed her feelings at the prospect of facing Richard and Anne Speed, who so recently had plighted their troth. However, she was well fortified by meeting first the McGuinnesses, who were in their silver wedding year.

By the official tea hour only a handful of members had arrived and for over an hour cups of tea were being continually poured as numbers increased and by dinner these had reached 25. The opening ringing was at the church of St. Leodegarius, Basford (pronounced Base-ford), and on the lighter octave at St. Paul's, Daybrook. At Basford we were greeted by Mr. Clement Glenn, peal secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild - who had done a fine job of work in co-ordinating the whole week's programme, which, incidentally, was dispersed through the territories of the separate Guilds. How very glad we were that Mr. Glenn was able to join with us on several occasions and so see the results of his handiwork. Back at Wortley Hall we found tea and biscuits being served, a thoughtful gesture which was to prove a welcome round-off to our long and busy days. For the making, there was early morning tea as well and it is understood that the ladies soon had their supplies properly organised on a rota basis; the men were much more casual.

COMPLETELY MOTORISED

For Saturday morning an excursion eastwards over the Trent had been arranged, so for the first time we had to sort out our transport. The collection of nine cars (of considerable variety) and five motor-bikes meant that we were comfortably mechanised for the very first time on one of our weeks, even to the extent of leaving an odd car or motor-bike behind on occasion. This was a great contrast from the early tours at Worcester and Norwich, when the pedal cycle reigned supreme and of which the only visible heritage was a lone pair of shorts.

At Radcliffe-on-Trent we found a well-going eight (tenor 15 cwt.) and were met by three of the local ringers. Here a peal board commemorates the extent on four bells in 1883. The Church of St. John of Beverley, Wharfedale, has an attractive exterior with a squat central tower and the six bells are richly toned. The third tower was at Bingham, after which, despite a dash back to Nottingham, we arrived late for lunch!

For one of the afternoon peal attempts we were privileged to go for Cambridge Royal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, but, unfortunately, the fourth rope broke after 75 minutes. It was some consolation to hear Mr. Joe Dyke's remark that he thought it was 'in the bag,' and Mr. Glenn was also to refer to the high standard of

the ringing later in the week. Our guardian angels must have been off duty for Double Norwich was lost in like fashion at St. Mary's. Greaseley, after over two hours' ringing, and non-pealers brought back news of two more broken ropes at Colston Bassett and Langar. Earlier, they had rung on the six at Barton-in-Fabis and the ring of eight at Ruddington before going on to sample the fine-toned bells of St. John-the-Divine's, Colston Bassett. While at Langar it was a real experience handling the five bells with their very long draught with ropes having no guides. Here it is possible to see the bells swinging from a floor 20 feet underneath.

Sunday's service ringing arrangements went to schedule, the party dividing into groups by committee direction with adjustments to meet as many personal requests as possible. At St. Peter's, the lighter Nottingham ten, the fourth justified its reputation by slipping wheel, and while this was being attended to we ventured on to the roof of the nave and surveyed the city centre; the nearby bells of St. Mary's sounded mellow and lovely. At Lenton church, with its very light octave (tenor 8½ cwt.), we were given an extremely warm welcome, with mention in notices, prayers and sermon. Incidentally, the sermon preached at St. Peter's on 'Prayer' was a joy to hear. One group returned to Basford but in the morning only, for two more towers were on our evening list, Daybrook and St. John-the-Baptist, Beeston. At the latter tower the bells need rehangng, and the ringing time, usually only 20 minutes, was extended in our honour. It was at Beeston that later in the week we were to sing Compline.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FUTURE

Our guests at Sunday lunch reduced themselves to Mr. Glenn, who had a real field day with us. Unfortunately, both the Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University and the University chaplain, Canon Inglis, Rector of St. Peter's, were away on holiday. In the afternoon there was a real treat in store, for after being dealt with by the photographer, Professor Radford led a walk through University Park. This was an inspiration for through his eyes we saw clearly a vision of the University as it will be many years hence. We did not ascend to the top of the University tower but propounded theories to account for a successful scaling exercise to the very weathercock, which was still shrouded in some degree of mystery. Another thing that took our eye was a vacant section of a large composite Society notice board which we thought ought to be appropriated to U.N.S.C.R.!

Not many local ringers ventured to join us at Wortley Hall in the evening but we were glad to have with us Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who found much in common with his fellow antiquarian, Ranald Clouston. The singing buzz of conversation provided ample evidence, if any were required, of a completely happy company. So we departed to bed with a glowing feeling inside, some of us aware that the steady tempo of the week-end would on the morrow have given place to a more hurried gait and that henceforth our week would rush wildly towards its end.

Monday was Leicester Day and driving southwards we felt on our mettle in visiting one of the great ringing centres of England. Perhaps one of the secrets of the leadership being exercised there is an unconscious inspiration of the best with first-class ringing a natural by-product.

In the northern outskirts of the city we came to St. Peter's, Belgrave, where Mr. Ernest Morris awaited us, whom many of us were honoured to meet for the first time. The next

tower was that of St. Mary-de-Castro's, which boasts a glorious eight only recently restored, and here we were met by Peter Stanforth. Packed lunch in a nearby hostelry was the next order of the day and then we congregated outside the Cathedral Church of St. Martin. Precisely at 2 p.m. Mr. Harold J. Poole appeared, beaming his welcome, and the great moment had arrived. For nearly one and a half hours we made the most of this famous Leicester twelve on which ringing history is continually being made.

Outside, the rain came down, it seemed in torrents, and we went to shelter at our tea rendezvous at Gallowtree Gate. With us again was Mr. Morris, who afterwards escorted us to his own church, St. Margaret's, where we sensed the spirit of history which he himself has so carefully and wonderfully engendered. The ring of twelve (thirteen to be exact, as at the Cathedral) is somewhat heavier than its neighbour, with an added stateliness perhaps in keeping with the more spacious ringing chamber, and we made good use of the generous allocation of ringing time. Meanwhile Mr. Morris had disappeared to add one more to his enormous bag of peals.

Through the rain again to the day's last tower, that of St. John-the-Divine with its fine ring of ten; but we had not yet done with Leicester for we were to partake its own special brand of friendliness and fellowship at The Globe, just by the Cathedral. There in an upper room we lingered, some very long indeed, and all we will do is to give it our warmest recommendation. Our president, Mr. Edwin Lewis, voiced our combined thanks to which Mr. Poole briefly but effectively replied. So back the twenty-five miles to Wortley Hall to find a wonderful buffet supper awaiting us; and we were very late to bed.

