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PEAL ATTEMPT

IT was Thursday when Alan rang up and said, 'Would you like to ring a peal on Saturday afternoon?' Playing for time and trying not to sound too alarmed, I said, 'Where?' Alan replied that it was at Betchworth and that he was asking me to stand in for Freda, who had hurt her foot and couldn't make it. 'What are you ringing?' I asked. 'Grandsire Triples,' he replied. I took my courage in both hands and said, 'Yes, I'll do it.' Alan said he was very pleased, and I too felt a certain pride in the thought that I had been asked to stand in a peal. I'd never rung one before and it would be quite an experience. Oh yes, on Thursday I felt very cocky about it.

On Friday a little shadow of doubt crept into my mind. A peal took a long time to ring—nearly three hours. Three hours of complete concentration—one mustn't let one's mind wander for an instant. Could I do it? It was Triples, too, and I was much more used to Doubles. True I had rung a quarter of Grandsire Triples—but a peal—that was a different matter. I went through all the motions and mechanics of the method in my mind. Yes, I could remember it—I should know what to do. But would it be as easy in the tower at Betchworth on Saturday? I told myself angrily that of course it would and that I was being ridiculous. All the same—rather like a drowning man grasps at a straw—I began to hope that Alan would ring again and say that someone else had dropped out and that they would have to call off the attempt, but it was a false hope and I didn't hear from him.

Saturday came. In the morning I did my usual chores—the hairdresser, arranging the flowers in the church, things in which I normally take pleasure, but to-day they were spoiled by the small black cloud that lurked on my horizon—that afternoon I had committed myself to ring in a peal, and I didn't want to. I tried to shake off this stupid depression and apprehension. There was absolutely no reason to feel like this—I was behaving like a child. It was a gorgeous autumn afternoon, mellow and golden, but somehow I couldn't enjoy it, and I arrived at Betchworth

feeling very, very frightened. One by one the band arrived. Pat, who was conducting, said, 'It'll deserve a leading article in "The Ringing World," Nancy, if we get this peal.' Everyone said of course we would get it. I wished I could have felt as confident as they.

We started. Pat said, 'There's a bob in the first lead, so don't panic.' I didn't. Perhaps it wasn't going to be so bad after all. We had been ringing for about forty minutes or so, and I discovered to my surprise that I was beginning to enjoy it. Then it happened—five or six whacking great thuds. What on earth was it? Had something happened to the bells? Was someone trying to get in? We looked round at each other, mutely asking the same questions. And then I suddenly realised I'd no idea of what place I was in or what I should be doing next. It soon became apparent to Pat that the two and five had crossed over. Sadly 'Stand' was called and our peal was no more.

But the mystery remained. What had caused the noise? The bells were all right and no one was trying to get in. What could it be? Alan did some investigating. There was a water tank in the belfry and for some reason, possibly because of an airlock in the pipe, when water was drawn from down below it caused these thumpings and bangings. The mystery was solved, but I cannot help feeling it had cost us our peal. Anyway, we rang a quarter afterwards, so the afternoon wasn't really wasted.

Later when we were talking in the churchyard I said to Pat, 'I'd like to have another try some time if you wouldn't mind putting up with me.' Pat said of course we could try again and that we must fix something up. On my way home with horror I realised what I had said—I'd like to try again. And that meant once more I would have to go through that appalling apprehension and doubt and nervousness. What a fool I was—I'd let myself in for it all over again. Oh well, never mind, I dare say I will enjoy it as much as I did this last time!

By the way, Pat said he expected an article in 'The Ringing World' if we scored the peal. I don't know, but I think unsuccessful peal attempts as well as the successful ones deserve some publicity, don't you?

NANCY KEMPESELL.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEOFFREY PAUL Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	WALTER TOMLINSON 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	RAYMOND F. SMITH 10
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 11
JOHN WALDEN 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 6
GORDON A. HALLS 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE 7
†BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	ROBIN G. TURNER 8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 4	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 9
HAROLD TAYLOR 5	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS and DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor. This composition contains eight courses in the 'tittums' position and the 6th home throughout.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

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

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
GORDON A. HALLS 3	JOHN A. ACRES 8
PHYLLIS POOLE 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS 9
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER 5	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
*ALAN R. PINK 2	STANLEY E. DARMON 6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
JAMES WALLMAN 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO Treble	ALAN F. ELLIS 5
*LEONARD J. MINNS 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 3	†PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE 7
E. AUSTIN HEAD 4	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal of Major, † First of Major 'inside' and as conductor.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER MAHER Treble	GEOFFREY S. MILLS 5
BARRIE HENDRY 2	J. BARRY PICKUP 6
DEREK BUTTERWORTH 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD 4	NORMAN SMITH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the second and seventh.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

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

PHYLLIS POOLE Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	G. HARRY BRAY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT 6
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE 7
WALTER W. MILLER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RUTH S. HODGSON Treble	JOHN R. COOPER 5
JAMES H. PAILING 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 6
*CHARLES COLES 3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 7
DERMOT J. ROAF 4	DONALD H. NIBLETT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

The first peal in the method by all the band.

Rung on the birthday of Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) Treble	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) 5
JO M. BOISSARD (Girton) 2	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 6
D. H. B. WILLIAMSON (Caius) 3	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) 7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sci.) Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to F. B. Cookson (Master) on the eve of his 21st birthday.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob Twenty-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.	
WALTER LEE Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
ARTHUR FOXALL 2	ARTHUR NEWTON 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	JOHN D. KAPE 7
DAVID A. CORNWALL 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
L. R. HALL Treble	E. STITCH 5
H. WYRE 2	H. J. SHUCK 6
A. G. HALL 3	A. J. PITMAN 7
H. WHITE 4	W. T. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung in memoriam Arthur Wyre.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Groves' variation).	Tenor 14 cwt.
THOMAS SENIOR Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND 5
LESLIE SMITH 2	DENNIS HOLLAND 6
GEORGE R. HINER 3	BARRY HOLLAND 7
RONALD BIRCH 4	LESLIE LEACH Tenor

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*DAVID S. FROME Treble	WALTER A. PECK 5
†PATRICIA DOORN 2	ARNOLD S. HARRIS 6
RONALD I. SHEPPARD 3	E. JOHN WELLS 7
*MARGARET L. GIBSON 4	MARTYN W. HARBOTT Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Strong), and as a compliment to the ringer of the sixth on his engagement.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 137 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH 6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3	GORDON BENFIELD 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.
*DOUGLAS G. BYNG Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
GILLIAN E. BROWN 2	†WILLIAM NEWION 6
NOEL J. DISERENS 3	RONALD F. DISERENS 7
FRANK W. LEWIS 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	†STANLEY JENNER 5
*GEORGE FRY 2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHEIT .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	BRIAN BLADON 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 4	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge.

First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

In memoriam Frank Bennett.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*MARGARET ROSS Treble	GEOFFREY HOPKINSON 5
DAVID W. JAMES 2	†ALAN SHARPLES 6
†BARRIE HENDRY 3	JOHN F. BRYANT 7
CAROL EUSTACE 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise for the Guild.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Eustace, secretary of the Guild.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. Treble	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	CYRIL LOW 6
HARRY POYNER 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
JACK ASHCROFT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 43 lb.

GEORGE S. DEAS Treble	EDMUND P. CROWDY 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
ENID SOFTLEY 3	CHARLES N. LEA 7
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. McGuinness and Mrs. D. A. Bayles.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*TERRY I. ROPER Treble	G. HARRY BRAY 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
ROGER K. STRETTON 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob.



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SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, K. AND M.,

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*C. JACK GIBSON Treble	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
MURIEL R. PAGE 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	*PETER S. BEDFORD 7
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Treble	RICHARD F. ROE 5
*RAYMOND H. IDLE 2	GEORGE CARE 6
*†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*PETER M. GILES 7
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First peal on eight bells.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 5
*DAVID T. NORTH 2	*WILLIAM F. SLOcombe .. 6
*STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. 3	GORDON WALFORD 7
†PATRICK J. BIRD 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	CECIL RADDON 5
DAVID YOUNG 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
GEOFFREY MILLS 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY 7
*DEREK YATES 4	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the baptism of Kyra Dawn Golley, grand-daughter of Mr. H. Gorton, tower captain of the above tower.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*J. LAWRENCE QUEEN .. Treble	DAVID FORDER 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	†DON C. EXELL 6
*JOHN P. MACDERMOTT .. 3	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN 7
*EVE PEARSON 4	RAYMOND E. FINCH Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LUDLOW DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 124, 127, 128).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

DEREK P. JONES Treble	*PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) 2	VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Delight. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.5), rung without previous practice.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the restoration and augmentation of the bells.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Grandsire, eight extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 extents of Plain Bob.

EDWIN F. G. JONES .. Treble	ERIC BILLINGS 3
GEORGE F. ROOME 2	JIM C. RAINBOW 4

*RICHARD G. CHATER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal.

To celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Captain and Mrs. R. C. Grant-Rennick, of Litchborough.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Canterbury Reverse and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr., approx.

*RICHARD RAVEN Treble	DAPHNE J. POLLARD (14) .. 4
MARIE R. CROSS 2	ALAN R. PINK 5
†RUTH PATON 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. S. Brutton, who was inducted as Vicar of Radley that day.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Stanwell Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER F. SWAN Treble	*CHRISTOPHER G. BURGESS 4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE 2	*CHRISTOPHER B. FYNNEs 5
.. .. 3	*MALCOLM G. LANE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

CLIVE WALKLATE (14) .. Treble	PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13) 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in five methods.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN HOLDEN Treble	DAVID GILBERT 4
GEORGE ATKINSON 2	KENNETH LAWSON 5
NORMAN SMITH 3	MARY J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal.

WEYBREAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	ROBERT PLUMMER 4
E. AUSTIN HEAD 2	GEORGE FILBY, JUN. 5
CYRIL J. BARBER 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Second peal on the bells, the first being on December 8th, 1934.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	DOUGLAS THORP .. 4
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	PETER DAWSON .. 5
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 3	DAVID ATKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

* First peal.

An 80th birthday compliment to Sam Helliwell, of Bramley, Yorkshire.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt, 14 lb.

JACK BRAY Treble	HARRY HALL 4
RONALD CHAFFER 2	MICHAEL CROWDER .. 5
SEPTIMUS NEAVE 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WEST .. Treble	L. MICHAEL NOAD .. 4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung for the 9th birthday of Prince Charles.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	LEONARD G. THOMPSON .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

BRADDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods: Four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Chase and Old, ten of Plain Bob (four callings), and 20 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr, 2 lb.

ERIC BILLINGS .. Treble	*GLADYS A. ASHBY .. 3
VICTOR A. PERRY .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. 4

DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

*JUNE R. RICHARDSON .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 4
FRANK C. PRICE .. 2	*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 5
.. 3	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal.

Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Francis John Michael Dean, M.A., to this parish on Thursday, November 14th, 1957.

ERLESTOKE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARCHIBALD KNIGHT .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 4
†DAVID KNIGHT .. 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

GREAT PONTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being six extents of Stedman, three each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place Bob, nine of Plain Bob, five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and ten of Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN HUNT .. Treble	DENIS A. FRITH .. 3
PETER E. PARRY .. 2	ROY STEPHENSON .. 4

J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

First peal in eight Doubles methods on the bells, and by all the hand except the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 9 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 18000 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Bourne Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) London Surprise, (7) Durham Surprise, (8) Wells Surprise, (9) York Surprise, (10) St. Clement's Bob, (11) Childwall Bob, (12) College Exercise Treble Bob, (13) Norbury T.B., (14) Duke of Norfolk T.B., (15) Beverley Surprise, (16) Surfleet Surprise, (17) Double Oxford Bob, (18) Thelwall Bob, (19) London Scholars' Treble Bob, (20) Kingston T.B., (21) Sandal T.B., (22) Cambridge Surprise, (23) Oxford Treble Bob, (24) Kent T.B. and (25) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	WALTER ARNOLD .. 4
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Believed to be the longest length of Minor rung.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, eight of Old Doubles, four of Plain Bob, six of April Day and 20 of Grandsire, with 27 different callings. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 1-2	RONALD G. BECK .. 3-4
†ERIC C. WADMAN .. 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal in five methods of Doubles away from tenors. † First peal in five methods of Doubles.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,880 London, 960 Cambridge, 736 Bristol and 480 Superlative, with 118 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*STANLEY E. DARMON .. 1-2	†JEAN A. DARMON .. 5-6
*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Surprise on handbells as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7-8

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, I. C. Forrest (first in Minor 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown (100th quarter peal) 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Charles Batten, former ringer in this tower, who was killed on active service during the second world war, 1939-1945. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, R. D. Brown (first in method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Frank Bennett, who passed away on November 10th.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, D. Salter 3, L. Morrell (first 'inside') 4, R. Trickey 5, J. Smith 6.

BEKLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Mary Ward 1, Jean Jones 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. Milsed 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Dadds 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Sayer, aged 93, ringer and captain at this tower for many years, interred in this church the same day.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: N. A. James 1, B. Taylor 2, G. J. Stickland 3, T. T. Lewis 4, G. R. Marchant (first in method as cond.) 5, B. R. Kingston (first quarter) 6. First in method by all except conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, T. Haines (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance-tide. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bird (first quarter) 1, S. Silsby (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Coleman 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, N. Line 5. For Remembrance service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Riddington 1, A. W. Bond 2, A. W. Gravett 3, E. R. Rapley 4, R. V. Johnson 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, L. Stillwell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Bennett, who was interred this day in his 89th year.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Hunt 1, Miss M. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, G. M. Nichols 4, V. E. Lucas 5, A. C. Baker 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. Hussey 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Easton and family, who have left for New Zealand. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Smith 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, D. J. Hunt 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4. For Evensong and as a wedding compliment to Miss Miriam James. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hussey (first away from tenor) 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, Mrs. N. Dart 4, Miss M. Smith 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, F. Skidmore 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Hughes 1, G. Minty 2, A. T. Weeks 3, F. Parramore 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, Jim Hughes 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Audrey Hughes to Mr. Clive Leach, of Devizes. The bride is cousin to the ringers of 1 and 6 and a ringer at this church.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Pantan 1, I. R. Pantan 2, W. Glover 3, R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, H. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. David Smith, chairman of the Parish Council.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, Mrs. B. Chatfield 2, Mrs. E. Philpott 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, J. Stockbridge 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. A. H. Sayer.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Ann Williams (first quarter) 2, M. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift (cond.) 4, P. G. Badcock 5, T. W. Taylor 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Shuttle 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, F. T. Blagrove 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Aspinall 1, J. Armstrong (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, A. Anstey 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, B. Martin 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the foundation of Dagenham County High School.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Spice 1, B. Aldridge 2, E. H. Jones 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, B. Boyce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. W. Richardson, of St. John's, Deptford, interred this day. Five towers were represented.

EYESHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 14th, at the Bell Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Selby 1, Miss P. A. Turk 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, R. W. Selby 4, Miss B. M. Smith 5, C. B. Longmore 6, G. C. Hemming 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,792 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: B. J. Woodruffe 1, S. Hough (jun.) 2, Mrs. E. Barton 3, E. Ellison 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, H. Kirk 6, N. D. Lomas 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mrs. K. B. Smith, wife of Isaac Smith, who died on October 30th.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Walshaw 1, A. Smith 2, N. Tompkins 3, J. Thornley 4, D. Butterworth 5, H. Hamer 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David Paterson Roberts (priest), Vicar of Whiston, Liverpool, who died on October 25th.

FRESHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Thayer (first quarter) 1, Anne Heath (cond.) 2, Patricia Badland (first quarter) 3, C. Beadle 4, D. Shephard 5, K. Badland (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. V. Baker 1, W. F. Eyden 2, I. Markham (first of Minor) 3, R. Chater 4, M. Bennett 5, A. C. Cozens (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. Booth (first of Grandsire) 1, P. S. Kay 2, J. M. Kay 3, D. W. Pimlott 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, C. Halliwell 6, D. K. Whittington 7, H. K. Button 8. First quarter for all except 1 and 5. For patronal festival Evensong.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Duffield 1, J. H. L. Bick 2, E. White 3, Ann Fundrey 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain Bob): R. Woodcock 1, Miss M. A. Essen (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Essen 3, D. Hawkins 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne 3, R. Seabrook (cond.) 4, R. J. Fruin 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Dorothy Saunders 1, G. M. Rouse 2, R. Wilson 3, B. Dibben 4, H. Weaver 5, June Clements 6, D. Mitchell (first in method) 7, R. P. Wood (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Judith D. Funnell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, G. Beeny (cond.) 4, F. H. Beeny 5, T. J. Matthews 6. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: P. Newton 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, A. Foxall 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8. First in method for all the Sunday service band. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Wilson 1, J. D. Kape 2, D. Cornwall 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Miss W. Harewood 1, E. Amey 2, P. Cox 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Sweet 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 3. A loyal compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles on his ninth birthday the previous day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. R. Picton 1, K. Waples (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. For Evensong.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Royal (P.B. start): E. G. L. Coward 1, Patricia Smea 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Winch 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. S. Harris (first of Surprise Royal) 7, A. H. Smith 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. V. Young 10.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, A. Cross 2, D. Farthing 3, Miss K. North 4, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 5, A. Bates 6, G. Lister 7, R. Blewett 8. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Baldwin, who is still a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. G. Pepper (first quarter) 1, L. Mitchell (first as cond.) 2, Hazel V. Dadson 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Wraight 6. For Remembrance service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Forward 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss A. Mellor (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. Bird, Vicar from 1924 to 1946, and for Remembrance Sunday.

PAWLETT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: C. Clark 1, F. Sweet 2, K. Prime (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short 5. First in method for 2, 3 and 4.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Parker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. W. Haw 2, J. W. Haw 3, F. Boyall (first 'inside') 4, G. Bush 5, H. Goakes 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, J. Roffe 8. Rung for the rededication service by the Bishop of Peterborough.

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QUARTER PEALS

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Nov. 16th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Glenys Evans 1, B. R. Kingston 2, G. J. Stickland 3, T. T. Lewis (cond.) 4, B. Taylor 5, G. R. Marchant 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Baldock 1, Emily B. P. Walker 2, F. J. Cheal 3, J. Hale 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, L. B. Dobbie 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service. Also on Nov. 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, Miss H. V. Dadson 2, L. Mitchell 3, J. Hale 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, L. B. Dobbie 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, R. Nye (first quarter) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to P. C. Raymond Nye, member of the above tower, now stationed with the Kent County Police Force at Gravesend.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. J. Barber 1, Miss B. Gyrett 2, E. A. Head 3, C. A. Thompson 4, L. E. Etheridge 5, R. Plummer 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, W. J. Platt (cond.) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Tjalling 1, Susan Chaddock 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 10th. 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. F. Sayer 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, F. J. Spicer 3, H. G. Mason 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, T. J. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8, G. W. Debenham 9, R. J. Porter 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Nov. 9th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Glenys Evans (first quarter) 1, B. R. Kingston (first 'inside') 2, L. I. Hulbert 3, G. R. Marchant 4, T. T. Lewis (first as cond.) 5, W. Dare 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 10th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, H. Howson 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (cond.) 8. First quarter on augmented eight. Rung half-muffled by local band for Remembrance Sunday. First of Major for 2, 3 and 4.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 12th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, S. E. Mynott 2, G. Johnson 3, F. Warboys 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. W. Smith, churchwarden.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 17th. quarter peal of Bristol Surprise Major: Miss D. Colgate 1, Mrs. S. Dobbie 2, R. V. Fuller 3, C. Tester 4, E. A. Barnett 5, P. N. Bond 6, W. Dobbie 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4 and 7.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Swan 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th. 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Peter's Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): Miss D. Thomson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, Miss R. Thomson 6. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Dixon 1, P. Gray (cond.) 2, J. Lavers 3, W. Naylor 4, R. Brocklehurst 5, M. Hill 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, C. R. Steed 2, F. C. Lyne 3, J. A. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, N. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Findon 9, F. G. Kinchin 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Brookes, for over 40 years a regular ringer at this church.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. G. Mansfield 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, F. Eyden 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield (cond.) 2, G. G. Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, A. W. Mansfield 5. Both rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Miss V. Rain (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, L. S. Woods 3, F. Digby 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, M. C. Austin 6, R. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. Duncan 8. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss V. Pain.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, J. Goode 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, F. A. Ginns 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Peterborough on his first visit to Weldon. Also on Nov. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lyons 1, K. Bradshaw (first 'inside') 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th. 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, Miss M. Hobbs 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, H. C. Jones 4, M. E. Stracey 5, R. Throsby 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ireland (first quarter) 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Webber 4, G. Gammon 5, C. Baker 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Mullins 1, Kathleen Mallinson (first quarter) 2, D. Elwick 3, G. W. White 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance Day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Bagworth 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, E. Jacobs (first of Major away from treble) 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (first of Major as cond.) 8.

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To mark his 80th birthday, Sir George Eddy has asked the Vicar of Kidderminster (Canon R. B. Jolly) to accept as an offering of thanks the gift of electric bell-ringing equipment for the church. Comments 'The Birmingham Post': 'The Vicar, who has seldom had enough ringers for the 12 bells, has been thankful to see an old problem solved just before he retires.'

New officers at Tewkesbury Abbey are: tower captain, Michael Sprackling; tower secretary, Ernest Leach.

With the peal of Minor at New Mills on November 12th Mr. James Fernley, of Norbury, has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Brian E. Jeffrey, of Edenbridge, Kent, who has just completed his National Service, wishes to thank members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild for their hospitality and kindness to him while stationed with the Royal Army Pay Corps at Northampton.

On November 13th the ashes of Canon J. R. Collins, for 26 years the vicar of St. Mary-de-Castro Church, Leicester, until his death two years ago, were laid under the floor of the church at a special service. Unfortunately, a muffled peal was lost at St. Mary's. To his memory a peal was rung at the Campanile, Loughborough. The Canon was a great friend of Mr. Paul Taylor.

Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has resigned the presidency of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The Guild has shown its appreciation of her devoted service by electing her as hon. president. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Shurcliff has been in hospital for an operation and hope that by now she has made a complete recovery.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In our peal columns this week is Mr. Henry C. Sharpe, who at the age of 83 rang a peal at Wilburton on November 18th. He rang his first peal 61 years ago, which was the first peal on Wilburton bells, and has been ringing for 68 years.

Mr. Richard W. Logie, for many years associated with Barton Parish Church, has died in Leicester Infirmary in his 94th year.

Will 'D. G. P.' kindly send his name and full address to the Editor. Without this his letter cannot be considered for publication.

The band which rang the peal of Ludlow Delight at Denby would like to associate the peal with the memory of the late Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Whiston, Lancs.

One of the young ringers of Rotherham writes thanking Jayfus for his praise [see 'R.W.', November 15th], but adds: 'The credit should go to Mr. N. Chaddock, who has devoted many many hours to teaching us.'