TROWELL'S PLACE IN RINGING HISTORY

Nevertheless in the morning we were about betimes for our Corporate Communion service at St. Peter's, and then it was westwards into Derbyshire, except for the two peal bands who recorded successes at Daybrook (Double Norwich) and at Trowell (seven Minor methods), the chosen Festival of Britain village.

The Trowell peal was a very special one for Mr. Lewis, for he is a native of Nottingham and it was here, in 1900, that he was taught to handle a bell and ring call-changes, mostly on the fifth bell (from which he conducted the peal), by John Walker, the sexton, a few months after his father's appointment as Vicar. The next year Mr. Lewis became a member of the Cambridge University Guild and very soon started proper change ringing at Trowell, Mr. F. C. Gobey, whom we were to meet later that day at Ilkeston, going there for instruction.

Fastwood, the first tower for the non-pealers, is, in fact, in Nottinghamshire, and Heanor was the first actually in Derbyshire. Here, besides well-going, well-sounding bells we found some new mural decorations of which the Vicar is extremely proud. The third-ring of eight was at All Saints', Ringley, and after enjoying thoroughly these excellent bells, we set off for a real beauty spot and a very famous tower. Having lunched, we ascended to the ringing chamber where Sir Arthur Heywood, founder and first president of the Central Council, used to ring. There was the peal book, there copies of his book on the Duffield principle. For, indeed, we were at the Church of St. Alkmund, Duffield, and, appropriately, we attempted and eventually rang a course of Duffield Royal.

At West Hallam, we found, besides the Church of St. Wilfred of York, some open-cast coal-mining fields. With the appearance of the

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Universities Association—Cont.

peal bands the party was once more complete and busied themselves on the very light octave before proceeding to Ilkeston for tea. The Parish Church of St. Mary, Ilkeston, is an imposing edifice and its tower has been rebuilt three times in the last two centuries or so. The eight bells are quite fine and ringing opened with a slow and dignified well-struck touch of Spliced Oxford and Kent conducted by Mr. Gobey himself. Homewards, and then later that evening a goodly number demonstrated their persistent willingness to go on ringing bells by joining in the weekly practice at Basford.

AT SOUTHWELL

Next morning, Wednesday, deserting cars and motor-bikes, we occupied a coach. First call was at Southwell, where an hour was spent in a guided tour of the superb Minster Church, with its great Norman nave, Early English choir and exquisite chapter house. The eight bells are housed in the central tower, the ringers surveying themselves through protective wire across space with the floor visible a long way below. It was at Southwell Cathedral that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married in 1909, and Mr. Lewis took part in four of the first five peals rung here as well as in the first peal ever rung by undergraduates only—Bob Major on handbells. How we should have liked to have stayed longer there at Southwell, but, perforce, had an itinerary to be observed, worked out by Mr. J. W. Raithby, general secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who awaited us at Newark, a busy market town. The bells of the Parish Church were the heaviest of three rings of ten being visited that day (tenor 33 cwt.) and were much enjoyed. Lunch preceded ringing at Sutton-on-Trent and we happened on a potential recruit to the Exercise in one of the village inns—we certainly did our best to encourage her.

In addition to the enjoyment of the ten bells at St. Swithin's, East Retford, we were thrilled to meet a famous figure from the pages of Mr. Morris's 'History of the Art of Change Ringing,' none other than Mr. John Seager, who obligingly gave us a short demonstration of 'tapping' out touches on the handbells. He is also a student of method extension and so was introduced to Mr. York-Bramble. What Geoffrey Carter will remember at East Retford will be his tea in the cafe kitchen.

Then came the gem of the day, possibly of the whole tour, the ten bells of Chesterfield Parish Church, famed for its crooked spire. They are a completely new ring (tenor 25 cwt. approx.), and were music to the ear. In a letter to Mr. Glenn, Mr. Sam Scattergood remarked 'So we are to be honoured by a visit of the Universities Association'; it was U.A. which was honoured.

Later that evening we settled down in the lecture room at Wortley Hall to the summer general meeting, and on returning to the lounge found the Rev. Malcolm Melville installed, a staunch U.A. member of the earlier years.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'The Ringing World'

November 22nd, 1912

Miss Edith Parker celebrated her coming-of-age in a very befitting manner last week when, with the Edmonton band, she took part in a remarkably successful week of Surprise peal ringing. Out of seven attempts, six peals in different methods were scored. Miss Parker conducting four of them—Superlative, London, New Cambridge and Gloucester. The other two peals were Bristol and Norfolk.

The premier lady handbell ringer, Miss Elsie Bennett, has added another to her laurels by being the first lady to ring a working pair of bells to a peal of Stedman and the first to ring a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. This she accomplished on Wednesday week, and during the week-end added four more handbell peals to her total during a visit to Guildford.

TWO CORNISH DEDICATIONS

Two dedications took place in Cornwall on October 25th. At St. Endellion the Assistant Bishop (the Right Rev. J. Wellington) rededicated the completely recast ring of six which has been hung in a new frame and fittings. This tower is in the part of Cornwall where prize-ringing is popular, and there were some 20 sets of ringers present. Ringing went on to a late hour. At the dedication service the bells were pulled up in peal and lowered again faultlessly. This restoration makes a complete transformation for the bells were previously seriously out of tune, although they featured last year in the series 'The Faith in the West,' and were broadcast. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in A, and the bells now form an ideal ring.

At Padstow, only six miles away across the River Camel, but some ten miles by road, the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. F. Boreham) was rededicating at the same time the restored six bells there. Padstow bells had become well known as perhaps the worst for 'go' in Cornwall but they have been retuned and rehung in a restrengthened frame and with new fittings. The tenor weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G. There were a dozen or so sets of ringers at this dedication and others went there in the evening from St. Endellion. There were well over 200 ringers at the two dedications. Both rings have been in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and the results are according to their usual good standards.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Ringers from Norton, Bucknall, Newcastle, Tunstall, Wolstanton, Brown Edge, Hanley, Swynnerton, Biddulph, Crewe, Chadde, Stoke and Kingsley attended the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers' meeting at Bucknall on November 1st.

Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m. A service was held in the church and the Rector (the Rev. E. T. Pearce) gave an inspiring address: the service was fully choral. An excellent meal was provided by the ringers and their wives, and approximately 62 ringers and their friends participated.

The Rector, who presided, reminded the ringers of their obligation to their church by attending service regularly and especially during 1953, which would be a year of lay-witness. The chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the conductor of the choir, Mr. Cartwright. Mr. A. W. Hall responded. Mr. D. R. Whalley proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies.

A committee meeting was held during the afternoon, presided over by the chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson, as a pre-view to the work of the Association in 1953, of which a full report will appear in December after the annual meeting at Stoke.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR AND ITS TWO CHURCHES

Ringling in the eastern part of Cambridgeshire is in a poor way. This is hardly to be wondered at as several of the five-bell towers can only be rung with difficulty and sadly need the attention of a bellhanger. The following rings also are unringable: Soham (10), Isleham (5), Burwell (5), Quy (5), Brinkley (6) and Swaffham Bulbeck (6).

Swaffham Prior is a small village of a few hundred people some eight miles from Cambridge, situated on the edge of the Fens, and here are to be found two churches of considerable dimensions, standing side by side within a few yards of each other. One is dedicated to St. Mary and the other to SS. Cyriac and Juliet.

St. Mary's at one time had a fine tower and lofty spire. Only a part of the tower remains and the main building had become derelict but has recently been restored at a cost of several thousand pounds and the services are now held there.

The main building of SS. Cyriac and Juliet's is in poor condition and is not now used, but the tower is a fine one and contains a nice-toned ring of six bells. Thus is presented the unusual feature of the bells being rung in one church and the services held in the other.

The six bells were cast by Briant, of Hertford, and were placed in the tower in 1791. The 'Cambridge Chronicle' of that date records that: 'At the opening of the new peal of six bells at Swaffham Prior in this County on Monday, very great praise is due to the Soham Youths who raised the Bells and in a very superior style of ringing and rang the following peals, viz., Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Court Bob and Double Bob and falled them again without stopping, or even a clash.'

The bells still hang in the original frame and 'go' well in spite of the fact that inquiries have revealed that no one knows or have heard of any overhauls taking place. A young band of some 12 or more is being taught and most of them sat in the ringing room the whole time of a recent peal. We hope they learned something and that Swaffham Prior may become a bright spot in a somewhat barren district. We think they did, as a remark heard after the peal was 'That wasn't village bell ringing, that was the classic stuff.'

E. G. H.

ST. MARGARET'S, DUNHAM MASSEY, ALTRINCHAM

The bells of St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, a ring of ten (tenor 27½ cwt. in C), were cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1854 for the church which was opened about that time. There were also a further 16 bells used for carillon purposes but sold before the 1914-18 war. The tower once sported a fine spire but this was removed in the 1920's as being dangerous. The bells were stopped before the opening of the century as they imperilled the safety of the spire.

In April, 1944, they were rung at a meeting of the Chester Guild but only the front six were employed. Later the whole ring was used and in 1946 the writer took part in the first touch of Bob Major on the bells. The bells were used for service ringing until about 18 months ago when an examination disclosed the loose stonework. When the present repairs are completed it is expected the bells will ring again.

Few ringers have rung at this tower but there may be some who would like to help.

The Vicar and wardens have, during the summer months, spent Saturday afternoons in collecting from passing motorists on the busy Chester-Manchester main road which passes the church.

Though this is not a bell restoration it is a case of where the ringing depends on the repairs, writes Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis. Donations can be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Roberts). The Vicarage, Dunham Road, Altrincham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TETBURY'S BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With reference to the protest by Mr. J. Lewis Cockey, I feel that too much blame should not be attached to the B.B.C.

I should like to make it known that an unfortunate error was made in the timing. We set out to ring two whole pulls, a course of Grandsire Triples, two whole pulls and stand. This was timed to take just over three minutes.

By mistake we started off at 09.27-30 instead of 09.28-30, thus depriving listeners of one minute's ringing. However, as the bells were stood, the B.B.C. had no alternative but to switch over to the organ.

The band is composed of boys with an average age of under 14 years, and it was of some consolation to be on the air again on Friday evening, the 7th inst., in the West Home Service at 6.30 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. the same evening in the Midland Home Service, when the bells came over beautifully.

If in the future this band should again have the privilege of broadcasting, I am quite sure he will not be disappointed.—Yours truly,

W. R. LOCKE.

Tetbury, Glos.

LIMITED RINGING AT BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—I, too, was annoyed with the B.B.C. for the four rounds broadcast of the Tetbury bells. The same thing happens on other Sunday mornings and very little longer was allowed for Stepney bells, and Headcorn, on November 9th.

I wrote to the B.B.C. about this and received a reply to the effect that my letter had been passed on to those responsible for religious broadcasts for their consideration. If more ringers, thousands if necessary, would write protesting to the B.B.C. they would surely take notice and allow more time for the bells. This could easily be done as these morning services are preceded by one hour of Morning Melody.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

GIFTS OF BELLS BY LIVERY COMPANIES

Dear Sir,—In February of this year there was dedicated at the Parish Church of Nazeing a treble bell given by the Worshipful Company of Mercers in memory of Captain Archdale Palmer, sometime Master of that Company, and the local ringers would be very interested to learn whether any other church has a bell or bells given by a London Livery Company in memory of one of their members.

I have made a certain amount of research into the matter but have been unable to locate any such gift.

I would be much obliged if any reader of 'The Ringing World' could give me any information on the above subject.—Yours faithfully,

K. C. S. WOOD.

Nazeing, Essex.

RECORD LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that all being well, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild will attempt a peal of 13,139 Grandsire Caters, on handbells, on Saturday, November 29th, 1952. The attempt will be at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, commencing approximately 2.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

COMBINED TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. C. Gobey has pointed out an error in the 9,600 Worcester variation given in the issue of September 12th, on page 578. There should be no mark in the H column opposite 46325.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

AN EXAMPLE OF ENTHUSIASM FROM WIVELSFIELD

Dear Sir,—We sometimes read of towers where the ringers are not very enthusiastic, there is no real progress, learners are not encouraged, the ropes and bells are not given any attention and very soon the band falls apart through lack of interest. This state of affairs must surely have a disheartening effect on the ringers who read about it.