Congratulations to Mr. C. M. Heathcote, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who recently attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive the M.B.E. awarded in the Queen's birthday honours list. Mr. Heathcote is hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association of Change Ringers.

Five old students and a present member of the staff rang a quarter peal at Dagenham on November 13th in honour of the foundation of Dagenham County High School. The performance was even more creditable since three members of the band had done little or no ringing for five years or more. All, with the exception of Mr. Anstey, the present Master, had been trained at Dagenham during the immediate post-war period, but because of jobs and further education had drifted away. The quarter became, therefore, something of a reunion.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the annual meeting at the Society's headquarters on November 16th, the principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The treasurer (Mr. C. G. J. Watts) presented the accounts, which were approved.

A departure was made from usual custom, and the retiring Master (Wing-Commander J. S. Mason) was voted to remain in the chair after ordinary business, and to conduct the election of the officers. The following were elected: Master, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk; treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. W. Williams; junior steward, Mr. B. K. Lunn; trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood; secretary, Mr. J. Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex.

Tributes were paid to the retiring Master for his splendid work during his two years in office, and to the retiring secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck) for 20 years of devoted and loyal service. Good wishes were expressed to his successor, Mr. John Chilcott, for a successful period of office, it being stressed that the usual period is not less than 20 years!

JAYFUS.

'FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING IN CHURCHES'

There were 1,132 fires in churches and other places of worship in the United Kingdom in the five years from 1951 to 1955. This is evidence enough that those who have charge of places of worship may benefit from some guidance on fire precautions. It is desirable that they should be aware of the most likely causes of fire, such as faulty, badly-installed or ageing heating and lighting systems, and should have some plan of action ready to deal with fire if it does occur.

Guidance on these and other matters can be found in this new Fire Protection Association booklet, which has been prepared in collaboration with the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Copies of the booklet are being distributed by the Central Council to every church of the Church of England and to members of diocesan advisory councils, diocesan architects and other interested persons. Churches of other denominations will also be receiving copies.

The booklet is divided into two sections, the first containing precautions which can be put into effect by the church authorities and the second consisting of more detailed notes for architects, builders and contractors. It is illustrated by a number of photographs and interest is stimulated by the series of humorous drawings by the well-known artist 'Acanthus.'

Copies of the booklet, 'Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting in Churches,' are available to the general public on payment of 2s. 6d. per copy, from the Fire Protection Association, 15, Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

For several years the Northern District meetings at Norton have not been well-attended, but the latest, on November 2nd, was very successful, with 24 members at tea, and visitors during the afternoon and evening. At the business meeting Mr. K. Fleming, of Marston (Beds), was elected a non-resident life member.

The Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service, and during his address emphasised his wish for a fully-muffled Maundy Thursday peal. Mrs. E. Ulrich played the organ. Ringing continued until 8.30, the bells being dropped in peal at the end of a very satisfactory meeting.

J. S.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

14 New Members Elected at Annual Meeting

About 30 members attended the annual meeting of the University Society of London on October 26th. Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, a short service, conducted by the Rev. E. G. Turner (St. Giles', Cripplegate), and tea, prepared by three lady members, preceded the business meeting, at which the president (Dr. Denis Layton) presided.

In his report the Master (John Armstrong) said success and progress had been the keystones of the Society during the year, and in almost every field an advance had been made. Seven peals were rung, a record for one session, and four lost and one drawn! 'The last named, Stedman Caters at Rickmansworth, quietly expired after an hour's ringing, neither side—ringers or bells—preparing to admit defeat.

The secretary (David Priestley) mentioned that subscriptions from 19 members were overdue and they had ceased to receive the Society's circulars. Additions to the library included Scott Parry's book on handbell ringing (from Mr. A. A. Hughes), a book on Norwich and the Broads (Mr. Nolan Golden), and 'Church Bells of Flintshire' (Mr. Ronald Clouston, the author, who is a member). Both the Master and the secretary thanked the Rev. A. Powell Miller for his help and interest during the year.

An encouraging start to the session's activities was the election of 14 new members. In accepting his re-election, the president intimated that this would be his last term of office, as he felt the position should not remain with one person for too long. Alan Thirsk was elected vice-president in recognition of his services, and Philip Gray and Geoffrey Carter re-elected. The new Master is Roger Kceley, secretary and treasurer Beverley Thompson, and committee Margaret Floyer, John Armstrong and Dennis Beresford.

The final choice for the Whitsun tour was left to the annual dinner, suggestions being Leicestershire, Haslemere or Thames Valley and Mayfield, Sussex. Four possibilities were considered for the summer tour, and finally Philip Gray's suggestion of Somerset was accepted. The tour will be in the last week of August instead of the customary week preceding the Bank Holiday. The date of the annual dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 15th, arrangements being left to the committee.

Margaret Floyer proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, which included the Rev. E. G. Turner. Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (for playing the organ), and the rector for the use of the bells and church hall. Films of scenes from two Whitsun tours and the Broadland holiday proved very popular.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deanery Branch was held at Pinchbeck on November 16th, attended by about 40 members from South Lincolnshire.

There was 1½ hours' ringing at St. Mary's Church tower, with Mr. J. G. Ames, of Spalding, as leader. Tea was served at the Bull Inn after a service in church, conducted by the Vicar of Pinchbeck (Rev. J. M. Corley).

A short business meeting was held, at which Mr. Alan Richardson, of Brigg, and formerly captain of the Pinchbeck team, presided. Two new members were elected.

A further two-hour period was spent in the tower and the day concluded with a social evening at the Bull clubroom. Mr. R. C. Noon, of Spalding, being M.C. Mr. Roy Withyman, of Pinchbeck, thanked the organisers.

RECORD LENGTH OF MINOR 25 Extents in 9 Hours 35 Minutes

CONGRATULATIONS will be extended to the Essex Association band which established a new long-length record in Minor by ringing 25 extents in different methods at Stisted on Saturday, November 16th, in 9 hours and 35 minutes.

The peal started at 12 noon, and Mr. Edwin Jennings, who was asked to listen to the peal, reports that he heard 19 of the 25 720's. The first was rung in 23½ minutes, and the other extents were rung around 23 minutes with ¼ to ½ minute either side with monotonous regularity. The ringing was of a high order.

The only 'casualty' was Terry Earle; his hands were 'hanging in blisters' at the end. All the band seemed to be quite fresh afterwards (except for Terry's hands).

Some amusement was caused throughout the peal by the third ringer, who had to stand very close to a wooden staircase, and he occasionally either struck his arm or head against the woodwork, especially when he wanted to help himself to some refreshment.

Walter Arnold cycled from Earl's Colne, a distance of about six miles, and rang the peal most excellently. He partook of no refreshment of any sort and cycled home afterwards.

After the peal some beer was had at the local inn and then came a meat supper, kindly given by Mrs. Earle (Terry's mother, 'who thought we were all mad'). The thanks of the band are due to her. 'And so,' writes the conductor, 'ended a successful and happy day.'

THE BAND

Treble.—Brian J. Howard, aged 22 years, has rung about 60 peals. He comes from Southend and learnt his ringing under J. B. Lufkin as a lad at Prittlewell.

Second.—Joe E. G. Roast is 21 years old and has rung about 140 peals. He comes from Danbury, Essex, and is already one of the leading conductors in Essex. Joe is now doing his National Service with the R.A.F.

Third.—Howard W. Egglestone, aged 21 years, has rung about 70 peals. He comes from Fryerning, Essex.

Fourth.—Walter Arnold, who is about 50 years old. He is verging of the Parish Church at Earl's Colne, Essex, and has rung between 300 and 400 peals.

Fifth.—Frank B. Lufkin, the conductor, is 46 years old. He has rung over 400 peals and is now attached to the Bocking band. For 25 years previously he was Master of Prittlewell band. Has rung lengths of 9,000, 11,568 and 12,740 changes.

Tenor.—Terry Earle, of Stisted, aged 20 years, who has rung 125 peals.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD'S SUCCESSFUL DINNER

WHEN it was suggested that the sixth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford should be held at Tamworth, there were those who doubted whether sufficient support would be forthcoming to make the function a success. The dinner took place at the Castle Hotel, Tamworth, on November 9th, when the attendance of 107 was only one less than the number at Walsall last year—an answer to the critics.

As on previous occasions, the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) presided, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, the Vicar of Tamworth and Mrs. Jones, the Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall, and Mrs. Bond. Other visitors included the Rev. C. J. Raby (Vicar of Claverley), the Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton, Mr. H. Thomas (Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Haycock, Mr. E. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Courtman and Mr. G. Goodson. An apology was received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and a telegram of good wishes from Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough (Bilston).

Following an excellent meal there were the usual speeches which one always hears at a ringers' dinner, and these were considered by many present to be the most amusing made at a 'Staffords' dinner to date. Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. R. L. Pearson (assistant manager, Midland Bank Ltd., Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton) said that there were occasions when on opening his mail in the morning he found demands for rates, income tax, telephone rentals, wireless licences, etc., he began to feel that he really was financing the State. Mr. Pearson went on to say that there was very often criticism when Church leaders made statements on national issues, but in his opinion there were instances when a few bishops would probably do a lot better than many of the ministers of State.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. T. O. Boulton said that having that evening discovered that Mr. Pearson resided in his parish, the gentleman in question would now be receiving demands towards financing Penn Church, in addition to the State. It was essential, said Mr. Boulton, that the Church and the State worked in harmony together.

SUNDAY RINGING EXAMPLE

Proposing the toast of 'The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford,' Mr. H. Thomas said he had been impressed when he learnt that all but seven of the 73 towers in the Archdeaconry had regular service ringing each Sunday. He felt sure that the affairs of the Society were in capable hands.

Replying, Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., of Tamworth, said that while being fully aware of the excellent efforts of the Society's officers in the past, it was the immediate present and future he was concerned with, and in this respect he would like to pay tribute to the good work being done by the lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett.

Mr. Harry Griffiths proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and he prefaced his remarks by saying that the lay secretary had literally 'scraped the barrel' in asking him to speak. Mr. Griffiths extended a hearty welcome to the

visitors and hoped they had enjoyed themselves to such an extent that they would wish to attend future dinners.

In reply, Mr. G. Goodson, of Claverley, said it always gave him great satisfaction to attend ringers' functions and observe the goodwill which so obviously existed in the ringing fraternity. He thanked 'brother Griffiths' for the nice things he had said about the visitors.

This concluded the speeches and Mr. F. Bennett thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair.

The entertainment which followed was provided by Major B. Pearson, of Wolverhampton (conjurer), and Sergeant P. S. Weatherhill (vocalist), of Tamworth. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Howell, H. Knight, B. G. Key and F. Brotherton.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the assistance given to the dinner committee by Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., in arranging this dinner with such success at Tamworth.

F. C. A. B.

DEDICATION

Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk

The dedication of the new treble bell at Yaxham was the fulfilment of the long-cherished wish of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle to give a bell to St. Peter's Church, Yaxham, as a memorial to their parents. It marked the completion of the great effort made by the parishioners, who raised the money for a new bell frame and have had the original five retuned and rehung. The result is a fine ring of six, tenor weighing 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D sharp. The new treble weighs 4 cwt. 14 lb. in D sharp, and is inscribed 'Given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle, in memory of their parents, John and Anna Gogle and Charles and Sarah Featherstone.—B. G. and D. G.'

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Norwich in the presence of a large congregation, which included many ringers. Immediately after the dedication, the opening touch was rung by W. H. Barrett 1, F. C. Goodman 2, A. G. Bason 3, John Barnes 4, G. Adams 5, B. Gogle 6. The hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple, Let our bells be rung on high,' was sung in procession back to the High Altar.

Opening his address, the Bishop thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gogle for their gift as a memorial, which he said was far better than a wall tablet. Towers were built for bells to be hung on high to call the people to worship. Ringers ought to think they were church workers, and by their ringing were preparing themselves for worship too.

The bells were kept ringing after the service by the many ringers who attended.

Mr. C. Bird, of Norwich, while at the Home Office Civil Defence School at Falfield, Glos, was able to participate in a peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol. He writes thanking Mr. David Heighton and other members of the G. and B. Association for making the arrangements.

GOPHER DINNER AT NEWARK

Despite the tradition, no fog was experienced by the many visitors attending the fifth annual Gopher Dinner of Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers, held at the Northern Hotel, Newark, on November 15th. The president (Rev. J. H. D. Grinter) presided.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. M. Brewin said although the Society had been in existence for 61 years, the tradition of Gopher and of Sunday service ringing was carried on faithfully year after year. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. E. C. Thrale and Mr. C. H. Chapman, who had been members since its foundation.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the Master, in reply recounted the past year's activities. There were three learners this year and one who had returned to ringing from other duties. Each was making satisfactory progress. If Gopher had been alive he would not have got lost as each Sunday evening during the previous six weeks all ten bells had been rung. On the whole, ringing had improved during the year, and every service had been rung for.

The toast of 'The President' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Midwinter (secretary), who congratulated the Vicar on becoming rural dean of Newark. In reply, the Vicar said he always enjoyed coming to the annual dinner and also the annual outing, which this year had been into Norfolk where he had previously been a vicar.

Mr. W. L. Exton (deputy Master), in submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcomed visitors from Nottingham, Ruddington, Bulwell, Balderton, Southwell, North Muskham, Sutton-on-Trent and the surrounding district. This was acknowledged by Mr. R. A. Barham, chairman of the Nottingham District. 'The Ladies' toast was honoured on the call of Mr. D. N. Sellars, to which Mrs. G. France replied.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District's Joint Meeting

A very successful joint meeting of the Newark District with the Lincoln District was held at Brant Broughton on November 16th. Despite almost continuous rain, upwards of 50 ringers attended, and ringing ranged from rounds to various Surprise methods on these fine heavy bells.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Thoroton), who kindly explained some of the finer details of his magnificent church. Catering arrangements were made rather difficult by 41 ringers sitting down to tea which had been arranged for the 31 who kindly sent their names in.

A short business meeting was held, where it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Balderton and Newark jointly. A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the local ringers for the arrangements, and to all the ringers who turned up to make the meeting a success.

W. L. E.

From Aberystwyth we learn that Neil Bennett and David Walklate have benefited from the articles on Minimus ringing by ringing all the methods published 'in hand.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS MORNING BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I should like to refer to part of the Central Council's minutes, as published in the 'R.W.' (page 415), on the liaison between the C.C. and the B.B.C. What arrangements have been made, if any, with regard to negotiations for the Christmas ringing to be of a better standard than in past years? In the past, much criticism has been shown towards the many different towers which have been visited each year. Last year was no exception, and the 'jangle' heard from one tower was not advantageous to ringing on the festival of Christmas.

I was fortunate enough to hear the relay of Banstead bells on television, and this was surely a fine example which could be met when the Christmas round-up is broadcast.

I sincerely hope that this year the broadcast will be of the highest order and that the ringing will not mar the Exercise. I feel sure I am not alone in this plea for better ringing and liaison between the B.B.C. and the appointed committee.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN.

Watford.

'THE COPPER'S BEAT'

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' comment on Mr. Bottrill's humorous letter published in Nov. 15th issue?

I will not discuss this gentleman's past, recent and unnecessary criticism of ringing in the named East Kent towers, but I presume he is hinting that he would like to introduce his own 'Copper's Beat.' Has anyone any suggestions for this rhythm? (Perhaps plod, plod, plod!)