I would like to tell of an enthusiastic band which will, I hope, give encouragement to other ringers in five-bell towers.

The five bells at Wivelsfield, Sussex, are badly in need of rehanging. There are ten young ladies in the band who not only ring for Sunday services and practices but also splice their own ropes, grease the bells and do all the jobs of steeplekeeper. They have recently taught two young men to handle a bell and have set themselves the task of raising £1,000 for the bells to be rehung and for a sixth bell to be added.

In order that they may become proficient as six-bell ringers, the members of this band travel to several six-bell towers for practice each week. The travelling time taken on the bus for each visit is three hours and this is at their own expense.

Apart from actual ringing, there is the £1,000 to be raised. The Church Council and ringers have circulated the village by letter asking for regular donations towards the Bell Fund.

A fortnightly square dance is organised by the ringers and also a monthly dance in the nearest town, Havwards Heath, where there is a ballroom. Village whist drives and a film show have been held, and a series of concerts are the next items to be tackled.

Surely this is an example of real enthusiasm and if any reader wishes to make a contribution towards the Bell Fund I know that it will give encouragement and will be greatly appreciated. The treasurer's address is: Miss A. Millam, The Forge, Wivelsfield Green, near Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Good luck, Wivelsfield, and may it not be long before you are ringing Minor methods in your own tower.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY W. BROWN.

Aldington, Sussex.

SIX O'CLOCK PRACTICE MEETINGS IN CITY

Dear Sir,—I am as yet not in a position to name a tower in the City or West End of London where a regular weekly evening practice could commence at 6 p.m. The idea put forward by Mr. Bishop is a good one and is worthy of consideration. I have, in an official capacity, spent much time and effort to encourage ringing within the area in question, but there has been precious little reward. Even during recent months has a well-known ringer, with some influence, made application to ring during the week-days at a church in Central London, but we have had to take 'no' for an answer.

From the Incumbent's point of view, I know that permission would more readily be given for week-day ringing if the bells at his church were rung regularly Sunday by Sunday—it is of no interest to the Incumbent to be told that ringers who would ring at his tower on week-days ring sometimes at their home towers on Sundays.

Should this proposal come into effect the participants should arrange to provide assistance for Sunday service ringing at least as often as their mid-week ringing, and as I have yet to learn of a tower in the City or West End where voluntary ringing takes place for each Sunday service, I know my suggestion will be unpopular.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCKE.

North Mimms, Hatfield.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, JUNIOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to your heading of 'Forty Years Ago' in your issue of November 7th, I should like to point out I was not a member of the band that rang in the peal. It was my cousin, Joseph Henry, who, unfortunately, was killed in a motor accident in the year 1941. The ringer of the seventh was my uncle. At the time I was in different parts of the country and did not start peal ringing until 1920. Of that band there is only one man living, my old friend Percy H. Derbyshire, who is still the towerkeeper at Worsley.—Yours sincerely,

J. RIDYARD.

Southport.

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct your article of 'Forty Years Ago' in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' The tenor ringer, J. H. Ridyard, was killed in a road accident in 1942, and is not the Joseph Ridyard of Southport, who is my younger brother and one of the leading conductors in Lancashire.

Joseph Henry Ridyard was the son of Joseph Ridyard, the ringer of the seventh and conductor. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport, and myself are sons of Richard Ridyard, of Worsley.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR RIDYARD.

Prestwick, Manchester.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—What is the correct procedure for Remembrance Sunday ringing: should the bells be rung muffled or open? I ask this question as our Vicar is against muffled ringing, his argument being that it is a day of thanksgiving as well as of remembrance.

Maidstone is the mother church of the district and as such should give a lead to other towers. Perhaps someone in authority will give an opinion.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM T. GRICE.

Maidstone.

Note.—A glance at our quarter peal page will indicate the prevailing practice. At Guildford we ring with the bells open.—Ed.

DIAL-LESS CLOCKS

Dear Sir,—I was always under the impression that the dial-less clock at Christ Church, Oxford, was in the Cathedral tower, not the belfry tower, as stated by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in a recent letter. If I am wrong on this point I offer my apology forthwith.

Clocks of this type, which chime and strike, are to be found in most of our ancient cathedrals and at some other churches, a few of which are Doncaster, Tickhill (Yorkshire), Grantham, Louth, Boston and Gainsborough.—Yours faithfully,

S. L. MARSHALL.

Sheffield.

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Harry King's inquiry re clocks with no hands, we have a clock with no hands at Crowcombe Parish Church (Somerset). This clock is very old, we do not know how old, but in 1735 this tower was struck by lightning, the clock face destroyed and never replaced. It strikes the hours only. The bells (six) are hung anti-clockwise.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. J. LOCK.

Taunton.

Dear Sir,—For those readers interested in peculiar clocks the following may be of interest. The clock at Tickhill Parish Church, near Doncaster, has no exterior face or hands, but chimes the quarters and strikes the hours. It also plays a tune at four-hourly intervals, the tune being a different one for each day of the week.

The Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, also has a clock with no exterior face or hands but which chimes the quarters and strikes the hours.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. SANDERSON.

Doncaster, Yorks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

The annual District meeting was held at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, when 60 ringers and friends took part in a successful afternoon and evening's activities.

The recently-overhauled bells were made good use of under the direction of Messrs. F. J. Cullum and H. Audsley, before the service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lea). An excellent address by the Vicar included a warm welcome to the Association to the beautifully-restored church.

Tea was taken in St. John's Hall, where the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Five ringers were elected members of the Association, four from Beckenham and one from St. Mary's, Lewisham, and the election of two non-resident members from Leicester was ratified.

A report of the year's work in the District, submitted by the District secretary, was adopted. Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected hon. District secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Richards and J. Dafters were reappointed District representatives. Mr. E. Jones, St. Mary's, Lewisham, was elected Ringing Master for the next year in succession to Mr. H. Hovord (Dartford).

Mr. J. Hurrell informed the meeting that Mr. F. W. Richardson, the popular captain of St. John's, Deptford, ringers, was that day celebrating his golden wedding. The District secretary was instructed to convey the meeting's congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. E. Bennett undertook the sad task of acquainting the members of the grievous loss sustained by that grand old veteran, Mr. G. H. Daynes, by the passing of Mrs. Daynes at the age of 88. A message of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Mr. Daynes.

After some consideration it was decided to discontinue the social meetings that had been held (with varying success) in the District since 1947.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate, organist, choir, Mr. F. J. Cullum and the local ringers was carried enthusiastically. The Vicar replied and the meeting closed. Further ringing concluded the day's happenings.

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Weston-super-Mare Branch of this Society met on November 6th and members heard a lecture on 'Bells and their founders,' illustrated by lantern slides kindly lent by the three firms of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The ancient craft of casting was shown still being carried out in these foundries.

Examples of the great bells of our cathedrals and churches, and of pre-Reformation bells with their beautiful decoration and lettering, were given, together with much interesting matter including old inscriptions, dealing especially with the founders of Somerset and the West Country and the bells of churches in this neighbourhood.

At the close the lecturer, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, M.A., was thanked by the vice-president, who said that the slides and descriptive matter had been greatly appreciated.

BEGINNERS' PLAIN BOB

The Printers' Guild of Ashford North Modern Boys' School have, under the direction of Mr. A. Waddington, produced very creditably 'Beginners' Plain Bob,' which follows their previous booklet on Grandsire. The author, Mr. A. Waddington, of Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent, writes while primarily intended for local and Kent County use, there should be a dozen or two available for any tower where a handy booklet might be appreciated. The price is 1s. per copy, postage extra, and on receipt of a postcard copies would be reserved.

FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

COURT AND DOUBLE COURT BOB

In these notes a fortnight ago we had something to say about double methods and the grouping of methods. Let us look now at another well-known method which produces a perfect double. It is Court Bob, and it belongs to the group of which Oxford Bob is a member.

If you studied Oxford Bob you will remember that the main feature of its construction was the 4ths place made at each end of the lead as the treble passed up through 2-3 and down through 3-2.

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 5 3 1 4 2
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 6 1 3 2 4
2 4 1 3 5 6	5 1 6 3 4 2
4 2 3 1 6 5	1 5 3 6 2 4

The leads themselves are joined by 2nds place made when the treble leads its whole pull, causing the two pairs in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge.

Now Court Bob is exactly like Oxford Bob, without the 2nds place when the treble leads. Row for row the leads of a plain course are alike in the two methods, except that they are joined by 2nds in Oxford Bob and 6ths in Court Bob. Those who wish to study the method should be able to write out the course without further instruction and make their own diagram.

When they come to ring it, they will find that the change in the 'link' between the leads cuts out certain dodges and connects up the other work into a different sequence—but the construction of the method is the same.

The double method has the same relationship to the single version as Double Oxford has to Oxford Bob.

Places are made in corresponding places with the treble ABOVE 3rds as when it is BELOW 4ths. Thus the 4ths when the treble passes

through 2-3 and 3-2 is duplicated in 3rds when the treble passes through 4-5 and 5-4.

But while in Double Oxford there were places in 5ths and 2nds with the treble behind and leading, respectively, in Double Court (following the example of the single method) there is neither 5ths nor 2nds. Here again you should, with this information before you, be able to construct your own course and make your diagram. Just try it; the effort to do these things for yourself will enable you to learn much more than having the figures given to you.

This is how the places are made 'across the treble' in Double Court:—

2 1 4 3 6 5	6 4 5 2 1 3
2 4 1 3 5 6	4 6 5 1 2 3
4 2 3 1 6 5	6 4 1 5 3 2
2 4 3 6 1 5	6 1 4 5 2 3

The second lead head of Court Bob (rounds being the first) is 1 3 5 2 6 4. The second lead head of Double Court is, therefore, 1 3 5 2 6 4 transposed by 1 3 5 2 6 4, which produces 1 5 6 3 4 2.

Because of the absence of 2nds place when the treble leads, the calling of these two methods is not the same as Oxford Bob, viz., Wrong, Right and Wrong. As we pointed out recently, methods with 6ths made when the treble leads have as their 'standard' calling 'In, Out and In'—that is, bobs called when the observation bell runs IN to take the treble off, and when it runs OUT from the treble. In the case of Court Bob, if the tenor is the observation bell, the plain 'Out,' that is the 'Out' where there is no bob, comes first (at the 2nd lead) and the first bob 'In' the following lead. In the double method the plain 'Out' comes at the first lead and the first bob 'In' at the fourth lead.

217 PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CARTER

2314567890E	6 19	21346578E90	6 19
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216453 A	19	2134658709E B	6 19
213654	19	312564	6 19
214356	19	314265	19
412653	6 19	413562	6 19
413256	19	412365	19
314652	6 19	412563	6S 19
214256	19	413265	19
312654	6S 19	314562	6 19
314256	19	312465	19
413652	6 19	213564	6 19
412356	19	214365	19
214653	6 19		
213456	19		
216354	19		
612453	6 19		

Repeat 12 bracketed courses calling first course 5, 19, brings up 21346578E90.

A. STARTING COURSES FROM 231. 5,019

1. 1 4S 9S 17 19	"
2. 1 3 4 9S 12S 17 19	"
3. 1 3 4 11 12 17 19 20	"
4. 1 3 4 8 11 12 17 20 21	"
5. 1 3 4 6 8 11 12 16 20 21	"
6. 1 5 6 8 13 14 21 22	"
7. 1 6 8 16S 21S	"
8. 1 4S 8 17 21S	"
9. 1 4 6 8 14S 16 21S	"
10. 1 3 4 8 12S 17 21S	"
11. 1 3 4 6 8 12 13 16 21 22	"
12. 1 3 4 8 12 13 17 21 22	"
13. 1 3 4 12 13 17 19S 22S	"
14. 1 3 4 9S 12 13 17 19 22S	"
15. 1 5 6 8S 9 13 14 18S 21 22	"
16. 1 6 8 13S 16S 21 22	"

17. 1 4 5 9 14S 17 19 21S	5,019
18. 1 4S 9 17 19 21S	"
19. 1 3 4 9 12S 17 19 21S	"
20. 1 3 4 9 12 13 17 19 21 22	"
21. 1 2 4 6 8 11 12 14 16 20 21	"
22. 1 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 20 22	"
23. 1 2 3 6 8 11 12 15 16 20 21	"
24. 1S 2 4 6 8 11S 14 16 20 21	"
25. 1S 2 6 8 11S 15 16 20 21	"
26. 1S 2 5 6 8 11S 14 15 20 21	"
27. 1S 2 5 6 8 14 15 21S	"
28. 2S 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 20 22S	"
29. 1 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 15 16 17 5,007	"
30. 1S 2 11S 15 16 19 20 From 123 5,017	"
31. 1S 2 3S 11 12 15 16 19 20 "	"

TURNING COURSES B from 213465

1. 1 13S 15S 22
2. 10S 13S 15S 22 23S
3. 2 5S 13S 14 15
4. 2 7S 13S 15 16
5. 2 7 8 13S 15 16 21S
6. 2S 3 7 8 12 13 15 16 21S
7. 2 13S 15S

Any of these for the Starting Courses A or Turning Courses B.