I am sure that the very young members who rang 'a most remarkable performance' will feel highly honoured to hear, for the first time after eight years, that such a many 'lettered' member of the ringing fraternity should have happened to have been listening to their hurriedly-arranged first peal in the heart of the Kent countryside.

Perhaps we are not yet 'in the groove' in our local towers, but at least we are not old 'squares.'

Looking forward to many future entertaining letters from this ex-ringer.—I remain, yours sincerely,

PETER J. RYE.

Walmer.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—In your report of my remarks at the College Youths' dinner you quote me as saying that Harry Hoskins and Thomas Groombridge, sen., of the band who rang in the first 12-bell peal by the Middlesex County Association are still alive. I am quite certain I said nothing of the kind: it was only the knowledge that all the parties concerned in the dispute are dead which led me to refer to it at all. What I do remember mentioning was that those two gentlemen were also well-known members of the Society.

Similarly, Canon C. Carew Cox has pointed out that I am credited with having said, to the Durham and Newcastle Association, that William H. Barber called 'Parker's Odd-Bob' peal blindfolded on handbells. This should, of course, be 'Carter's Odd-Bob' peal of Stedman Triples blindfolded. Here again I feel that while 'Parker's' and 'Carter's' sound very much alike, I am too conversant with the fact that he called the peal on tower-bells at Gateshead to have said that it was a handbell peal. Canon Cox, incidentally, took part in the peal.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Note.—The Editor expresses his regret at these two inaccuracies.

SYSTEMATIC COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Although I have made this point before I would like to reiterate it. There is not nearly enough published work on systematic composition, particularly with respect to Surprise Major methods.

Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob methods have been dealt with quite admirably in the past, and it is quite evident that some of our contemporary composers have extensive knowledge of systematic composition in the Surprise Major field. This knowledge is not being passed on and, despite what many people say to the contrary, I believe there is a sufficient number of ringers interested to make publication in the 'R.W.' worthwhile.

During the last two years we have had articles on composition which are thoroughly depressing by their 'ad hoc' approach. For example, we have been shown how to string enough courses together to yield a composition of Bob Major. If there is enough space to publish this sort of thing then there is enough space to publish the systems of such eminent composers as Mr. Pitman, Mr. Speed and others.

May I remind the Editorial Committee that bellingring is a technical subject and that the 'R.W.' is a technical journal, and that space should be allotted to all aspects of the subject as in other technical journals? I have estimated that 5 per cent. of the people who read the 'R.W.' would be sufficiently interested to read advanced articles on composition. Surely this warrants at least one column every other week?—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

PROOF OF RECORDS

Dear Sir,—What record is there for giving the dates of first performances of Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal as June 5th, 1774, and May 15th, 1784, respectively, as given in 'History and Art'? I ask because in the same book these peals are given in James Barham's peal list as Oxford T.B. Major and Treble Bob Ten In. Are there records (peal tablets or MS.) at Leeds, Kent?

As with Grandsire and Plain Bob, I think these methods should join the list 'Date of first performance not known.'—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

'FROST AT MIDNIGHT'

Dear Sir,—During a recent play on television, 'Frost at Midnight,' it gradually dawned on me that the bells in the background, which were helping to create the atmosphere of midnight on Christmas Eve, were ringing Major. What sort of Major I couldn't tell, as the voices of the actors rather got in the way.

Nothing noteworthy in this, except that the play is set in the year 1499—over a century before method ringing of any kind began.

I sympathise with B.B.C. producers. What a life, having to watch for every small slip like that!—Yours sincerely,

Cheltenham. SHIRLEY M. PARSONS.

A PEAL OF 10,080 MINOR

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Lufkin as regards a record on six bells, I had the pleasure of conducting a peal of Minor, 10,080 changes in nine methods, in 5 hours 40 minutes at St. John-the-Baptist's, Tunstall, Kent, on August 5th, 1901.

It was the record for Kent, but whether there has been one rung later anywhere I cannot say. But anyway, go ahead Mr. Lufkin, and I wish the best of luck to you and your band on the achievement.—Yours sincerely,

Headington, Oxford. W. H. B. WILKINS.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the composition of the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung for the first time at St. John's, Devizes, on September 7th ('R.W.', 1/11/57). The 5,024 is a reduction of a 5,248 which itself, although produced independently, is a variation of Mr. R. F. B. Speed's 5,152. The compositions are appended for comparison.

The 5,024 suffers, unfortunately, from losing two of the most musical courses, but it has the advantage of combining minimum length with simplicity.—Yours faithfully,

Neasden, N.W.

5,248 LINCOLNSHIRE

By D. KNOX

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
35426			—	—
43526	3			—
54326	3			—
25346	3		—	
34256			—	—

52643		—	—	
62345		—		
24653	X			
45236	X			3

32654		—	—	
62453		—		
25634	X			
53246	X			

42635		—	—	
62534		—		
23645	X			
23456	X			—

For 5,024 call:—

54326	B	M	W	H
32546	3		—	—
52643			—	

And continue as above.

5,152 LINCOLNSHIRE

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
35426			—	—
43526	3			—
54326	3			—
34625			—	
34256	X			—

52643		—	—	
62345		—		
24653	X			
45236	X			3

32654		—	—	
62453		—		
25634	X			
53246	X			3

42635		—	—	
62534		—		
23645	X			
23456	X			—

MARTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Aidan Boyack's enquiry re the bells of Martham. I learnt from the vicar of that parish while spending holiday duty in Harwich that the bells of Martham are only chimable, but are chimed regularly each Sunday. This may be the reason for London University's failure to visit this tower during their tour of the county.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN R. BROWN.

Harwich.

YATTON (SOMERSET) RINGERS TRY LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

The most enterprising outing yet undertaken by Yatton ringers and friends was when they visited Liverpool on November 10th. Use was made of a reserved coach on British Railways, starting the journey late on Friday night and arriving back in the early hours of Sunday.

After a rather sleepless journey, Lime Street station was reached at 6.25 a.m., where a welcome breakfast was had in the cafeteria. The first tower visited was Emmanuel, Everton, where good use was made of this light eight.

The attraction of the day was Liverpool Cathedral, where we were the first party, and modestly rang rounds, Queens and Grandsire Caters, and with further arrivals the first-ever all-ladies band, including six from our party, rang on the bells (on the 'light' eight). The whole layout here is unique, as so must be the organ-like sound produced by this mighty ring. This effect in the ringing chamber, however, makes it difficult to pick out individual bells and is particularly disconcerting to the less experienced.

The fine ring at St. Nicholas' was visited after lunch and was much appreciated. It was a pity that we were overwhelmed so quickly by all the other visitors before we could really sample the bells. What must be the cheapest 35 minutes' bus ride brought us to St. Peter's, Woolton. A West Country rise resulted in the tenor being 'backstroke,' with one strapping too! We must have been tired. At the conclusion of ringing here Mr. G. Prescott, on behalf of all, presented Mr. Bert Price with a gift in appreciation of the hard work he had put in in organising this and previous outings. This was in the form of a copy of 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' and was autographed by all the party.

Our Somerset party wish to thank the Dean and other incumbents, Mr. E. R. Humphriss and others who met us, for helping to make it a very pleasant day.

R. D. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION — STRIKING COMPETITION

The largest gathering of members of the Surrey Association seen for many years was attracted to Ashted on October 26th by the striking competition and quarterly District meeting. Proceedings started with the Guildford Guild form of service, conducted by the curate (Rev. D. Cole).

At 3.30 the captains of the competing bands, all of which had to be regular Sunday service bands, met for the draw for order of ringing, which was made by the District Master. In the meantime the judge (Mr. C. H. Kippin) was installed with his marker in a porch where he could listen but not see.