These 217 peals have all the 5-6's and 6-5's in the Titmuss position and all the 5-6-7-8's in the Handstroke Home position

This is an exact copy of the peals as received by me from John Carter over 40 years ago, and is interesting that the course ends of the peals is the same throughout with the various Starting and Turning Courses.

A. WALKER.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 9th. 1,440 Doubles (one extent of Reverse Canterbury, two each of April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and three of Grandsire); Mary Fuller 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barrow 1, Rene Marwood (first quarter 'inside') 2, G. Verrill 3, E. Marsh 4, S. Kathleen M. Knight 5, A. Sturges 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

ANSTEE, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Disney (first quarter) 1, W. A. Lacey 2, Miss J. M. Simpson 3, R. Copson 4, A. Disney 5, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 6, D. S. Harris 7, Miss A. Parker (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hughes (first on a working bell) 1, B. Scoot (first in the method) 2, T. Holehouse 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, W. Hitch 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear 7, R. Webb 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Triples: C. Harwood (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, T. Holehouse 4, W. Collins 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, L. Hughes 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Chambers 1, J. Chambers 2, B. Corbishley 3, K. E. Lovett 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, F. K. Thompson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 9th: A. E. Baverstock 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. J. Cope 4, J. Hallett 5, E. J. Fry 6, K. F. Medway 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, Miss B. Colver 2, L. Kirkland 3, A. A. Lucas 4, J. L. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. K. Deacon 7, A. H. Hough 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th on leaving for service in H.M. Forces.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Bryant 1, Miss J. Powell 2, Miss H. Evans 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6, C. Thomas 7, N. Knight, sen. 8. First in two methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Old and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Miss D. A. Lodge (first in 5 methods) 1, F. R. Goddard 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Peake 1, W. H. Trueman 2, C. Savage 3, T. A. Palmer 4, B. Bladen (cond.) 5, J. Vincent 6. Rung on St. Leonard's Day, and as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to T. A. Palmer.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Spurgin (aged 13, first quarter) 1, S. T. Hume (first 'inside', aged 15) 2, D. L. Mills (aged 13) 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CARDIFF.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. John's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Muller 1, T. Yeomans 2, W. Heath 3, F. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, W. Dare 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, S. Hart 9, S. R. Barker 10. Rung for the mission to Cardiff.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Butterfield 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. B. Porter 4, J. Boustead 5, J. Ling (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6, C. Lightning 7 (covering).

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, a quarter peal: W. Clarke 1, A. Seymour (cond.) 2, A. Struthdee 3, M. J. Clarke 4, P. Harman 5, T. Wallington 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. J. Moxon, interred this day.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Nov. 9th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, Miss M. Bliss 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, Sergt. L. Dixon, R.A.F. (first in the method) 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the dedication festival.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Oliver 1, E. Oliver 2, E. Henderson 3, R. Oliver 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Skelton 6, P. Draffan (cond.) 7, T. Hargreaves 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: F. E. Mitchell 1, R. Davies (first of Cinques as cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, Miss P. Steere 5, P. Humphries 6, E. Razzell 7, W. Oatway 8, T. G. Myers (first of Grandsire Cinques) 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins 11, D. Cooper 12.

EASTRY, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): G. F. Gray 1, M. J. Martin 2, E. J. Walker 3, J. E. Chittenden 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Green (cond.) 1, G. Green 2, W. Furbank 3, B. Sydenham 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. For Remembrance Day.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. M. Palmer 1, G. Smith (aged 13, first quarter) 2, Miss M. M. Middlemiss 3, A. R. Barrett (first as cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5. First quarter by a local band on the bells.

HEREFORD.—On Nov. 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Jarrett 1, W. H. Symonds 2, L. Evans 3, A. W. Davis (cond.) 4, R. Stickley (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. T. Wingate 6, M. P. Moreton 7, L. Quartermain 8. A welcome home to the men of the K.S.L.I., who have returned from Korea.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ward 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, A. Clutton 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, R. Coles 6, C. A. Smith 7, A. L. James 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cox 1, J. Salway 2, Miss R. Lake 3, E. E. Retter 4, D. Callard 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, R. Sandford 8. A birthday compliment to the tower captain (J. Salway). Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. Lake 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Arbury 3, J. Salway 4, A. Tapley 5, C. J. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Recks 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Turner.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: W. G. Lane 1, L. Wood 2, D. K. Lane (first as cond.) 3, B. R. Cummings 4, G. H. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LAWTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boffey 1, R. Arrowsmith 2, P. S. Whalley 3, B. Ferneynough 4, W. Longman 5, A. Heath 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, R. Harper 8.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Margaret's, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Morris 1, E. Morris (comp.) 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (Headingley) 3, T. Bent 4, E. J. Clements 5, W. Tanser 6, C. Walker 7, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 8, J. B. Bennett 9, J. E. Cook 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, C. G. J. Ford 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Reed 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the two world wars, to whom the bells are a memorial.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (consisting of 360 London, 720 Cambridge, 360 Norwich): J. Forder 1, B. Barber 2, I. Fenn 3, C. Long 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Day (cond.) 1, B. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Alderton 4, H. Hollocks 5, R. Chambers 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Everest 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, B. Luck 3, P. Dadds 4, J. Russell 5, A. Hinkley 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8.

READING.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, Miss N. E. Swann 2, R. F. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. Pullen 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 2 and 5.