Each band then went aloft to ring up to two minutes of rounds, stand, and then ring the test piece. This was about 252 changes of any Triples or Major method. All this was done in the presence of the District Master (Mr. G. T. Peters). Meanwhile, ringers and friends outside spent an afternoon listening. Mr. D. Parsons had arranged for a tape recorder to be available, and under his supervision this faithfully recorded all the touches. By 5.45 the last band had had its turn, and the large company then adjourned to the Church School Hall, where the local ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Symonds, had found time to prepare a magnificent tea as well as take part in the competition.

This having been dealt with in the customary manner, Mr. Kippin was then introduced to the meeting and asked to give his report. He awarded first place by a very narrow margin to the team that rang third (St. Mary's, Beddington), followed by St. Mary's, Leatherhead, who rang fourth. In third place was St. Mary's, Ewell. Beddington and Ewell rang Grandsire Triples and Leatherhead rang Kent Treble Bob Major. Each band's performance was criticised in a constructive manner. Excerpts of each performance were then played back by the tape recorder.

The usual business meeting followed, concluding with the votes of thanks and special ones to the judge (Mr. C. H. Kippin), his marker (Mrs. E. M. Parrott), Mr. D. Parsons for arranging the tape recorder, and to Mr. J. T. Symonds whose wholehearted co-operation had made the venture such a success. Last, but not the least, to the six bands who entered, with commiseration to Wimbledon who had to withdraw at the very last minute because of Asian 'flu sweeping the belfry.

It may be opportune to conclude with a résumé of the reasons why the District organised the venture. It was felt that very little was being done to encourage bands and ringers in general to listen to the bells and to strive for better striking. This applied particularly to Sunday service ringers who are not peal ringers. It was thought that the stimulus of competition might encourage greater attention to striking, and preliminary reports suggest that it has in fact had this effect. The judge concluded his report with the statement: 'A competition of this sort will make people striking conscious. If a band does become striking conscious there will be some benefit gained.'

Footnote.—The winning band had four ladies in it. A higher proportion than any other band!

Ladies' Guild Picture

The secretary of the Ladies' Guild writes, correcting the caption to the photograph in our last issue. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Steel, founder members of the Guild, did not take part in the peal of Stedman Caters. The remaining members of the band, not present but still all happily alive and ringing, are Mrs. N. Tomlinson, Mrs. Diserens, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Miss N. Shorter.

LAUGH WITH R. J. B.



THOUGHTS AFTER CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

DEATH OF MR. HARRY HOVERD

The death on November 17th of Mr. Harry Hoverd, captain of the ringers at Holy Trinity, Dartford, at the early age of 51, will be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

A splendid ringer in every way, he was of a delightful disposition, a man who could not have had an enemy in this world, but who had endured more than his share of life's adversities. Infantile paralysis in his youth had left him with a slight limp; a serious illness seven years ago culminated in the removal of one of his lungs, after which, he confided in a friend, he was after free from pain. In 1953 his then only child died at the age of seven, and finally he himself succumbed shortly after undergoing a severe operation on the throat. He leaves a widow and a second daughter, little more than a year old, for whom great sympathy will be felt.

Harry (his names were Charles Henry, but among ringers he had always been just that) was a native of Churchill, Oxfordshire, where several of his relatives still ring. He taught himself to handle a bell there, and no one could have done it better. Any bell, whether heavy or light, he rang with no apparent effort. In 1927 he moved to Crayford, Kent, but, living a few doors away from a then member of the Dartford band, he joined the company at that tower, where he and one of his sisters rang their first peal—one of Grandsire Triples—on November 29th, 1928. At this time a great outburst of peal-ringing activity in the area was about to begin and, making progress rapidly, Harry quickly became a valued member of the band. A good striker, a safe ringer and a more-than-competent conductor, though he was content to leave peal-calling very largely to others, he had rung 496 peals when illness put an end to that part of his career. His last, Stedman Triples on March 26th, 1949, was his 150th on Crayford bells; he rang also 89 at St. John's, Erith. Harry and Bert Audsley were great friends, ringing 368 peals together. Much of the writer's boyhood was spent very happily in the company of these two, and altogether he rang in 171 peals in which they both took part, mostly before the war.

Apart from his peal-ringing, Harry had been captain of the Dartford ringers for 26 years. After his earlier illness he had resumed ordinary ringing, and on what must have been one of his last appearances in a belfry, he called a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Dartford, where a half-muffled quarter peal to his memory was rung by the local band on the eve of the funeral. An attempt for an in memoriam peal of Stedman Triples on the following day at St. John's, Erith, was unfortunately ended halfway by a rope breaking. His death leaves a big gap which will be hard to fill, if, indeed, it can be filled at all.

Ringers present at the cremation on November 22nd or the subsequent interment of the ashes at Crayford included Messrs. R. G. Rayfield, F. E. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hall (Dartford), Messrs. F. J. Cullum (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and N. North (St. John's, Erith), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. E. Barnett and W. E. Bond (Crayford), Messrs. A. S. Richards (West Wickham), H. E. Audsley, A. G. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beer. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Kent County Association (Lewisham District), the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, ringers of Holy Trinity, Dartford; St. Paulinus', Crayford, ringers and Christ Church, Erith, ringers.

HIS PEALS

Minor.—1.

Triples.—Grandsire 23 (conducted 4), Stedman 80 (15), Union 2, Erin 2, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 25 (4), Reverse Bob 1, Double Bob 2, Canterbury 2, Double Norwich 37 (1), Double Oxford 3, Hereward 1, Gonville 1, St. Clement's 1, Crayford College 1, Painswick College 1, Cheltenham Bob 1, Pulford Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Dartford L. Bob 1, Erith L. Bob 1, Northfleet L. Bob 1, Wellington L. Court 1, Gainsborough L. Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 10 (2), Kent (Cam) 1, Oxford 3 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 85 (5), New Cambridge 8, Superlative 41 (3), London 22, Bristol 27, Ashted 2, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Camdon 1, Crayford 1, Eardley 1, Erith 1, Ipswich 3, Lessness 1, Lincolnshire 4, Norfolk 2, Painswick 2, Premier 1, Pudsey 3, Rutland 1, Staffordshire 2, Wheatley 1, Yorkshire 17 (2), 4 Spliced 8, 6 Spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 6.

Royal.—Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 16.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Total tower-bell peals 482 (37).

HANDBELLS

Major.—Plain Bob 5.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

Total handbell peals 14.

E. A. B.

Other Obituaries on next page.

'The Ringer's Diary'

'The Ringer's Diary' for 1958 is now available, and is an attractive compendium invaluable to any ringer. The mass of information collected, both technical and general, about ringing matters makes it a handy book of reference. While the present standard of production is maintained the popularity of the Diary will not wane.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch

The N.W. Branch met at Hatherleigh for its annual meeting on Nov. 16th. In the square tower, surmounted by a shingled spire, is a pleasing Mears octave with tenor near 14 cwt.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Rowdon), who gave the members a very hearty welcome. Tea followed at Jerwood's Café. At the business meeting the secretary and treasurer presented his report and balance sheet, which were adopted. He reported that the last annual meeting at Clawton and the summer meeting at Holsworthy were well attended. The number of performing members had dropped by eight and the balance in hand was £5 5s. 4d. The chairman thanked Mr. Sangwin for his work as secretary, as well as Mr. Charles Sangwin for his work as Ringing Master.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. F. C. Smale; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sangwin; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin, and representatives to the Guild committee, Messrs. R. G. Collacott, R. C. Pearce and W. H. R. Smale. It was decided to hold the summer meeting next year in August at Bideford and the annual at Black Torrington in November. Mr. Rowdon was thanked for his service and excellent address, and the use of the bells. Mr. Hocking, the organist, was also thanked. Rounds and the standard methods were practised during the afternoon and after tea.

F. C. S.

Mid-Devon Branch

On November 16th the bells of the ancient church of Coffinswell pealed out over the Devon countryside bathed in autumn sunshine, the occasion being a very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch, which was attended by members from Teignmouth, Babbacombe, Coffinswell and Newton Abbot.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present. After tea a discussion took place as to the place of the annual meeting of the Branch. The wish was expressed that it be held at a Guild tower. Teignmouth was suggested.

The chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. James E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, thanked the archpriest (Rev. W. Dunn) for the bells and the very warm welcome they had received.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON

With the passing of Mr. Frederick William Richardson, the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association has lost one of its oldest and most valued members.

He joined the Association at the turn of the century as a member of the band at St. John's, Deptford, and retained his connection with that tower for over 50 years until through deaths and lack of recruits ringing there unfortunately had to cease. Afterwards he rang on Sunday mornings at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and at Eltham Parish Church on Sunday evenings with unfailing regularity.

Most of his peals were in the plain methods although he could ring Surprise as well as the next. He was a safe conductor, especially with Holt's Original, which he called many times, and once took part in a non-conducted peal of this composition.

Owing to business and domestic circumstances he had been unable to stand in any peal attempts for 20 years until about two years ago when he called the Original once again at Eltham with all his old confidence. During the same period he had not been able to attend any ringing meetings, and in consequence he was practically unknown to most of the present generation of ringers, and for this they are all the poorer. We of the older generation have the happiest memories of him. E. B.

MR. WILLIAM H. CURTIS

Ringers of St. Mary's Church, Storrington, and of adjoining villages, received a sad shock early last week when news reached them of the sudden death of Mr. 'Bill' Curtis. As was usual, 'Bill' had rung for Evensong, taken his regular place in the choir, and wished them all 'Cheerio' in his happy manner after the service on the Sunday, but had died from a sudden heart attack the following day while preparing tea. All who love to ring or to hear the bells in Storrington know how greatly he will be missed.

He commenced ringing there in 1920. For 36 years Mr. Fred Blunden and he worked happily together as captain and vice-captain of that tower. They retired from office together earlier this year, and but for an illness affecting Mr. Blunden their great work together would have been reported earlier in the much happier circumstances of a special dual presentation to them from all of the parishioners which had been arranged.

'Bill' rang only one peal but he conducted numerous quarter peals as special occasions arose: but to many ringers he will be best remembered for having adopted his schoolboy motto of 'Never absent, never late' into his ringing, whether for Sunday service or Friday practice.

Mr. Curtis served for a number of years on the committee of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, and among many floral tributes was one from this Division and also one from the local ringers.

The bells were rung muffled for the funeral service last Friday and in the evening a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by his regular associates, those taking part being: Ann Dovey 1, Miss G. Smith 2, John Young 3, Jean Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (conductor) 5, G. March 6.

Ringers present at the dedication of the recast tenor (23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb) of Dereham bells on November 16th regard these as probably the finest eight in the Norwich Diocese. A new steel frame has been installed and the other bells retuned, the cost being approximately £2,400. A report of the dedication service will appear in our next issue.

MR. ALBERT H. SAYER

The death occurred recently of Mr. Albert H. Sayer, who reached his 93rd birthday last June.

Born on Plum Pudding Island, in the Thanet Marshes, Mr. Sayer worked in his early days as a carpenter and joiner in Birchington. It was here that he started his connection with ringing, at the age of 16. His first peal, Grandsire Triples, on May 23rd, 1885, was meritorious as it was the first peal by all local residents to be rung at Quex Park. It is believed that he was the last survivor of that band.

He was a ringer and sidesman at All Saints', Birchington, for many years, and formed the present band. A permanent memorial of his craft as a carpenter stands in the churchyard in the two seats which he gave in memory of his wife.

In 1942 he moved to Canterbury, where he joined the bands at the Cathedral and St. Dunstan's. Owing to the large number of steps at the Cathedral he was forced to give up ringing there some years ago, but continued to ring at St. Dunstan's: his last ringing was on his 90th birthday, when he called a 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The funeral took place at Birchington, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. P. T. Barnes, assisted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Donaldson). The bells were rung half-muffled immediately prior to the service, during which his two favourite hymns were sung. Many of his old friends in the parish, and ringers from Canterbury Cathedral and St. Dunstan's, Sturry, and the local band were present. The Dean and Chapter were also represented by their agents. Many expressions of sympathy have been received by his niece, with whom he lived during his last years. So passes one who was loved by all who knew him. B. J. L.

NOTICES

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DEATH

STURTON.—On November 19th, 1957, at Orston House, Fosse Road, Farndon, Newark, Notts, the Rev. Charles James Sturton, aged 91, beloved husband of Emmeline and father of Cynthia and Myra. Funeral on Saturday, November 23rd, at Orston Church. 1384

RETURN THANKS

BENNETT.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs and family wish to thank all friends for letters of sympathy in their sad loss, and for floral tributes. 1390

Mrs. R. Hovord wishes to express her thanks to all ringers and friends who sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy in her recent bereavement. 1398

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual tour will be centred in Bath from April 7th to 10th, 1958. Assemble previous Saturday. Excellent prospects for heavy-bell men! Would old members wishing to come make application, before the New Year if possible, to C. J. B. Taylor, Oriel College, Oxford, or (during vacation) 2, Walcott Buildings, London Road, Bath, Somerset. 1363

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 1362

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's, Bristol East, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 1387

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1328

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1373

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at Felmersham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne E. Amor. 1346

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Hampton, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing at Twickenham from 6 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1356

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Charminster, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. No business meeting.—Hayne, Sec. 1352

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ripple, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 1357

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Church ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) at 5.30 p.m., also after service until approximately 8.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. H. Barker. All welcome. 1342

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1378

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12). 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1361

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Long Ashton, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1394

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1383

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Milton Ernest (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1205

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at The Tea Gardens Café at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Ichington, near Rugby, Works. 1404

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Lymptstone, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymptstone. 1351

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at North Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. E. Hancock, Beech House, Hephthorne Lane, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1389

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1407

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, St. Mary's, Redcliff (12). 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Guinea Street Hall, 5 p.m.: meeting follows. Christ Church (10). 7.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 1393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Watermoor (8). 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd essential. Cirencester (12). 6 p.m.—Ralph Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 1347

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Elite Café. Special method, Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1343

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Oxhey (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Dec. 4th.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 1396

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Yardley (Birmingham) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 1391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bell (6) 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 1405

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Thursday, 5th, Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 1406

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint meeting at Heversham, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea 4.30. Names to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Secs. 1409

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1397

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-upon-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. K. Thompson, 43, Warner Street. 1402

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 4th, to G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1408

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Ewelme, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Baker, 18, Hampden Way, Ewelme. Ringing till 8 p.m. All are welcome. 1381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Seend (6), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Lyme Regis, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pannell, Beaminster. 1382

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, please, to Mr. P. N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8) on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 1365

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 1400

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Sketty, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Names please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 1344

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne and Newton Valence on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Dec. 3rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 1379

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Dec. 4th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinchurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 1388

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Dinner at White Hart, Somerton, on Friday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Short service 7.15. Dinner 7.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets (8s. 6d.) before Dec. 7th, from W. Turk, Glebe Cottage, Martock. 1392

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. G. Smith. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1395

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to Mr. B. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1368

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, please, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 1401

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Llantrisant. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Cokes, Branch Sec. 1376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Childrey (6) available evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1403

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Important: Tea only for those who notify me by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 1380

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Theberton, near Leicester.—Dedication of new treble and rededication of retuned five on Saturday, Dec. 14th, by Canon J. R. Chapman, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. An invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton. 1380

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Blechingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. W. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 1371

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Albert Edward Street. Business meeting in school near church at 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1385

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