RIPPINGALE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Marsh (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Adams 2, Mrs. V. Williamson 3, J. Nichols (first 'inside') 4, B. Boyfield 5, N. Whitney 6. Conducted jointly by J. Nichols and N. Whitney. First quarter rung on the six bells by the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 2nd, 1,251 Erin Caters: D. G. Clift 1, H. V. Frost 2, A. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Sayer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, W. J. Southam 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8, T. J. Southam 9, F. J. Spicer 10. First of Erin Caters in the city.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Mrs. K. Watts 4, S. G. Chaplin 5, T. Gwilt 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A farewell to Michael Bartlett, now resident in London. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pat Tuffrey. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, L. Tuffrey 3, S. G. Chaplin (cond.) 4, G. Bailey 5, Mrs. K. Watts 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A 20th anniversary of Mrs. Watts' first ring in 'rounds.'

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, J. Birt 3, B. L. Taylor 4, J. M. Ellwood 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham 7, W. Butler (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Brinkley (first in the method) 1, E. J. Ruiter 2, G. Sollars 3, Mrs. G. Andrews 4, G. Andrews 5, P. Eves (cond.) 6. A farewell to B. Brinkley, who is leaving the district.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rowe 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Mingo 3, Miss B. Smith 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe (cond.) 6, R. Pike 7, B. Vincent 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Union, Norfolk, Old and Plain): A. Cooke 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, R. A. Smith 5, C. Coles 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for harvest festival. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse Union, Norfolk, Old, Plain, Cassington and Grandsire): Rev. Hoyal 1, Rita Thompson 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, Doris Thompson 6. First in ten for all and on the bells. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Union, Cassington, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain and Grandsire): G. Ingham 1, R. Woodcock 2, F. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. Frith 5, C. Coles 6. First in ten methods for 1, 2 and 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Taylor 1, L. H. May 2, E. Richards 3, L. E. Parris (cond.) 4, W. H. Ware 5, R. J. Kelland 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Rung for Remembrance Day.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Jordan 1, H. Markwell 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Wellington (first quarter for over 40 years) 4, B. Collison 5, K. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, A. E. Richardson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Joan Phillips (first on eight bells) 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, B. J. Luff 3, W. L. Weller 4, P. Page 5, J. W. Meade 6, L. Stillwell 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck (first quarter) 1, D. Elwick 2, J. R. Waller 3, W. A. Breckon 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, A. V. Coates 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Ebbutt (first quarter) 1, —. Waters 2, J. Rye 3, R. Stafford 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, —. Amos 6. Rung for patronal festival.

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THE MIRFIELD TAN

Dear Sir,—Recently in 'The Ringing World' various notes have appeared about Kent Treble Bob. A ringer who admired Kent Treble Bob informed us that he would much prefer it if the heavy bells were not so much at the front. The Mirfield Company have accordingly brought out a new call for Kent Treble Bob, which we call 'Tan.' It is called in the same positions as a Bob.

When a 'Tan' is called, the bell dodging 6-5 down goes down quick to make two blows in thirds, then quick out to 5-6; then ordinary Kent Treble Bob work.

The bell that should have gone into the hunt makes 4ths and 3rds and another extra 3rd, then two blows in 4ths place and quick down to lead.

The bell in the hunt snaps with treble, then lays a whole pull to the treble, then snaps with the treble and into the hunt again.

All bells dodging in 5-6, 7-8 9-10, 11-12 do ordinary Kent Treble bob work; there are no three-pull dodging behind when a 'Tan' is called.

We find by Mirfield calls we get better rhythm and more musical changes. Here is a short touch of Minor:—

1 Tan in 4th	} 5 Leads 120 Changes
1 Tan at Home	
2 Bobs at Home	

MAJOR

2 Bobs in the Middle	} 11 Leads 352 Changes
1 Tan in the Middle	
1 Tan in the 4th	
2 Bobs in the Wrong	
2 Bobs in the Home	

ROYAL

2 Bobs in the Middle	} 13 Leads 520 Changes
1 Tan in the Middle	
1 Tan in the 6th	
1 Tan in the 4th	
1 Tan in the 5th	
2 Bobs in the Wrong	
2 Bobs at Home	

Yours faithfully,

A. ROBINSON,
W. SMITH.

Dewsbury, Yorks.

A correspondent comments on 'Tan' as follows:—

From the description given, it seems as if our friends at Mirfield have added an additional seconds and thirds place at the treble lead to what would otherwise be a normal splice of Kent and Oxford at the lead-end.

Kent places	213456	} in a 'Tan' 2-4 also lie still here giving:—
	123465	
	214356	
	124365	
Oxford places	142635	} 124365
	146235	
	146235	
	412653	
	421563	

I suspect this would greatly add to proof difficulties, but in any case it contravenes the Council's decisions regarding calls, so that while it may well be very useful and an ingenious method of keeping the back bells off the slow, it wouldn't be recognised officially.

There are, however, one or two variations of Kent Treble Bob introduced by the Rev. E. B. James about 30 years ago, which are permissible, have the same effect, and are I think, simpler. The two usually rung are 'Cam' and 'Granta.' In these, what really happens is that the treble does a 'slow' (or hunt) work instead of 7-8 in Major, 7-8-9-10 in Royal and 7-8-9-0-E-T in Maximus. The other bells are virtually unaffected.

	CAM	GRANTA
Ordinary Kent to here	61482735	
	16487253	
	61842735	
	18674523	18674523
	81675432	81765432
	81764523	81764523
	18765432	18765432
	17856342	17856342
	71853624	71583624
	71586342	71856342
	17583624	17583624
	15738264	15738264
Ordinary Kent onwards	As with Cam	

OUTINGS

YATTON, SOMERSET

An enjoyable day was spent by Yatton ringers and friends on November 5th. Ringing took place at South Petherton, Crewkerne, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey and Queen Camel.

Methods rung during the day were Cambridge and Oxford Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

The thanks of the party are expressed to all tower captains and steeplekeepers, as well as the various Incumbents for permission to use their bells, and also to Mr. H. A. Price for his admirable arrangements.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN

On October 4th Kilburn ringers, with friends and families, spent an enjoyable day in and around Northamptonshire. Ringing took place at Weedon (8), Staverton (6), Daventry (8), Wilborough (6) and Braunston (6).

Methods rung during the day included Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge, with some excellent rounds by learners. Grateful thanks go to all friends at every tower who made the visitors so welcome.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing after at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck. 1671

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.E. Branches.—By-meeting, South Molton (8), Nov. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No business meeting. Names for tea, please.—Miss Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 1656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held in Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Room, 4.45 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets limited, 2s. 6d. each (cash and stamp, please) from B. J. Luck. 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1626

WESTON, BATH, BELLS GO TO FOUNDRY

For the first time in 213 years there are no bells to be heard in the 13th century tower of All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath. The old Thomas Bilbie ring of six has been taken to Loughborough for retuning and the addition of two treble bells and a complete restoration costing over £1,000 is now in progress. The founders have been given a free hand and the work includes provision of a new frame, new iron headstocks, wheels and the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings.

To mark the last Sunday service ringing on the old six, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung after evensong on October 5th by six of the oldest stalwarts of the band. Those taking part were: Harry R. Staggs 1, George H. Cross 2, David J. Targett 3, George H. Brewer 4, Sealy S. Woodburn (conductor and tower master) 5, Hubert J. Ellis 6.

It is hoped to have the restored ring ready by Easter of next year and preparations are already being made for a big rededication service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1.251 Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss S. Booth 3, C. A. Hughes 4, L. W. Bullock 5, C. W. Otley 6, E. E. Holman 7, C. E. Willmington 8, E. D. Smith 9, J. Bullock 10.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Buckland Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 1636

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton, Hants (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, from 5.30. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 1659

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Titchfield (6). Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 in Parish Room.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 1657

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 7.15 p.m., advanced practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.15 p.m., general practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. 1703

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Open Ringing Day, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2.30. Short service 4.30. Teas 5, light or substantial, at nearby cafe. Come and enjoy these rehung bells.—C. Glenn. 1595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Please advise me if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 1692

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Staley, on Nov. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Nov. 26th, Mr. S. Hodgson, 111, Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 1683

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Branch.—Meeting at Berkswell, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1701

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh (12). Saturday, Nov. 29th; 3 p.m.—A. L. Bennett Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1680

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough (8), Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to R. J. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 1696

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at Sedgley. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45. Numbers for tea not later than Nov. 25th, please.—F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 1700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Westerleigh, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 1688

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's Chippenham, Nov. 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th.—R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 1674

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Business includes nominations for District officers for 1953. Tea will be arranged if possible, if not, local cafes available. Full details next week.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 1689

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot on Saturday Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notify for tea, by previous Wednesday, to G. S. Joyce, 130, Shin Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 1684

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1672

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford (near Gates Corner, South Woodford), Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Leytonstone bells (8) from 6.30. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Bailey, The Gables, Avenue Road, Bishop's Stortford. 1667

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Liversedge, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify, by Nov. 26th. Mrs. Jones, 8, Prospect Terrace, Hightown, Liversedge. Meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 1698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Thurnby, Nov. 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, meeting, 5 p.m. Names to L. Wykes, 4, Council Houses, Bushby. 1682

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Nov. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea shops in town. Business meeting 6 p.m. in belfry.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 1691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Duston, Nov. 29th. Names for tea essential, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 1676

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 1678

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 29th, in Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, at 7 p.m., followed by social evening. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2—3, St. Maurice's (6) 3.30—5, Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) 2—4, Alresford (8) 2.30—4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's 5.15. Tickets (8s.) from Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1658

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Wednesday, Nov. 26th. Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1669

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—The restored and augmented ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Dunwich at a special service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers and friends welcome. 1665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Dec. 6th. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at the Cottage Cafe. Early notification for tea, please.—F. Farrant, Martock. 1705

DEVON GUILD.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth, St. Andrew's, Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in St. Andrew's Chapel 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Lower Abbey Hall. Names by Dec. 1st, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1613

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly and executive meeting, Ripley (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 1698

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Waltham (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th—amended date. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, The Chase, Boreham. 1577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 6th. Bells (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Notify for tea.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 1685

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Borden (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, to C. S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 1702

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before Nov. 29th, to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 1666

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Liverpool, Dec. 6th. Ringing at St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church (8), 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. and 6.30—8 p.m. Emmanuel Church (8), West Derby Road, 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m. & 2.30—4.30 p.m. St. Nicholas' Church (12), Pier Head, 2.30—4.30 p.m., 6.30—8 p.m. Lunch at Stork Hotel, Queen Square, 1 p.m., 10s. 6d. High tea 7s. 6d. Applications for tickets by Nov. 29th to Hon. Sec., C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 1704

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Hampstead Norris, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. J. Weaving, Hackney Bottom, Hampstead Norris. 1687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Dec. 3rd.—M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 1697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Dec. 3rd, to R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 1694

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at All Saints', Benilton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall after service. Nominations for District Officers. Notice for tea, by Dec. 4th, to Mr. Gosden, 12, Meadow Close, Sutton, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 1690

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Gorseinon, Sat., Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names please, by Nov. 29th.—A. J. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 1675

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—The restored ring of eight will be rededicated by the Ven. G. F. Townley, M.A., Archdeacon of York, at morning service, 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome. Afternoon ringing at 3.15 p.m. 1693

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing, St. Mark's (new 8), 2.30—3.30. Service at St. Petrock's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. David's Institute, St. David's Hill, 4.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 7.8—8.30 p.m. Other Exeter towers if requested. Names by Dec. 9th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1677

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Wednesday, Dec. 10th. Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds. Special business: Election of new committee member: nominations to be sent to the District Secretary. Members please note these arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1686

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—The 9th Annual Dinner will take place in London on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1953. Details will be circulated soon. Prospective new members please communicate with Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. 1655

EGHAM RINGERS FORM A SOCIETY

Egham ringers on October 28th formed the Egham Parish Church Society of Bellringers with the following officers:—President, the Rev. J. Northridge (Vicar); vice-presidents, Dr. R. O. Olphert and Mr. W. H. Harbott (churchwardens); Ringing Master, Mr. W. A. Peck; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. I. Shepherd; librarian, Mr. M. W. Harbott.

Matters discussed were social activities for the winter, the opening of funds for the efficient control of the sound of the bells, replacement of ropes, redecoration of the ringing chamber and preservation of the frame and fittings and for the provision of additional handbells for tune and change-ringing.

Sunday ringing is 10-10.55 a.m. and 5.30-6.25 p.m. The weekly practice will be held on Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30 handbells; 7.30-9 tower bells.

The meeting was attended by 12 members of the local band and Mr. F. J. Dodson, Ringing Master of the Chertsey District.

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